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Delfin III Amazon Cruise — 4 Days

Four days on the Mara  n aboard a Relais & Ch  teaux river ship, inside the largest protected wetland in the Peruvian Amazon.

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DURATION

4 days / 3 nights

ROUTE

Nauta to Nauta, on the
R  o Mara  n

DEPARTURE

Fly Lima–Iquitos and
back; transfers

LODGING

Delfin III — 22 suites,
44 guests, Relais &

FROM

\$4,200 per person

Suite (main deck) \$4,200 · Upper Suite (upper deck) \$4,400 · Corner Suite \$4,700 · Owner's Suite \$5,400

The Delfin III is the largest of the three Delfin vessels — twenty-two suites for forty-four guests, built in the Iquitos docks by local shipwrights and run as a Relais & Ch  teaux property. It works the R  o Mara  n out of Nauta, at the southern edge of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, and the arrangement is simple: the ship is your hotel, and the wildlife watching happens from skiffs and kayaks that leave from its stern twice a day.

Pacaya-Samiria protects a little over two million hectares of seasonally flooded forest between the Mara  n and the Ucayali — the largest reserve in Peru and the largest protected flooded forest in the Amazon basin. What that means in practice is water everywhere, and animals concentrated along its edges: pink river dolphins and the smaller grey tucuxi surfacing beside the skiff, hoatzins crashing about in the riverside vegetation, macaws crossing at first light, and sloths and monk saki monkeys in the branches over the channels.

TARGET SPECIES

Hoatzin
Wattled Jacana
Ringed Kingfisher
Capped Heron
Blue-and-yellow Macaw
Red-bellied Macaw
Yellow-headed Caracara
Point-tailed Palmcreeper
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Ladder-tailed Nightjar

Horned Screamer
Black-collared Hawk
Amazon Kingfisher
Green Ibis
Scarlet Macaw
Festive Parrot
Greater Ani
Oriole Blackbird
Russet-backed Oropendola
Sunbittern

DAY BY DAY

Day 1 — Iquitos, Nauta and the first night out

You are met at Iquitos airport and driven the 95 km of paved road south to Nauta, where the Delfin III is moored. After boarding, orientation and dinner, the first skiff goes out after dark for a night safari — caimans, frogs, nightjars and potoos along the banks.

Day 2 — Amazon Natural Park and the Yanayacu-Pucate

The morning is a visit to the Amazon Natural Park and a ceremony with a local shaman. In the afternoon the skiffs run into the Yanayacu-Pucate river system inside the reserve, with kayaking on the quieter channels and piranha fishing where the water allows.

Day 3 — Fundo Casual and the Unión de los Ríos

A trail walk at Fundo Casual on terra firme — high ground that never floods, and a completely different set of birds from the várzea. Later a community visit and the Unión de los Ríos, the confluence where the Marañón and the Ucayali become the Amazon.

Day 4 — Disembarkation

A last morning on board, then disembarkation at Nauta with a stop at the tropical fish aquarium and the meliponas — the stingless native bees — before the transfer to Iquitos airport.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- 3 nights aboard the Delfin III in the suite category you choose
- All meals on board — box lunch and dinner on arrival day, all meals on full days, breakfast and box lunch on departure day
- All excursions with the vessel's bilingual naturalist guides
- Excursion equipment, including rubber boots and rain ponchos
- Kayaks and skiffs
- Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve entrance fee
- Natural juices, soft drinks, coffee, tea and water
- Selected spirits, domestic beer, and house wine with lunch and dinner
- Airport transfers between Iquitos and the port of Nauta on Delfin's recommended LATAM flights

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from Iquitos
- Gratuities (Delfin suggests USD 250 per guest on the 3-night programme)
- Travel insurance and any medical or evacuation costs
- Additional bar consumption, premium spirits and minibar
- Boutique purchases
- Any transport beyond the included airport transfers

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