UPPER AMAZON

EXPLORING PERU’S PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE
ABOARD DELFIN II | OCTOBER 20-29, 2018
Travel with Dr. Laurie McHargue

WITH PERU PRE-TRIP
OCTOBER 15-20, 2018
DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

There’s a sense of enchantment about being out on the fabled Amazon River, as you listen to the symphony of noises emanating from the depths of the jungle. Part of the mystery of the Amazon is the fact that the omnipresent wildlife is so skilled at concealment; but as you get the hang of spotting, trying to outdo your guide, your excitement will quickly escalate.

Join wildlife biologist Dr. Laurie McHargue for an exploration of Peru’s massively biodiverse Pacaya-Samiria Reserve aboard the Delfin II, the perfect platform for discovering this living, breathing forest. This exquisite, 28-guest ship is specially designed for the river environment and to keep you connected to it—open, airy decks and spacious cabins, each with an expansive window wall, afford nonstop views of life along the Amazon. Delfin II is equipped with comfortable, custom-made skiffs that are able to thread through narrow canopied waterways. Plus, she carries a fleet of kayaks, providing rare, intimate experiences with this magical environment.

Each day you will have rewarding natural history experiences and meaningful cultural encounters with the people who call the river home. And you’ll return to the ship’s cool confines to enjoy wonderful company, music, and excellent meals that highlight the remarkable flavors of the region.

The staff, unmatched in the region, will be the key to your experience. You’ll go with a veteran expedition leader and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor—a naturalist who is specially trained to help you capitalize on the rare wildlife sightings while shooting in the often-challenging conditions of the rain forest. The handpicked local guides are especially skilled at finding wildlife, since most of them grew up along the river, and they are the most gracious hosts when you enter villages along the river.

The Amazon is an all-five-senses travel experience unlike anything else. I hope you’ll join us on this voyage, October 20-29, 2018. To make your reservation, please return the enclosed reservation form or call (800) 252-4910.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Betchart
President, Betchart Expeditions, Inc.,
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Dr. Laurie McHargue is a wildlife biologist dividing her career between research and environmental regulatory work. Her postgraduate work started in the Amazon collecting plants for the New York Botanical Gardens and later for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. She completed her PhD research on the mutualist association between forest trees and tree seedlings in Costa Rica. After living in the tropics in her early career, Laurie began working as a biologist in the Florida Keys for different conservation and public organizations. She has worked as an expedition guide on ships worldwide, from the Arctic to the Amazon, including Betchart’s Spitsbergen and Iceland & Greenland trips in 2016 and 2017. Laurie looks forward to sharing the mysteries and wonders of the Amazon with you.
EXPLORE THE WORLD’S MOST BIODIVERSE RAIN FOREST

Discover the wild pulse of the rain forest, a cathedral of green, opulent in vegetation so dense that what lies within much of its boundaries remains a mystery. To explore the Amazon’s intricate networks of tributaries, you’ll board one of Delfin II’s 10-person skiffs, guided by eagle-eyed naturalists who help develop your wildlife-spotting abilities. You’ll actively explore, getting out on one or more outings every day, with each group going off to discover, following the lead of the naturalist and interests of the guests. Cruising clear waters, stained black with tannins mirroring the sky, you might see pink and gray dolphins, while chattering terns dive for prey they chased to the surface. Or, in the brown water tributaries, spot common squirrel monkeys, a yellow-handed titi; or perhaps shy monk saki monkeys. Search for bird species—like the motmot, striated herons, blue and gold and scarlet macaws, kingfishers, and more. Hike along recently exposed forest trails during this low-water season, to learn about the lavish vegetation of the rain forest; or venture out in a kayak for a serene, personal encounter with wildness.
Your visit to Amazonas may rank among your most meaningful cultural experiences. Lindblad-National Geographic guests are exclusively invited by Minga Peru to visit one of the riverside villages where they work. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Minga Peru is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to affect social change through the empowerment of women and families in rural communities of the Peruvian Amazon. You’ll be received warmly by the women of a village community along the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. They’ll share their projects with you, while children of all ages watch, read, or play nearby. One of the women will tell the story of how she discovered Minga Peru and how it changed her life. Other women, dressed in traditional blouses, will reveal the skills behind the handicrafts you see aboard Delfin II and in the village markets.

Clockwise from top: Spot wildlife along the river during frequent skiff rides; search for caimans on night excursions; meet the welcoming ribereños in their riverside communities.
THE PERFECT BASE CAMP: DELFIN II

Explore the remote Amazon in supreme comfort aboard the intimate Delfin II. Your base for daily explorations, the ship has a distinct advantage over any land-based camp—she moves, to give you an ever-varied experience of the Amazon’s diverse landscapes and wonders. Specially designed to sail these winding headwaters, she can venture into the jungle’s wild heart—and her fleet of nimble skiffs and kayaks allows you to venture even deeper. Back aboard, relax on the airy observation deck, learn to make a pisco sour, or visit the wellness specialist.

Delfin II’s iron exterior is clad in tropical hardwoods, and her interior gleams with wood floors and lacquered palm ceilings. Both the lounge and the dining room are welcoming and expansive public spaces, with generous walls of windows to keep you connected to the nonstop panorama outside. Spacious, comfortable cabins, also with river-framing windows, are the perfect ending to active days.

EXPERIENCE THE AMAZON WITH ALL YOUR SENSES

Head Chef Juan Carlos, a passionate and accomplished chef, is the designer of the superb Delfin II menu. Devoted to local, sustainable production, he sources fish, produce, and other provisions from a network of trusted communities. Experimenting with seasonal ingredients unknown outside the region, like cocona, macambo (a relative of cacao) and camu camu, a superfood that grows in the seasonally flooded forest, he uses flavorful food to reveal another facet of the Amazon to you.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guest takes in the dramatic scenery; spacious suite with panoramic river views; bartender aboard ship prepares a pisco sour; Peru’s tradition of flavorful fusion cuisine ensures daily palate pleasures; the dining room provides expansive views and outstanding meals.
A seasoned expedition leader and an experienced team of Peruvian naturalists accompany your voyage. Many of the naturalists were born in towns along the riverbanks and educated in schools in Iquitos. All are fluent in English, and their personal knowledge, along with their scientific training, makes for a fascinating story, as authentic as it is well-informed. One naturalist for every ten guests and a spectrum of specialties—biology, ornithology, ichthyology, and lepidoptery—ensure a daily diversity of interests and personalities for you.

RENOWNED STAFF & REGIONAL EXPERTISE

The Upper Amazon is rife with spectacular photo ops—from colorful birds to picturesque reflections on the mirrored water. You’ll travel with a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, trained to help you with your camera settings, composition, and lighting so you’re better able to capture the moments at the heart of the voyage, and go home with some of the best shots of your life.

CAPTURE IT ALL WITH EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests explore a forest trail; guest photographs the diverse plant life; exploring the remarkable wilderness in a kayak; a scarlet macaw grooms itself.
Voyage to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru’s rain forest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak, spotting various types of bird species, as well as caimans, tamarins, and sloths. Go on a bird-watching hike, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

**DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU**
Arrive in Lima in late evening and transfer to the conveniently located Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

**DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/EMBARK**
Enjoy a morning tour of Lima, then fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE**
Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve—a pristine swath of jungle stretching more than five million acres and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters.
Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and foot on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive paiche fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the legendary piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve’s interior. Seek out Victoria amazonica, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then looking for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats, and other creatures of the night.

One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the Upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction you have with the local ribereños, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the communities and see the projects that Lindblad-National Geographic supports through Minga Peru, a local nonprofit, including a variety of handicrafts, women’s health initiatives, and sustainable farming. (B,L,D Daily)

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

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima. Overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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### DELFIN II

**Capacity:** 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

**Registry:** Peru. **Overall length:** 120 feet.

**Public Areas:** With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, open-air lounge and bar up top, and dining room with 270-degree views. A small library, exercise room and spa. Open bridge, where you are welcome to visit and watch the riverscapes go by.

**Meals:** The air-conditioned dining room’s large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

**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 body lotion, shampoo, and conditioner.

**Expedition Equipment:** 10-person skiffs with individual seat cushions and ample leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided as needed.
Clockwise from top: The panoramic enclosed lounge on the Observation Deck comfortably accommodates the entire expedition community during daily recap; most of the ingredients used aboard are sustainably sourced from the surrounding rain forest; the dining room offers unassigned tables with all guests served in a single seating; enjoy a massage at the end of an active day; the spacious, air-conditioned suites provide excellent amenities and views.

**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. With a window wall, easy chair, desk and ample closet. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet, and sink area. Suites 4/6 and 3/5 are available as interconnecting.

**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.

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International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/Miami: Economy from $530; Business from $1,400. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From $440.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals & nonalcoholic beverages
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during nightly recap
✓ Environmentally friendly refillable water bottle
✓ Library
✓ Exercise room
✓ The guidance & company of the expedition staff

ASHORE
✓ Two hotel nights with breakfast in Lima
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

ACTIVITIES
✓ All shore activities
✓ Skiff & kayak explorations
✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
✓ Photo instruction

SPECIAL OFFERS

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BRING THE KIDS: Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COSTS INCLUDE: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels as per itinerary; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; meals on land as indicated; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; special access permits; transfers to/from group flights; use of kayaks and skiffs; tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes, and service charges. And services of Lindblad Expeditions’ expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: International and internal airfare; passport, visa, and immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, email, and laundry; gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately. Internal air must be ticketed by Lindblad. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your international air arrangements for a $50 per person service charge. Fares are subject to change.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US$1,000 per person is payable by check.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

SMOKING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country, if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country’s requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Maritime Enterprises’ liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. Lindblad Maritime Enterprises reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the actual cost of fuel.

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RESERVATION FORM: UPPER AMAZON
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Please reserve _________ place(s).

Name 1:__________________________________________ (M/F): _________
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Name 1:__________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
(Preferred name for name badge)
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Accommodations: □Double □Single □ Twin share w/friend
□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: __________________________ 2nd choice: ______________________________

□ Please send information about the Peru Pre-Trip, October 15- 20, 2018.
□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _________________ ($1,000 per person).
Check made payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

□ I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them:

Signature: _______________________________ Date: __________________________
Signature: _______________________________ Date: __________________________

Membership: □ AAAS □ Sigma Xi □ ACS

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Discover the Amazon wilderness from the comfort of the elegant Delfin II, and enjoy delicious local meals prepared by the onboard chef.

» Travel with wildlife biologist Dr. Laurie McHargue and a top expedition team.

» Explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, one of the last remaining true wilderness areas on the planet.

» Spot the Amazon’s legendary wildlife: pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.

» Get acquainted with native ribereños on a visit to a community at the river’s edge.

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