

# SUSTAINABILITY

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Since its inception, Delfin Amazon Cruises has maintained a strong commitment to the practice and promotion of responsible tourism. At the start of our operations, we recognized the potential to generate a positive impact on local communities, leading to the creation of a program aimed at developing crafts with local women, allowing them to benefit from our visits.

Delfin Amazon Cruises reaffirms its commitment to sustainable tourism in the Amazon region and the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve (PSNR). Our comprehensive approach to sustainable tourism is evident in the following aspects:





**Environmental conservation:** We consistently work to minimize the impact on the Amazonian ecosystem by implementing waste management practices, energy efficiency in our engines, and measures to protect local biodiversity.

**Commitment to local communities:** DAC actively collaborates with local communities to support sustainable development projects, covering areas such as education, health, and preservation of local culture.

**Education and awareness:** During our trips, we provide information on the importance of Amazon conservation and how passengers can contribute to sustainability.

**Responsible practices:** We adhere to standards and regulations that promote responsible practices in all our operations, from waste management to interaction with local fauna.

Our commitment to sustainable tourism aims to harmonize the traveler's experience with the protection and preservation of valuable Amazonian ecosystems, creating a more conscious and responsible travel experience.





Delfin Amazon Cruises routinely integrates local culture into the experience of its journeys through the Peruvian Amazon, standing out in:

**Local personnel:** We have crews and staff from local communities, providing not only employment opportunities but also the chance for travelers to interact with individuals possessing profound knowledge of the region and its culture.

**Cultural activities and presentations:** During cruises, we organize activities highlighting the rich local culture, such as music performances, traditional dances, or craft exhibitions, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the authenticity of Amazonian culture.

**Visits to communities:** Some itineraries include respectful visits to local communities, where travelers can learn about their customs, traditions, craft techniques, or livelihoods.

**Local cuisine:** We offer travelers the opportunity to taste traditional dishes and flavors of the region, using local ingredients and typical Amazonian recipes. Integrating local culture into the travel experience not only enriches guests' stays but also promotes respect, appreciation, and preservation of the traditions and cultural heritage of Amazonian communities.

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## Our story:

At the start of our operations, around 5 women were involved in our project, but now we actively engage at least 45 women workers in each community. We have become the main exhibitors of their artworks, using them as an integral part of the decoration on all our cruises. The idea is to present these crafts to our passengers, who can purchase them directly during our visits to the communities.

We believe that the best way to support our neighboring communities is to provide employment opportunities and integrate them productively into our activities. In our interactions with local women, we discovered their skill in manual work with palm fiber dyed in natural colors obtained from fruits, leaves, roots, and barks. We initiated direct purchases and collaborated in improving their works to suit contemporary tastes.

We started in a community with 5 women, facing the need to earn their trust over time, especially regarding the assurance of our continued visits. In a year, we gained their trust and witnessed a notable improvement in their work by introducing different ideas. Now, we proudly highlight that, in that initial community, 45 women work actively, have their own maloca to display products, improved tables (previously exhibited on mud floors), and identify themselves as “the butterflies of Yarapa.”

The women now recognize themselves as a cohesive workforce, working together due to sustainable income throughout the year, not just in the 4 months of forest abundance. They know that we will continue to visit them, as well as other companies. Given the difficult accessibility, far from cities and only accessible by boat, we have replicated this initiative in 5 other communities, developing art and craft markets that have become their main source of income.





In a highland community, we decided to create a main jungle trail, using it year-round. We developed a strategy with the men for trail maintenance, paying them for their work and hiring them as local guides. This has resulted in mutual benefits, enhancing jungle visits with interesting interactions of men with their environment.

Additionally, we have coordinated pro bono work with doctors for vaccination campaigns and with an American dentist who has visited three times. We have attended to almost 900 people, providing medicine, instruments, and covering travel and stay expenses in Iquitos. Although they continue to use ancestral medicine, our paramedic aids when necessary.

We are confident that conditions will continue to improve, and we will continue to develop a strong and growing relationship with our beloved communities.







## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

### WHAT WE DO

- ✎ We give a reusable water-bottle to all of our passengers, and we use reusable straws at the bar. Be mindful of your plastic use.
- ✎ We recommend our passenger to purchase souvenirs from remote communities rather than tourist shops.
- ✎ Our naturalists guides encourage environmental awareness to all of our passengers. In our excursions, they teach about the flora and fauna of the Amazon Rainforest and the importance of respecting nature.
- ✎ Most of our decorations are eco-friendly, using natural materials and sustainable processes to add style without compromising the environment.
- ✎ From our technical side we have invested to build vessels that leave zero waste into the river, and are committed to leaving the area better than we find it.
- ✎ Our amenities are crafted with organic, environmentally friendly products, and we use them in glass bottles.
- ✎ We use fruits and vegetables from local crops and from small farmers to encourage local work.

### WHAT WE DON'T DO

- ✎ We do not allow passengers to touch any wild animals or pick flowers. It is best to observe them from where you stand.
- ✎ We recommend to not purchase any souvenirs made from animal products or parts.
- ✎ The local villagers are our friends, we encourage passengers to ask permission before taking photos of them.
- ✎ We do not use towel slippers in the cabins but slaps that are donated to the communities. Reducing our waste on this to a minimum.

