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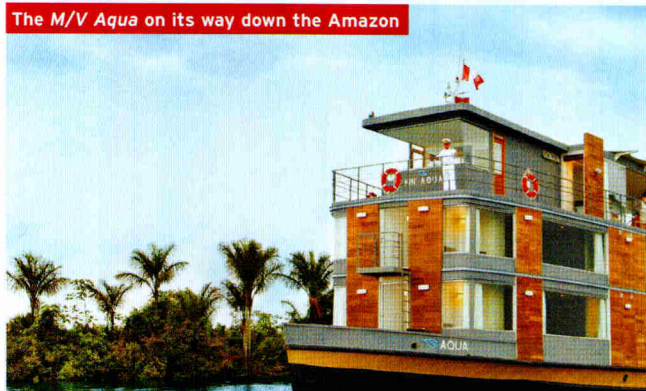
The Ferragamos & friends, Tuscany, 2008

A Family Affair

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The M/V Aqua on its way down the Amazon



CRUISE CONTROL

I nearly fell off my chair when I saw the 12-cabin M/V Aqua luxury ship featured in "Cruising's Next Wave" [BlackBook, Autumn 2008]. Not long ago, yet before such a thing as the M/V Aqua existed, a friend and I embarked on an eight-day ecolodge trip down the Amazon, starting in Iquitos, Peru. Our hotel was what I now call a "five jungle-star", and the accommodations only got more spartan from there. We did indeed see pink dolphins, a sloth couple in an intimate embrace and a baby caiman. If I had the opportunity to do it again, though, I would opt for the M/V Aqua in a heartbeat. Of course you won't have a wild tapir run into your mess hall the way we did, but the amenities of this lovely ship would be worth the sacrifice.

JAMIE BAKER, *by email*



TYROLEAN TREASURE

During our summer holidays, my wife and I stayed in a wonderful hotel near South Tyrol [South Tyrol's Rarefied Rations, Autumn 2008]; namely, Hotel Adler in Ortisei. The spa is truly wonderful with a lovely relaxation area and fantastic swimming pool. It's five-stars all around, including the cuisine – absolutely recommendable, even for a weekend.

LIVIO TOMMASI, *Italy*

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