



THE GREAT AMAZON RIVER CRUISE



TRIP ITINERARY

A WWF Journey through the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest with Kerry Cesareo, WWF Senior Vice President, Forests and Freshwater

June 5–13, 2027

The Peruvian Amazon is a land of superlatives. First worldwide in its diversity of freshwater fish, first in butterflies, second in birds, and fifth in mammals and reptiles. It is the second largest area within the broader nine-country Amazon rainforest. Its extensive tree coverage—nearly 260,000 square miles—makes it one of the world’s largest storehouses of carbon. Travel with WWF experts along more than 600 miles of the Amazon River and its tributaries aboard the luxury Delfin II—disembarking to explore hidden corners of the rainforest by excursion boat and easy jungle walks.

Our main focus is the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve near the river’s headwaters,

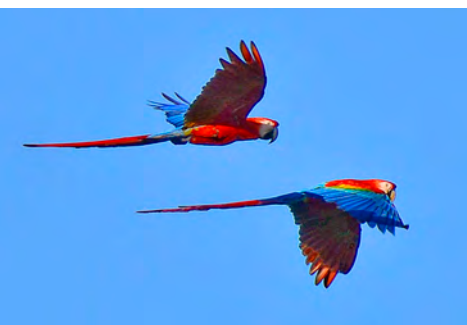
a 5-million-acre mosaic of pristine habitats.

Founded in part by WWF, the reserve is home to some of the largest wildlife populations

in the Amazon: pink and gray river dolphins, troops of howler monkeys, elusive sloths, flocks

of brilliant macaws, and bright butterflies. Lagoons covered in giant lily pads teem with fish and caimans, while scores of marsh birds hunt from shore.

Cultural visits to local villages round out our rainforest wilderness adventure.



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 Days

Day	Date	Location	Accommodation
1	June 5	Lima, Peru	Wyndham Grand
2	June 6	Lima / Iquitos / Nauta—Embark / Marañon River Cruising	Delfin II
3	June 7	Pahuachiro Creek / Fundo Casual Trail / Nauta Caño Creek	Delfin II
4	June 8	Amazon Natural Park / Pacaya Samiria National Reserve	Delfin II
5	June 9	Ucayali & Marañon Confluence / Yarapa River / San Jose de Paranapura	Delfin II
6	June 10	Belluda Caño Creek / Dorado River	Delfin II
7	June 11	Pacaya River / Supay Cocha	Delfin II
8	June 12	Ucayali River / Marañon River - Amazonas Village Visit	Delfin II
9	June 13	Nauta - Disembark / Iquitos / Lima / Depart	

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1, June 5: Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima, where our local representative meets you at the airport to transfer you to our hotel. Our location near the airport provides convenient access for tomorrow morning's flight to Iquitos. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight Wyndham Grand



Day 2, June 6: Lima / Iquitos / Nauta—Embark Ship / Marañon River Cruising

From Peru's capital, we fly east across the spine of the Andes to land in Iquitos. Accessible only by air or water, this once-booming rubber town is now one of the largest cities in the Amazon Basin. Transfer to Nauta, a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River, one of the major tributaries of the Upper Amazon. Here, we board our deluxe riverboat, the Delfin II, chartered exclusively for Nat Hab guests. Cruising slowly upstream, bound for the Amazon headwaters, enjoy panoramic views from the open-air top deck and sip cocktails made with regional fruits and Pisco, Peru's famous national brandy, as our Expedition Leaders provide an overview of the journey ahead. These legendary waters, known as the "river sea," thrum with small boats heading to market...while the forests, which WWF has helped conserve since 1969 by working with the Peruvian Parks Service to help prevent illegal logging, and skies overhead are animated with birdlife.

Overnight Delfin II (B, L, D)



Day 3, June 7: Pahuachiro Creek / Fundo Casual Trail / Nauta Caño Creek

Early risers are rewarded with abundant bird and animal life on a morning skiff excursion along Pahuachiro Creek. We set out at sunrise, when wildlife is most active in the tropics. The blackwater creek, while clear, is the color of dark tea, an effect of the tannins deposited by rich vegetation along the banks. Along this small tributary, we frequently observe a variety of monkeys including squirrel, monk saki, and brown capuchin, as well as a host of birds: large-billed terns, laughing falcons, blue-gray

tanagers, snowy egrets, horned screamers, tiger herons, short-tailed parrots, parakeets, and perhaps the flashy scarlet macaw. It's important to know at the outset, though, that the prolific wildlife of the Amazon is skilled at hiding: It takes an expert eye to locate animals sheltered by the dense vegetation. That's where our seasoned guides come in! After breakfast, explore the Fundo Casual trail, walking deep into the forest in search of sloths, birds, and more. Look closely for brightly colored poison dart frogs, leafcutter ants, and other intriguing small creatures along our path.



Cruising on to Nauta Caño Creek, we explore marshes, side streams and oxbow lakes along this small river while searching for many different birds and animals. We may even spy a three-toed sloth nestled in a cecropia tree. As the sun sinks below the canopy, an exciting adventure awaits—a chance to witness the transformation of the rainforest at nightfall. An orchestra of sounds evolves as nocturnal creatures awaken, with crickets and night birds providing a percussive rhythm. In the darkness, our guides use powerful spotlights to search for wildlife. Black caiman, frogs, common potoo, black-crowned night heron, pauraques, spectacled owls, and nighthawks are commonly spotted along the banks, while fishing bats swoop down to scoop fish from the water.

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Day 4, June 8: Amazon Natural Park / Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

This morning, stop at Amazon Natural Park for a rainforest stroll. Serenaded by the wildlife symphony coming from the dense vegetation, we scout for capybaras, howler and titi monkeys, tapirs, sloths, and a wide range of birds. The terra firma forest is filled with layers of fascinating flora, including walking palms and trees festooned with epiphytes. Later this afternoon, as we travel farther up the Marañon

River, options for exploration await. With six double sit-on-top kayaks, plus open skiffs, choose your mode for investigating a virtually unvisited section of Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, where the Yanayacu and Pucate rivers meet. Established in 1982 to preserve the exceptional biodiversity of the northern Amazon wilderness, this 5-million-acre sanctuary

is Peru's largest protected area. Giant kapok and strangler fig trees along the banks shelter a multitude of wildlife, and our Expedition Leaders explain the various micro-ecosystems found here in one of the most pristine parts of the reserve. After dark, head up to the top deck to listen to the symphony of night sounds in the forest.

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Day 5, June 9: Ucayali & Marañon Confluence / Yarapa River / San Jose de Paranapura

Awaken in the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañon rivers, where they join to form the main stem of the mighty Amazon River. We explore the confluence on an early-morning skiff ride. Back on board for breakfast, we cruise into the Ucayali River to reach the mouth of a remote tributary of the Upper Amazon, the Yarapa River. Once there, board skiffs or kayaks to watch for colorful birds such as the plum-throated cotinga, and look for pink and gray river dolphins that sometimes slice gracefully through the water alongside us. These freshwater cetaceans are highly social, friendly, and intelligent. According to local lore, the dolphins turn into humans during celebrations to steal handsome men or pretty women from their villages.



Throughout the day, we will explore how WWF works to protect river dolphin habitats in the Amazon. This includes supporting surveys to assess population health, using satellite technology to track movements and behavior, and researching the impact of dams on population size and distribution. In 2018, the Peruvian Government approved the first ever National Action Plan for the Conservation of River Dolphins and Amazonian Manatee. Supported by WWF and partners, this landmark plan is a vital tool for ensuring the longterm and is a critical tool for the conservation of these species.

Later, we disembark for a short skiff ride to San Jose de Paranapura, a riverside village where we meet Indigenous residents whose culture has been present here for centuries. At the arts and crafts market, we can purchase items that support the community and women artisans. Sales indirectly help preserve local fauna, since income generated decreases the allure of illegal hunting. We also visit with the prestigious local shaman, known throughout

the region as a healer and spiritual guide for residents living throughout the area's remote reaches. Learn the uses for various medicinal plants sourced from the largest pharmacy in the world—the Amazon rainforest—then return to the Delfin II for dinner.

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Day 6, June 10: Belluda Caño Creek / Dorado River

This morning we visit Belluda Caño Creek near Yanallpa, home to the Ribereño people, Indigenous dwellers in the rainforest for centuries. This small tributary is a prime location to look for pink river dolphins. Plying the water in open skiffs, we have a chance for close encounters with these rare creatures, if we're lucky. In the forest canopy above, look for saki monkeys foraging for their next meal in small family groups. Navigating small waterways off the Dorado River inside the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, we are immersed in the verdant recesses of the world's largest rainforest. As we glide slowly along, search for birds such as snail kites, festive parrots, olive-spotted hummingbirds, wood creepers and endangered scarlet macaws. Squirrel monkeys move in large, noisy troops overhead while iguanas laze in the sun. At every turn, our guides reveal the secrets of the rainforest, helping us spot creatures we would never see on our own, given the amazing camouflage of so many master-



fully adapted species. After dark, scan the riverbanks from our skiffs for spectacled caiman, frogs, owls, and capybara, the world's largest rodent. Keep an eye peeled, too, for owl monkeys—the world's only nocturnal monkey—resting in the forest canopy in preparation for their next forage.

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Day 7, June 11: Pacaya River / Supay Cocha

This morning, we reach the Pacaya River at the heart of the Pacaya Samiria Reserve. The reserve is sustained through a nature finance approach known as Project Finance for Permanence (PFP), which WWF and its partners are advancing worldwide to secure and sustain protected areas for generations—while also



benefitting the communities that depend on them. This vast flooded landscape, known as the “mirrored forest,” covers 10,000 square miles at the headwaters of the Amazon and is home to Peru’s greatest concentration of wildlife. We set out to explore this emerald realm of trees, vines, streams, lagoons, and islands. Overhead, look for macaws, black-collared hawks, prehistoric hoatzin birds, and capuchins, and listen for red howler monkeys with their eerie call that reverberates through the canopy for miles. We begin to get a sense of the layered richness of the reserve’s mixed habitats: its 85 lakes are home to 250 fish species, while it protects 132 species of mammals (most are very elusive), 150 reptile and amphibian species, and 450 different kinds of birds. The Reserve also contains the largest variety of flora in Peru, including huge bromeliads and 22 orchid species. This afternoon, take another skiff or kayak excursion into Supay Cocha, a lagoon teeming with fish. Watch for troops of squirrel monkeys, sloths, and plenty of birds, including black- and white-tailed trogons and paradise tanagers.

Overnight Delfin II (B,L,D)

Day 8, June 12: Ucayali River / Marañon River - Amazonas Village Visit

On a morning skiff excursion along one of the tributaries of the Ucayali River, we hope to observe egrets, herons, hawks, and long-legged neotropical cormorants fishing for breakfast, as wattled jacanas compete for food with spiders, and grasshoppers and butterflies hop and flutter along the edges of freshwater swamps and marshes.



In the afternoon, we return to the Marañon River upstream from the confluence to visit Amazonas village. The residents are members of the Co-cama ethnic group—the original inhabitants of this part of the world. During our visit, we learn about the natural dyes that the women of the village use to dye handicrafts made from rain-forest materials such as palm fibers, roots, seeds, and tree bark—items we can purchase from the local craft market at the end of our visit. We also meet other community members who

share with us their roles in village life. Back aboard the ship, head up to the observation deck for a last night of stargazing under black Amazon skies.

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Day 9, June 13: Nauta - Disembark/ Iquitos / Lima / Depart

Disembark in Nauta this morning, then, en route to Iquitos, stop for a tour of Acuario del Amazonas—the Aquarium of the Amazon—a research center helping to preserve the biodiversity of the Peruvian Amazon through the study and conservation of more than 300 species of ornamental fish. Ideally located in an area where natural springs flow year-round, the center is dedicated to creating a long-term balanced ecosystem that enhances the environment and serves the local economy. Through ongoing education and hands-on training, local fishermen learn to establish and maintain sustainable ornamental fish aquaculture, while local citizens learn about conservation principles and practices. We then fly together to Lima. For your convenience, we have booked overnight hotel rooms at a comfortable airport hotel. Relax in your own private space until your overnight flight home, or take advantage of the opportunity for a full night's stay and depart the following morning.

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Meet Our Expert



Kerry Cesareo, WWF Senior Vice President, Forests and Freshwater

Kerry Cesareo, senior vice president for forests and freshwater, leads a portfolio of strategic initiatives in pursuit of WWF's goal to conserve the world's most important forests and freshwater ecosystems—for nature, climate, and people. This includes investing in forest conservation, management, and restoration as essential means of mitigating climate change; restoring and replenishing wetlands and river basins; implementing nature-based solutions with Indigenous peoples and local communities; and reducing the impacts of unsustainable logging, agriculture, unsustain-

able water management, and infrastructure.

Kerry previously led WWF's forest markets work, launching the North American program of the Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) and forging partnerships with Fortune 500 companies on environmentally responsible supply chains for wood and paper products. She has also managed global operations for GFTN as well as the start-up of the Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance, a public-private partnership with the US Agency for International Development. She has served as cochair of the board of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)-US, a certifier of forestry best practices that WWF helped found in 1994.

Kerry first began working on forest issues during a summer partnering with First Nations on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, as they prepared for their inaugural timber harvest through a newly formed company, Iisaak Forest Resources. The creation of Iisaak and its commitment to FSC helped to end decades of conflict among environmentalists, First Nations, and logging companies in Clayoquot Sound. Iisaak received FSC certification in 2001 and inspired Kerry's career.

Prior to joining WWF, Kerry worked as an environmental scientist, a forest inventory researcher, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, and a US PIRG field manager. She received a BS in biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

What To Expect

This program does not require a high degree of physical fitness, as much of our wildlife viewing is done from small motorized skiffs. Getting in and out of the skiffs can sometimes feel a bit unsteady, especially with the current of the river. Some excursions involve walking on nature trails through the rainforest. Guests must be able to walk at least 2 miles over 2-3 hours in high humidity over uneven ground with overgrown roots, in order to participate in all excursions. Walking on muddy trails or through standing water may be necessary at times. Guests are not required to participate in all activities.

Accommodations



Wyndham Grand

Opened in May 2025, this five-star hotel is seamlessly integrated into Lima's international airport, just a short walk from the terminal via a covered walkway. Inside, guests are welcomed into a bright, high-ceilinged lobby designed with clean lines, neutral tones, and elegant Peruvian details. Soft lighting and spacious lounge areas with plush seating create tranquility and calm. Multilingual staff are available around the clock at reception to assist with arrivals at any hour.

Guest rooms are fully soundproofed and climate-controlled, with views of the city or the runway. Each features a king-size bed with a memory foam mattress, crisp linens, and a down duvet. Rooms also include high-speed Wi-Fi, flat screen TV, minibar, coffee and tea station, and a digital safe.

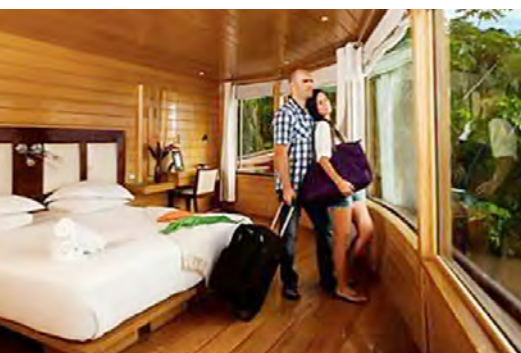
Paprika Restaurant serves a generous breakfast buffet beginning at 4 am for early travelers. Guests can also relax at Saria Bar or Walak Bar, both offering a selection of craft beers, wines, and cocktails, including a classic Pisco Sour.

Amenities include a 24-hour fitness center, heated indoor pool, sauna, steam room, and a full-service spa with massage treatments. The hotel also supports sustainable practices through energy-efficient lighting, water-saving systems and a recycling program.



Delfin II

Built in 2009 for Amazon River cruising, the Delfin II is 135-feet long and carries up to 30 passengers in 14 deluxe suites. The ship's design and amenities incorporate features from the rainforest environs, including salvaged forest hardwoods, collected irapay leaves (typically seen on residential huts) that form the roof, and custom-made lotions made of natural jungle ingredients in each guest cabin. Artisan handcrafts made by local village women vibrantly enhance the dining room and every suite.



All guest suites have air conditioning; a king or two double beds with cool, Peruvian pima cotton bedding, an indoor sitting area, a large en suite bathroom with hot-water showers, organic toiletries and hair dryer, a safe box, and floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that provide unobstructed views of the ever-changing river conditions, wildlife, and communities along the shore. The covered open top deck features gleaming hardwoods, comfortable lounge furniture, ceiling fans for cooling, and a soaking spa. A yoga and exercise room provide a space for pursuing fitness and relaxation. Inside, guests can relax and enjoy board games, films, and naturalist presentations in the spacious air-conditioned lounge. The Delfin II has an open bridge policy, and guests are welcome to learn about the navigation systems and chat with the captain at any time.



Most of Delfin II's staff guides were born and raised in the rainforest, in small communities throughout the Peruvian Amazon. They spent their childhoods walking forest paths, climbing trees to pick fruit, fishing the small streams, and chasing iguanas along the shoreline. Now, they are proud to share their knowledge and passion with travelers from around the world. Many have also participated in training sessions and projects with Peruvian and North American professors, researchers, scientists, and other professionals involved with the study and conservation of the Amazon rainforest. And, as guests will discover during their cruise, they also have delightful musical talents to share!



About This Trip

This trip is an invitation-only conservation travel program for our closest supporters, along with friends and family, to see firsthand the positive impact World Wildlife Fund is making. These custom-designed journeys are led by WWF experts and offer exclusive opportunities to discover the wildlife and ecosystems we protect; meet community members whose lives are being improved because of our work, and immerse yourself in the worlds of our field staff and partners on the ground. Come explore the best of the natural world and see how together we are making a difference for our planet.

About Our Travel Partner



This journey is being arranged by Natural Habitat Adventures of Boulder, Colorado. For more than a decade, WWF has partnered with Nat Hab to take travelers to view nature's greatest sights. WWF selected Natural Habitat as its partner because of its long-standing commitment to conservation and the exceptional quality of its adventures.

Reservation Information & Trip Details

For reservations and additional information, please contact Aly Jacobsen at Natural Habitat Adventures at 888-993-8687, (Int'l) 303-449-3711 or alyj@nathab.com.

DATES:	June 5 - 13, 2027
GROUP SIZE:	Limited to 26 guests
LAND COST:	\$9,795 - \$11,795 per person, double occupancy Internal air cost: \$598 Single supplement: \$4,995

INCLUDED: Accommodations aboard our private luxury Amazon ship, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and boat crew, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through lunch on final day, local beer and house wine with lunch and dinner on board, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, room at the Lima airport hotel on final day (may also be used for overnight stay free of charge), all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits, and service fees. Internal air cost includes: All flights within the itinerary, private charter and scheduled. (This will be listed separately on our invoicing.)

NOT INCLUDED: Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

PAYMENTS: A nonrefundable deposit of \$500 confirms your space. Payments are accepted by credit card or by check made out to NatHab.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Cancellations must be received in writing at Natural Habitat Adventures by mail or email. At the time Natural Habitat Adventures receives your written cancellation, the following per person penalties apply: On or before 120 days before the trip: Full refund minus \$500. On or before 60 days before the trip: Forfeit 50% of tour cost. After 60 days before the trip: 100% of the tour cost.

INSURANCE: Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage, including your insurance company's name, contact number, and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

GETTING THERE & GETTING HOME:

Arrival: Arrive in Lima any time on Day 1.

Departure: Depart from Lima after 8 pm on Day 9.

We highly recommend that Natural Habitat Adventures' air department staff make your reservations, as they are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program. They can also make any necessary extra night hotel arrangements for you.

While adventures are designed specifically for WWF's closest supporters and enhanced with WWF Experts, exclusive site visits, and enriched content, a minimum number of guests is required to run each trip. To avoid cancelling, WWF and Nat Hab may fill unsold spots with WWF and non-WWF members.