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## AMAZING AMAZON ADVENTURE

MAY 8-17, 2021

Olivia is thrilled to once again partner with National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions for our 10-day/9-night trip to the Peruvian Amazon. Visit the amazing Amazon on board the beautifully intimate, 28-passenger *Delphin II*. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

## YOUR ITINERARY

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Sunday, May 9, 2021 Lima, Iquitos, and Nauta (embarkation)

Monday-Saturday, May 10-15, 2021 Peruvian Amazon Exploration

Sunday, May 16, 2021 Nauta (disembarkation), Iquitos, and Lima

Lima, Peru

Monday, May 17, 2021 Lima (flights home)

Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED? WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

#### **INCLUDED**

- Seven nights' accommodations on board the Delfin II for 28 guests
- One hotel night in Lima, Peru pre-voyage (with breakfast) and one hotel night in Lima, Peru post-voyage (with breakfast)
- Roundtrip flights (as a group) from Lima to Iquitos and back
- Roundtrip transfers from the Iquitos airport to the ship
- All meals and nonalcoholic beverages on board the ship; complimentary house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner
- Use of skiffs, paddleboards, and kayaks
- All shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees while on board the vessel
- Services of a Lindblad Expeditions leader, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions

  —certified photo instructor, expert guides, and the ship's medic
- All port charges, special access permits, service fees and taxes while on board the ship
- All gratuities to local guides and crew on board the ship
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Air transportation to and from Lima; transfers from airport (hotel is located across the street from Lima airport); personal items and alcoholic beverages such as wine, beer, and cocktails not indicated above; dinner on night of arrival; massage service; medical attention beyond the services of the medic; laundry services; NDAs

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#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### Saturday, May 8, 2021

#### Lima. Peru

Arrive in Lima and spend the night at the Wyndham Costa del Sol. (-/-/-)

## Sunday, May 9, 2021

#### Lima, Iquitos, and Nauta (embarkation)

This morning, we'll have breakfast at the hotel and then go to the airport for our flight to Iquitos. We'll stop for lunch on the way to the riverside town of Nauta, where we embark *Delfin II*. Once on board, you are welcomed by hardwood floors, rattan sofas, indoor air-conditioned lounge, outside viewing area, and graceful, modern design. The enthusiastic naturalists and expedition leader will set the informal tone for your expedition. Our chef will introduce you to Peru's haute cuisine and local delicacies, all prepared with an Amazonian flair. (B/L/D)

#### Monday, May 10, 2021

#### **DAY 1: Exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**

The Pucate River is one of the three main rivers in the reserve. Never does nature seem more bountiful than here in the tropics. The wildlife and the biodiversity are tremendous, and with experienced naturalists at your side, learning about it will come easy. Aboard the skiffs and kayaks, we will explore a black water stream, looking for parrots, macaws, and perhaps monkeys—such as the monk saki, with its gray and black body, naked face, and long shaggy tail. You might also see the saddle-back tamarin whose high chirping notes can easily be confused with those of a flock of birds. (B/L/D)

#### Tuesday, May 11, 2021

## **DAY 2: Exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**

Experience one of the principal ecosystems within the Amazon basin: terra firma. Disembark and hike to see the vegetation and wildlife, distinctly different from the seasonally flooded forests. For those not interested in hiking, it is well worth traveling up-river by skiff. We reach an important junction of the Amazon headwaters, where the Ucayali and Marañon rivers merge to form the mighty Amazon River. Visit the Sapuena village to learn about the life of the ribereños—those who live on the riverbanks. (B/L/D)

#### Wednesday, May 12, 2021

#### DAY 3: Exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

Today we venture to find giant Amazonian water lillies, *Victoria amazonica*. This beautiful aquatic plant grows in small lagoons known as cochas. Hike a trail with excellent bird watching and learn about caciques and oropendolas. At the junction of the El Dorado River, look for dolphins and see abundant birdlife. Sharp eyes may find an iguana lazing in the sun and sloths hanging in the upper canopy or squirrel monkeys jumping from tree to tree. We return to *Delfin II* after sunset to see nocturnal life along the river. (B/L/D)

#### **Thursday, May 13, 2021**

#### **DAY 4: Exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**

Sail further into the heart of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Hike through a rich ecosystem, passing through a classical tropical rain forest. Biologically, this kind of forest is probably one of the richest habitats on earth, supporting the most species of plants and animals per unit area. The goal is to reach the giant *Ceiba* (or "kapok") tree, with its immense trunk diameter. By skiff you'll depart for the furthest point in the journey, up the Pacaya River to Yanayacu Lagoon. The waters of this lake originate in the very heart of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This rain-forest wilderness is home to red howler and capuchin monkeys, three-toed sloths, and numerous species of parrots. (B/L/D)

## Friday and Saturday, May 14-15, 2021

## DAYS 5-6: Exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

By skiff you'll head into a quiet lagoon in search of the shorebirds and wildlife that appear only at this time of year. When the river is very low, huge white sandy beaches emerge and young, sometimes temporary, river islands form, creating special ecosystems favorable to sand pipers, terns, and kingfishers. By skiff you'll also stop at

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Puerto Miguel Village to learn about their culture, traditions, and folklore. Back aboard, the talented staff on *Delfin II* will delight you with some live music on one night. (B/L/D)

## Sunday, May 16, 2021

## Nauta (disembarkation), Iquitos, and Lima

After lunch we disembark and return to Iquitos by bus for your group flight to Lima. In Lima, we proceed to the Wyndham Costa del Sol Hotel for the night. After checking into the Wyndham, we will visit the Museo Larco museum of pre-Columbian artifacts and then have dinner at the museum's café. If you are departing Lima tonight you will have a day room to rest before departing on your late evening flight. (B/L/D)

#### Monday, May 17, 2021

Lima

After breakfast this morning, we proceed to the airport in Lima for flights home or on to other adventures. (B/-/-)

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## PER-PERSON PRICING

Suite Early Bird: \$10,599 PP Regular: \$13,599 PP

Located on the Main and Upper Decks, these suites offer views from large picture windows.

#### Master Suite Early Bird: \$11,899 PP Regular: \$15,999 PP

Located on the Main and Upper Decks, these suites offer 180-degree vista views from a curved wall of windows.

#### PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDAs (TAXES, FEES, GRATUITIES): \$499 PP

## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

This is an expedition trip, with opportunities for long skiff rides, kayaking, paddleboarding, and hiking. There are staircases on the ship to get on and off the skiffs and to get from one deck to another (three decks, no elevators). Guests must be able to walk uphill, downhill, and on uneven surfaces and take the stairs daily without assistance.

#### TRAVEL

You will need to fly in and out of Lima, Peru (LIM). Flights can arrive anytime on May 8 (hotel check-in begins at 3 pm) and departures can be any time after 11:30 pm on May 16, or the following day, May 17 (hotel checkout is 12 noon).

**Airfare:** Please check our airline discounts page for the latest discounts available approximately 11 months prior to trip: <a href="http://olivia.com/Travel/CalendarContent/AirfareDeals.aspx">http://olivia.com/Travel/CalendarContent/AirfareDeals.aspx</a>







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