



# 6D/5N ZAFIRO AMAZON JOURNEY HIGH RIVER SEASON





# ITINERARY

DAY BY DAY



On board the **Zafiro Cruise**, you will create different adventures because it leads you on a special trip through the Amazon rainforest, which contains over 1000 animal species and 1000 plant species, while scientists keep finding new species in this area.

## 📍 DAY 1- WEDNESDAY. ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Your Amazon adventure begins in Iquitos, a vibrant city surrounded by lush rainforest and accessible only by air or river. The airport will send you to your hotel, where you can unwind while taking in the tropical surroundings before your cruise. Spend your free time at night by visiting the waterfront area or trying Peruvian-Amazonian food. The overnight stay serves as an ideal starting point for jungle exploration because it enables travelers to rest before their incredible Amazon River expedition.

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Overnight Double Tree Hotel Or Similar

## 📍 DAY 2 (SATURDAY): IQUITOS, AMAZON RIVER

After breakfast, our staff will pick you up to take you to the dock for your cruise departure. The route includes a panoramic city tour, which reveals the attractive features of this Amazonian city. Once aboard, settle into your suite and sip a refreshing cocktail on the observation deck as the journey begins. The region will be introduced to you through Naturalist guides who will explain the itinerary and geographical features, and ecological systems. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner highlighting Amazonian flavors, followed by stargazing as the ship sails deeper into the rainforest.

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## DAY 3 (SUNDAY): AMAZON RIVER, KUKAMA RESERVE (YANAYACU OF YUCAPANA), SOURCE OF THE AMAZON - MARAÑÓN RIVER, CASUAL, NAUTA CREEK.

Start your day with a scenic picnic breakfast along the Yanayacu River in Pucate, part of the untouched Pacaya Samiria Reserve—home to the iconic pink river dolphins. The calm waters offer an ideal environment for canoeing, while adventurous swimmers can dive into the water. The presentation about Amazonian philosophy will continue after lunch when the group returns to the boat. The village of San Regis offers visitors a chance to meet with a local shaman who will present his knowledge about rainforest healing plants and traditional rituals, and daily life in the forest. The visit ends with a tree-planting event before guests return to the ship for dining and live entertainment, and a preview of upcoming activities.

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## DAY 4 (MONDAY): YANAYACU OF PUCATE, JAPANESE LAGOON, YANAYAQUILLO, SAN REGIS, AMAZONIAN NATURAL PARK

The day begins with a skiff journey across lakes and lagoons, which leads to the peaceful Japanese Lagoon, an excellent location for dolphin observation and birdwatching. The Pacaya Samiria Reserve offers its visitors the chance to enjoy a picnic lunch while experiencing one of its most intact natural areas. Later, head to Yanaquillo for a kayaking session and swim in the calm black waters. The afternoon activities begin with a philosophical discussion about Amazonian spirituality and worldview, followed by a treetop walk, which features breathtaking views of the jungle canopy through hanging bridges. End the day with a cocktail-making demo and live music before the captain's gala dinner.

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## DAY 5 (TUESDAY): MARAÑÓN RIVER, SAN REGIS, SHIRIYACU LAKE

The San Regis community serves as the main location for our cultural exploration today. You will encounter a local shaman who will show you their spiritual practices and their methods for healing. The symbolic tree planting ceremony serves as an active way to support reforestation projects. Local women will display their handmade crafts at a small market, a chance to connect with the community's creativity. The afternoon activities begin with learning about Amazonian myths and legends before heading out for piranha fishing on the Shiryacu stream. The evening will bring you back to the ship for sunset views and live music, and dinner onboard.

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## DAY 6 (WEDNESDAY): MARAÑÓN RIVER, NAUTA, DISEMBARK IN NAUTA, IQUITOS AIRPORT

The last morning of your trip begins in Nauta with a motorcycle taxi ride through the lively local market, which shows you how people live in this river city. Back onboard, enjoy a last breakfast before disembarkation. The Manatee Rescue Center exists as an essential stop that you need to visit during your trip to the airport. The educational program demonstrates how professionals rescue animals before setting them free into the wild, which creates a meaningful conclusion to your Amazon adventure.

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# RATES

**From \$4175**  
per person



## Includes

- Guided tours
- Bilingual guide
- Mentioned activities
- Emergency contact 24/7
- Transfers airport - hotel - airport
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Accommodation in double rooms
- Machu Picchu Entrance Fee is subject to availability
- Bus Tickets (Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes )
- Vista Dome Train Tickets (Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes) (Aguas Calientes to Poroy)



## Not Includes

- Domestic Flights
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Cost of medical emergencies.

### **Hotels:**

**Iquitos:** Double Tree Hotel

**Cruise:** on board the **Zafiro cruise**

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Lima, known for its world-class gastronomy and historic UNESCO-listed center.
- Discover Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, with its unique blend of Inca and colonial architecture.
- Experience the colorful Pisac Market and connect with Andean traditions through local textiles and handicrafts.
- Explore the remarkable fortress and living Inca town of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime visit to Machu Picchu, the legendary Lost City of the Incas.
- Explore lush rainforest trails teeming with wildlife, including monkeys, macaws, caimans, and giant river otters.
- Enjoy canopy towers and hanging bridges for panoramic views of the rainforest canopy.
- Participate in night walks to discover the Amazon's unique nocturnal species.

# TRAVEL TIPS

- Wear comfortable shoes, as you'll explore archaeological sites with uneven terrain.
- Bring lightweight jackets and multiple clothing items because weather conditions between Cusco and Pisac, and Ollantaytambo shift quickly.
- Stay hydrated, especially at higher altitudes. Carry a reusable water bottle.
- Use sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat, as the Andean sun can be strong.
- Carry cash, ideally in small bills, for purchases at local markets.
- Keep electronics in waterproof bags to avoid moisture damage during boat trips or rain showers.
- Bring binoculars and a camera with a good zoom for birdwatching and wildlife photography.

# WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- Peru's weather varies by region and altitude. Lima offers a mild coastal climate with cooler, humid mornings and warmer afternoons. In contrast, Cusco and the Sacred Valley experience cooler highland conditions, with warm, sunny days and chilly nights.
- Puerto Maldonado has a warm, humid tropical climate year-round, typical of the Amazon rainforest. Temperatures generally range between 22°C and 32°C (72°F to 90°F), with high humidity.

## **Fitness Requirements**

Moderate fitness is recommended. The itinerary includes walking tours and hikes. Participants should be comfortable with humidity and occasional uneven terrain.

# FAQS

## **1. Do I need to present my passport during the tour?**

Yes. You will need your passport for the train ride and for entering Machu Picchu.

## **2. Is lunch included during the Sacred Valley day?**

Lunch is not included. You'll have a scheduled stop in Urubamba, where you can choose from several restaurant options.

## **3. How strenuous is the tour?**

The tour involves moderate walking on uneven terrain, especially at Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Altitude may also make the walk feel more demanding.

## **4. Is the train to Aguas Calientes included?**

Yes, the train ride is included. The scheduled departure is around 4:30 p.m., but times may vary.

## **5. Is electricity available at jungle lodges?**

Most lodges provide limited electricity—often a few hours in the morning and evening for charging devices. Check with your lodge for exact details.

## **6. What kind of wildlife can I expect to see?**

You may encounter monkeys, birds, giant river otters, caimans, butterflies, and—if you're lucky—tapirs or jaguars. Wildlife sightings vary with the weather and season.

## **7. Are there ATMs in Puerto Maldonado?**

ATMs are available in the town, but not in remote lodges. Bring enough cash for extras and tips before heading into the jungle.



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