



**DELFIN**  
CRUISE THE *Amazon*



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# DELFIN II

4 Night

# TECHNICAL ITINERARY

HOUR	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Summary	Arrival to Iquitos, transfer to Nauta, embarkation	AM: Las Palmas PM: Yanayacu Pucate / Yanayaquillo Creek	AM: Amazon Natural Park PM: Palm Forest	AM: Samiria River PM: Confluence & San Francisco / Piranha Creek	Disembarkation & Manatee Center and transfer to Iquitos
06:00		<b>Las Palmas:</b> Birdwatching & sloth exploration	<b>Amazon Natural Park:</b> Natural walk to learn about medicinal plants	<b>Samiria River:</b> Skiff excursion with picnic breakfast	Buffet breakfast
07:00		Buffet breakfast			Disembarkation & transfer to Iquitos
08:30		<b>Yanayacu Pucate:</b> Community visit, kayaking & swimming	Return to boat	Return to boat	<b>Rescue &amp; Rehabilitation Center:</b> manatees
11:00					Arrive to the airport and farewell
12:00	Arrive to the city of Iquitos	Return to boat			
12:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00	Arrive at Nauta city, VIP, reception at our private port		<b>Palm Forest:</b> Skiff exploration in search of wildlife	<b>Confluence &amp; San Francisco:</b> Skiff exploration & community visit	
15:30	Embarkation				
16:00	Orientation	<b>Yanayaquillo Creek:</b> Skiff excursion	Return to boat	<b>Piranha Creek:</b> Skiff excursion	
17:00	<b>Pahuachiro:</b> Skiff excursion				
18:30		Return to boat		Return to boat	
19:00	Dinner	Dinner		Farewell dinner	
19:30	<b>Nauta Caño:</b> Night Safari	<b>Yachay:</b> Shaman Ceremony	Dinner	<b>Puerto Prado:</b> Nature night walk	

## NOTES:

\*This schedule of activities is subject to change due to weather and river conditions. Please consult with your naturalist guide any last minute changes or questions.

**Inclusions on Delfin II:** Natural juices, soda, coffee, tea, water, beer, house cocktails, Pisco cocktails & sours, house wines with lunch and dinner.

# DAY 1

## PM:

- Arrive to the Amazon city of Iquitos
- Embarkation
- Happy Hour and orientation
- Pahuachiro
- Nauta Caño



### **Arrive to the Amazon city of Iquitos:**

Our crew will be expecting your arrival at the airport, then transfer all together in our comfortable private vehicle. We will start you off with a lunchbox as we begin the journey to Nauta.

### **Arrive to Nauta port:**

Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañón River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. Once we reach Nauta, you will enjoy a VIP greeting at our private port along the shores of the Marañón River where the vessel awaits you.

### **Embarkation:**

Aboard Delfin, you will be served by our qualified staff who will introduce you to your exquisite and cozy suite, specially equipped with all the amenities for the experienced traveler as yourself. Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, pillows of 100% pure natural latex, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, and private bathroom with Spanish style hot water showers are all framed with a spacious private terrace we are sure you will enjoy to the fullest.

### **Happy Hour and orientation:**

While the Delfin begins its initial navigation, you will enjoy the most fantastic panoramic views from the elegantly outfitted observation area located on our third deck. Your naturalist guide will give you an overview of your journey's schedule, activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation to keep your eye out for, geographical and historical background, and other useful details.

### **Pahuachiro:**

We head down into the Marañón River to a location known as Pahuachiro. This lovely spot is an ideal place to spend some time in search of birds and playful monkeys. As your naturalist guide spots various creatures for you, The landscape adorned by the usual colors of the sun's reflections is a great photo opportunity as you witness your first Amazon Rainforest Sunset.

### **Nauta Caño:**

Nauta Caño Creek is known for squirrel and silver back tamarillo monkeys, birds, dolphins, and even sloths! We will skim the riverbanks for small caimans and spiders, as well as insects of all colors, shapes and sizes.



# DAY 2

## AM:

- Las Palmas.

## PM:

- Yanaycu Pucate  
- Yanayaquillo.

## Night:

- Yachay



### Las Palmas:

On your first morning with us, we recommend getting up early to appreciate one of the most important zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Never does nature seem more bountiful than in the tropics, and early rising is always rewarding since wildlife is most abundant and active with the rising of the sun. The early morning hours are the best time of day to watch birds, observe their special displays and listen to their songs. We will jump on the skiffs and head to this area with large trees and old palm trees as well, these components favor the presence of several parrot species. This particular spot also has a great number of other birds of different species. We will look for the famous hoatzins nesting a few feet above water, and perhaps a sloth or two of the three toed kind.

### Yanayacu Pucate:

You will start cruising through the Yanayacu and Pucate Rivers, peeking into different creeks and lagoons. This is one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will use his expert eye to pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. If you want to interact directly with the waters of the Amazon, go out on one of our kayaks or paddle boards. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the jungle river along with the famous pink dolphins!

### Yanayaquillo:

After a delicious lunch you will start cruising through the creeks of Yanayaquillo, peeking into different creeks and lagoons. This is one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will use his expert eye to pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so we won't be the only one enjoying our happy meal here.

### Yachay:

The village of Yachay is a flyspeck that receives few outside visitors, and even fewer come to seek out the Shaman, Carola. Carola is known far and wide in the rainforest, leading a normal village life with her wood carver husband, while at the same time acting as spiritual caretaker and healer to literally hundreds of jungle dwellers spread over many roadless miles. Her prestige and position are beyond reproach. The role of shaman is often misunderstood in the west, associated with black magic, and spells. While these things all have their place, the actual practitioners are as varied as in any profession. Carola is known as a "White" shaman, a healer and spiritual guide.

# DAY 3

## AM:

- Amazon Park.

## PM:

- Palm Forest



### Amazon Natural Park:

This very unique opportunity, you will get to the only Canopy Walkway in this area, an experience unequalled in the rainforest! At a height of over 25 meters (85 feet) and extending for 500 meters (one-third of a mile), the Canopy Walkway provides a view of the rainforest from the treetops, the best vantage point for observing Amazon wildlife and vegetation. The Canopy Walkway is accessible to all and requires no special skills or equipment. The suspended walkway is spread between 14 of the area's largest rainforest trees and is one of the longest canopy walkways in the world. You will enjoy "Terra Firma" forest. of a local ribereño is eye-opening to how far we have come in this day and age and a reflection of how simple yet rewarding life is for others.

### Palm Forest:

This day you will have reached our main goal, the Palm Forest at the very heart of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, Peru's largest protected area with a mean annual rainfall of nearly 3,000 millimeters, by far the largest protected wetland reserve in the world. Filled with lakes, palm swamps, and streams, the reserve becomes a flooded forest in the rainy season and is sure to be one of the most beautiful places you'll ever visit. You will also have the chance to swim in one of the pristine Amazon lagoons in this wonderful region!



# DAY 4

## AM:

- Samiria River.

## PM:

- Confluence.

- San Francisco.

- Piranha Creek.

- Puerto Prado.



### **Samiria River:**

Our skiffs skim the Samiria River and its tributaries, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rainforest, such as blue and yellow macaws, scarlet macaws, toucans, umbrella birds, monkeys, and river otters, capybaras and more. Our naturalists and his expert eye pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so we won't be the only one enjoying the plethora of fish below.

### **Confluence of the 3 rivers:**

Better known as the "Union de los Rios" we will toast and witness the distinguished colors of the 3 rivers. It is known that the Ucayali River, which in turn confluences with the Marañón River upstream of Iquitos, Peru, to form what countries other than Brazil consider to be the main stem of the Amazon River. Great photo opportunity as you witness your first Amazon Rainforest Sunset.

### **San Francisco community:**

On board our skiffs, you will visit the community of San Francisco to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. You may step into a typical schoolhouse where the children will be very happy to have visitors, and then stop by an area to see the women of this community who have a most amazing arts & craft market.

### **Piranha Creek:**

We head down into the Marañón River to a location known as Piraña Caño. We had the option to explore the creek either by kayak or by skiff, and they were both fantastic choices! This lovely creek which leads to a lagoon is an ideal place to spend some time in search of birds and playful monkeys. As your naturalist guide spots various creatures for you, also try to pinpoint some yourself now that you've been in the jungle for a few days and have trained your eye a bit! Kayakers will endure the feeling of paddling down the river with only the noises of the forest as your companion. As for the skiff riders, the encounters with wildlife are abundant. The landscape adorned by the usual colors of the sun's reflections by whichever mode of transportation is stunning. So sit back and enjoy the beauty of the Amazon forest!

### **Puerto Prado:**

With an orange moon rising—a perfect time for a night walk! As we explore the area look for frogs and birds, and we found insects of all colors, sizes, and shapes! As night approaches your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caiman alligators and night birds.

# DAY 5

## AM:

- Disembarkation.
- The Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA).
- Airport departure.



### **Disembarkation:**

With heavy hearts, the staff will wish you farewell as you begin your departure. At the port of Nauta, our ground crew will be waiting to take you by our private vehicle back to the city of Iquitos, about 95 kilometers journey by paved road.

### **The Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA):**

On our way from Nauta back to Iquitos airport, you will visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA) where you will have the chance to meet baby manatees and learn about these wonderful and docile creatures and why they are on the endangered species list. As well, there are also some other animals cared for by the center that have been rescued from capture for the intention of being turned into pets and other threatening conditions. We welcome you to donate to this ambitious organization and education center as you wish. Our land personnel will wait for you at the airport and give your boarding passes and help you check in.

### **Airport departure:**

Our staff will be on hand to help you with your luggage and check in at Crnl. FAP Francisco Secada Vignetta International Airport in Iquitos. The return flight will take you directly to the city of Lima, the capital of Peru. At the security gate, your guide and Delfin crew will say goodbye. We truly hope that you enjoyed your stay and Amazon travel experience with us!



# BONUS TRACK

Once you are on board, your naturalist will inform you of all the additional activities we will offer during your journey. Bird watching at break of dawn, slide show of endemic wildlife in the afternoon, discovering fruits from the rain forest you probably have never seen before, what about cooking a local dish? Or learning how to make a Pisco Sour! We encourage you to join us on every session to learn, feel & taste a little bit more of the Amazon.



## Notes

- **Nature walks & explorations:** Due to the conditions of the wet and humid rainforest, the Delfin outfits you with waterproof rubber boot rentals (included) for your comfort and convenience. Before each outing, the boots will be provided for you; after each outing, they will be returned to the staff for cleaning. We also provide the use of rain ponchos.
- **Kayaking:** Please check with your naturalist guide about the day's weather conditions for the use of kayaks. With the water level and weather forecast permitting, you are welcome to register, at your discretion, for the kayak sessions. These sessions will be conducted in calm waters where you can paddle in a very relaxed manner. Our kayaks are ideal for 2 passengers each. The kayaking group will always be accompanied by an experienced naturalist guide for the entire duration.
- **Fishing:** Our fishing policy is in the form of catch and release.
- **Community visits:** It is possible to create very intimate experiences with the local native community people. For example, there are many young children and families in communities who have various needs in the absence of their own resources, so any help will be very useful. Kids love shirts (T-shirts), pencils, notebooks, and toys. Candies to distribute among them are also great sources of joy.

## Recommendations

- **Itinerary:** The itineraries are subject to change due to weather conditions at certain times of the year. The water levels of the rivers also vary from time to time, as well as the hours of sailing. Excursions may be modified at the discretion of the Delfin crew.
- **Weather:** The weather in Iquitos is warm and humid and the temperature varies between 33 °C (90 °F) and 21 °C (70 °F).
  - The rainy (high water) season is from November to May.
  - The dry (low water) season is from June to October.
  - Each season boasts dramatic difference in plants, animals, and weather.
- **Clothing:** light and fresh pieces, blouses, long-sleeved shirts, swimwear, shoes with soft rubber sole for the boat (rubber boots and rain ponchos are provided by us), cardigan or long-sleeved shirts, wind resistant jackets. The days are hot and humid while the night breeze is fresh.
- **Insects & Mosquitoes:** We recommend taking Vitamin B or B-15 a few days before arrival to the jungle. These vitamins are the best natural repellent against insect bites. As well, do not forget to bring conventional repellent and cream for bites.
- **Other items:** We suggest bringing sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, binoculars (very important for enjoying the fauna and flora. Preferably 1 per person), camera, and extra batteries.
- **Connectivity:** There is no WiFi Internet or phone signal coverage on our vessels.
- **Tips:** Tips for both the crew and the guides are not included and are expected, as is customary on cruises around the world. The amounts are distributed equally between your entire vessel's crew, and we hope their service is valuable and insightful to your experience aboard Delfin. From past experience an average of US\$ 120.00 per passenger is suggested, and envelopes will be provided in your room.