Amazon Riverboat Adventure

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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
- Interact with members of the local community
- Learn the intricacies of Amazon Wildlife from expert Naturalist guides

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days Amazon river discovery
- Join at Lima

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

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 sharman 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?

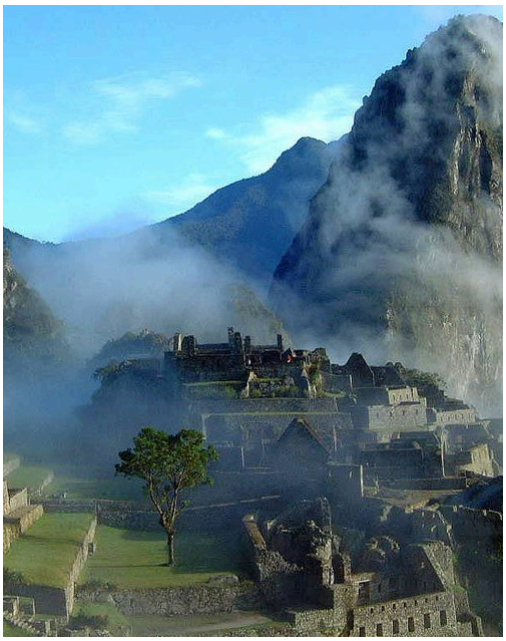
This is principally a touring, sightseeing and wildlife viewing holiday. There'll be some light walking and hiking, suitable for most fitness levels. All cabins are en-suite, with twin or double beds. Whilst on deck or during excursions, you need to be prepared for hot and humid temperatures. Wildlife 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

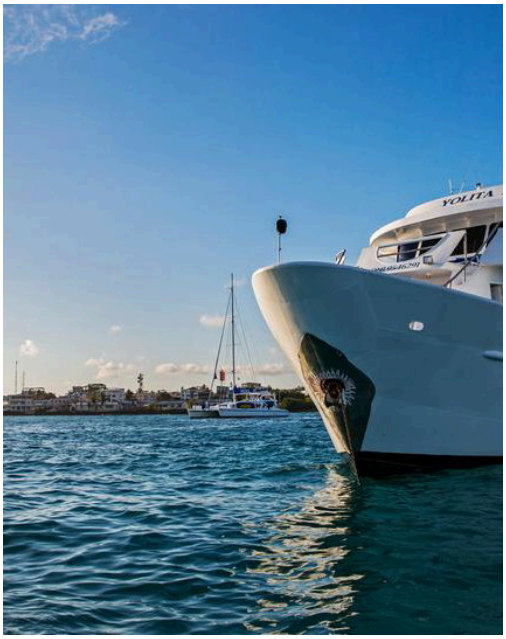
Discover the magic of Peru's ancient heart on this unforgettable 4-day extension to Cusco and Machu Picchu. Hidden for centuries beneath dense mountain vegetation and brought to international attention in 1911, Machu Picchu is one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological treasures.

This itinerary begins in Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, a fascinating city celebrated for its remarkable Inca stonework and elegant Spanish colonial architecture. You'll have time to explore the city and its surroundings before heading into the beautiful Sacred Valley of the Incas, home to impressive archaeological sites, traditional Andean villages, vibrant handicrafts, and colourful local markets.

The journey continues with a spectacular train ride through the Andes to Machu Picchu, where you'll enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the breathtaking Inca citadel. After taking in one of the most iconic sites in South America, return to Cusco for a final evening in this captivating historic city.

This extension starts and ends in Cusco.

4 days from
US$910 per person



Galapagos Islands Cruise

Create the perfect holiday-of-a-lifetime by adding an exploratory cruise of the stunning and unique Galapagos Islands

Needing little in the way of introduction, the Galapagos Islands are one of the most pristine natural environments left on Earth. Over 600 miles separate them from mainland Ecuador, meaning they have enjoyed splendid isolation and provide a habitat for a bewildering array of birds, reptiles, mammals and sea life you simply won't find anywhere else.

We have a variety of ships and itineraries and you can choose from two levels of service - Standard and Upgraded, many of which are more affordable than you may have thought. Itineraries are typically between 7 and 10 days which is the optimum length for visiting this natural paradise. During your cruise you will visit a number of the islands, each distinct and renowned in their own right. Sometimes these will be `dry` landings where you step onto a pier and at others you will make `wet` landings where you reach the island by small inflatable boats and step directly onto the beach. Every boat has a slightly different itinerary but all are focused on seeing as much of the amazing Galapagos wildlife as possible. There is also plenty of time for relaxation and for swimming and snorkelling from the boats. All of our itineraries begin and end in Quito and include the flight out to the islands.

Please contact us for details on availability, itinerary options and pricing. *(Sample itinerary detailed below)*

You might also want to consider our 10 day **Galapagos Islands Adventure,** for a more active and immersive experience of these diverse islands. This shore based trip stays in cosy small hotels and guesthouses, allowing us to experience the beaches and wildlife in the early mornings and evenings when the main tourists have disappeared on their boats. Alternatively, if you are looking for something a more luxurious why not spoil yourself on one of our Galapagos Cruises aboard the luxury Monserrat Motor Yacht.

Book this trip as a stand alone tour or in addition to any of our Latin America holidays.

7 days from
US$3,505 per person



Lake Titicaca by Luxury Bus

Travel by luxury tour bus from Cusco to Puno, across the Peruvian Andes to the shores of Lake Titicaca.

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. After an overnight in Puno we travel to the floating 'Totoras' reed islands of the Uros people. Here we watch them harvesting and weaving the reeds. We continue onto Amantani Islands and stay overnight in a traditional village house hosted by local families, giving us a great insight into the livelihood of these pre-Incan people. We return the following day by boat to Puno and then transfer to the nearby airport of Juliaca. This extension starts in Cusco and ends in Juliaca.

4 days from
US$465 per person



Lake Titicaca by Luxury Train

Travel in style on the luxurious Titicaca scenic train from Cusco to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

Enjoy stunning landscapes, lively regional music and dance, and exquisite onboard cuisine. Along the route you'll make a stop at Abra La Raya, the journey's highest point at 4,300m. After an overnight in Puno we travel to the floating 'Totora' reed islands of the Uros people. Here we watch them harvesting and weaving the reeds. Travelling onto Amantani Island we overnight in a traditional village house being hosted by a local families. This gives us a great insight into the livelihood of these pre-Incan people. We return the following day by boat to Puno and then transfer to the nearby airport of Juliaca. This extension starts in Cusco and ends in Juliaca.

Train departures: Every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday

4 days from
US$860 per person

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.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

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.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

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.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

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

If your flights pass through the USA, even if only in transit, you will require either a visa or an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation). Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can apply for an ESTA under certain conditions*. This must be done online via https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov, no later than 72 hours prior to travel and applies whether entering the country by sea or by air. You will need to have a biometric passport to apply for an ESTA. The fee is currently US$40 *(as of 30/09/25).* Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely be refused boarding.

*If you have visited Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen since 2011 or have dual nationality with any of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA. You will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate instead. Additionally, if you have travelled to or have been in Cuba since the 12th of January 2021, you will not be eligible for an ESTA visa waiver and will need to apply for a US visa. You should consult the US State Department website to determine which you will need.

When completing the ESTA application form you will be asked to enter your 'Point of Contact' information. This is not required if you are only transiting through the USA.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH CANADA

UK 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. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office

Entry requirements can change regularly so please ensure you have the most up to date information before travelling by checking visa entry requirements at the relevant embassy in your country of residence: (US Embassy in London: http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html)

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

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.

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. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

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 our international partner. 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
- Causal 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.

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

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

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

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 14/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change