# EXPLORING PERU'S PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE

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As astonishing as NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine. As exhilarating as National Geographic Channel: A Lindblad-National Geographic expedition – into the heart of the Amazon





Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

### Dear Traveler,

The Amazon pulls at one's imagination. It is dark jungles, exotic wildlife and welcoming people that still live in isolation along the river. For centuries, early explorers spent fortunes on ill-fated quests for lost cities and riches. Few returned alive, and even fewer with the treasures they sought. But they found something of great value to us today — a green wildness beyond imagination.

In 1972, when my father first ventured here, much of the Amazon remained as these early explorers had found it. They skirted the Jivaro Indians, with their reputation for practicing headhunting, and startled villagers who'd never seen anything like the bright red *Lindblad Explorer* sailing up their river.

There is no doubt that the Amazon has changed much since those early voyages. While the headshrinkers have disappeared, so have many of the forests lining the mighty river. The upper reaches of the Amazon that we explore have also changed, but in surprising ways.

Rather than clear-cut a forest for temporary gain, the natives here developed means to continue their traditional ways of life. They harvest rare rain forest fruits and sell them abroad, and they continue to practice the sustainable hunting and gathering that their ancestors did.

For decades we've looked to return to the Amazon. Our opportunity came with the 28-guest *Delfin II*. The ship offers a level of luxury and comfort that makes exploring here extremely comfortable, and the owners embrace our core values — their chef buys ingredients from the rain forest dwellers and they outfit the ship with handicrafts made by the rain forest natives.

And it is through their relationships that we've engaged with locals, helping to preserve their way of life through responsible practices, and in the process offering our guests something that others cannot — authentic and stirring encounters with native people in this captivating cathedral of green.

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I hope you'll join us.

Best regards,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

Massive lily pads abound on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

# Go where few have been, with the best team and aboard the finest ship

enture into the remote, seldom-seen Amazon. This is a pristine river and landscape largely untouched by outsiders, protected by its isolation and wildness.

Explore it in the company of the best staff, including longtime Lindblad Expeditions leaders, National Geographic experts and talented local guides.

And sail aboard what is unquestionably the finest ship on the river. The modern design and five-star dining on *Delfin II* make it more than comfortable as our base of exploration.



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Delfin II accommodates 28 guests in 14 spacious, beautifully appointed outside suites. Read more about your unique onboard experience on pages 14-15.

Delfin II at sunset in the quiet waters of the Amazon.



The distinctive yellow border of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine unites generations of smart, curious and interested people. Previously, much of what many learned about the world was gleaned from its pages. The National Geographic Society began sending expeditions into the Peruvian rain forests when wide swaths of the Amazon basin were labeled "Unknown." For over 100 years, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine shared this part of the world with adventurous readers.

Lindblad Expeditions has been bringing adventurous travelers into the world since 1958, and led the first 'citizen explorers' expedition up the Amazon 40 years ago.

Now Lindblad Expedition and National Geographic have formed an alliance to further inspire the world through expedition travel the world over, including a return to the wilds of the Amazon – a land where "Unknown" promises discovery.



"The rain forest ... Its quiet, shaded halls of leafy opulence were not a sanctuary, but rather the greatest natural battlefield anywhere on the planet, hosting an unremitting and remorseless fight for survival that occupied every single one of its inhabitants, every minute of every day."

- CANDICE MILLARD, THE RIVER OF DOUBT



# The wildest jungle on Earth – a seldom-seen cathedral of green



Clockwise from top left: The abundant wildlife of the Amazonian rainforest includes three-toed sloths, blue morpho butterflies, spider monkeys, and Couvier's toucans. his rain forest, opulent in vegetation and wildness, is so dense that what lies within much of its boundaries remains a mystery.

Peru's Amazon has the highest concentration of bird species on the planet, and our local guides are well practiced in identifying them, as one rare bird after another flits past our camera lenses.

Water levels in the reserve can vary by meters in mere hours, causing networks of jungle waterways to appear overnight as if by magic. Our nimble skiffs allow us access to explore these brackish tributaries, often where no one else has gone. At low water levels we land on the banks of the river and continue on foot, just as early explorers did.

As dusk turns into night we'll venture out on the skiffs armed with powerful spotlights as darkness descends on the jungle. Look for caiman and the rare night monkey, with its wide eyes adapted to the blackened rainforest. Watch for the sand-colored nighthawks perched in trees and the bat falcon, a crepuscular hunter that comes out to prey during the hours of dusk.



# Meet ribereños, natives of the reserve

he natives who make their lives on the banks of the Amazon River call themselves ribereños. They practice sustainable hunting, fishing and agriculture — just as their ancestors did.

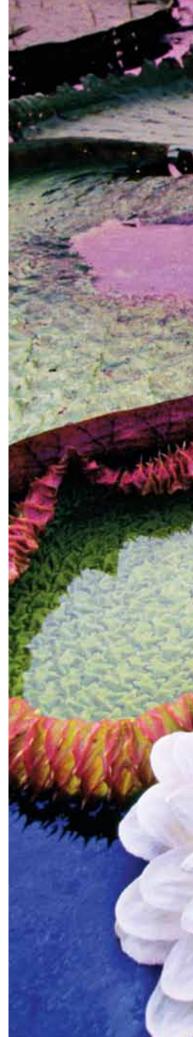
We'll visit their villages — a rare privilege as they are not normally visited by outsiders. Often welcomed by their friendly children, we'll have opportunities to sample local foods and learn more about their centuries-old customs. We'll also have the chance to see their renowned handicrafts.

Many elements of the décor and decorative accents aboard *Delfin II* are made by ribereños, and you will have the chance to purchase similar handicrafts directly from the artisans, in what is invariably a mutually rewarding and responsible transaction.





Clockwise from top left: Children of the reserve enjoying Expedition Leader Cindy Manning's video camera; giant green lily pads of the reserve; colorful woven handicrafts of the ribereños.



# THE PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

"The water was dark, tannin-rich and still. For good reason this river is sometimes referred to as the river of mirrors. The lush vegetation, whitebarked trunks, green vines and tall trees reflected peace and a certain timelessness. Troops of howler monkeys, the snort of pink dolphins, brown capuchins, squirrel monkeys, horned screamers, egrets of all sizes; the Amazon flood forest was at its best this afternoon."

- CINDY MANNING, EXPEDITION LEADER, DECEMBER 24, 2010



See the Amazon come alive with countless birds at EXPEDITIONS.COM/AMAZON.

# Deep in the jungle, in the company of top pros

Explore the wildest reaches of rain forest with longtime Lindblad Expedition Leaders specially trained and especially passionate about jungle wildlife – these top pros ensure you get the most out of your Amazon experience.

#### CINDY MANNING, EXPEDITION LEADER

Let Cindy's decades of experience in the rain forest and birding prowess unlock the magic of this verdant landscape.



Cindy takes great pride in revealing the hidden corners of the Peruvian Amazon to Lindblad Expeditions travelers.

### CARLOS ROMERO, EXPEDITION LEADER

Carlos was born in Quito, Ecuador. His interest in conservation biology inspired him to become a Naturalist, and he has



been working as one since 1997. Carlos looks forward to sharing his expertise with our guests in the Amazon.

Meet the team, hear more about the the Amazon and get your questions answered during our **LIVE online event, July 13th at 7PM EDT.** Sign up **at expeditions.com/webinars** 

# Rely on the expertise of local guides to unlock the mysteries of the rain forest

enture up remote, winding tributaries covered in canopy or jungle branches reaching over the river. Your pilots are local guides who grew up paddling these very rivers in dugout canoes, learning the secrets of the rain forest from village elders.

They share a common history, born in the villages on the banks of the river, raising siblings in families that practiced subsistence farming, fishing and hunting in the rain forest.

Each local guide has a singular education in the Amazon, learning in schools in Iquitos or working with foreign research teams or at eco-friendly jungle lodges before joining the Lindblad Expeditions team. All are fluent in English and bring their native rain forest skills as well as specialized knowledge in a host of fields – biology, ornithology, ichthyology and lepidoptery.



Enjoy interpretations with our team of experts during daily excursions.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

#### KITTY COLEY, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

An expert on rain forest wildlife, birds and butterflies, Kitty's enthusiastic and interactive teaching style greatly enhances the educa-



tional experience and the thrill of discovery for guests. She is also a professional geologist and experienced undersea explorer.

EXPLORE WITH KITTY ON NOV 12, 19, 2011

## UPPER AMAZON: EXPLORING PERU'S PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE

#### 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS - DELFIN II

**DEPARTURES: 2011** Sep. <del>3</del>, <del>10</del>, <del>17</del>, 24: Nov. <del>5</del>, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 31 **2012** Jan. 7, 14, 21, <del>28</del>; Feb. <del>4</del>, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 17, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 21, 28; May 12, <del>19</del>; Jul. 14, 21, 28; Sep. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 Departures in red are sold out.

PRICES: \$5,590 to \$6,590 (See page 16 for complete prices.)

Our exploration of the Upper Amazon takes us through wild lands of unsurpassed beauty. Our Expedition Leader and experienced Naturalists will help you to see and learn more about the remarkable flora and fauna of the region. The chef on the *Delfin II* will present the finest Amazonian-Peruvian gourmet cuisine on the river.

#### DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Depart the U.S. and arrive Lima by late evening. Overnight in Lima at the Costa del Sol Ramada.

#### DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/EMBARK

After a morning tour of Lima, fly to lquitos and drive to the ship in Nauta. We embark the ship and are received with welcoming smiles. The elegant *Delfin II* sets the stage: hardwood floors, rattan sofas, wooden-slat hammocks and a graceful, modern design. (B,L,D)

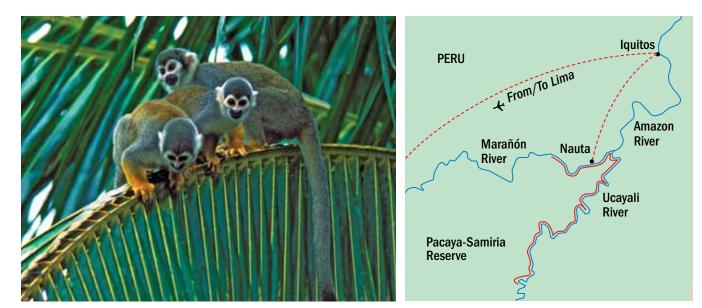
#### DAYS 3-8: PERUVIAN AMAZON EXPLORATION

This week we explore the hidden jewels surrounding the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. The reserve is bordered by two powerful rivers, the Marañón and Ucayali. The people who live along the rivers – known as ribereños – are an integral part of the reserve. Visiting them during the voyage helps us understand their importance in this



remarkable region. Children will be everywhere, as fascinated with us as we are with them.

Our focus will be on exploring the lagoons and "black-water" tributaries by skiff and kayak. These rivers and streams originate in the rain forest and are filled with the tannins from the forest washed out by the yearround rains of the tropics. We will follow rivers named the Yanayacu, Pucate, Pacaya, Dorado and Yanallpa into other even smaller channels. River levels dictate how far into the forest we can go and surprises can alter the best-laid plans; however, excellent alternatives abound. Low river levels allow for several opportunities to take walks; while high river levels, when solid land is scarce to non-existent, are explored with skiffs that can nose their way into the most



Left: blue and yellow macaw; above: squirrel monkeys. Below: spot wildlife along the river during frequent skiff rides.

pristine corners of the reserve.

One of our visits along the Marañón River gives us access to terra firma, land that is never flooded even at the highest river levels. Here we see a different ecosystem from what exists in the seasonal flood forest region. No matter how high the river level, a long (or short) hike inland is possible for those adventurous enough to choose this option.

Throughout the year, regardless of water levels, there will be an opportunity to swim in a beautiful lake in the reserve's interior. With luck, gray and pink river dolphins will be in the vicinity. All of our excursions have the potential for wildlife sightings, most of them by skiff.

On our last afternoon, we visit a community where the women will display their handicrafts, many of which you might recognize from the décor on board. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: NAUTA/DISEMBARK/ IQUITOS/LIMA

After lunch return to lquitos by bus. Visit the manatee rehabilitation center. Fly to Lima where you overnight at the Costa del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/U.S. (B)

#### **EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE**

Combine your Amazon expedition with a voyage to the Galápagos Islands; Machu Picchu & Land of the Inca; or join our new post-voyage extension to Paracas and the Nasca Lines, where you discover the giant geoglyphs of the ancient Nasca and see the marine life of the Paracas National Reserve.

For more information on these extensions, see the following page.



# Take advantage of the proximity

Why stop the adventure when you're this close? Journey from the Amazon to contemporary Lima and majestic Machu Picchu. See the Nasca Lines or venture to the Galápagos and experience a wildness a world apart.

### **EXTENSIONS**

Extend your time with one of the following pre or post expedition extensions listed below. Please call for more information.

### MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA

Discover Peru's wonders – ancient, colonial and contemporary. Acclimate slowly, exploring the stone fortresses of the Sacred Valley of the Inca before venturing to the expedition's highlight – a dawn hike to the legendary Sun Gate overlooking Machu Picchu.

DAY 1: Iquitos/Lima DAY 2: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley of the Inca DAY 3: Sacred Valley of the Inca DAY 4: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu DAY 5: Machu Picchu/Cusco DAY 6: Cusco DAY 7: Cusco/Lima DAY 8: Lima/Home



#### PARACAS & THE NASCA LINES

Soar over the enormous and mysterious geoglyphs the Nasca culture etched into the Earth's surface 1,300 years ago. How – and why for that matter – did the Nasca people create them? Learn from local experts and view them aboard a small plane, and then see Humboldt penguins, sea lions and Peruvian boobies at the Ballestas Islands and the Paracas National Reserve.

DAY 1: Lima/Pisco/Ica/Paracas DAY 2: Paracas DAY 3: Paracas/Lima DAY 4: Lima/Home

#### GALAPAGOS 360°

Swim with sea lions, walk with giant tortoises in the green highlands, and hike lava fields teeming with marine iguanas. The thrill of observing the abundant wildlife here is maximized by its complete lack of fear of humans. Get the complete 360° experience – explore the land and undersea, too.

DAY 1: Lima/Guayaquil, Ecuador
DAY 2: Guayaquil / Galápagos / Embark
DAY 3-8: Galápagos Islands
DAY 9: Galápagos / Disembark / Guayaquil
DAY 10: Guayaquil / Home

Left: Ancient ruins at Machu Picchu. Near left: Aerial shot of the Nasca lines; Sea lions abound on Gardiner Bay in Galapagos.



# *Delfin II*, superb comfort and tropical style on the Amazon

*Delfin II* is simply the finest ship plying the Amazon River. A stately riverboat, it's designed to provide open, comfortable spaces for relaxing after a day of exploring. And her gracious staff makes an art of providing impeccable service.





Photos: special, memorable dishes and opportunities for relaxation abound on Delfin II; the well-designed top deck, staterooms and dining room are beautifully appointed.



#### **OPEN TO THE RIVER VIEWS**

Tropical blooms radiate spot color throughout the ship. Rattandraped sofas and wooden-slat hammocks expand the possibilities for relaxing "lazy river" style or curling up with a book while waiting for the glorious Amazon sunset. Silken hardwood floors stretch across the ship, and open spaces invite the river's cool breezes.

#### FIVE-STAR, SUSTAINABLE DINING

Every ingredient used by *Delfin II*'s chef is sourced from the rain forest except olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Juices are squeezed every morning from rain forest fruit; and fresh chocolates, made daily, are placed on your pillow each evening. The *Delfin II* chef, trained in Lima's five-star restaurants, serves meals that are elegantly presented and meant to be savored.

#### SPACIOUS, AIRY STATEROOMS

Panoramic river and rain forest views come with each cabin. You'll fall in love with the gleam and finish of the cabin's tropical woods, and the accents and décor — all examples of ribereños' handicrafts.





### **DELFIN II**

CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites. REGISTRY: Peru. OVERALL LENGTH: 120 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Outdoor areas include the well-designed, comfortable Top Deck, where sofas and chairs invite you to linger with a good book or a pair of binoculars. Enjoy drinks at the bar and unwind on cool, wooden-slat hammocks. The Top Deck is where the natural history staff will give their presentations with maps and digital technology. There is a small reference Library and the Bridge, where you are welcome to meet the captain and officers.

**MEALS:** The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. A different visual presentation greets you at every meal, which are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Meals on *Delfin II* are to be savored. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits. The chef prepares dishes equal to those of any five-star restaurant.

**SUITES:** Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone. Enjoy complimentary organic sun block with insect repellent, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 10-person skiffs — with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of kayaks. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs and distributed if needed. Rubber boots are provided before an excursion if deemed necessary.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guests may swim directly from the skiffs using the convenient swim ladder, weather permitting.

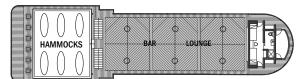
**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 – All suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, excellent reading lights, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.

**MASTER SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 – The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king, and Upper Deck Master Suites have king beds only.

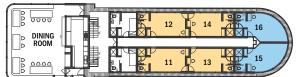
**SOLE OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Due to the limited number of cabins available, sole occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.



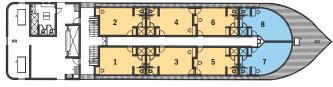
Insets clockwise from top left: *Delfin II* on the river; Soothing hardwoods in the suites give *Delfin II* a wonderful glow; breezy hammocks are ideal for a nap; the Dining Room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious Master Suites offer comfort and grand views.



TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Prices are per person, double occupancy.	Prices are per person, double occupancy.					
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Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve – Page 10	2011/ 2012	\$5,590	\$6,590	\$500	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfare: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$525; Business from \$3,000. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From \$350.	

# **Reservation Information**

**Costs Include:** 2 hotel nights in Lima; accommodations aboard ship; all meals as indicated; all nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; all shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees; transfers from airport/ship if traveling on group flights; use of kayaks; all port taxes and service charges during the voyage; gratuities to local guides/drivers; services of Lindblad Expeditions' natural history staff.

**Not Included:** Air transportation Home/ Lima/lquitos/Lima/Home; extension; passport/visa fees; baggage/accident/ travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, gratuities to ship's crew and naturalist staff at your discretion.

**Airfare:** For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements. There will be a \$50 per person service fee if you elect for Lindblad Expeditions to handle your air arrangements.

**Note:** Complete pre-journey information, including suggestions on what to bring and recommended reading, will be sent prior to departure.

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**Reservations:** To reserve your place, an advance payment payment of \$500 is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check.

**Final Payment:** Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Travel Protection Plan:** Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Ask about our comprehensive guest travel protection plan for a worry-free expedition.

**Smoking Policy:** Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

#### **Responsibility and Other Terms &**

**Conditions:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National

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- » 2009 Climate Champion Award bestowed upon Sven Lindblad by Cool Air-Clean Planet
- » 2005-2009, 1997-2002 Condé Nast Traveler "Gold List"
- » 2008 National Wildlife Federation honors Lindblad Expeditions for conservation leadership with its Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement
- » 2008-2009, 2000-2006 Travel + Leisure's "World's Best" award for "Small-Ship Cruise Lines" and "Tour Operators"
- » 2007 Tourism for Tomorrow "Global Tourism Business Award"
- » 2007 Seafood Champion Award
- » 1996-2006 Condé Nast Traveler "Readers' Choice Award"
- » 2002 Condé Nast Traveler "Ecotourism Award"

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