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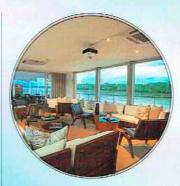


INTRIGUING EXPORTS THAT MAKE A COUNTRY'S GDP

BY BOAT



The Amazon rainforest takes up sixty per cent of Peru, making riverboats the most sensible method for exploring this fabled region. Of the ships that ply the river, none are as classy as Aqua Expeditions' two sleek, black-hulled boats: Aqua Amazon and Aria Amazon. Carrying just 24 and 32 passengers respectively, they journey up and down the waterway in consummate style. Cabins are large, at 25sqm, and come with a shower big enough to fit two. Their greatest asset is the view through three huge glass panes that turn the room into an extension of the river.



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Meals celebrate Peru's rich bounty and range from casual breakfasts to haute dinners, accompanied by Argentinean and Chilean wine (Peru's wine industry is still playing catch-up). Trips spotlight Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, the country's largest protected flooded forest, with aluminium skiffs allowing for twice-daily excursions. These range from wildlife-spotting along small channels to walks in the jungle and the opportunity to meet riberenos, the dwellers who chose to live along the banks of this vibrant river, www.aquaexpeditions.com

