

THE
ZAFIRO
EXPERIENCE

2023 - 2024

LOW WATER SEASON | FROM JUNE TO NOVEMBER

8 days / 7 nights Itinerary



Eight days and seven nights to experience the heart of the Amazon and delve into the immense diversity of the Peruvian jungle where you will discover an impressive flora and fauna. You will share experiences with native communities, learn about Amazonian cultures and taste the most exotic flavors. The Pacaya Samiria Reserve is known as "the jungle of mirrors", it is the setting for a journey into the depths of nature. Walks in the jungle, fishing, bird watching, the possibility of watching pink and gray dolphins up close, visiting local communities and night excursions are some of the activities that will take you to know and fall in love. of the incredible Amazon.

NAVIGATION MAP





SUMMARY

	DAYS	MEALS	PLACE	DESCRIPTION
Day 1	Saturday AM	Lunch	Iquitos / Nauta	Transfer to Nauta city. Embark and trip orientation talk. Welcome lunch.
	Saturday PM	Dinner	River Marañón / Nauta Caño	Excursion on skiffs, one in the afternoon and one at night.
Day 2	Sunday AM	Breakfast Lunch	River Marañón / Yanayacu de Pucate	Excursion on skiffs. Special breakfast outdoors. Kayaking and swimming experiences. Watch the bartender prepare pisco sour, Peruvian emblematic cocktail.
	Sunday PM	Dinner	San Regis	Visit local community. Blessing ceremony hosted by the chaman, followed by the planting of your own tree. Live music on board.
Day 3	Monday AM	Breakfast Lunch	Marañón River / Amazonian Natural Park	Walk on suspension bridges.
	Monday PM	Dinner	Nahuapa River	Excursion on skiffs and fishing for piranhas. Night excursion.
Day 4	Tuesday AM	Breakfast Lunch	Marañón River / Casual	Hike, followed by a demonstration on how to prepare a Peruvian dish on board.
	Tuesday PM	Dinner	Amazon River	Outing on skiffs to reach the confluence of rivers Marañón and Ucayali. Observation of pink river dolphins.
Day 5	Wednesday AM	Breakfast Lunch	Nauta / Pahuashiro	Visit Nauta city. Hike and observation of selected trees. Outing on skiffs.
	Wednesday PM	Dinner	Yacapana	Outing on skiffs.
Day 6	Thursday AM	Breakfast Lunch	Amazon River / Yarapa River	Outing on skiffs
	Thursday PM	Dinner	Ucayali River	Visit Paranapura community. Live music.
Day 7	Friday AM	Breakfast Lunch	Yarapa river / Yucuruchi	Outing on skiffs and jungle walk.
	Friday PM	Dinner	Amazon river	Excursion on skiffs. Sighting of pink river dolphins. Live music on board. Crew presentation and farewell dinner.
Day 8	Saturday AM	Breakfast	Disembarkation / Iquitos	Disembark at Nauta. Visit Amazon Forever Bio Park / Manatees Rescue Center. Rehabilitation of Manatees and other animal species. Airport

Day 1 | Saturday

Iquitos > Nauta > Marañon River > Nauta Caño

Pick up at the airport and transfer by private vehicle to Nauta port, for boarding.

Our staff will accompany you to your suite specially equipped with comfortable beds, pure Peruvian pima cotton sheets, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, private bathroom with shower and amenities.

Before sailing, our bartender will serve you a cocktail prepared with fruits from the region and pisco, the most popular national liquor in Peru. Do not miss the opportunity to savor it while enjoying a full view of the river from the observation deck, or a panoramic view in the indoor or outdoor lounge.

Once we start sailing and before the welcome lunch, the naturalist guides will present an overview of the trip program, such as activities, routes, information on wildlife and vegetation, the geographical and historical background, as well as other useful details. If you have any doubts or questions, our guides are always very happy to assist you.

Welcome lunch. Begin your trip with a special Peruvian dinner with an Amazonian influence. It is a varied menu that includes a vegetarian option. Please let us know of any special dietary requirements in advance.

After lunch you will have time to rest before the next outing on skiffs to Nauta Caño, where we will observe "the jungle of mirrors", an ideal location to spot toucans, parrots, macaws, iguanas, sloths and monkeys high up in the trees.

Before returning to Zafiro cruise, you will enjoy a night excursion in search of alligators, tarantulas, frogs and other species that appear when the sun goes down.

Return to the ship and dinner on board.



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Day 2 | Sunday

Marañón River > Yanayacu de Pucate > San Regis

Early in the morning, we will invite guests to the third deck of the ship to observe the transit of migratory birds.

Afterwards, we will start our excursion by boat to the Yanayacu de Pucate area, where we will appreciate one of the best preserved and protected areas of the Pacaya Samiria reserve. Moreover, we will enjoy a special breakfast in the middle of nature.

Before returning to the ship, those who wish can take a kayak ride. Others might choose to swim in the refreshing black waters of the river.

Back on the boat, our bartender awaits you with a Peruvian cocktail demonstration, after that enjoy lunch. Followed from some time to rest, the guides will give us a talk on Amazonian philosophy.

In the afternoon, we will visit the native community of San Regis, where we will learn about their way of life and traditions. We will also learn about ancestral traditions from the local shaman. Our guides will act as interpreters during this experience, in which you will have the opportunity to ask questions about spiritual connections and the shaman's abilities to heal the soul.

After living this experience, we will continue with the ceremony of planting a tree as a positive contribution to the environment. Moreover, there will be opportunity to appreciate how the women of the community exhibit in a small craft market, pieces and objects made with their own hands.

Back on the ship you will have time to rest and relax with live music while we make time before dinner.





Day 3 | Monday

Marañon River – Amazonian Natural Park – Nahuapa River

After breakfast we will start a walk through the jungle, followed by a canopy walk, which will allow us to admire the richness of the jungle from the top of the trees.

At noon, we will return to the ship for lunch on board, after which we will have time to rest. It is important that you are present at the talk about the animals in the area that are in danger of extinction. In the afternoon, we will begin our exploration by boat on the Nahuapa River. There you will experience fishing for the famous piranhas, using local equipment and techniques.

Before returning to Zafiro cruise, we will make a night excursion in search of alligators, tarantulas, frogs and other nocturnal species. Return to Zafiro, live music and dinner.





Day 4 | Tuesday

Marañón River > Casual > Amazon River

After breakfast, we will start a walk in Casual, in search of wildlife, such as poisonous frogs and other exotic species. In this area we will see the well-known giant trees called Avatar and the "Victoria Amazonica" also known as Victoria Regia or water lilies, the largest aquatic plant on the planet. There you will also have the opportunity to purchase local handicrafts made by local women artisans.

Before noon you will return to the ship where there will be a cooking demonstration by the executive chef.

After lunch, do not miss the talk about the origin of the Amazon, and then start an excursion to the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañón rivers, the place where these two rivers join, also known as the origin of the Amazon River. This area is very popular for watching the curious pink river dolphins.

Return to the ship and have some free time until dinner.





Day 5 | Wednesday

Marañon River > Nauta > Florida Common Reserve > Pahuashiro

Before breakfast we will visit Nauta, the second most important city in the region. Upon arrival, we will take a motocar tour to the local market where we will learn first-hand what the commercial life of the city is like.

Return to Zafiro for breakfast. After breakfast, we will be ready to start a new excursion, we will take a walk in the Florida common reserve, in search of wildlife such as: frogs, birds and other exotic species. In this area we will see the well-known select trees called mahogany.

At noon, we will offer lunch and then you will have time to rest and restore some energy for the activity of the afternoon, a boat excursion to explore the Pahuachiro area and its wildlife.

Back at Zafiro, enjoy the wonderful light and the incomparable colors that unfold in the sky of these latitudes during sunset.

Dinner on board.



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Day 6 | Thursday

Amazon River > San Joaquin de Omaguas > Yarapa River > Ucayali River

At dawn, before breakfast, we will go out by boat to explore the Amazon River, where we will observe the daily activities that each community carries out on the banks of the river.

Back on the ship you can enjoy our buffet breakfast, which offers a daily selection of traditional dishes, Peruvian specialties, freshly baked homemade products and a variety of freshly prepared juices. After breakfast we will start a boat excursion to explore the Yarapa black water river in search of wildlife.

Return to the cruise and enjoy lunch on board. Before the activity in the afternoon, the guides will give a talk about the local culture.

In the afternoon, we will visit the community of Paranapura, where we will appreciate how they live and learn about their customs, always accompanied by our guides, who will act as interpreters for us.

Towards sunset, we will go in search of animals that can only be seen when the sun goes down: alligators, bats, frogs, tarantulas and other species that populate our biodiverse jungle.

Before dinner, you can enjoy live music by the band on board, which will play a varied repertoire of Amazonian, national and international music.



Day 7 | Friday

Yarapa on Ucayali River (Black Water) > Yucuruchi > Amazon River (Origin)

Before breakfast, we will start an excursion by boat, but this time on the Yarapa River, in search of new imposing landscapes and more emblematic species of the Amazon.

Return to Zafiro for breakfast. After breakfast, we will start a walk in Yucuruchi, the area of the Ucayali River, located in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, where numerous species of native animals will be sighted.

Return to the ship. At noon we will offer lunch and then you will

have time to rest before the afternoon outing, a boat trip on the

Amazon River, in search of the curious pink dolphins and other species. Before returning to the ship, appreciate the breathtaking colors of the Amazonian sunset.

Back on the ship, we will have time to rest and relax with live music while we make time before the presentation of the crew and farewell dinner.



Day 8 | Saturday

Disembarkation in Nauta Port

After breakfast, we will proceed to disembark. On your way to the airport, visit Amazon Forever Bio Park, also known as Manatees Rescue Center, where biologists and volunteers care for manatees, an endangered species. Learn how manatees are treated and prepared for their return to their natural habitat. Likewise, other animals are also rescued, treated and reinserted in their natural habitat.

Jungle Experiences actively collaborates with this dedicated organization and think tank. We invite you to do so as well and help this meaningful cause.

Transfer to the airport.



Activities on board

Once on board, your naturalist guide will inform you of all the additional activities you will have during your trip, such as: bird watching at sunrise, preparing a local meal or learning how to prepare Pisco Sour, an emblematic drink of Peru, and much more. Our crew will always encourage you to participate in these activities on board, so that you can learn as much as possible about the amazon jungle.

Includes

- 1-night accommodation Hotel – Iquitos City.
- All meals on board the Zafiro.
- All excursions and equipment (including hiking boots and rain ponchos).
- Transfers from / to the ship when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos. * In case of staying in hotels in the city of Iquitos - inform the sales and reservations department to coordinate the pick-up before or after the tour. (info@junglexperiences.com)
- Entry fee to The Pacaya-Samaria National Reserve.
- Sodas, natural juices, coffee, tea, water, local alcoholic beverages (house wines, beer and pisco cocktails) are included at lunch and dinner.
- Welcome drink: Pisco Sour.

Does not include

- Domestic flights.
- Cost of medical emergencies (including emergency evacuation).
- Tipping etiquette. On board Zafiro cruise, we recommend a tip amount of US \$ 20 to \$ 30 per passenger per night for the crew (which will be divided among all crew members) and a tip amount of US \$ 7 to \$ 10 per passenger per night for the guides * Please note that these amounts are suggested and that this is entirely at the discretion of our guests on board the vessels.
- Any additional transportation services.
- Any additional bar consumption.

Notes

- The proposed itineraries and programs may vary depending on the weather, the river's water level, the migratory cycles of the animals and time changes in recommended flights.
- **Local communities' visits:** the visits will depend on the availability of its inhabitants. We try to avoid the negative effects of the activity on the identity of cultures and protect the environment.
- **Excursions:** before each outing, we offer waterproof rubber boots for your comfort and convenience; and after each departure, they will be returned to the staff for cleaning. We also offer waterproof rain ponchos.
- **Kayaks:** ask your naturalist guide about kayak rides, which will depend on the weather conditions on the days of your trip. You are welcome to sign up for kayak tours at your own risk. These rides take place in calm waters where you can paddle in a relaxed way. Our kayaks are ideal for two passengers.
- **Fishing:** Our fishing policy is based on catch and release.

