



#### **TRIP CODE**

PETSLP4C

### DEPARTURE

Selected Wednesdays

DURATION

4 Days

### LOCATIONS

Peru, Amazon, South America

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# INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard La Perla, an intimate Amazon River cruise blending comfort with authentic adventure. Discover the heart of the Peruvian Amazon as you explore lush rainforests, encounter exotic wildlife, and experience the rich culture of local communities - all from the charm of a classic riverboat.

On this all-encompassing superior cruise, Chimu Adventures will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary.

# ITINERARY



#### DAY 1: Arrive Iquitos & Embark in Nauta

Upon your arrival at the airport, we will be waiting for you to start the adventure. We will take a city tour of Iquitos, a colorful, dynamic city with a captivating past. In this tour you will be able to appreciate the most emblematic attractions of the city. Then, we will transfer by private vehicle to the city of Nauta, the historic river port where we will embark. Upon arrival in Nauta (about two hours from Iquitos), we will board La Perla and our staff will accompany you to your cabin. All cabins are specially equipped for you to enjoy the most comfortable stay. The ship will start sailing down the Marañón River, as the naturalist guides present the trip plan, the routes to follow and the scheduled activities, and the best thing: they will begin to introduce us to the wonderful world of Amazon wildlife. Pay attention to their advice and recommendations, and keep in mind that if you have any doubts or questions, our guides will always be more than happy to assist. After this presentation, enjoy a welcome lunch, your first experience with the delights of regional cuisine. The menu offers several options, including a vegetarian alternative. If you have any particular requirement, please let our crew members know in advance, so that we can attend to it in a timely manner. Before dinner, we will start a night boat excursion to the Nauta Caño area, in search of animals that can only be seen when the sun goes down: alligators, bats, frogs, tarantulas and other species that inhabit the Amazon basin. After this first immersion in the jungle world, we will return to the ship and enjoy dinner and then you can rest and recover energies for the next day. Please note: The Peruvian Amazon is a very remote region. Cruise and lodge operators design transfer schedules to align with specific incoming and departing flights to maximise their operations. Frequent flight schedule changes can also complicate matters. We strongly advise consulting with your booking agent prior to confirming your flights to avoid any potential long delays and/or missed connections.

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#### DAY 2: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

In the morning, we will organize a fun picnic breakfast on the Yanayacu River in Pucate, one of the best protected and preserved areas of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This area is often visited by pink dolphins. After, we will take a ride in local canoes and live the experience of paddling in one of the most beautiful aquatic ecosystems in the world. Also, if you want, you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the river. Back on the ship, we will have lunch in the dining room, followed by some time to rest, after which our guides will offer a talk about Amazonic philosophy. Later, we will meet the shaman of the San Regis community, a wise woman from the native community who will share with us her knowledge about the rituals of her ancestors, medicinal plants, and the Amazon worldview. Our guides will be the interpreters in case you want to ask questions or make comments to the shaman. After this authentic experience of reflection and spiritual exploration, we will continue with the ceremony of planting a tree, as a contribution to caring for the environment. Back on the boat, you can relax with live music while we wait for dinner. After eating, the guides will indicate the activities of the following day.

#### DAY 3: Amazonic Natural Park and Shiriyacu

Early dawn in the Amazon has a special charm, it is the perfect moment to sight many animal and insect species. For this reason, on this morning, you also have a boat excursion scheduled before breakfast. This time the destination is Iquitos Brook, a privileged area for sighting numerous endemic species. Back on board, buffet breakfast will be served. After breakfast, we will start a walk through the jungle until we reach the area of the hanging bridges, a set of structures stretched out on top of the trees that will allow you to experience a canopy walk and admire the richness of the jungle from higher grounds. Before noon, we will return to the ship for lunch on board and then we will have time to rest before the next departure. Later, get ready for the boat expedition to the Shiriyacu stream. Our guides will find the perfect location for piranha fishing, using local equipment and techniques. This area is very popular for spotting pink dolphins. Upon returning to the ship, we can relax even more with live music and comfort ourselves with the delicious dinner on board.



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DAY 4: Manatees Rescue Centre and Disembarkation

Early in the morning, we will leave by boat towards Gasparito Brook, a very popular area for bird and primate watching. After breakfast, the bartender awaits us for a Peruvian cocktail demonstration, Pisco Sour, the emblematic drink of Peru. Then, we will disembark to head to Iquitos. On your way to the airport, visit Amazon Forever Bio Park, also known as Manatees Rescue Center, where biologists and volunteers care for manatees, an endangered species. Learn how manatees are treated and prepared for their return to their natural habitat. Likewise, other animals are also rescued, treated and reinserted in their natural habitat. Jungle Experiences actively collaborates with this dedicated organization and think tank. We invite you to do so as well and help this meaningful cause. Finally, we'll transfer you to the airport for your onward journey, bringing your Amazon adventure to a close. Please note: The Peruvian Amazon is a very remote region. Cruise and lodge operators design transfer schedules to align with specific incoming and departing flights to maximise their operations. Frequent flight schedule changes can also complicate matters. We strongly advise consulting with your booking agent prior to confirming your flights to avoid any potential long delays and/or missed connections.



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# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Ship



Inclusions	INCLUSIONS	TR
	Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals while on board ship plus soft drinks (natural juice, coffee, tea and water) All excursions with expert naturalist and equipment (including rubber boots and rain ponchos) Transfers from/to Iquitos airport if on recommended flights Entrance fee to Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve	PET
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	<b>EXCLUSIONS</b> International or domestic flights Visa fees and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses Gratuities for guides and crew (recommended	4 D
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	USD\$20-25 per passenger per night for the crew and USD\$7-10 per passenger per night for the guides) Alcoholic beverages	DOR
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)	Ра
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please <u>contact us</u> for more information.	Na
Notes	<ul> <li>High Water Season takes place December to May &amp; Low Water Season takes place June to November. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, river conditions, government regulations and/or airline issues.</li> <li>Prices are based on per person, twin share (unless otherwise stated).</li> <li>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</li> </ul>	
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.	

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