



DELFIN

CRUISE THE *Amazon*

EXPEDITION CRUISING
UPPER AMAZON, PERU



WHEN CHANGING THE WAY YOU LOOK AT
THE WORLD IS ONE OF YOUR TRAVEL GOALS,
WHEN AUTHENTICITY MATTERS MORE THAN
THE ORDINARY, EXPERIENCE THE AMAZON
RAINFOREST IN STYLE BECAUSE WE HAVE TAKEN
PERSONALIZED BOUTIQUE TRAVEL AND SERVICES
ONE STEP BEYOND THE EXPECTED.
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A PERSONAL DREAM

Delfin Amazon Cruises was launched in early 2006 by its founder and CEO, Aldo Macchiavello. The company is the culmination of a dream shared with his wife Lissy Urteaga: run a boutique travel business for sophisticated travelers in their amazing country, Peru.

ALDO & LISSY are fully dedicated to personally running the business armed with extensive international travel experience and a taste for casual yet refined travel. Aldo, a graduate of Purdue University's Krannert Graduate School of Management and with 25 years in the banking sector, has in-depth knowledge of Peru and a passion for tourism. He brings to the business a unique combination of professionalism and vision. Lissy is blessed with unlimited creativity, imagination for details and a natural ability to make guests feel at home. With a background in art and interior design, she adds just the right combination of exclusivity and charm.



THE AMAZON

rainforest is named after the Amazon River, the live force of the jungle. It is a unique ecosystem that harbors 1/3 of all living species in the world! The total extent of this incomparable tropical jungle is estimated in comparison to the complete land area of the United States. 28 billion gallons of its waters flow into the Atlantic every minute, diluting the salinity of the ocean for more than 100 miles offshore. The Amazon watershed is home to the world's highest biodiversity, with more species of plants and animals than any other terrestrial ecosystem on the planet. Its range is so astounding that scientists continue to regularly discover new species of flora and fauna.

PACAYA SAMIRIA

is the second largest national reserve in Peru, spanning more than 5 million acres. Known also as the mirror forest, it is the largest protected flooded forest in the world, making it one of the prime intact swaths of rainforest in the Peruvian Amazon. During the rainy season in the Andes, the water level rises, flooding 85% of the reserve and making it only accessible by boat. It is like no other protected area in Peru and is directly linked to the economic well-being of a large native resident population. At least 100,000 Ribereños--people living along its riverbanks--rely on its aquatic and terrestrial resources for food and income.





OUR VESSELS THRIVE IN SPLENDID HARMONY
WITH NATURE AND ITS SPECTACULAR
SURROUNDINGS, AND OUR GUESTS APPRECIATE
THE “NONCRUISE” ATMOSPHERE AND THE
SENSE THAT YOU ARE ON BOARD TO EXPLORE
ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST INTRIGUING
ENVIRONMENTS.

We set the highest standards for impeccable service, unique style and superb cuisine. Our vessels take you one step beyond luxury, where comfort and grace combine effortlessly with the wilderness of the Amazon in a setting of understated elegance and world-class hospitality.







DELFIN I is the most exclusive vessel that sails in the Peruvian Amazon region, offering just 4 exclusive oversized suites with panoramic private terraces; 2 of these offer a private whirlpool for the ultimate treat.

Travelers will be spoiled by the floor-to-ceiling windows that allow nature to be part of the natural suite décor. 3 times daily cabin service will ensure you the most optimal personalized service possible.

On the top deck, guests will find a lounge area, bar and entertainment center which are perfect places to relax in while the jungle unfolds before their eyes.

Of course, not all time is spent onboard. On the Delfin I, guests can get out on the water with the kayaks and our new stand up paddleboards.



Delfin I: Deluxe Master Suite with Plunge Pool



Delfin I: Observation Deck





DELFIN II is our Expedition Cruise vessel launched in March 2009 with 14 oversized suites: 4 master suites and 10 suites. Each with movie screen sized windows and natural elements, they offer all the comforts provided by world class lodging yet with the spirit of casual and refined elegance.

The dining room, observation deck and lounge, bar, entertainment center, and library are the ideal gathering places for all our guests.

To compliment your daily excursions in the rainforest, we welcome you to enrich your body while on board by making use of our newly restored exercise space. Whether you enjoy aerobic exercises or cardio, our gym resources are available at your disposal. Better yet, the floor to ceiling window allows so you never miss a second of the vibrant jungle scenery outside.

Wellness and healing continues with our spa services. Surrounded by the lush natural surroundings of the Amazon, we encourage you to dive into the benefits of rainforest remedial philosophies and therapies. Our wellness specialist is happy to accommodate your schedule at any time, and depending on your preference, you can rejuvenate in our spa room or find your zen in the comfort and privacy of your suite.

Finally, we welcome you to our lovely enclosed lecture room and lounge, which was warmly designed and carefully supervised by owner Lissy Urteaga. It is a great space to read a book, play boardgames, and relax. The room is equipped with a full set of media equipment and print materials as well so you can learn more about the wonderful Peruvian Amazon.



Delfin II: Master Suite



Delfin II: Open Air Lounge

MEMORABLE DINING

goes hand in hand with a Delfin experience. Peruvian cuisine is considered one of the world's finest and reflects the country's intrinsic cultural diversity.

Welcome to our gastronomic adventure where our dedicated staff pride themselves on carefully preparing contemporary Creole plates and offer exceptional service for your ultimate indulgence.

The Amazon's wild choices of fresh ingredients and the gentle blend of worldly immigrant traditions will enchant your taste buds.

Handmade plate ware, locally made table decorations changing from meal to meal and instrumental music performed by our staff create the ambiance to make each meal an unforgettable experience.



Enrollado de Tucunaré



Causa, 4-layered Peruvian potato salad



Ice cream made with regional tropical fruits



Freshly pressed Amazonian fruit juices daily



Delfin II: Dining Room

THE CREW of the Delfin I and Delfin II is one of our deepest prides. Our standards are high. Once you travel with us, your expectations will be forever changed. Our guides, skippers, chefs and crew members--many of them native Amazonians--are experienced and trained professionals as well as charming travel companions. With a high ratio of crew for every passenger, they provide our guests personal and undivided attention.









Kayaking



Birdwatching

ACTIVITIES

with Delfin Amazon Cruises match your destination, itinerary, and travel dreams in the Amazon. Your expedition cruising journey takes off on arrival in Iquitos where we will personally pick you up and take you to our vessel. There, you will experience an ideal combination of natural wonders, dramatic scenery, indigenous cultural history, and a relaxed and self-contained way to explore the Amazon, all while sightseeing nature at its best.



Skiff Explorations



Canopy Walking



Stand Up Paddleboarding



Piranha Fishing



Night Safari



Caiman Spotting

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is key in the Amazon jungle, the largest track of tropical rainforest in the Americas and. More than 1/3 of all the species recorded in the world are found in the Amazon Basin; one in 5 of all birds on earth live in this extraordinary habitat. This is the largest collection of living plants and animal species on the planet. What's more, it is estimated that many thousands of species are yet to be discovered, proven by regular findings by scientists. Among the most mysterious are the pink and gray dolphins found in many tributaries, lakes and along the main rivers.



Howler Monkey



Three toe Sloth



Water Hyacinth



Caiman Lizard



Pink River Dolphin

COMMUNITIES

found in this setting are lively and flush with activity. The people in the Amazon have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years and their lifestyles and cultures are well adapted to and integrated with this rich environment.

Contrary to popular belief, their daily living does not significantly harm their home environment. Their work day is mostly occupied by subsistence activities such as fishing, small-scale agriculture, gathering and hunting. Their survival depends on their intimate relationship with their natural surroundings.





CRUISES

in the Amazon all the while protecting this delicate and precious piece of nature and all the life that lives in it is our full commitment. Our goal is to provide the highest level of service possible and to create a memorable, unparalleled experience in one of the world's last frontiers. Your Amazon journey takes off on arrival in Iquitos in the northern Peruvian jungle. After a 1.5 hour flight from Lima, we will pick you up at the airport in the afternoon and take you to our private embarkation port in Nauta (1.5 hours south of Iquitos airport) where your adventure experiencing exuberance, dramatic scenery and wilderness begins.

OUR PROGRAMS:

Delfin I:

3 nights: departs on Mondays

4 nights: departs on Thursdays

Delfin II:

3 nights: departs on Sundays

4 nights: departs on Wednesdays

TAILOR-MADE CHARTERS allow us to personalize your Amazon voyage. In addition to our regular itineraries, we can create a unique, fully custom-designed program just for you and your loved ones. Bird watching, professional fishing, and deep exploration of jungle trails are just some examples of specialized daily excursions we can arrange for your specific group's interests, skills, and sense of adventure.

SEASONS:

At the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, there are 2 main seasons:

High water season: November to May. Ideal for the Senior traveler that prefers to go further into the reserve onboard speed boats to see the landscapes and wildlife.

Low water season: June to October. Ideal for the Active traveler that prefers to walk through the rainforest and discover its flora and fauna.



DELFIN I

Deck Plan

Delfin I – Deck Plan

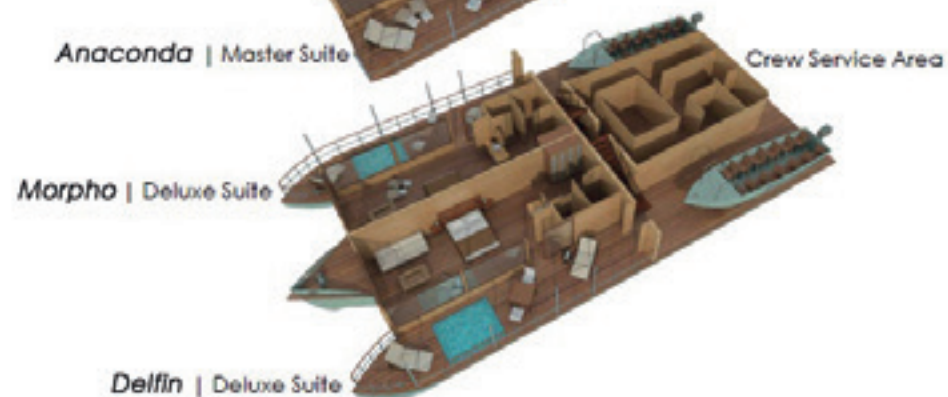
TOP OBSERVATION DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK





DELFIN I

Latest updates: Refurbished in 2010

Type of vessel: River vessel

Port of Embarkation: City of Nauta

Vessel's Registry: Peru

Length: 67 feet

Beam: 33 feet

Draft: 5'8"

Capacity: 8 passengers / 12 passengers maximum

Generator: Caterpillar, 45KW (encapsulated)

Engine: Cummins 285HP diesel turbo boosted

Cruising Speed: Average 8 knots

Water: Water treatment plant with 5.0 cubic meter capacity

Sewage Waters: 2.5 cubic meter septic tank

Radio Communication: VHF, UHF and satellite phone on board

Launch Boats: 2 aluminum 10 passenger skiffs equipped with four stroke low emission Mercury 60HP engines + radio communications with main vessel, life jackets and flares

Life Jackets: one per passenger, available in each Suite

DELFIN II

Deck Plan

Delfín II – Deck Plan

TOP OBSERVATION DECK

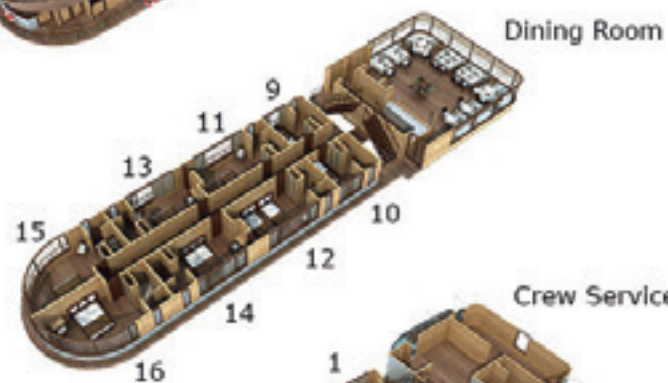


UPPER DECK

Master Suites (15, 16)

Suites (11, 12, 13, 14)

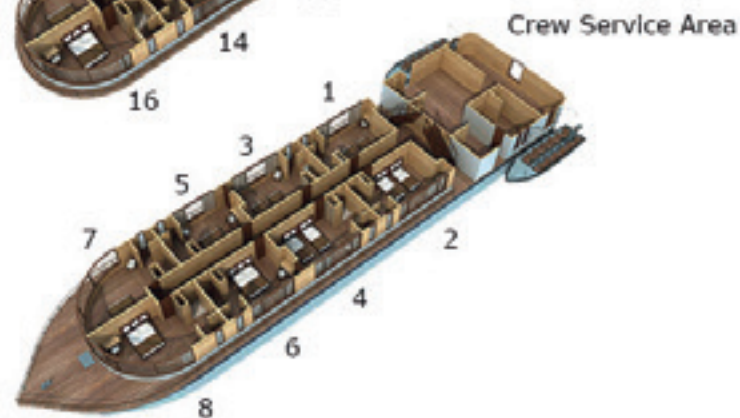
Tour Conductor Cabin (9, 10)



MAIN DECK

Master Suites (7, 8)

Suites (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)





DELFIN II

Year Built: 2009

Type of vessel: River vessel

Port of Embarkation: City of Nauta

Vessel's Registry: Peru

Length: 135 feet

Beam: 32 feet

Draft: 8'25"

Capacity: 30 passengers

Generator: 2 Caterpillars, 55KW each (encapsulated)

Engine: Caterpillar C12 385HP eco-electronic

Cruising Speed: Average 8.20 knots

Water: Water treatment plant with 7.0 cubic meter capacity

Sewage Waters: Sewage treatment plant

Radio Communication: VHF, UHF and satellite phone on board

Launch Boats: 3 aluminum 10 passenger skiffs (+1 for emergencies with four stroke low emission Mercury 15HP engine) equipped with four stroke low emission Mercury 60HP engines + radio communications with main vessel, life jackets and flares

Life Jackets: one per passenger, available in each Suite



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