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## **Aria Amazon & Aqua Nera– 7 Night Itinerary High Water Season (November-May)**

This itinerary is for reference only. It is subject to change, due to weather and other conditions:

### **Day 1: Friday**

#### **IQUITOS / AMAZON RIVER**

We will meet at Iquitos International Airport then enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant or we will serve a box lunch en route, depending on the flight arrival time. The afternoon continues with an introduction to this historic city and the opportunity to meet an indigenous Amazon community. At 6:00pm we will board the ARIA AMAZON or AQUA NERA.<sup>1</sup> Settle into your generously proportioned suite as you begin one of life's greatest adventures. Following a routine safety drill and introduction to our naturalist guides, we gather for innovative Amazonian cuisine created by our Executive Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, whose restaurant, Malabar, is the one of Lima's top ranked dining experiences.

### **Day 2: Saturday**

#### **YARAPA RIVER / NAUTA CAÑO / CLAVERO LAKE**

Aboard our comfortable skiffs, we set sail from the Amazon River to the Yarapa River. Keep your binoculars ready to spot tropical songbirds, black collared hawks and sloths. We'll go fishing for Amazonia's notoriously ferocious piranhas while our naturalist guides share stories of Lake Moringo. In the afternoon, we sail on to Lake Clavero where villagers rely on traditional dugout canoes to get around. Swim in the lake's calm waters or visit native residents of Amazonia who welcome you to their community with open arms. As the sun sets, we head off on an evening's wildlife excursion with extraordinary stargazing on the black waters of Nauta Caño.

### **Day 3: Sunday**

#### **MARAÑON CREEK / SUSPENDED BRIDGES / YANAYACU-PUCATE RIVER**

Aboard the **ARIA**, rise with the sun to explore a 'lost river' along the Marañon River. After breakfast, we will take a jungle walk across suspended bridges deep into the high Amazon rainforest. Later, swim, canoe or kayak in Yanayacu-Pucate River as we look for legendary pink river dolphins.

Aboard the **NERA**, explore the black water tributaries of the Yanallpa River, disembarking to walk deep into the wildlife-rich Amazonian rainforest. Later, aboard your skiffs, you will cruise along the El Dorado River for a dusk excursion in search of exotic nocturnal creatures.

At night, focus our hi-tech telescope on the night sky to identify the planets and constellations.

### **Day 4: Monday**

#### **NAUTA TOWN / VILLAGE VISIT / BIRTHPLACE OF THE AMAZON**

This morning, we will visit the local fresh market with your guides who can identify the day's catch by the fishermen of Amazonia and the region's exotic fruits. In the afternoon, we witness one of the great spectacles of the Southern Hemisphere, the birthplace of the Amazon River. Tonight, you will meet the new passengers who have signed on for the four-night trip, as we start our journey together along the Marañon River.

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<sup>1</sup> For guests arriving closer to the ARIA AMAZON's departure time, direct transfer to the vessel will be organized.

### **Day 5: Tuesday**

#### **YANALLPA RIVER / DORADO RIVER / YANAYACU-PUCATE RIVER / LISBOA TOWN**

Aboard the **ARIA**, by skiff, we explore the black waters of the Yanallpa River, disembarking to walk deep into the Amazonian rain forest. Later, we board the skiffs again to cruise along the El Dorado River for a dusk excursion in search of exotic nocturnal wildlife.

Aboard the **NERA**, rise with the sun for early morning birdwatching along the Marañon River and enjoy breakfast in the middle of the jungle. Later, swim, canoe or kayak in Yanayacu-Pucate River as we seek the legendary pink river dolphins. In the afternoon, visit a local village and interact with the native people and visit local schoolchildren.

### **Day 6: Wednesday**

#### **PACAYA RIVER / UCAYALI RIVER / TAPICHE RIVER**

Aboard the **ARIA**, the rewards of our early start today are plentiful, including a breakfast picnic accompanied by jungle symphony and fishing along the black waters of the Pacaya River. After lunch, we venture out by skiffs on the Ucayali River alongside the banana boats transporting their jungle products to the port of Requena, keeping an eye out for pink river dolphins.

Aboard the **NERA**, enjoy a breakfast picnic accompanied by the jungle symphony and fishing along the black water of the Samiria River. ON the way back to the Marañon River after lunch, we venture out by skiffs alongside the banana boats transporting jungle products, keeping an eye out for pink river dolphins.

### **Day 7: Thursday**

#### **CLAVERO OR YARAPA RIVER / AMAZON RIVER**

Aboard the **ARIA**, you can choose to go jungle walking, canoeing, kayaking or swimming on the black water Yarapa or Clavero River in the morning. Visit a remote Amazonia village in the afternoon.

Aboard the **NERA**, In the afternoon, we will take a jungle walk on the firm soil forest of Casual while looking for flora and fauna which may include medicinal trees, insects and poison dart frogs. Learn more about the different rainforest strata and ecosystems. This evening before dinner, we will gather to introduce you to some of the crewmembers whom you may not have met, working "behind the scenes" to ensure your countless exceptional experiences aboard your ship. At night, focus our hi-tech telescope on the sky to identify the stars, planets and the milky way.

### **Day 8: Friday**

#### **ARRIVAL IN IQUITOS / MANATEE RESCUE CENTER / TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT**

At the Bellavista Nanay morning market along the Nanay River, sample exotic snacks from the Peruvian Amazon like '*Suri*', Amazon caterpillars that are considered especially appetizing. Return to the **ARIA** for breakfast and to pack up. Before saying goodbye, we will make one last truly memorable stop at the Manatee Rescue Center, a very special kind of animal orphanage for Amazonian manatees. We will also visit San Juan craft market on route to the airport. Lunch or box lunch will be provided, depending on the exact departure flight time, which may vary. Other local activities may be included as well, according to the flight schedule.