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Delfin III Amazon Cruise — 5 Days

Five days up the Ucayali and into the Pacaya River — the deepest water the Delfin III reaches inside Pacaya-Samiria.

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DURATION

5 days / 4 nights

ROUTE

Nauta to Nauta, on the
Río Ucayali and the

DEPARTURE

Fly Lima–Iquitos and
back; transfers

LODGING

Delfin III — 22 suites,
44 guests, Relais &

FROM

\$5,600 per person

Suite (main deck) \$5,600 · Upper Suite (upper deck) \$5,800 · Corner Suite \$6,200 · Owner's Suite \$7,200

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 & Châteaux property. On this itinerary it runs up the Río Ucayali from Nauta and turns into the Pacaya River, the deepest reach of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve open to visitors, 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 Marañón 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 embarkation

Met at Iquitos airport and driven the 95 km south to Nauta to board. Orientation, dinner, and a documentary on the reserve and the river before an early night.

Day 2 — Yanallpa and Dorado

A dawn skiff up the Yanallpa for macaws, hoatzins and monkeys along the flooded margins. In the afternoon the Dorado River, with kayaking on the quiet water and a night safari after dinner.

Day 3 — A full day on the Pacaya River

The heart of the cruise: a long push into the Pacaya, where the channels narrow and the forest closes in. Pink river dolphins are most reliable here, and there is time to swim near them from the skiffs.

Day 4 — Yarapa and Fundo Casual

Skiff exploration of the Yarapa, a visit to a river community and its schoolhouse, and the Amazon confluence. In the afternoon, the terra firme trail at Fundo Casual.

Day 5 — Disembarkation

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- 4 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 320 per guest on the 4-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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