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## THE GRAND AMAZON

Explore the Amazon in a whole new way.

### A SHIP WITH STYLE

Come aboard the *M/V Aqua*, the first true luxury vessel ever to cruise the northern Amazon. Stay in one of the ship's 180° panoramic master suites. Designed by noted Peruvian architect Jordi Puig, the beautiful, air-conditioned suites feature generous outward-facing panoramic windows.

### FINE DINING WITH A VIEW

The ship's dining room also allows you to take in the wilderness while you enjoy a world-class meal. Get the same kind of superb service you would expect from a fine restaurant in Lima. In fact, this unique dining experience is crafted by one of Lima's culinary stars, executive chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. His menu brings together both Peruvian and European influences and offers a chance to try local delicacies and freshly caught fish. Wine lovers will be happy to hear wine is included with meals—true aficionados can enjoy some of South America's best vintages.

### ENTER THE WILD

The city of Iquitos will be the entry point for your adventure. Iquitos is unique in that it can only be reached by water or air. Throughout your trip, you'll also have plenty of opportunities to experience local culture and

interact with villagers. While you're in Iquitos, take a pleasant excursion on one of the river cruise ships that navigate the Amazon. These comfortable boats provide an optimum experience with unforgettable service. Travel from the city to the Marañón, Ucayali and Napo Rivers, and even to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. Or you can take a more modest boat, such as a launch or a ferry, to the Three Borders Point, where Peru, Brazil, and Colombia share a common border.

### EXPLORE THE PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE

The beautiful and remote Pacaya-Samiria Reserve spans more than five million acres. Few have traveled to this unique ecosystem that is so rich in wildlife. The endangered pink Amazon dolphin is one of the hundreds of species that you will have an opportunity to see. Plant life is equally amazing: The Colossal Victoria Regia water lilies are unlike any you've probably seen in person. Scheduled tours and excursions offer a chance to experience it all, and when you're ready, head back to your floating luxury hotel. There has never been a more enjoyable way to discover the Amazon.

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