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Delfin Amazon Cruises Publishes First-Ever Annual

## COMMITMENT TO THE AMAZON REPORT

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Released for Earth Month, the report sets a roadmap for biocultural regeneration and measurable impact in Peru's Upper Amazon

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Sustainability has become one of those words too often polished to a high shine and left oddly weightless. Everyone uses it. Fewer know how to hold it. Fewer still know how to prove it.

Delfin Amazon Cruises, Peru's pioneering luxury river cruise line and the first Amazon cruise member of Relais & Châteaux, is choosing a more rigorous path. Today, the company publishes its first annual sustainability report: the **2025 Commitment to the Amazon Report**; a document that does not deal in soft focus or easy virtue, but in structure, accountability, and the long, careful work of giving back to the place that makes every journey possible.



Marking 20 years as an independent, family-owned company, the report offers a transparent view across Delfin's three vessels, **Delfin I, Delfin II, and Delfin III**, tracing the early architecture of its environmental and social impact: footprint, partnerships, programs, and measurable outcomes. Rooted in the brand's guiding promise, **Woven by Nature, Crafted for You**, it frames luxury not as excess, but as attention. Not as spectacle, but as stewardship. The kind of hospitality that understands beauty is inseparable from responsibility.

*"At Delfin, luxury is an ethic,"* said Aldo Macchiavello, Co-Founder of Delfin Amazon Cruises. "It lives in the choices we make: how we build, how we host, how we listen. Our responsibility is simple: to honor the river that carries us, and to give back to the home that gives us everything."

If 2025 marked anything, it was the shift from intention to framework. A year of giving greater shape to what Delfin has long believed: that meaningful travel in the Amazon must protect what is living, strengthen what is local, and leave behind more than admiration.

That new chapter began with the appointment of Gabriela Orihuela as Delfin's first Head of Sustainability. A biologist specializing in Amazonian biodiversity, Orihuela is guiding the company toward biocultural restoration; a regenerative model that understands forests and communities not as separate concerns, but as part of the same living weave.

The report's 2025 highlights reflect that thinking in practice:

# BIOREST: BIOCULTURAL RESTORATION PROGRAM



Launched in July 2025, BioRest was developed in voluntary collaboration with the communities of San Francisco, Amazonas, and Puerto Prado. Already, the initiative has supported the planting of more than 3,000 native trees and shrubs, helping strengthen ecological resilience while creating longer-term local benefit. This is restoration not as abstraction, but as something rooted in soil, season, and shared commitment.

## CARBON FOOTPRINT & EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT

Guided by the Relais & Châteaux framework, Delfin is advancing a carbon footprint program to measure and manage greenhouse gas emissions across operations. The goal is not decorative alignment, but practical intelligence: using data to improve efficiency, reduce impact, and explore renewable integration with greater precision.

# CITIZEN SCIENCE AT THE HEART OF THE JOURNEY

Guests aboard Delfin I, II, and III now participate in biodiversity monitoring, contributing observations that support broader understanding of species presence and habitat health. It is a quiet but meaningful shift, from travel as passive admiration to travel as active attention.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION & ETHICAL TRAINING

Delfin's model has always depended on local knowledge, local trust, and local leadership. With a 99% Peruvian team and expeditions shaped by those who know the Amazon from within, community connection remains central. In 2025, naturalist guides completed specialized training in environmental education and cultural science, while crew members received certification from Save the Children International, strengthening Delfin's commitment to ethics, safety, and wellbeing.

# GASTRONOMY & RESPONSIBLE SOURCING



Delfin's cuisine continues to celebrate Peru's seasonal richness and regional abundance, with 80% of ingredients sourced from regional producers in 2025. Looking ahead, the company aims to incorporate native crops harvested from BioRest regeneration plots – creating a more direct relationship between restoration and the table.

"In 2025, we aligned our work with the twelve commitments of Relais & Châteaux, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism...so that every journey gives back," said Gabriela Orihuela, Head of Sustainability. "Our focus now is measurable progress: moving beyond pledges to demonstrate how biocultural regeneration can restore biodiversity while empowering the communities who have safeguarded this forest for generations."

The report also sets out four priorities for 2026; not grand gestures, but meaningful next steps. Delfin aims to formalize biodiversity monitoring through standardized protocols and annual reporting, strengthen carbon management through verified environmental indicators, expand BioRest through community nurseries, seedbanks, and field schools, and deepen artisan and cultural alliances through fair-trade agreements and collaborations that bring Amazonian craftsmanship more fully into the guest experience.

In other words: more measurement. More depth. More reciprocity.

Delfin Amazon Cruises extends its gratitude to the communities, scientists, artisans, partners, and travelers helping carry this work forward. In the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, every voyage depends on a delicate, living web; of water, knowledge, biodiversity, memory, and care. To journey here meaningfully is not simply to witness that web, but to help sustain it.

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