



ALMAZ
JOURNEYS

Aria Amazon or Aqua Nera – 4 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: Monday IQUITOS / NAUTA / EMBARKATION / AMAZON RIVER

We will meet at Iquitos International Airport then journey together by air-conditioned vehicle through the Peruvian countryside to arrive at our Nauta Lounge in time for lunch, or we will serve a box lunch en route depending on the flight arrival time. In the afternoon, we will set off on your first skiff excursion to visit the birthplace of the Amazon. Later, we will board the AQUA NERA or ARIA AMAZON.¹ 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: Tuesday YANALLPA & DORADO RIVER / LISBOA TOWN / YANAYACU-PUCATE RIVER

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 and with extraordinary stargazing. Aboard the **Nera**, rise with the sun for an 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 look for the legendary pink river dolphins. In the afternoon, come with us to an Amazonian village, to interact with the native people and visit local schoolchildren.

Day 3: Wednesday PACAYA RIVER / UCAYALI RIVER / TAPICHE RIVER / SAMIRIA RIVER

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. Focus our hi-tech telescope on the night sky to identify the planets and constellations.

Day 4: Thursday CLAVERO OR YARAPA RIVER / AMAZON RIVER

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. 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.

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

Day 5: 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.