

Amazon Adventure & Peru

**Tour limited to 14
Cabins/28 Travelers.
Sign up early!**



October 16-31, 2015

Presented to the staff of Mayo Clinic Rochester, Scottsdale, Jacksonville & Mayo Health Systems

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Friday, October 16 - Depart USA

Depart from the US to Lima, Peru and arrive in the evening.

Saturday, October 17

Lima / Iquitos / Embark La Estrella / Amazon

Tour historic Lima with a visit to the Cathedral, Plaza de Armas and the monastery and catacombs of Iglesia de San Francisco. Fly over the Andes to Iquitos, to board our riverboat - La Estrella. Enjoy stargazing and storytelling with our local guides while cruising slowly on the Amazon River toward the confluence of the Marañon and Ucayali Rivers. **Meals: B, L, D**

Sunday, October 18

Origin of the Amazon River / Rio Ucayali

Wake to the ever-changing panorama of jungle life. Our first exploration, at the origin of this mighty river, navigates the waterways aboard stable excursion boats to areas where we may find marsh birds such as oriole blackbirds, green ibis and yellow-headed caracaras. Venture into the flooded *varzea* in search of a variety of birds, giant water lilies, monkeys and sloths.

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, October 19

Rio Ucayali / Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Explore this tangled realm of forest, rivers and lagoons on foot and aboard excursion boats, looking for pink dolphins and wading birds. Our naturalists will share local lore and explain how pink river dolphins use sound to hunt. While exploring, look for monk saki and squirrel monkeys. **Meals: B, L, D**

Tuesday, October 20

Rio Pacaya / Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

This morning, enjoy a peaceful breakfast along the black-water Sapote Creek. Excursion boats grant us deeper access to this vast wetland as we continue to Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. At night, board excursion boats and perhaps walk in the rainforest for a chance to find caimans, capybaras, common potoos, frogs and nocturnal wildlife. **Meals: B, L, D**



Wednesday, October 21

Rio Pacaya / Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Once reaching the depths of the reserve, hike through the Igapo (seasonably flooded forest). Periodically throughout the year, there are opportunities to release turtle hatchlings. On an afternoon excursion, search for scarlet macaws, hoatzins, black-collared hawks and red howler monkeys. **Meals: B, L, D**

Thursday, October 22

Rio Ucayali / Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Learn about the lives of the Ribereno people during a visit of a village perched on the riverbanks. Stroll through their gardens learning about medicinal plants from the village shaman, tour a school or join in a game of soccer with the villagers. **Meals: B, L, D**

Friday, October 23 - Amazon River

Enjoy an early morning birdwatching excursion along the Yarapa River. After breakfast, try your hand at piranha fishing in Ubos Lake. Back aboard the ship, take in the breeze on the open-air deck while learning to make Peruvian dishes or enjoy a lecture. After nightfall, float peacefully and listen to the symphony of sound from the forest. **Meals: B, L, D**

Expert Naturalist Guides

There's no substitute for experience when it comes to offering travel that's authentic, educational and fun. That's why our hand-selected naturalist guides are highly trained and educated natives, each passionate about their country.



Saturday, October 24 - Iquitos / Lima

Disembark in Iquitos and fly to Lima for an overnight stay.

Meals: B

Sunday, October 25

Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire. Drive into the Sacred Valley for a visit of Awanakancha, a farm of South American camelids and textiles, to see the traditional process of weaving. Stop in Pisac, a town shaped like a partridge and well-known for its craft market and one of the most impressive complex of agricultural terraces of the valley. **Meals: B, L**

Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27

Machu Picchu

Board the train to Machu Picchu and spend the afternoon exploring the ruins. Spend the next two nights in Machu Picchu. **Meals: B, L, D (Oct. 26), Meals: B (Oct. 27)**

Wednesday, October 28

Machu Picchu / Cusco

Enjoy the morning at leisure and lunch at the Café Ikaterra. This afternoon, take the train to Ollantaytambo and transfer to the hotel in Cusco for an overnight stay. **Meals: B, L, D**

Thursday, October 29 - Cusco

Stroll the streets of Cusco and explore the many highlights such as the Coricancha - also known as Temple of the Sun, the Santo Domingo Convent and the Cathedral. The afternoon and evening are free to explore on your own. There are many wonderful restaurant options for dinner in the city. **Meals: B**

Friday, October 30 - Cusco, / Lima

Fly back across the Andes to Lima and gather for a final farewell dinner with your fellow Mayo Clinic travelers.

Meals: B, D

Saturday, October 31 - Lima / Return Home

Depart on an overnight flight shortly after midnight and arrive home the same day.

In-Depth Exploration

When visiting the Amazon, you deserve more than a simple “tour” of this legendary wilderness. Every facet of our voyage has been designed to ensure you aren’t a tourist, but someone who truly experiences the nature and culture of the Amazon.



LA ESTRELLA AMAZONICA

Stay in shape by taking advantage of the ship's onboard Fitness Room.

Enjoy the passing scenery from the open-air Bar and Sun Deck.

Enjoy daily discussions by our naturalists in the air-conditioned Lecture Room - equipped with a 55-inch LCD TV, home theater system, movies and a small library.

The dining room is finished in classic riverboat style with large windows. Tables seat 6-8 guests each.

Fully equipped modern kitchen prepares dishes using fresh, local ingredients.

31-Passenger Ship

- 12 Double Cabins
- 2 Triple Cabins/Suites
- 1 Single Cabin
- 4 Adjoining Cabins on each deck

Guest cabins feature an inviting private balcony.

Generous cabins are approx. 220 sq. ft. and furnished with either one king bed or two beds., two night stands and a desk. Ample storage in the closet and three 220 volt outlets.



OUR JOURNEY



REGISTRATION

Please sign me up for the *Amazon Adventure & Peru!*

- Lower Deck: \$9,525 per person/double*
 \$9,858 per person/double (non-cash payment)
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Your Tour Inclusions

- International economy-class airfare between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Lima
- Domestic/Internal flights within Peru
- Roundtrip transfers between Rochester and MSP
- All transfers in Peru
- Accommodations aboard La Estrella Amazonica and in hotels in Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu & Cusco
- Guided sightseeing
- All meals as indicated in itinerary
- All entrance fees, park fees and government fees & charges
- Services of professional naturalist guides, city guides and a Carrousel Travel escort throughout the trip

Not Included:

- Gratuities to guides
- Travel Insurance
- Airline fuel surcharges (if any)
- Airline baggage fees (if any)
- Items of personal nature
- Anything not listed under Inclusions

Terms & Conditions

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Reservations must be accompanied with a \$1,500 per person deposit and a signed registration form. Payments can be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Carrousel Travel American Express. Final payment is due May 1, 2015. A reminder notice will be sent prior to the final payment date.

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