AMAZON

DISCOVER EARTH’S GREATEST WILDERNESS ABOARD THE ELEGANT ZAFIRO

MARCH 27 – APRIL 5, 2020
Beyond the inland port of Iquitos, the Amazon landscape changes dramatically from bustling frontier town to encompassing wilderness. Boarding the five-star riverboat Zafiro allows you to travel past the reaches of civilization and deep into the heart of the living rainforest. More than 1,300 species of birds, 40,000 plant species, grey and pink river dolphins and an abundance of primates can be found in the lush, ever-changing jungle we know simply as “The Amazon.”

While outsiders rarely visit the villages scattered along the riverbanks, our guests — under the guidance of naturalists who were born and reared in similar villages — are greeted like family while visiting local schools and a revered Shaman.

The luxurious Zafiro was chartered to offer unrivaled comfort while allowing you to responsibly travel further into the ever-smaller waterways and increasingly remote corners of the Upper Amazon Basin. This is the wilderness you can truly only experience and understand when traveling with the pioneer in Amazon travel.

“Every aspect of the voyage was well-planned and stress free for us. All of the hassles of traveling were gone. We were able to experience the Amazon rainforest — something most people only dream about.”

MONICA M. DEGRAUWE
Our four decades of insight and expertise ensure you become fully immersed in the living labyrinth of forests, wildlife and people along the river.

GET TO KNOW ALL THE AMAZON’S INHABITANTS

The Peruvian Amazon’s sprawling tangle of rivers, creeks, forests and lagoons is not only home to an astounding diversity of wildlife, it is also home to an extraordinary culture of Ribereños people. On daily guided excursions we explore the fascinating relationship of this river and the inhabitants who live perched along its banks.

EXPLORE WITH LOCAL EXPERTS

Traveling with IE’s seasoned Expedition Leaders and Zafiro’s local naturalists offers an authentic nature experience like no other. These professionals are not only highly trained and educated, but passionate about their homeland and proud to provide unrivaled access to the rainforest.

THE ATMOSPHERE PULSATES WITH A CHORUS OF LIFE

From huge ringed kingfishers to prehistoric hoatzins and chattering parrots, our daily nature excursions observe enough birdlife to engross even the most avid birder. You may even see squirrel and howler monkeys, marmosets and tamarins, which hide in the forest’s dark depths. Since International Expeditions is the only company exploring three separate habitats, including the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, our guests observe more species than any other Amazon travelers. Keep your camera ready!

JOIN “OLD FRIENDS” TO PRESERVE THE AMAZON

Zafiro’s naturalists grew up in these river villages and International Expeditions is proud to have built deep friendships in this region over the past 39 years. This means you’ll be greeted like family while learning about the schools, medicinal plants and traditional ceremonies. Plus, you may have an opportunity to see how choosing IE makes a positive impact while visiting schools where we’ve provided point-of-use water filtration systems.
Amazon Voyage
The Greatest Voyage in Natural History

Delve deep into the pristine Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, a 5-million-acre labyrinth of flooded forests, lagoons and peaceful creeks. Traveling upriver from the inland port of Iquitos aboard the elegant Zafiro, you voyage into villages and tributaries not accessible by any other means for an authentic view of Earth’s greatest wilderness.

VOYAGE ITINERARY

Day 1 • Friday ARRIVE LIMA  Fly independently to Lima, and overnight a Lima hotel. (D inflight)

Day 2 • Saturday LIMA / IQUITOS / EMBARK  Enjoy the majestic views of the snow-capped Andes during our flight to Iquitos. Upon arrival, we stop at the Manatee Research Center and participate in an “hands-on” encounter with these amazing endangered species. We soon board the riverboat, our home for seven days. Birding along the river may include observations of ringed kingfisher, yellow-headed caracara, large-billed tern, white-winged (canary-winged) parakeets, white-winged swallows as well as many other possibilities. This evening, enjoy stargazing and storytelling with your local guides while cruising slowly up the Amazon River toward the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers. (B,L,D)

Day 3 • Sunday CONFLUENCE OF THE AMAZON RIVER / RÍO UCAYALI  Early morning birding along the Amazon River from the upper deck where we search for Russet Backed Oropendola, Oriole Blackbird, Coci Heron, parrots and parakeets. Squirrel Monkeys and saddle-backed tamarins are also found in this area and often seen in the morning. After breakfast, we are out again for birding where we may observe along the river’s edge, some of the thick brush skulkers, like Red and White Spinetail, Parker’s Spinetail and Yellow-chinned Spinetail. More common in the rice and sedges are White-headed Marsh Tyrant and Black capped Donacobious. After lunch, we have time to relax and refresh in the early afternoon as our ship continues to sail upstream. This afternoon our naturalist presents an informative lecture on the Source of the Amazon before we continue our birding along Yarapa River. This area is a good location for birds such as White Eared Jacamar, Capped Heron, Long Billed Woodcreeper, Bare Necked Fruitcrow, Masked Crimson Tanager, Black collared Hawk, Yellow Rump Cacique, as well as Tanagers and Trogons. Pink River Dolphins, Long-nosed Bats and Pygmy Marmoset Monkey are also commonly found here. We return to the riverboat late in the afternoon in time to freshen up before happy hour and live music commences. (B,L,D)
Day 4 • Monday  RÍO UCAYALI  
Early in the morning we start from the highest observation point on the riverboat in order to see macaws from this higher elevation. We might expect Blue and Yellow Macaw and Red-bellied Macaw among other birds. Then we depart via skiffs to explore a small tributary where we can expect to see White-winged Swallow, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Black-crested Antshrike, Black-collared Hawk, Plum-throated Cotinga, Amazonian-streaked Antwren, Varzea Schifornis, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Paradise Tanager, Zimmer’s Woodcreeper, Ringed Kingfisher, Chestnut-eared Aracari. In addition, we often see Common Squirrel Monkey, Saddle Backed Tamarin, Night Monkey and Tree Rats. After breakfast we visit a small Amazon village before returning to the riverboat. After an excellent lunch and welcomed siesta time, a briefing by our Expedition Leader provides us with a current map orientation of the river. This afternoon we head out for our birding excursion in Lake Yuracocha. Species found today could include almost any of those mentioned previously, as well as Horned Screamer, Wattle Jacana, Hoatzin, Gray-fronted Dove, Barred Antshrike, Mealy and Orange-winged parrots, Short-tailed Swift, Dark-breasted Spinetail, Pearly-Breasted Conebill, Shiny Cowbird, Social Flycatcher and Velvet-fronted Grackle. This is also a great place to see the Amazon water lilies. We are back on board the riverboat late this afternoon and prepare for the evening happy hour and music before dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 5 • Tuesday  RÍO UCAYALI / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE  
After an early breakfast we go out to the Sapote River where we visit a communal reserve. Here the local community works to preserve and protect the area for the residents as well as the wildlife. We hope to see Great Black Hawk, Green Backed Trogon, Cream Colored Woodpecker, Green Kingfisher, Black Collared Hawk, White-throated Toucan, Masked Crimson Tanager, Great Kiskadee, Paradise Tanager, Lesser Kiskadee, Chestnut-eared Aracari, swallow-winged puffbirds and others. This tributary is good for raptors and sometimes we even see Scarlet and Chestnut Fronted Macaws. This is a great habitat for Monk Saki Monkey, (a very peculiar looking primate) as well as other monkey species. After lunch and a welcomed power nap, we enjoy a special presentation on the Pacaya Samiria Reserve by the naturalists in the air-conditioned lecture room. Late this afternoon, we depart for more birding before the sun sets, however this time, we stay out on the river for night fall for a special excursion along Pacaya River. This is a different habitat and here we commonly find Wattle Jacana, Jabiru Stork, Large-billed Tern, Yellow-billed Tern, Horned Screamer, Anhinga, and Neo-tropic Cormorants. As night falls, nocturnal species like Boat billed Heron, Black crowned night Heron, Common Potoo, Great Potoo, Ladder tailed Nightjar, and Common Pauraque may be observed as they are found due to their very bright eye-shine in the spotlights. The evening is a special time to
experience the jungle without the city lights where we can witness true star gazing and search for those creatures normally hidden in the light of day. This is also a great place to see an amazing diversity of frogs, as well as caimans, snakes, tarantulas and many insects. The very large greater bulldog fishing-bats are commonly observed as they cruise the water surface searching for small fish on which they feed. We return to the boat for a late dinner before relaxing onboard. (B,L,D)

Day 6 • Wednesday PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE This part of the river and reserve is a particularly wild area, so we again have an early start along Pacaya River. Often observed are Orange-winged Parrot, Dusky-headed Parakeet, Short-tailed Parrot, Festive Parrot, Sungrebe, Muscovy Duck, Wood Stork, Horned Screamer, Hoatzin, Anhinga, many Egrets, Herons, Cormorants and jabiru stork. We may see pairs of Scarlet Macaws, Red and Green Macaws, Blue and yellow Macaw and Chestnut Fronted Macaw. The Black Caracara is often observed in this area and it requires very sharp eyes to spot one as they remain very still under the canopy of the rainforest. This area is also the best place to see Red Howler Monkey, Brown Capuchin Monkey and with luck, Yellow Spotted side-necked Turtle. Pink Dolphins are very common in the black-water area of the reserve. After lunch and a siesta, we have a second map orientation of the river and update our bird list. Later, we enjoy a cooking class led by the on-board Chef where we learn to create a local Peruvian dish to share with family and friends when we return home. In the afternoon we depart for more birding and/or fishing in the Dorado River. We experience part of life in the Amazon as we fish for piranha from our boat. As we return to the riverboat, we are on the look-out for some of the species we may have missed earlier in the day. This evening we enjoy some social time on the upper deck. (B,L,D)

Day 7 • Thursday RÍO UCAYALI, RIVER ISLANDS AND THE RÍO MARANON This morning before breakfast we have two options along Supay Creek, the first one is birding where we might see: Green Ibis, Yellow-bellied Dacnis, (a canopy species) Golden-bellied Euphonia, Red Throated Caracara, Black-Tailed Tityra, Squirrel Cuckoo, Masked Crimson Tanager, as well as other birds. The other option is kayaking along calm waters as we look for more wildlife. Back onboard we enjoy a talk of “Amazon Tales” by the naturalists or go out looking for more birds on the islands along Ucayali River so we can make it all the way to the Yarapa River for the afternoon excursion. In the afternoon we visit one of the local villages to see how people live in this part of the Amazon. Children love to welcome the visitors and may share some of the songs or games they are most proud of. We may also be able to see and learn about some of the water systems funded by IE and past guests to the Amazon and how they are helping the communities along the river. Barred Antshrike, Short-Tailed Parrot, Spotted Tody Flycatcher, Red and White Spinetail and two very large woodpeckers, the Lineated Woodpecker and Crimson-crested Woodpecker. Late in the afternoon, we freshen up before happy hour and a sumptuous dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 8 • Friday RÍO MARANON / TERRA FIRMA / AMAZON RIVER Early this morning we visit a local river town and the fresh markets there before we return to the ship for breakfast. Following, we have a different birding habitat to explore. It is a
“Terra firma” high ground forest located along the Marañon River, which also means there are many more plant species than we find in the more seasonally flooded forests of the reserve. During our hike, we may hear the incredible calls of Screaming Piha, a type of cotinga with a tremendously loud call. Back onboard, we welcome lunch and siesta before our final map orientation and slide show by the Expedition Leader. A local fruit tasting provides us with another fresh, authentic experience. An afternoon wildlife excursion takes place but this time by skiff, searching for birds along the banks of the main course of the Amazon River. Here we look for birds such as Pointing Tail Palmcreeper, (monotypic genus) Sulphur Bellied Flycatcher, Red Capped Cardinal, and a variety of flycatchers. Back on the riverboat we enjoy a festive happy hour followed by a special farewell dinner as the riverboat travels on the swift current of the Amazon towards Iquitos. Later this evening we complete our Amazon checklist before relaxing on our final evening onboard Zafiro. (B,L,D)

Day 9 • Saturday  IQUITOS / LIMA
Fly from Iquitos to Lima and overnight at the Costa de Sol. (B,L)

Day 10 • Sunday  LIMA / CUSCO /
URUBAMBA VALLEY  Fly to Cusco — the heart of the Inca Empire. Drive into the historic Urubamba Valley, stopping in Chinchero to browse Andean handicrafts. Visit the Urubamba Market and spend tonight at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Days 11 & 12 • Monday & Tuesday
MACHU PICCHU  Board the train to Machu Picchu, where we spend the afternoon exploring the ruins. A full day is available to return to Machu Picchu or explore our hotel’s extensive orchid gardens. Spend the next two nights at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. (B,L,D Daily)

Day 13 • Wednesday  OLLANTAY-
TAMBO / SACSAYHUAMÁN / CUSCO
Catch the morning train back to the Sacred Valley. Explore the mighty archaeological wonder of Ollantaytambo, where ancient temples and fortresses were built to protect the Sacred Valley. After a Paso Fino horse show at Wayra Ranch, continue to Cusco. We stop at Sacsayhuamán — a huge fortress of massive stones which zigzags across the side of the mountain. Spend two nights at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 14 • Thursday  CUSCO
Stroll the streets of Cusco, exploring the Koricancha — also known as Santo Domingo, Santa Catalina Convent and the Cathedral. The afternoon is free to explore on your own before a farewell dinner featuring Andean fare. (B,L,D)

Day 15 • Friday  CUSCO / LIMA / EN
ROUTE  After a morning at leisure fly back across the Andes to Lima. Transfer to the airport this evening for flights home. (B,L)

Day 16 • Saturday  ARRIVE
Arrive and connect with your flight home. (Meals Aloft)
HIGH WATER & LOW WATER

The water level can fluctuate as much as 40 feet between the low water and high water seasons.

HIGH WATER SEASON (DECEMBER-MAY)
Forests in the vast Amazon Basin are flooded, so you can go deeper into the forest on excursions boats and get into smaller tributaries. This allows you to see some of the wildlife that may shun the main course of the river.

LOW WATER SEASON (JUNE-NOVEMBER)
As water recedes from the forest, animals that have been widely dispersed in tributaries and streams — like piranha and pink dolphins — are more greatly concentrated. Since the water is draining from the wetlands, that also allows for more walks that go deeper into the rainforest.
The mighty Amazon begins at the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañón.

Smiling faces and curious children greet you on village excursions and you have the opportunity to receive a blessing from a medicine man.

Specially designed excursion craft make it easy to explore even the narrowest tributaries for closer views of birdlife.

IE guests have an opportunity to visit a remote ranger station while exploring the Peruvian Amazon.

33% of the world’s species are contained in the Amazon rainforest.

20% of the world’s bird species, 427 mammal species, 40,000 plant species, and 2.5 million insect species.

20% of the world’s freshwater is contained in the Amazon rainforest.

15,000 tributaries & sub-tributaries, 4,200 miles long, 200 miles wide at its mouth, 3,000 fish species.
**SAVOR** regional specialties and contemporary cuisine infused flavors from the surrounding rainforest. The atmosphere is casual yet elegant as you sample Amazon fusion cuisine while enjoying spectacular views from the panoramic windows. Along the way, enjoy the complimentary Peruvian cocktails, local beer, wine and soft drinks onboard.

**CONNECT** with fellow travelers, chat with your local guides or enjoy snacks and a drink in the large indoor lounge. The comfortable furnishings make a perfect spot for relaxing with a book or enjoying the passing scenery.

**GLIDE** past the Amazon rainforest and clusters of wooden houses on stilts with children playing soccer as you sip morning coffee and take-in the fresh air from the river’s most luxurious Observation Deck. Siesta on a cushioned lounger beneath a soaring canopy — ideal for avoiding the sun’s glare. Plus, ease into the Zafiro’s outdoor Jacuzzi to relax after a shore excursion.

**INDULGE** in aromatherapy or a massage in the spa, which is staffed by a wellness specialist.
Amazon Voyage
March 27 - April 5, 2020
PRICE PER PERSON

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In-Country Airfare
$409
In-country airfare is subject to change and must be purchased through IE.

$1,000 Discount for Kids 7-18 in double occupancy Lower Deck or Upper Deck Suites; or triple occupancy Zafiro Suite.
$2,674 Discount for Kids 7-12 in triple occupancy Lower Deck Suite.

No Single Supplement Limited lower deck suites available on every January-November departure with no single supplement fee. Call for availability.

Lima Pre-Extension
March 25-27, 2020
PRICE PER PERSON

| Double Occupancy   | $898           |
| Single Occupancy   | $1,298         |

Machu Picchu & Cusco Extension
April 5-11, 2020
PRICE PER PERSON

| Double Occupancy   | $3,999         |
| Single Occupancy   | $4,999         |
| In-Country Airfare | $409           |
| Park Fee           | $192           |

In-country airfare and park fee are subject to change and must be purchased through IE.
Modern furnishings in each airy suite create a comfortable, fresh space to come back to each night after your thrilling days exploring the stunning nature and wildlife of the Amazon. The showstoppers in every suite are the floor-to-ceiling windows, which offer an unadulterated picture of the fascinating surroundings while also providing your own sense of personal space. Zafiro’s eight Upper Deck Suites also come with balconies so you can sit outside and savor the sunshine with your morning coffee.

**CABIN AMENITIES:** Air-conditioning, safe, writing desk & private en-suite facilities
Perched at the bow of Zafiro, two Master Suites feature 90° views of the lush, verdant scenery, which is interspersed with remote communities perched along the riverbank and local fishermen going about their daily business. Furnishings in your plush Master Suite were inspired by the era of Amazon exploration, with traditional touches like local wood, art and Peruvian cotton blending with modern style.

**CABIN AMENITIES:** Air-conditioning, writing desk, sitting area, safe, mini-bar & private en-suite facilities
ZAFIRO SUITE

Upgrade your Amazon experience as you treat yourself to the 480-square-foot Zafiro Suite, which boasts 180° panoramic views and a private balcony. For a further taste of indulgence, sink into the Zafiro Suite’s private Jacuzzi and slip into relaxation mode — perfect after you’ve had a long day of exploring. Bringing along the family? Take advantage of the convertible sofa bed!

CABIN AMENITIES: Air-conditioning, writing desk, living room area, safe, mini-bar, private en-suite facilities & private balcony with seating
A Day on the Amazon Voyage

Each day in the Amazon is a new adventure, and your seasoned guides have years of experience adjusting each day’s schedule to make the most of changing seasons, wildlife sightings and local festivities. While the daily itinerary onboard may vary, the events of a typical day on the Amazon River follow a similar pattern.

6:30 AM Your native naturalists know the best time to observe the Amazon’s 1,800 species is just before dawn. They are happy to join you on the Observation Deck for optional bird-watching.

8:00 AM Start your day with fresh exotic fruits purchased in villages along the river.

9:00 AM Head into narrow tributaries aboard sturdy boats, watching for birdlife and primates. You’ll also encounter friendly fishermen.

12:00 PM The lunch buffet offers something for every taste and a delicious array of ice cream — we recommend the lucuma.

1:00 PM Siesta time is perfect for relaxing or reading on your private balcony.

2:00 PM Afternoon excursions include optional swimming in Amazonian waters, wildlife viewing and a visit to a Ribereño village. IE intentionally varies village visits to ensure you an authentic experience.

6:00 PM You’ll be serenaded by local music from the crew while sampling an exotic cocktail made with regional fruits and pisco, Peru’s famed national liquor.

7:15 PM Lively conversation is coupled with delicious Peruvian and Continental fare to make meal times a special experience.

8:30 PM Settle into the lounge for a briefing by our highly educated local naturalists.

9:00 PM Enjoy a nighttime foray into the rainforest and tributaries.
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