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Setting the Amazon Apart

Celebrating a decade of success in 2017, Aqua Expeditions is globally recognised as a leader in small ship river cruising. In 2008 founder, Francesco Galli Zugaro, launched the first luxury cruise on the Amazon River in Peru, home to exotic birds species and enchanting pink dolphins, quickly earning accolades for these professionally guided nature-based adventures combined with sophisticated, architect-designed 5-star boutique hotel accommodations and gourmet cuisine.



Strategic upgrades in 2015 to the 16-suite Aria Amazon offered a refreshing, elegant look aligned with the latest technology and sleek, comfortable skiffs. On the other side of the world, Aqua Expeditions launched the 20-suite Aqua Mekong, sailing the Mekong River between timeless Cambodia and contemporary Vietnam. Floor to ceiling picture windows convey captivating panoramas of flooded forests, colonial churches and stilt villages. Guided shore excursions include enlightening visits to remote Buddhist temples and on to Cambodia's vast Tonle Sap Lake before continuing on to Angkor Wat.

On both sides of the world, guests go deeper into each epic destination by bicycle and kayak to view little seen worlds of enduring wonders. Here is just a taste of their South American adventures...

Aria Amazon Amazon River, Peru

Destination Overview:

Experience the world as it was at the beginning of time. Sail the waters of the mighty Amazon.

Every week of the year, the award-winning Aqua Expeditions' luxurious Aria Amazon takes 32 passengers deep into Peru's Amazon wilderness to places only ever visited by a fortunate few. Daily water-based excursions on comfortable launch boats allow guests to experience such wonders as pink dolphins and six-foot-wide water lilies, to fishing for sharp-toothed piranha and to interact with the people who live their days along the river.

Aria Amazon's expert guides, all under long-term contract to Aqua Expeditions, provide rich narrative detail about life along the Amazon. They enrich guest's journeys to such little-visited areas as the remote Pacaya Samiria Reserve and the headwaters of the river, with stories about the life and folklore of the area. In fact, many of the guides grew up in Amazonia.



The 32 guests aboard the 147-foot-long Aria Amazon enjoy fine wine and haute cuisine, in all-inclusive comfort equivalent to a five-star boutique hotel.

The 16 over-sized staterooms feature ensuite seating areas, generous beds, and wall-to-wall panoramic windows. The observation deck with outdoor jacuzzi and the lounge are also glorious places to sip a pisco sour and watch the world go by. Executive Chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, one of Peru's star chefs, created the Aria Amazon's gourmet menu. Fine South American wines are included at every meal. Travellers can book three-, four- or seven-night journeys, departing every Monday and Friday. All departures are guaranteed.

Accommodation:

Aria Amazon is Aqua Expedition's 147-foot flagship. Its 16 luxury guest suites, designed by an internationally renowned Peruvian interior designer, measure a generous 240 square feet, and feature large, outward facing panoramic windows and ensuite seating areas. All suites are air conditioned, and four are interconnected, to cater to families. Guests can socialise in the dining room, bar, on the observation deck with outdoor jacuzzi and at the lounge. There is also a small boutique and an exercise room. You'll be served by a crew of 24, including a cruise director, paramedic and four skilled naturalist guides.



Amenities/Attractions:

Guests may choose three-, four- or seven-night itineraries. Each day will bring amazing new wonders, as guests set out with guides in a fleet of four tenders to float toward the source of the mighty Amazon. Each day, you will explore the small inlets and various winding river systems that make up the flooded forest. Pacaya Samiria Reserve, located on the headwaters of the Amazon basin, spans more than five million acres. Twice the size of Yellowstone Park, it teems with wildlife and aquatic life. Visitors will have the opportunity to see hundreds of species, including the endangered pink Amazon dolphin, black caiman, and three-toed sloth.

Dining:

Explorers aboard the Aria Amazon will enjoy a menu of fresh, delicious world-renowned Peruvian fare, whether served on board or on an adventure. Dinner each evening promises to be a culinary feast for the senses, paired with select wines from South America. The menu has been created with the assistance of Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, one of Peru's top ten chefs.

Seasons:

Aqua Expeditions operates year-round, and every voyage is uniquely appealing, based on the changing seasons. During the high water season, the river and estuaries grow, allowing launch boats to venture deeper into the flooded forest. During the low water season, the river recedes and beautiful sandy river beaches form.

Location:

Amazon River voyages depart from the port city of Iquitos, Peru. Iquitos is served by numerous daily flights from Lima, Peru's capital. The flights take one hour and twenty-five minutes. ■

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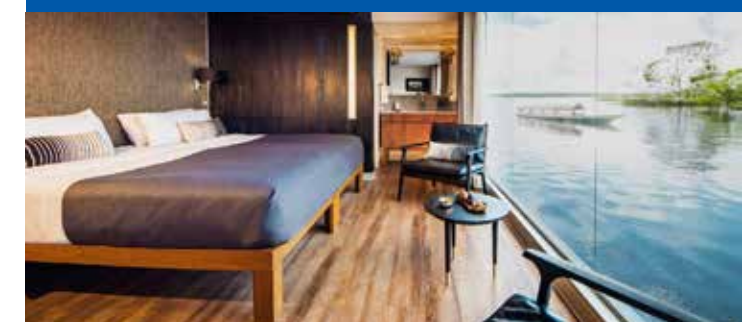
Amazon Cruise ... in Style



Aria Amazon accommodates only 32 guests in 16 air-conditioned luxury Design Suites. Generous picture windows offer superb river views from the 23sqm cabins. Outstanding cuisine, expert naturalist guides and great excursions. Five star all the way!
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