

Amazon Riverboat Adventure

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GUIDED GROUP



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Peru's largest National Park, the Pacaya-Samiria
- Spot pink river dolphin in the Amazon River
- Fish for piranha and have a paddle in a dugout canoe
- Visit a Manatee rescue centre

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days Amazon river discovery
- Join at Lima

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

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Introduction

The adventure holiday takes us on a journey down the Amazon River on the riverboat the Amatista. We board our vessel in Iquitos, in the heart of the Amazon. This is the largest city in the world inaccessible by road and has beautiful colonial churches and architecture. Our Riverboat will be our home for the next 6 nights as we experience the Amazon in style. Led by an Amazon Reserve naturalist guide, our cruise will include daily excursions by motorized skiff designed to reveal the exotic wildlife that calls the rainforest home, with any luck we'll spot sloths, toucans or pink dolphins. And, with two full days for exploration in Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, we have the chance to experience the jungle up close. We also include 2 night time excursions to see the nocturnal animals.

In addition to our rainforest explorations, another important feature of the holiday will be our visits to the homes of deep forest settlers. We will visit and learn what their lives are like, living on the edge of this vast trackless forest. A walk through their gardens is always interesting and we marvel at their survival skills, which permit them to continue living in the complex tropical forest environment. All deep forest settlers collect plants for medicines and we will talk with them and a shaman about which plants they collect and their uses. We also have the opportunity to fish for piranhas, a staple fish for food here on the river. We explore the Choroyacu Creek where we paddle in a dugout canoe through the mangroves. We certainly gain a rare glimpse of how life "on the river" is lived and experience the magic of the Amazon on this once-in-a-lifetime riverboat adventure.

Is this holiday for you?

This is principally a touring, sightseeing and wildlife viewing holiday. There'll be some light walking and hiking, suitable for most fitness levels. All cabins are en-suite, with twin or double beds. Whilst on deck or during excursions, you need to be prepared for hot and humid temperatures. Wildlife excursions on the small skiff boats will be taken in the early morning when the temperatures are cooler and the wildlife is more active. Breakfast is onboard on our return from these morning excursions. All excursions are included, but you do not need to participate in them all. During the heat of the day you will be onboard in the shade. Presentations, lectures and videos will be shown during this time.

Itinerary

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Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'. Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.



Machu Picchu and Cusco Extension

The ruins of Machu Picchu, rediscovered in 1911, after 500 years under dense vegetation, are one of the man-made wonders of the world. This itinerary also includes time for sightseeing in and around this former Inca capital of Cusco, which is renowned for the wealth of its Inca stonework and for its extravagant Spanish Colonial architecture. We then take the scenic train to Machu Picchu for a full day guided sightseeing tour of this incredible Inca city before returning to Cusco for a final evening.

4 days from
US\$880 per person



Galapagos Islands Cruise

Situated over 600 miles from the mainland of South America, the remote archipelago of the Galapagos Islands needs little introduction. The Galapagos Islands are considered to be the crown jewels of the natural world, achieving near mythological status following visits by Charles Darwin. It was on his second visit aboard HMS Beagle in 1835 that Darwin's scientific studies introduced the world to the theory of evolution. The islands teem with life, much of which seem totally unphased and perhaps curious of visitors. Of the thirteen major islands, five have any form of human habitation. The environmental footprint is kept to an absolute minimum, allowing you, the visitor, a chance to explore the incredible biodiversity of these famous islands untouched by human development. Expect close encounters with blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, albatross, giant tortoises, seals, turtles and dinosaur-like lizards amongst many, many other examples.

7 days from
US\$5,105 per person



Lake Titicaca by Bus

Forming part of the border between Peru and Bolivia, this sacred lake of the Incas at an elevation of 3830 metres was where the god Viracocha rose and created the sun, moon, stars and the first people. It is the largest navigable lake in the world. There are several islands in the lake including the 'floating' Uros Islands which are man-made from reeds and are home to a pre-Incan people who live a simple traditional life. We travel by comfortable tour bus across the altiplano from Cusco to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca.



Lake Titicaca by Train

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- Lima Airport to/from group hotel transfers
- All accommodation as described
- Internal return flights between Lima and Iquitos
- Launches and land excursions as described with our expert naturalist team
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- 2 Certified Amazon Reserve naturalist guide and support staff aboard the Amazon riverboat
- Lecture and guidance programs during the Riverboat experience

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Tips for staff
- Lima airport transfers (except as described)
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Airport departure taxes if applicable
- Cost of optional excursions - mainly in Lima
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the group hotel in Lima. Airport transfers to the hotel are included for all clients arriving into Lima Airport.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners are included. 1 lunch and 2 dinners whilst in Lima are not included. Allow USD50-80 for these meals. Unlimited bottled water is included onboard. Other soft and alcoholic drinks are extra.

Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as [Water-to-Go](#), which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

Whilst in Lima there is a wide variety of dining options available and you will be able to choose traditional Peruvian dishes or more international cuisine. Whilst onboard the riverboat the food is regional and provides a unique (and delicious) window into local culture!

Accommodation

During this trip the group will spend 1 night at a hotel in Lima at the start and 1 at the end of the holiday. You will then spend 6 nights onboard the Amatista. Cabins on board all have exterior view windows with air conditioning and private/ensuite bathrooms. Also please note that they are set up as twins but can be converted into a double bed if requested. The cabins are on two different decks the 'Main Deck' and the 'Upper Deck'. They are the same spec cabins, but if you have a preference to which deck you wish to be on please inform us on booking (of course depends on availability). On board, you will have an opportunity to do one laundry drop off free of charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap. Single cabins are possible - please contact the office for prices and availability.

Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Peru. We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

Additional hotel nights in Lima are also available.

Internal flights

All local flights are included in the cost. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

Group Leader & Support Staff

A carefully chosen team will lead our voyage. They are chosen not only for their local knowledge and wealth of experience but also for their great love of the Amazon. With formal lectures, as well as informal briefings and discussions, your naturalists will cover all aspects of the voyage including ornithology, rainforest biology, geography, history and the environment. Officers and crew, all highly experienced in varying types of navigation, man the ship.

Spending Money

Approximately £200-250 (or equivalent in US dollars, Euros etc) should be allowed for miscellaneous expenses such as non included meals, tips and beers, soft drinks etc. It is not necessary to obtain local currency prior to departure. We recommend that you carry your travel money in the form of cash, since you will exchange the majority of this on the day of your arrival in Lima. If you prefer not to carry all of your spending money in cash, it is possible to withdraw money from ATMs in Lima using your debit or credit card.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

When in Lima you may wish to participate in an optional activities. Please note that these can only be booked and paid for locally. Please either book them with the representative or at the hotel desk on arrival. All prices are subject to change without notice.

Lima City Tour \$39 (minimum 2): Tour colonial and contemporary Lima. - Approx 3 Hrs

Pachacamac \$50 (minimum 2): Visit the Lost Inca Citadel of Lima. - Approx 3 Hrs

Larco Museum \$51 (minimum 2): This museum contains the best quality gold and silver collection. - Approx 3 Hrs

Culinary Tour \$72: Visit a local market. Learn how to make Ceviche and Pisco Sours like the experts. - Approx 3 Hrs

Ballestas Islands with Huacachina from \$220 (minimum 2): Enjoy wildlife and history, have lunch in a winery and visit the Huacachina Oasis. - Full day. An extra night in Lima is usually required for this activity.

City Contrasts \$55 (minimum 2): Visit the other face of Lima, the shanty towns or Pueblos Jovenes. - Approx 3 Hrs

Lima at Night \$70 (minimum 2): Visit the Magic Circuit of Water, walk through the centre of Lima and savour an included dinner. - Approx 3 Hrs

Palomina Islands \$75 (minimum 2): Visit the port area of Lima. Spot wildlife and swim with the sea lions. - Approx 5 Hrs

Guidance on Tipping

We recommend tipping \$15 per day or \$90 in total for time spent on the boat. There will be two envelopes left by the staff; one, for guides and one for crew. The recommended breakdown is 50% for the naturalist staff and 50% for the crew. This is only a suggestion as we understand that tipping is a personal choice.

Beat the Jet Lag

Our holidays are normally designed with minimal 'down time' at the start of the trip, but having a day or two at the beginning will have the additional benefit of allowing you time to get over the stress of a long journey or travelling across time zones, leaving you refreshed and ready for your holiday. We can easily arrange for you to have additional nights and airport transfers.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline. Please note that you should be able to carry your own luggage.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

Group Members

For this holiday the minimum age is 12 yrs. The holiday will be conducted in English. Generally on these trips there will be a mix of nationalities but it is not possible to guarantee this.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Visa Peru

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays. When passing through immigration you will need to request a copy of your TAM Migration form. You will need to retain this document and keep it safe, as you will be asked to produce it before you depart Peru. Please note that a paper copy of travel insurance is required for people travelling to Huaraz and the Huayhuash region.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH THE USA

You will require an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), and you must get this before boarding any US-bound aircraft or ship, or entering on a land border. The fee is USD\$21 and you should apply for it at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>. With the ESTA complete, the majority of British Citizen passport holders can enter the US under the Visa Waiver Programme, VWP. You will be required to have a passport with an integrated chip. Note that if you have travelled to Cuba, Iran, Syria or North Korea since March 2011* you will have to apply for a visa rather than the Visa Waiver Programme (* a full and up to date list of countries can be found on the US government website [here](#).)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH CANADA

All citizens (except for USA citizens) will require an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorisation), and you must get this before boarding any Canada-bound aircraft or ship, or entering on a land border. The fee is CAD\$7 and you should apply for it at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

Dengue fever is a known risk in places visited. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you [take precautions to avoid mosquito bites](#).

Zika virus has been confirmed as active in this country. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you take the usual precautions to avoid mosquito bites. The mosquitoes that transmit ZIKV are unlikely to be found above 2,000m altitude. For more information, visit the website of the National Travel Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) at <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk>

VACCINATIONS

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you specific require any vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella), along with hepatitis A and typhoid. Malarial prophylaxis are required. There is risk of yellow fever and you must carry a current vaccination certificate. On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dentist check up. A good online resource is [Travel Health Pro](#).

Currency

The unit of currency in Peru is the Nuevos Soles.

Climate

A unique feature of the rainforest surrounding Iquitos is that it has neither a rainy nor dry season. It does have a high water period from December through May, which is caused by the melting of snow during the Andean summer and from the rainy season in the upper jungle. The low water period begins in June and ends with the rising waters in November. The warm and humid climate remains relatively constant throughout the year, giving this area its botanical category of 'Everwet Tropical Forest'. Normal day-time highs are 32° C and night-time lows are 23° C.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through one of our international partners. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

Equipment Information

Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should always try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum. Please restrict your baggage to one main bag and a small daypack. Dress on board is informal.

You must bring the following items:

- Walking boots/sturdy shoes
- Casual shoes / Trainers or similar for onboard
- Flip flops/sandals
- Socks
- Knee-length socks (to be used with rubber boots)
- Waterproof jacket & trousers
- Loose-fitting, light coloured long-sleeved shirts
- Loose-fitting, light coloured trekking trousers
- Underwear
- Casual shirt and/or T-shirts
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper/sweater
- Sunhat
- Scarf and/or buff
- Sunglasses
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 Litre x2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries (inc soap)

- Antibacterial handwash
- Small towel
- Selection of dry bags (to keep rucksack contents dry)
- Small daypack with optional waterproof cover
- Bug repellent with DEET

■ Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, and plasters. Glucose tablets and multi-vitamin tablets are also a good idea.

◆ **The following items are optional:**

- Rain poncho (useful for rain in the heat)
- Rubber boots (Wellington boots)*
- Ear plugs
- Shorts
- Swimwear
- Travel clothes
- Camera (in a dry bag)
- Binoculars
- Powerful handheld torch for nocturnal wildlife viewing
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes

*Rubber boots / Wellington boots - Complimentary waterproof boots are supplied for the following sizes:

- Men's USA size 8-14 / UK size 7 to 13½ / Europe 41 to 48½
- Women's USA size 3 to 9 / UK size 1 to 6½ / Europe 33 to 40
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If you have a different shoe size to these you can bring your own rubber boots.

Cotswold Outdoor

Many of the equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive a 12.5% discount with Cotswold Outdoor, Snow+Rock and Runners Need. The discount code can be downloaded from your MyKE account and you can use this code at the checkout, either in store or online.

Land Only Information

The dates shown are for the LAND ONLY itinerary, joining in Lima, Peru. Airport transfers are provided on the first and last day of the itinerary.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Lima. Outbound flights will depart the UK usually in the evening, arriving into Lima in the morning of Day 1. Return flights will usually depart Lima in the morning of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the morning of the following day.

Why Choose KE

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This holiday can be the perfect extension to a Peru trekking holiday, or just as an Amazon experience on its own. With many departures to choose from you are bound to find a date to suit you.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 04/12/2024 and the trip is subject to change