

Brand *g*

Program Guide

## 2019 Amazon Discovery Expedition



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# BEFORE YOU GO

## PERSONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

**Passport:** A passport that is valid for at least six (6) months after your return date is required for this program. Peru also requires that your passport have one completely blank page for your entry stamp, and that you present proof of a confirmed departure within 90 days of arrival. You are fully responsible for ensuring that you have a valid passport.

All documentation required for a particular itinerary is the sole responsibility of the guest. Brand g will not be responsible for advising and/or obtaining required travel documentation for any passenger, or for any delays, damages, and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip, related to improper or absent travel documentation. It is suggested that copies of important documents, including your passport and visas (if required), be kept in a separate place, in case the originals are lost or stolen.

**Visa Requirements:** Visas are not required for US and Canadian citizens traveling to Peru. Upon entry in Peru, an entry stamp will be entered into your passport, and must be retained for departure—it is not possible to depart Peru without the entry documentation, which can only be obtained at point of entry. Should you misplace your entry documentation, you will be required to return to your point of entry to have them reissued, before being allowed to exit the country. Non-US residents are advised to contact the local consulate (or local visa service provider) to determine the rules and regulations of obtaining any necessary visa in your country of residence. It is the responsibility of the guest to obtain all documentation necessary for your trip. Brand g is not responsible for missed portions of any trip due to incorrect or non-existent government documentation.

**Travel Protection:** While travel insurance is not required in order to participate in this program, Brand g strongly recommends that each guest purchase a travel protection plan, as unforeseen circumstances can occur both prior to and during travel. Brand g's recommended travel insurance provider is Travel Guard Insurance. They may be reached at 1-800-826-4919 or [www.travelguard.com/brandgvacations](http://www.travelguard.com/brandgvacations). Please be sure to carry all policy information with you during your program.

## HEALTH AND MOBILITY

**Vaccinations:** At the time of this printing, no vaccinations are required for entering Peru if you are traveling directly from the US or Canada. However, the yellow fever vaccine is recommended by the US Center for Disease Control (CDC). You may wish to consider a malaria prophylaxis and if you are sensitive to heights, you may also wish to consider altitude medication for the Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu portion of the trip. If you are traveling from another country, please check to see if any vaccines are required from your country of departure. It is recommended that you discuss available vaccinations and any other health concerns you may have with your personal physician and/or a travel medicine specialist. The consulates of the countries to be visited will also provide information on vaccination requirements and/or suggestions. You may also consult the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for their current recommendations. Their website is [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) in the US, and the BC Centre for Disease Control in Canada may be found at [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca).

**Physical Limitations:** This is an active trip, and there is much to see and do. Many included excursions require an extensive amount of walking over uneven terrain, and many sites have numerous steps that may be steeper and narrower than is common in Western countries. Guests with physical limitations will find access to many sites difficult or impossible to navigate. For your safety and enjoyment, we recommend that you be in good physical condition.

**Medical:** While the ship staff is trained in basic first aid, the ship does not employ staff nurses or doctors, and medical facilities are not always easily accessible during the more rural portions of the trip. Any medical expenses incurred are the guest's own responsibility, and neither Brand g nor the ship is responsible for cost or quality of medical care received. Guests should bring their medications with them. A travel insurance policy that covers medical expenses while traveling internationally is highly recommended.

**Dietary Preferences:** Please advise us of any special dietary restrictions at least 30 days prior to your departure. This information will be provided to the proper personnel, and to the extent possible within local conditions and limitations, every effort will be made to accommodate your needs. Additionally, gluten free, sugar free foods and sugar substitutes are not always available.

It is the guest's responsibility to provide us with as much detail as necessary concerning any medically related dietary concerns. Not all dietary requests can be accommodated, and we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

## LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

While there are no restrictions on the number of bags each guest may bring on board the ship, storage space is limited, and it is suggested that each guest bring only one checked bag. Additionally, all airlines impose restrictions on both size and weight, and many airlines restrict the number of bags per person. Each guest must check with his or her selected air carrier for limitations prior to departure, as luggage restrictions are subject to change. Guests who exceed an airline's luggage restrictions may be asked by the airline to pay the airline's overweight/oversized luggage fees.

An airline's limitations on the weight and size of checked and carry-on baggage are usually found on their website, or may be obtained by calling the airline directly. Please remember that international (over the water) and domestic (intra continental) restrictions may not be the same.

**Included Domestic Flights:** Each passenger is allowed 50 pounds of checked luggage. The maximum cubic dimension of any checked bag is 62 linear inches (width + height +length). Each passenger is also allowed 1 small carry-on bag and 1 personal item. The carry-on bag has a maximum weight of 17 pounds (the maximum dimensions are 21 in x 13 in x 9 in - height, width and depth, including the pockets, wheels and handle), and the small personal item is defined as a purse, laptop or other small bag than can fit under the seat.

**Train to and from Machu Picchu:** During the train journey to Machu Picchu, each passenger is allowed to check one small bag with a maximum weight of 11 pounds [maximum cubic dimensions of 62 linear inches (width + height +length)]. You will also be allowed to keep a small personal bag (backpack or purse) with you on the train. Your remaining luggage will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco and returned to you after your visit to Machu Picchu.

Your luggage and all personal belongings are solely your responsibility throughout the trip. Brand g is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged luggage or personal belongings. Selecting a travel insurance plan that will cover lost or stolen luggage and/or personal items is highly recommended.

Please place luggage tags on the outside of all of your bags, including carry on and hand luggage, and include a copy of your contact information during the trip on the inside of your checked bags. Valuables and medication should only be packed in your carry-on bags (unless required to be placed in checked bags by your airline).

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Brand g provides all final documents including cruise tickets (if applicable), Program Guide etc. between 30 and 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided that full payment has been made and all required passenger information has been received (either online through the Brand g online booking website, email or hard copy mailed to the Brand g office).

## GETTING THERE

### AIRPORT SECURITY AND CHECK-IN

Please be sure to contact your airline prior to departure and verify there have been no changes to the flight number or schedule. If you have an airport transfer confirmed with Brand g, please advise of any schedule change affecting your airport pick up time.

Please be sure you are familiar with current airport security procedures, and arrive at the airport at least two and a half (2.5) hours prior to your scheduled departure. During peak travel times, you may want to arrive three (3) hours prior to your scheduled departure time.

### CUSTOMS

Entry documents will be required at all border crossings, so please carry proper identification with you all times, and never place it in checked luggage.

When arriving by airplane, it is not unusual for a border guard to ask you questions such as “where are you from,” “where are you going,” “how long will you be there,” or “what is the purpose of your trip.” Always answer honestly and politely.

If you are bringing laptops, cameras, or other electronic equipment with you on your trip, you may be required to register these items with the local customs authority to ensure you are not charged duty on these items when you return home.

Most items you purchase internationally can be brought back into the US and Canada. We do recommend, however, that you check with both your home country’s customs office for current restrictions, as well as with the embassies of the countries you are visiting for any restrictions on items that may be unlawful to take outside their borders.

When you return to your home country, you should be prepared to declare everything you purchased or acquired while traveling. Many countries will ask you to complete a customs form, which will require descriptions and values of the items. These forms are easier to complete if you keep your sales receipts easily accessible. Most countries have set customs duty exemptions for both quantity and value of certain items. We suggest that you familiarize yourself with these allowances and limits prior to your travel.

## HOTEL CHECK-IN/HOTEL CHECK-OUT

Please be advised that the Hilton Miraflores does not allow check-in earlier than 3:00pm. If you arrive at the hotel before 3:00pm, there may be a wait until the room becomes available. Check-out is at the host hotel properties is 12:00pm. If your arrival or departure schedule does not coincide with these times, you may ask the hotel(s) to store your baggage while you explore independently. Please note that every effort is made to ensure that your hotel room is available and ready for occupancy upon your arrival, however a short wait for your room to become available may be unavoidable. Depending on your arrival or departure times, you may wish to purchase an early check-in, late check-out, or additional hotel nights in order to guarantee availability of your room. Feel free to contact Brand g or your travel agent to book additional services.

## TRANSFERS

**Airport Arrival and Departure Transfers:** Guests who provided their independently arranged flight details to Brand g no later than 30 days prior to departure, will automatically have airport arrival and departure transfers arranged. On arrival at your destination airport, please proceed through immigration, then collect your luggage and exit the secure area through customs, where you will be met by a representative who will be holding a sign with the Brand g logo, and who will accompany you to your hotel.

If you cannot find the representative, please remain outside the customs area until the representative comes to you. There may be a waiting period of up to one hour for scheduled airport transfers, depending on grouping of flight arrivals. On departure, you will be accompanied to the airport and assisted with check-in. Independently arranged flight information and pre-trip arrangements must be provided to Brand g no later than 30 days prior to departure in order for transfers to be properly

arranged. Flight arrangements must also be made in accordance with Brand g's flight recommendations. Guests are responsible for checking with the airlines and providing their most up-to-date flight details. Please contact your travel agent or Brand g Vacations if you have any questions about your flight arrangements.

**Main Program Arrival Transfers:** Guests arriving at Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport will be met by a Brand g representative and transferred to the:

**Hilton Lima Miraflores Hotel  
Avenida La Paz 1099  
Lima 18 Peru.**

**Main Program Departure Transfers:** In Cusco, guests will be transferred to the Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport for their flight home.

**Baggage Delays:** Baggage delays unfortunately occur from time to time, especially during peak travel periods. If you discover any bag did not make it to your destination, do not leave the airport baggage area without completing a Lost Baggage Report with your air carrier. This report is essential to the tracking of your claim. If you have an airport transfer scheduled, and are traveling with a companion, we recommend that one person exit the baggage claim area and locate the representative to inform him or her of the situation. This will allow the representative to ensure that the transfer is properly provided. Give the air carrier a copy of your travel itinerary, along with the hotel and ship contact information. Report your lost baggage to your Brand g host, and provide them with a copy of your Lost Baggage Report. Brand g is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged baggage and/or personal belongings. Selecting a travel insurance plan that will cover lost or stolen luggage and/or personal items is highly recommended.

**Travel Delays:** If you experience a travel delay while still in your home country, after working with your air carrier to revise your flight schedule, please contact Brand g's Minneapolis-based Operations Office at 1-800-433-4303 (toll free within the U.S.) or +1-952-405-9309 to advise us of your revised arrival date and time. The Minneapolis office is on central time (GMT -6 hours).

If you have already departed your home country, please contact our local staff at the numbers provided on the communication card that will be included with your final documents.

If you purchased travel insurance that covers flight delay and cancellation expenses, you will also want to contact your travel insurance company to start a claim for expenses incurred during your delay.

If your delay is serious enough that you miss the starting point of your tour, our local offices will be happy to assist you in making any arrangements necessary to meet the group as soon as possible, within any applicable government restrictions. However, due to the rural nature of the Amazon River it may not be possible to join the ship at each of the scheduled ports of call. The cost of any flight, car, or hotel arrangements needed, will be at your expense. Brand g is not responsible for missed transfers or additional costs incurred in getting to the next destination due to missed or delayed flight arrangements.

# PROGRAM INFORMATION

## CONTACTING HOME

The ability to stay in touch with friends and family is an important part of travel, and many guests choose to bring cell phones on the trip.

International roaming charges can be expensive, and it is advisable to contact your local carrier to determine the charges and plans available for each country you are visiting, then select the best available plan for your expected usage. In some countries, SIM cards are available for purchase that can be used in an unlocked phone (call your carrier to determine if your phone is, or can be, unlocked), providing a local number that can be used both locally and internationally, usually at a significantly lower rate.

Making international calls from hotels is possible, but costly. Connection fees are usually applied, in addition to other call charges.

Each suite on board the Delfin III is equipped with a phone for internal calls only and cannot be used for calls off ship. The Cruise Director will be able to assist you in case of an emergency, but should not be relied upon to assist with personal calls, as it is impossible to be familiar with all the phones and calling plans on the market. A satellite phone is available on board the Delfin III for emergency calls only.

## CURRENCY AND MONEY MATTERS

The official currency of Peru is the Nuevo Sol. US dollars are accepted by some tourist-oriented businesses, but even in the major cities of Lima, Cusco, and Iquitos, restaurants, taxis, buses, and smaller merchants, especially those in the markets, will expect payment in Soles. The best exchange rates are typically found at casas de cambio (foreign exchange bureaus), but exchanges may also be made at local banks. US dollars brought into Peru should be in small denominations, new, untorn, unworn, and without creases. Canadian dollars and the euro are starting to be accepted at some casas de cambio in the major cities in Peru, but other currencies are difficult to exchange. ATMs can be found relatively easily in Peru, and many offer an option to receive cash in Soles or US dollars. The official currency on board the Delfin III is the US dollar.

During the cruise, we operate on a cashless system, with all purchases billed to your onboard account. At the end of the program, accounts may be settled in cash (US dollars or Peruvian Soles) or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard). There is no currency exchange on board the Delfin III.

## ELECTRICAL CURRENT

The voltage in Peru is 220v. To use any electrical product from the US or Canada that is not dual voltage, you will need an electrical converter. Many electronic devices have built-in electrical converters; however please check the manufacturer's specifications for details. There are two types of electrical outlets in Peru. One accepts two-pronged plugs with flat, parallel blades (Type A), while the other takes plugs with two round prongs (Type C), and many Peruvian electrical outlets are designed to accept both types. We recommend bringing a plug adaptor to accommodate the different plug types. The ship has multi-configuration outlets, which accommodate most Western plugs. Because the voltage may fluctuate at times, we also recommend unplugging your devices when not in use or when leaving them unattended.

## EXCURSIONS

Your tour program includes comprehensive shore excursions led by a local English-speaking guide; these excursions have been designed to provide you with the best possible experience. Your Brand g host will provide details on each day's excursion(s) and timing. Should guests be concerned about any aspect of an excursion, please inform your host.

## ETIQUETTE

Your itinerary takes you into some areas where locals are simply living their daily lives. Should you wish to take a photo of locals, please request their permission first (simply pointing to your camera and allowing them to nod is sufficient). When traveling through the Amazon to view the wildlife, it is imperative to remain as quiet as possible to prevent startling the animals. If you plan to bring a cell phone or tablet on excursions, please ensure it is set to "silent." Guides will alert you when photos and/or flash photos are not allowed.

## FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED

The ship does not have elevators, and is not handicapped- or wheelchair-accessible. Embarkation/disembarkation facilities may also be impossible to navigate with wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, or any other mechanical device.

Many of the places we visit on this itinerary are not handicapped accessible. Many excursions involve walking over uneven ground and some excursions are walking tours only. For your safety and enjoyment, we recommend that all guests be in good physical condition.

At its sole discretion, Brand g reserves the right to refuse passage, or to require a passenger to end his or her trip if the passenger's state of health or physical condition may affect his or her own health, safety, and enjoyment, or that of other passengers.

## GRATUITIES

Gratuities for the included components of this program have been pre-paid. You are welcome to provide additional tips at your discretion.

## INTERNET ACCESS

WiFi is not available aboard the Delfin III. Each of our hotels in Peru offer Internet access, although there may be a charge for certain services at some hotels.

## PROGRAM STAFF

An experienced, knowledgeable Brand g Host will be with you during your travel program to handle all the details, leaving you to relax and enjoy your vacation.

## SECURITY

In the countries in which we operate, pickpockets are not uncommon, and caution is encouraged. When sailing, many passengers do not lock their doors, creating the opportunity for theft. A 24-hour watch is kept on board in order to control access to the ship, but we suggest keeping your door locked when your suite is not in use and at night. Brand g cannot be held liable for loss of money, jewelry, or other valuable items from the ship, from a hotel, or while on an excursion ashore during a voyage. A travel insurance policy will typically cover most incidents of loss or theft.

## SHOPPING

There is a boutique on board that sells locally produced arts & crafts, souvenirs, and travel necessities. A visit to a small, local tribal market is also scheduled during one of your cruise excursions. On land excursions, where shopping is possible, we make every effort to ensure free time is available, but the actual amount of time available may be limited due to tour constraints.

During your stay in Lima, there is free time built into your schedule for shopping or other activities. Suggestions on things to purchase and

places to go during your free time in Lima can be made by your local guides. It is a good idea to take a small amount of cash in local currency to use for on-the-spot gratuities, purchasing of souvenirs or sundries, and taxis you may wish to use in your free time

## SMOKING

On the ship, smoking is allowed only on designated parts of the Sun Deck. The hotels have open areas where smoking is allowed, and may offer smoking areas in specific sections of some indoor lounges. All hotel rooms and ship staterooms are non-smoking. We ask everyone to refrain from smoking while on excursions.

## WATER

Please **do not drink** the tap water while on board or on shore, or use it for brushing your teeth. The ship's water supply comes from the river after passing through a sterilization process. This water is suitable for showers and baths, but should not be consumed. In each stateroom and suite, your water carafe will be replenished twice daily, and on request, with fresh, mineral water. Each guest will also receive a reusable water bottle, which can be refilled at any time and carried on excursions.

## WEATHER

Weather forecasts are widely available on the Internet, and some of the favorites for large, international cities are [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) and [www.cnn.com/weather](http://www.cnn.com/weather).

Average High/Low (F)

	<u>Lima</u>	<u>Iquitos</u>	<u>Cusco</u>
April	80/66	87/73	66/40

## WHAT TO BRING

**Travel Essentials:** The following items are essential for any destination: sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, and umbrella. It is recommended that you bring duplicates of prescription eyewear, copies of prescriptions for any medications (generic equivalents are usually easier to obtain), copies of credit card information, and copies of your passport information pages and visas.

**Clothing:** Comfortable, sporty, casual clothing is appropriate both on shore and on board. We suggest lightweight, light-colored, "expedition

style” clothing in natural, moisture-wicking fabrics that may be layered. A mix of shirts, everyday slacks/pants, skirts/dresses, and walking shorts are appropriate for both land and cruise. Early mornings, late evenings, and air-conditioned spaces may also require a light sweater. On cruise excursions, you may wish to bring long pants and long-sleeve shirts to protect against both sun and insects. Many companies now offer expedition-style clothing in lightweight materials with sun protection and/or insect repellent in the fabric.

Sun hats are highly recommended and Brand g will be providing an expedition style hat as an amenity. However, if you like a particular style of hat, we recommend you bring your own. A light rain jacket is also recommended as is a swimsuit since there is a plunge pool on board, and throughout much of the year, it is possible to swim in many areas of the Amazon. Our cruise director will advise you when these opportunities are available. For evenings, we recommend casual and cool attire; however, we kindly request that you not wear shorts at dinner, and we require shirts and footwear to be worn at all times in the dining room. Sport jackets and cocktail dresses are not needed at any time during this program, however you may wish to pack a few nicer outfits for evening meals or nights out on your own.

**Footwear:** Sturdy, comfortable walking shoes, with good ankle support, are highly recommended, as there is a significant amount of walking on many excursions. The riverbanks and paths used on our excursions can be quite dusty, or muddy and slippery, and upon your return to the ship, the Delfin III crew members will ask you to remove your shoes. They will be cleaned and returned to your stateroom or suite shortly thereafter. Slippers are provided for your comfort on board the vessel. You may also wish to bring your own slippers or flip flops.

**School Supplies and Health and Hygiene Items:** A visit to a local village during the cruise will afford the opportunity to provide basic school supplies and health and hygiene items to the children. We recommend bringing simple items such as pencils, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, over the counter medications such as aspirin, etc. It is not recommended to bring candy or other food items inconsistent with the local diet.

# DELFIN III AMENITIES AND SERVICES

**Dining:** The Breakfast on board is an American-style buffet. Lunch on board offers a selection of fresh salads, daily soups, entrées and desserts. Dinner is seated and offers soup, salad, a main course, and dessert. Vegetarian options are always available on the ship. Please notify Brand g, in advance, if you have any special dietary concerns or considerations that need to be taken into account while traveling with us. We will do our best to ensure that your request is accommodated, but cannot guarantee all diet needs and preferences can be met. Neither kosher nor halal diets can be accommodated on the Delfin III. Additionally, gluten free, sugar free foods and sugar substitutes are not always available.

Complimentary, coffee, tea, mineral water, locally produced soft drinks and beer, and pisco-based cocktails are available throughout the day. House red and white wines are also complimentary during dinner. Premium spirits, imported beer, imported brands of bottled water, premium wines and house wines, outside of dinner, are available for purchase throughout the day.

**Fitness Center and Spa:** The Rainforest Spa, Fitness Center, and Plunge Pool are all located aft of the Sun Deck. The Rainforest Spa offers an array of services, using natural ingredients sustainably harvested from the local area. The Delfin III's fitness center is outfitted with the most advanced equipment available.

**Laundry:** Laundry service is available on board the ship. Instructions and fees are listed in your Guest Service Directory book in your suite. Self-service laundry facilities are not available on the ship.

**Moving About the Ship:** Because the ship will often be in motion and the decks are sometimes slippery, please take care when moving about the decks. Stairs may be steeper than you are used to, and it is best to always use the handrails.

# LAND ACCOMODATIONS

## HILTON MIRAFLORES - LIMA

**Fitness Center and Spa:** The fitness center is equipped with a range of cardiovascular equipment and weights. The hotel has an outdoor pool.

**Hotel Amenities:**

- Business center
- Currency Exchange and ATM
- Laundry service (additional charge)
- A café, restaurant, and bar

**Room Amenities:**

- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Personal safe
- High-speed WiFi (additional charge) • Minibar (additional charge)

## TAMBO DEL INKA HOTEL – SACRED VALLEY

**Fitness Center and Spa:** The Spa at Tambo del Inka believes in the healing power of water and offers a number of treatment and experiences that call upon its power to soothe and relax guests. Heated indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpools, Vichy and jet showers, sub-aquatic beds and hydrotherapy treatments are available as well a vast array of massages. The fitness center includes treadmills, benches, free weights, and weight machines.

**Hotel Amenities:**

- Complimentary WiFi in all public areas
- Currency exchange
- ATM
- Restaurant and bar featuring organic local ingredients
- On-site boutique
- Laundry service (additional charge)

**Room Amenities:**

- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Electronic safe
- Minibar (additional charge)
- Balcony
- Hair Dryer

## SUMAQ MACHU PICCHU HOTEL

**Fitness Center and Spa:** The Aqlla Spa offers a selection of massage and hydrotherapy treatments.

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary WiFi in public areas
- Restaurant, bar, and coffee shop
- Laundry services (additional charge)

Room Amenities:

- 100% cotton sheets, with 100% Alpaca fiber blankets
- Cable TV
- Individually controlled heat
- Electronic safe

## PALACIO DEL INKA HOTEL - CUSCO

**Fitness Center and Spa:** The Palacio del Inka Spa offers a range of treatments based on indigenous Andean minerals and products, as well as a soothing indoor therapy pool. The fitness center features state-of-the-art Technogym equipment, including stationary bicycles and running, elliptical, and strength-training machines

Hotel Amenities:

- WiFi
- Currency exchange
- On-site boutique
- Laundry service (additional charge)

Room Amenities:

- LCD TV
- Personal safe
- Individually controlled heat
- WiFi available
- Minibar (additional charge)

# OMISSIONS & RESPONSIBILITY WAIVER

## **OMISSIONS**

Brand g is not responsible for omissions, printing and/or presentation errors in brochures, on Internet sites, or in any other media where such information may be presented. We reserve the right to make corrections as required.

## **RESPONSIBILITY WAIVER**

The passenger accepts the terms and conditions of the Contract of Passage when participating in any Brand g cruise/excursion/tour/land extension. Participation in some shore excursions or tours may also be subject to an independent operator's own Terms and Conditions.

# AMAZON DISCOVERY EXPEDITION



# MAIN PROGRAM ITINERARY

## April 7, 2019 – Lima

Arrive in Lima at the Jorge Chavez International Airport, where you will be greeted by a Brand g representative and transferred to the centrally located Hilton Miraflores.

## April 8, 2019 – Lima

After a late morning briefing and included lunch at the beautiful La Rosa Nautica restaurant, enjoy a panoramic drive through Miraflores and San Isidro and to see the sites of “Parque de los Enamorados” (Lover’s Park), and enjoy a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. Continue to the historic center of Lima, a UNESCO world heritage site, where you will see the Cathedral, the Government Palace, the Archbishop’s Palace, and City Hall. Visit the Church and Convent of the San Francisco Monastery, the most significant religious site in Lima, which provides insight into life during Spanish colonial times, and the catacombs, which served as a burial ground until 1808. Continue to the Cathedral which houses the remains of Francisco Pizarro, the founder of Lima. We’ll also visit the Larco Museum, housed in a former mansion, itself built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple, and the museum offers a varied collection of 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artifacts. There are also mummies that show off the different ways ancient cultures, including the Incas, preserved their dead. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B/L)

## April 9, 2019 – Lima/Iquitos/Embark Ship

After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly from Lima to Iquitos. Upon arrival in Iquitos, you’ll be greeted by a member of the Delfin III team. We will start off with a lunchbox as we travel over paved road to the city of Nauta, 95 kilometers away. Nauta is literally the “end of the road” where you will embark on the Delfin III. Along the way, you will see vibrant “terra firma” (non-flooded forest) and various aspects of daily jungle life. Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. Once we reach Nauta, you will enjoy a VIP greeting at Delfin’s private port along the shores of the Marañon River where the vessel awaits you. Aboard the Delfin III, the qualified staff will introduce you to your exquisite and cozy suite, specially equipped with all the amenities necessary for the experienced traveler. Later we gather for cocktails and a celebratory welcome dinner as we make our way out of port and into the Amazon River. (B/L/D/Welcome Reception)

### April 10, 2019 – Samiria River and Yanayaquillo Creek

This morning, our skiffs skim the Samiria River and its tributaries, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rainforest, such as blue and yellow macaws, scarlet macaws, toucans, umbrella birds, monkeys, and river otters, capybaras and more. Our naturalists and their expert eyes pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot, so we won't be the only one enjoying the plethora of fish below. After a delicious lunch we cruise through the creeks of Yanayaquillo. This is one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will use his expert eye to pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. (B/L/D)

### April 11, 2019 – Yanayacu and Pucate Rivers/Nauta Caño Creek

Today we cruise through the Yanayacu and Pucate Rivers, peering into different creeks and lagoons. If you want to interact directly with the waters of the Amazon, go out on one of our kayaks or paddle boards. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the jungle river along with the famous pink dolphins! Later, we cruise through Nauta Caño Creek, known for squirrel and silver back tamarillo monkeys, birds, dolphins, and even sloths! We will skim the riverbanks for small caimans and spiders, as well as insects of all colors, shapes and sizes. (B/L/D)

### April 12, 2019 – Fundo Casual/San Francisco Village

The walk at Fundo Casual jungle trail will take you deep into the rainforest on terra firme (non-flooded forest) where your guide will point out the dynamic creatures and vegetation of the Amazon. Be sure to keep an attentive eye open for surprises! In the afternoon, we will visit the community of San Francisco, which will include a short skiff ride and jungle walk to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. Here we will visit a market featuring amazing arts and crafts from the local women. Following this visit will be a jungle walk with our guides to search for nocturnal creatures. (B/L/D)

### April 13, 2019 – Disembarkation/Nauta

This morning, we'll disembark the Delfin III. On our way back to the Iquitos airport, we'll visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA) where you will have the chance to meet baby manatees and learn about these wonderful and docile creatures and why they are on the endangered species list. You will also have the chance to pet and feed these kind manatees. As well, there are also some other animals cared for by the center that have been rescued from capture for the intention of being turned into pets and other threatening conditions. We welcome you to donate to this ambitious organization and education center as you wish. Our land personnel will wait for you at the airport and give your boarding passes and help you check in. Today's lunch and dinner are on your own. Grab a snack at the Iquitos airport, and/or

something more substantial upon arrival to the Lima airport. After a connecting flight through Lima, we will arrive in Cusco, and transfer to the Tambo del Inka Hotel. A light snack box will be served on the way to the hotel. (B/Snack Box)

#### April 14, 2019 – Sacred Valley/Urubamba

Urubamba Valley is located in the Andes close to the Inca capital of Cusco, and below the ancient sacred city of Machu Picchu. Enjoy the morning at leisure – sleep in, visit the spa, get in a work-out. This afternoon takes us on a scenic drive into the mountains to the incredible Salt pans of Maras which have existed since Pre-Incan times and the mind boggling archaeological Incan crop research site of Moray. Tonight we enjoy dinner as a group at the Tambo del Inka hotel. (B/D)

#### April 14, 2019 – Sacred Valley

This morning you'll again have time to relax and unwind at the beautiful Tambo del Inka hotel or perhaps take in some optional adventure activities such as horseback riding, kayaking or stand up paddle boarding. This afternoon we enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch at Tunupa Restaurant. Following lunch we visit Ollantaytambo, the predecessor to Machu Picchu with its huge Incan fortress rising from the edge of town, with a bit of time for shopping before returning to the hotel. Dinner tonight is on your own. (B/L)

#### April 16, 2019 – Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu

After breakfast, board the train in Ollantaytambo for the scenic journey to Aguas Calientes, the starting point for the tour of Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." A local expert will guide you through the marvelous citadel, the main plaza, the royal quarters, and the Temple of Three Windows before checking into the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious meal at the hotel. (B/L/D)

#### April 17, 2019 – Sacred Valley/Cusco

This morning some of us will make the optional climb to Huaynapicchu (pre-registration only). For the rest, the choice is yours to make a second visit to Machu Picchu's Citadel in the early morning, or relax at the hotel, and explore Machu Picchu Village on your own. This afternoon, we return to Ollantaytambo via the Vistadome train and continue to Cusco by bus. Check-in to the Palacio del Inka Luxury Collection Hotel where you'll enjoy an evening at leisure. (B/L)

#### April 18, 2019 – Cusco

This morning's walking tour takes us to Cusco's Plaza de Armas central square for a visit to the Cathedral, one of the most imposing structures in the city. The Cathedral houses an important collection of gold and silver work from the colonial period as well as a beautiful collection of oil on

canvas. Continue with a visit to San Blas Church, the Koricancha and the Convent of Santo Domingo. The Convent was built on the Koricancha (site of gold) the most important temple dedicated to the worship of the sun by the ancient Incans. Enjoy a Farewell Lunch before your return flights home. Or, for some continue to the Lake Titicaca optional extension. (B/L)

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## April 18, 2019 – Cusco

Following lunch, we visit Sacsayhuaman fortress, one of the emblematic Inca constructions, built by Inca Pachacútec in the 15th century. It is a huge fortress made of very large stones, and the manner in which they were transported, and cut is still a mystery. Then visit the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, which contains a large collection of pieces from different cultures that inhabited the Peruvian territory. From the coast to the mountains, the MAP exhibits works in wood, shell, bone, silver and gold, rescuing the beauty and skill of the anonymous pre-Columbian craftsman. Retire to the Palacio del Inka for another night on your own in magical Cusco.

## April 19, 2019 – Cusco/Julica/Puno

This morning, following breakfast at the hotel, we fly from Cusco to Julica and transfer by land to Puno. Settle in to the Hotel Libertador Lago Titicaca and take some time to explore the beautiful surroundings. Tonight, we enjoy an included dinner at the hotel. (B/D)

## April 20, 2019 – Lake Titicaca

After a short walk to Puno's lake port, a vessel will us to the floating islands of the Uros. The Uros are an ancestral society that inhabits a series of artificial islands built with totora, a reed that grows in the lake. The islands are built by weaving this reed in the places where they grow the thickest and form a natural layer. They build their totora houses over it and cook in the open air to prevent possible fires.

After, we continue to Taquile Island. Unlike other islands, inhabited by Aymara-speaking people in the lake, its residents speak Quechua. It was part of the Inca Empire and it is possible to note vestiges of said culture in their buildings. Nevertheless, when the Spaniards arrived, they forced its residents to get rid of their typical clothes and forced them to wear traditional farmers' clothes. Upon your arrival, you will receive a brief explanation of the island and attend a cultural activity, including lunch at a beautiful setting overlooking the lake. Following lunch we return to the hotel. Tonight, relax with dinner at the hotel, or venture on your own to the town square for shopping, and perhaps dinner at one of the charming local restaurants. (B/L)

## April 20, 2019 – Puno/Juliaca/Lima

This morning we're picked up at the hotel and transferred to Juliaca airport for a mid-day flight to Lima. Along the route we stop to visit the unique Sillustani Tombs, a pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo near Puno in Peru. The tombs, which are built above ground in tower-like structures called chullpas, are the vestiges of the Colla people,

Aymara who were conquered by the Inca in the 15th century. The structures housed the remains of complete family groups, although they were probably limited to nobility.

Upon arrival to Lima's airport, we collect our luggage, exit the terminal and walk across the road to the Wyndham Costa del Sol, where you can refresh and rest until your international flight home later tonight or in the morning. (B)

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