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AMAZON CRUISE &
MACHU PICCHU
EXPEDITION

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Program Guide



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BEFORE YOU GO

PERSONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All documentation required for this itinerary is the sole responsibility of the guest. Brand g Vacations 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, be kept in a separate place, in case the originals are lost or stolen.

Passport: A passport that is valid for at least six (6) months after your return date is required for this program.

Visas: U.S. and Canadian citizens do not need visas for countries visited. Other nationalities should consult the local embassies or consulates for visa requirements.

Visa Requirements: Visas are not required for US and Canadian citizens traveling to Peru. Upon entry in Peru, a stamp will be entered into your passport. It is not possible to depart Peru without the entry stamp, which can only be obtained at point of entry, therefore please be certain your passport is stamped upon entry. Should you misplace your passport or fail to get a stamp in your passport upon arrival, 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 Vacations is not responsible for missed portions of any trip due to incorrect or non-existent government documentation.

Travel Protection: We recommend travel insurance for every Brand g Vacation. If you haven't purchased a policy already, you may do so by contacting your travel agent or Brand g Vacations. You may also get a quote and purchase a policy online from Brand g's recommended travel insurance provider, Travel Insured International by visiting: www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=53648. Please be sure to carry all policy information with you during your program.

HEALTH AND MOBILITY

Vaccinations: Make sure you are up to date on routine vaccines before every trip. It is recommended that you discuss vaccinations available for entering the Amazon and Machu Picchu and any other health concerns you may have with your personal physician or a travel medicine specialist.

If you are sensitive to heights, you may also wish to consider altitude medication for the Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu portion of the trip.

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 in the US. Citizens of other countries should consult their own center for disease control.

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 are 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 Vacations 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 **45 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. It is the guest's responsibility to provide us with as much detail as possible 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 their 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 can check one small overnight bag with a maximum weight of 11 pounds. The maximum size should be no larger than a roll aboard allowed by airlines as carry-on luggage. 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 Vacations 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 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).

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.

Familiarize yourself 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

Most items you purchase internationally can be brought back into the US and Canada. We do recommend, 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.

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 at the host hotel properties is Noon. 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 Vacations or your travel agent to book additional services.

TRANSFERS

Guests who provided their independently arranged flight details to Brand g Vacations no later than **45 days prior** to departure, will automatically have airport arrival and departure transfers arranged. Flight arrangements must also be made in accordance with Brand g vacations 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.

Arrival Transfers: On arrival at Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport (LIM) you will be met by a Brand g Vacations representative and transferred to the Hilton Lima Miraflores Hotel. Please proceed through immigration, 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 Vacations 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.

Departure Transfers: you will be transferred to the Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ) in time for your Independently arranged flight.

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 952-405-9309 to advise us of your revised arrival date and time. If the line is busy or you are calling outside of general business hours, please leave a message.

If you have already departed your home country, please contact our local staff at the numbers provided on the *Communication Information* page that is included with your personalized travel 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 the delay is serious enough that you will miss the starting point of your cruise, any additional hotel, and/or flight arrangements necessary to meet your group will be at your expense.

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 Vacations host and

provide them with a copy of your Lost Baggage Report. Brand g Vacations 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.

TRIP INFORMATION

PROGRAM STAFF

A Brand g Vacations Tour Leader will be with you during your travel program to handle all the details, leaving you to relax and enjoy your vacation.

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 domestic 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.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi 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.

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, untoned, 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.

The cruise operates on a cashless system, with all purchases billed to your onboard account. At the end of the cruise, 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. Throughout the cruise program you will have opportunities to buy souvenirs made by local indigenous tribes. Therefore, we recommend you carry a small amount of Peruvian Soles with you on skiff excursions as well as our village visit during the cruise program.

GRATUITIES

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

SMOKING

On the ship, smoking is allowed only on designated parts of the 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.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

The electrical current in Peru and on board is 220V. Guests should be sure to bring the appropriate converter for devices that are not dual voltage. Many electronic devices have built-in electrical converters, however, please check the manufacturer's specifications for specific 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 Vacations 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 local guide or Brand g Vacations 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 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The host hotels are fitted with elevators for guest use however some rooms may have to be reached via stairs. The ship does not have elevators and embarkation/disembarkation facilities may also be difficult to navigate with wheelchairs or walkers. The ship does not accept guide or support dogs. Electric mobility scooters or any other mobility mechanical devices are not permitted for use on the ship.

Some of the places we visit on this itinerary are not handicapped accessible. Please note: The Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside of the USA and accessibility to some sights may be limited for those with mobility impairments. Excursions may 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 Vacations 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

SECURITY

In the countries in which we operate, pickpockets are not uncommon, and caution is encouraged. When sailing, a 24-hour watch is kept on board in order to control access to the ship, but we suggest keeping your door locked when occupying your suite and encourage you to lock any valuables in your personal room safe. Brand g Vacations 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.

WATER

Please **do not drink** the tap water while on board or on shore or use it for brushing your teeth. Every hotel has bottled water available. Pay close attention to pricing as some water is complimentary and some is at an extra charge. On every excursion complimentary bottled water will be available. 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 and www.cnn.com/weather.

Average temperatures: Lima: 80/66 degrees F
 Iquitos: 87/73 degrees F
 Machu Picchu: 66/40 degrees F

WHAT TO BRING

Travel Essentials: The following items are essential for any destination: sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, rain coat and umbrella. It is recommended that you bring; electrical convertor (if required) and adaptors, 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.

We also recommend packing a swimsuit since there is a pool on board the Delfin III and in the hotels. Also, 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. 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. Kids also love t-shirts. It is not recommended to bring candy or other food items inconsistent with the local diet.

DELFIN III AMENITIES AND SERVICES

DINNING

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 considered 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 , local beers, 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

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 Wi-Fi (additional charge)
- Minibar (additional charge)

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

TAMBO DEL INKA HOTEL – SACRED VALLEY

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi 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

Fitness Center and Spa: The Spa at Tambo del Inka believes in the healing power of water and offers several 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.

SUMAQ MACHU PICCHU HOTEL

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi 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

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

PALACIO DEL INKA HOTEL - CUSCO

Hotel Amenities:

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

Room Amenities:

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

Fitness Center and Spa: The Palacio del Inka Spa offers a range of treatments based on indigenous Andean minerals and products, as well 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.

ITINERARY



DAY 1 - APRIL 19, 2020 – LIMA

Arrive in Lima at the Jorge Chavez International Airport, where you will be greeted by a Brand g Vacations representative and transferred to the centrally located Hilton Miraflores. A welcome reception will be held for Brand g Vacations guests at the hotel.

DAY 2 - APRIL 20, 2020 – LIMA

After breakfast, depart 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. Afterwards, we will head to Pueblo Libre District to 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 way's ancient cultures, including the Incas, preserved their dead. Lunch is included at Café del Museo. Finally, return to your hotel, in route 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. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B/L)

DAY 3 - APRIL 21, 2020 – LIMA/IQUITOS/EMBARK SHIP/UCAYALI RIVER

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.

Along the Ucayali River you will have the opportunity to spend some time in search of birds and playful monkeys. As your naturalist guide spots various creatures for you, the landscape adorned by the usual colors of the sun's reflections is a great photo opportunity as you witness your first Amazon Rainforest Sunset. 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)

DAY 4 - APRIL 22, 2020 – YANALLPA /DORADO RIVER

Here in the Amazon Rainforest, we can have dry mornings with beautiful sunrises. This is all we need to have a successful pre-breakfast exploration of the forest! The early morning hours are the best time of day to watch birds, observe their special displays and listen to their songs. We will jump on the skiffs and head to the shores of the Ucayali River. This area is green with large trees and old palm trees as well, and these components favor the presence of several parrot species. This particular spot also has a great number of other birds of different species. Perhaps spot a large flock of red-bellied macaws, as well different types of raptors, woodpeckers and swallows. If you are very lucky you will hear loud and distinctive sounds of blue and yellow macaws! Following our morning exploration, we return to the boat for a nourishing breakfast and time to relax.

This afternoon, enjoy lunch and time to enjoy the boat. Later, we board our skiffs to look for the famous hoatzins nesting a few feet above water, and perhaps a sloth or two of the three toed kind. The Dorado River can also be home to troops of brown capuchin monkeys mixed up with squirrel monkeys. As the sun sets, our aim will be finding black and white caiman, fishing bats, and Noisy Nights Monkeys. In the evening you will encounter a whole new world of adventure, after which we return to the Delfin for another satisfying dinner. (B/L/D)

DAY 5 - APRIL 23, 2020 – PACAYA RIVER/MAGDELENA

This morning, we cruise through the Pacaya River, which is at the very heart of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, Peru's largest protected area with a mean annual rainfall of nearly 3,000 millimeters, by far the largest protected wetland reserve in the world. Filled with lakes, palm swamps, and streams, the reserve becomes a flooded forest in the rainy season and is sure to be one of the most beautiful places you'll ever visit. You will also have the chance to explore one of the pristine Amazon lagoons in this wonderful region!

Following lunch and a relaxing afternoon on board, we board our skiffs and speed along the main river to reach the narrower channels where we will explore the thick rainforest adjacent to the water. During our explorations we will look for some of the more typical and iconic birds of the New World tropics, such as the lettered Aracari Toucan, the Straightbilled Woodcreeper and the White-eared Jacamar. Later on, travel near Flor de Castaña, for an opportunity to swim among pink dolphins. If you are thinking Piranhas, as many people have in their minds, when they think about the Amazon River! But don't worry; the aggressiveness of this characteristic fish of the Amazon is really extremely overrated. (B/L/D)

DAY 6 - APRIL 24, 2020 – YARAPA RIVER/FUNDO CASUAL

This morning along the Yarapa River, you will get to explore this tributary intimately. Listen closely for the sounds from within the mysterious jungle. We travel down river to this wide creek that leads to an attractive hidden lagoon. As we absorb the beauty of the landscape, we will have the chance to reflect on the wildlife. Hawks, terns, herons and monkeys which are part of our everyday excursions are readily close by; in this area we will notice many more inhabitants of the Amazon, the *riverenos*. People being an important part of this complex bionetwork only reinforce the fact that we are part of their lives and how our presence here and now could make a difference to the future of this magical land of the Incas. Look out for specific types of Monkeys like the pygmy marmoset, squirrel monkey, and our first Monk Saki. This medium-sized monkey with the thick fur and bushy tail looks more like he is dressed for the Arctic than the Amazon. After, enjoy a delicious breakfast and some time at leisure.

For our afternoon excursion we take a walk at Fundo Casual jungle trail, which will take you deep into the rainforest on terra firme (nonflooded forest) where your guide will point out the dynamic creatures and vegetation of the Amazon. Be sure to keep an attentive eye open for spotting surprises! It's almost unbelievable how with every step you find something along the way. Almost definitely Anaconda, Rainbow Boas, Tarantulas, Poison Frogs, and most recently porcupines have been spotted. This is one of the very few places in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve Amazon Rainforest where you will spot the ever so elusive 2-toed sloth. This evening, back on board, enjoy a festive farewell dinner. (B/L/D)

DAY 7 - APRIL 25, 2020 – DISEMBARKATION/NAUTA/SACRED VALLEY

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, provide you with a box lunch courtesy of the Delfin III and help you check in. Should you wish, you may also purchase 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 will be served on the way to the hotel. Tonight's dinner is on your own at the hotel. We suggest you eat light on your first night at altitude. (B/Lunch Box/Snack)

DAY 8 - APRIL 26, 2020 – 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. This morning we take a scenic drive into the mountains to the incredible Saltpans of Maras, which have existed since Pre-Incan times, and the mind boggling archaeological Incan crop research site of Moray. We return to the hotel around 1pm for lunch on your own and some time to relax. Tonight, we enjoy dinner as a group at the Tambo del Inka hotel. (B/D)

DAY 9 - APRIL 27, 2020 – SACRED VALLEY

This morning, we explore Ollantaytambo, the predecessor to Machu Picchu, with its huge Incan fortress rising from the edge of town. Once a stronghold of Inca resistance to Spanish colonization, it's remarkably well-preserved. Following the tour, we enjoy a sumptuous included buffet lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, you have the option to visit the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Workshop and store (directly across from the Tambo del Inka hotel), or return to the hotel to relax. Dinner tonight is on your own. (B/L)

DAY 10 - APRIL 28, 2020 – SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

After breakfast, board the train for the scenic journey to Aguas Calientes. Enjoy lunch on board the train and upon arrival to Aguas Calientes we venture to the summit to start our 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. This evening we enjoy dinner together at the hotel. (B/L/D)

DAY 11 - APRIL 29, 2020 – MACHU PICCHU/SACRED VALLEY/CUSCO

This morning, the choice is yours to make a second visit to Machu Picchu mountain in the early morning, or you could opt to climb Huaynapicchu (limited based on availability-advance sign up required). Otherwise, the morning is yours to explore Machu Picchu Village on your own.

This afternoon, return to Ollantaytambo by train, and transfer to Cusco by motor coach. Upon arrival, check-in to the historic Palacio del Inka Luxury Collection Hotel in Cusco and enjoy dinner on your own and an evening at leisure. (B/L)

DAY 12 - APRIL 30, 2020 – CUSCO

This morning is free to relax on your own to enjoy the hotel, or take a stroll in the city. Your breakfast is included at the hotel and lunch is on your own. Following lunch, we set off on foot for a guided tour including a visit to 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. We continue 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. This evening, we gather for a pisco tasting and a festive dinner at Republica del Pisco. (B/D)

DAY 13 MAY 1, 2020 – CUSCO/DEPARTURE

Following breakfast at the hotel, visit the 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 Qenqo, one of the largest huacas (holy places) in the Cusco Region. Many huacas were based on naturally occurring rock formations. It was believed to be a place where sacrifices and mummification took place.

Following our morning tour, we’ll have a special farewell lunch before your transfer to the Cusco airport for your departure flight. (B/L)

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