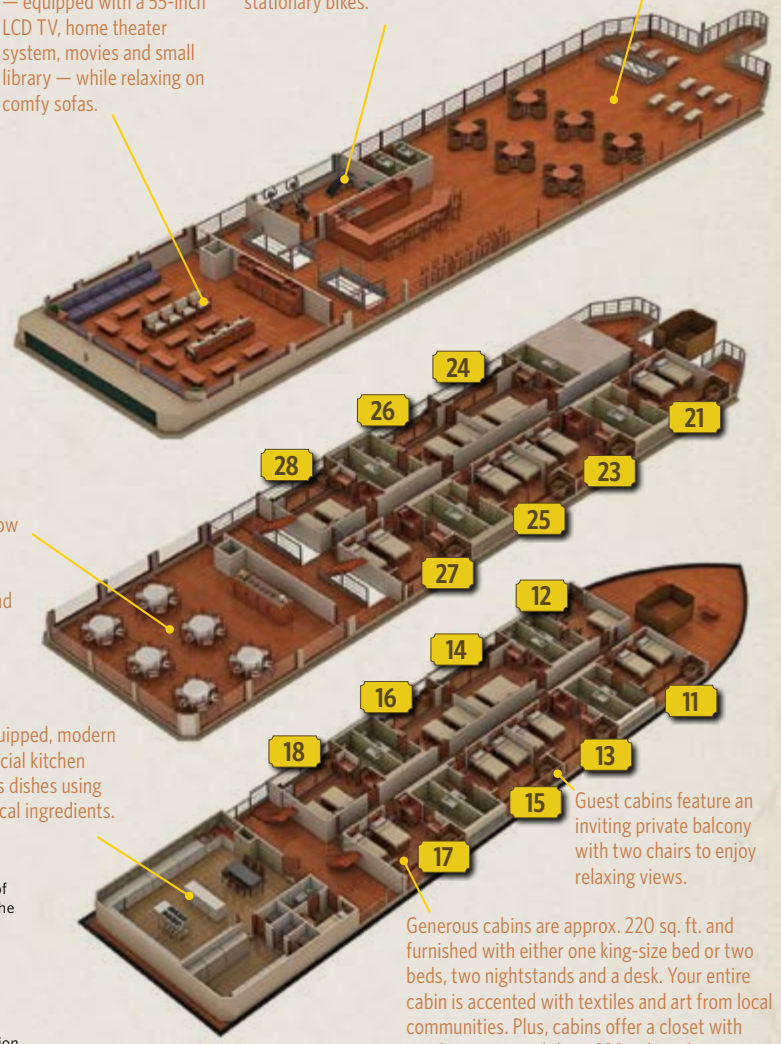




Enjoy daily discussions by our naturalists in the air-conditioned Lecture Room — equipped with a 55-inch LCD TV, home theater system, movies and small library — while relaxing on comfy sofas.

Stay in shape on vacation by taking advantage of the ship's onboard Fitness Room with ellipticals and stationary bikes.

Enjoy the passing scenery from our open-air Bar & Sun Deck.



Our Dining Room is finished in classic riverboat style with large windows. Tables seating 6-8 guests each allow you to get to know fellow travelers and guides while sampling local delicacies and international favorites.

Fully equipped, modern commercial kitchen prepares dishes using fresh, local ingredients.

Generous cabins are approx. 220 sq. ft. and furnished with either one king-size bed or two beds, two nightstands and a desk. Your entire cabin is accented with textiles and art from local communities. Plus, cabins offer a closet with ample storage and three 220 volt outlets.

### Voyage Accommodations

Our Amazon riverboat, the *Amazon Star*, is outfitted with the latest amenities, including WiFi access for guests and cabins with spacious, private balconies with two chairs to enjoy relaxing views of the passing rainforest. For excursions, board two stable 18-passenger excursion boats accompanied by knowledgeable local naturalist guides. As a special perk, you can take advantage of complimentary laundry service during your seven-night voyage.

### What's Included:

- Full educational program with lectures and field interpretation.
- Nightly guides' reception onboard with a complimentary Peruvian cocktail, beer, wine or soda.
- All transportation by land and ship.
- All excursions accompanied by English-speaking naturalist guides.
- Complete pre-departure information.
- All meals aboard.
- All transfers, portage and service charges.
- In summary, everything except international airfare and U.S. departure taxes; ticketing fee; air or ship fuel surcharges; tips to naturalist guides and crew; passport fees; and items of a personal nature, alcoholic beverages, etc.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt by International Expeditions. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$300 per person. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed 50% of the cost of the voyage. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed the full cost of the voyage.

**Rates and Fares:** All rates and fares are accurate and available at the time of publication. Costs are based on a minimum of 12 guests for the expedition and 10 for the extensions.

**Insurance:** Travel insurance information will be sent upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. CST:2045230-20

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A deposit of \$600 per person is required for the Amazon Voyage. If you wish to take the Lima or Machu Picchu extensions, an additional \$150 per person, per extension is required. **Please make checks payable to International Expeditions**, and return your deposit and reservation form along with a copy of the picture page of your passport to:

**THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS TRAVELING AGGIES**  
508 George Bush Drive • College Station, TX 77840-2918  
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Please guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for  Amazon Voyage  Colonial Lima  Machu Picchu

Lower Deck: \$4,948  Upper Deck: \$5,148  Single Cabin Lower Deck: \$7,422

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**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Prices are per person, double occupancy. Person with whom you wish to room:

- Assign roommate for me on the Amazon Voyage.  
 Assign roommate for me on the Lima pre-extension.  
 Assign roommate for me on the Machu Picchu post-extension.  
 Smoker  Yes  No

(Limited singles available. Single supplement charges will be applied when required or requested.)

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** I/We authorize International Expeditions to:

- Book my air reservations from \_\_\_\_\_ to Lima, Peru for an additional cost. (Airfare subject to change until ticketed. \$50 ticketing fee will apply.)

I have read and accept the conditions and further understand and agree that the trip I am taking may have risks. I therefore assume all risks involved with regard to this trip and agree that The Association of Former Students, International Expeditions and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury or damage to me. This is acknowledged by me knowingly and willfully and shall be binding on my heirs and next of kin. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature authorizes the processing of the deposit, airfare and final payment to the above credit card. If deposit is paid by credit card, the final payment will automatically be charged to the same credit card on the appropriate due date.)



- Navigate more than 500 miles, delving into the least populated and most pristine tributaries.
- Experience wildlife excursions led by the most skilled local naturalist guides in the Amazon.
- Journey into the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve for the best chance of diverse wildlife sightings — the only people going deeper into the reserve are scientists!
- Participate in pre-dawn birding, school visits in local villages, rainforest walks, kayaking and even piranha fishing so everyone enjoys his or her ideal adventure.
- Travel aboard a newly constructed riverboat with traditional touches and modern amenities.



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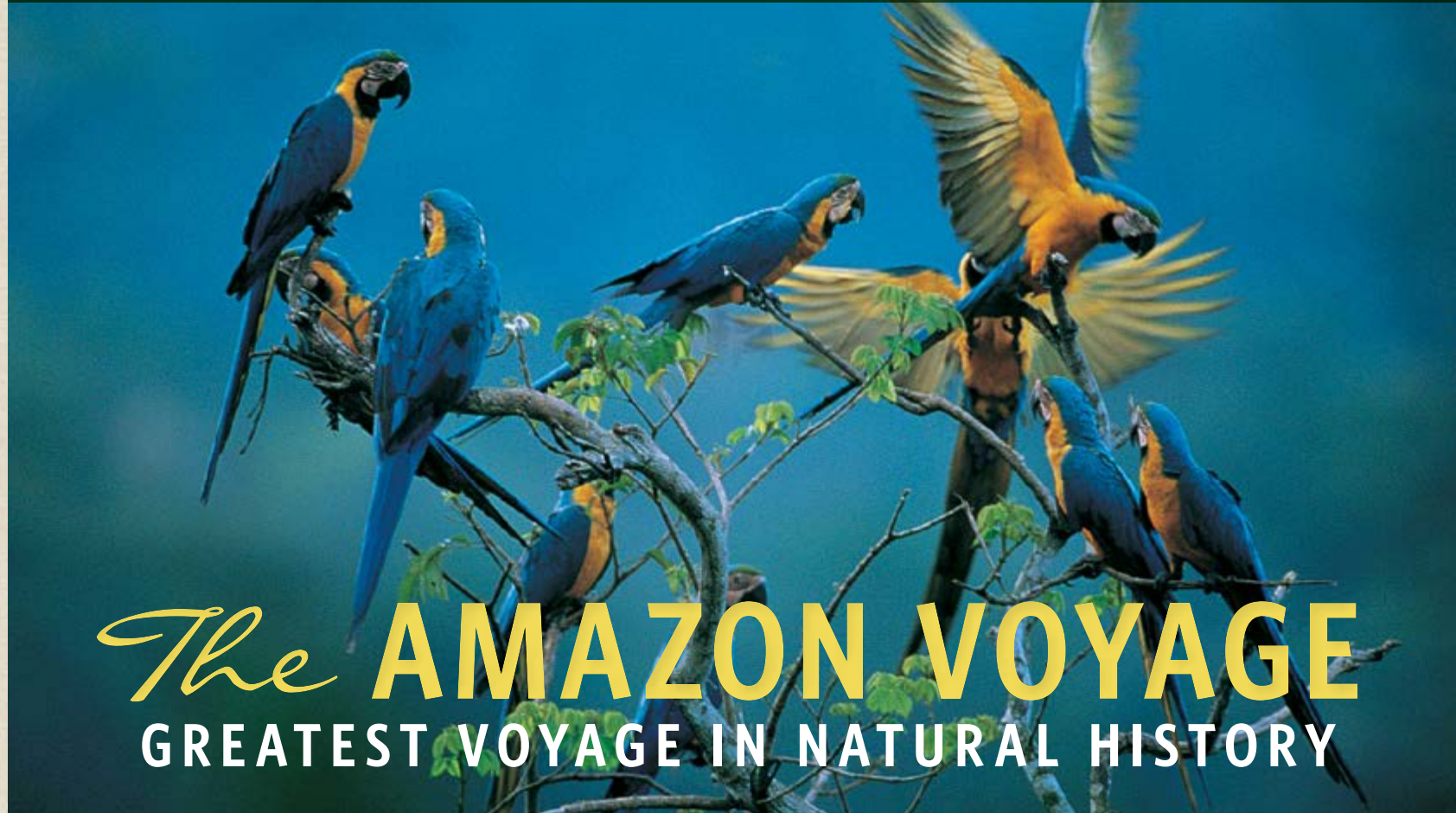
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Lower Deck . . . . .	\$4,948
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Lower Deck Single . . . . .	\$7,422
Upper Deck . . . . .	\$5,148
Upper Deck Suite . . . . .	\$5,348
Upper Deck Triple . . . . .	\$4,290

In-Country Air: \$399

All prices are per person.  
Limited singles available in Lower Deck cabins only.

## 3-Day Extension: Colonial Lima

April 12-14, 2017 . . . . . \$718

Prices are per person, double occupancy.  
Single Occupancy: \$1,208

## 5-Day Extension: Machu Picchu & Cusco

April 23-27, 2017. . . . . \$2,348

In-Country Air: \$399 Park Fees: \$185

Prices are per person, double occupancy.  
Single Occupancy: \$3,298



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## Colonial Lima Pre-Extension

**Day 1 • Wednesday ARRIVE LIMA** Arrive in Lima, Peru, where you are met and transferred to the Swissôtel. (Meals Aloft)

**Day 2 • Thursday COLONIAL LIMA** Tour historic Lima, visiting Casa Aliaga, a private home dating back to the Conquistadors. See the Cathedral, where Francisco Pizarro is entombed, and Plaza de Armas. Before lunch, tour the monastery and vast catacombs of the Iglesia de San Francisco. (B,L)

**Day 3 • Friday LIMA** Browse at the Indian Market. Later, enjoy a guided visit to the Larco Herrera Museum, where we can view 3,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Dinner is at the Museum. (B,L,D)



## 10-Day Amazon Voyage Itinerary

**Day 1 • Friday U.S. / LIMA** Fly independently to Lima, Peru and overnight at the Swissôtel. (D Aloft)

**Day 2 • Saturday LIMA / IQUITOS / EMBARK RIVERBOAT / AMAZON RIVER** Fly over the Andes to Iquitos, where we enjoy an encounter at the Manatee Research Center and survey the history of local tribes at a small museum. Board our riverboat, home for seven days. Enjoy stargazing and storytelling with our local guides while cruising slowly on the Amazon River toward the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers. (B,L,D)

**Day 3 • Sunday ORIGIN OF THE AMAZON RIVER / RÍO UCAYALI** Wake to the ever-changing panorama of jungle life. Our first exploration, at the origin of this mighty river, navigates the waterways aboard stable excursion boats to areas where we may find marsh birds such as oriole blackbirds, green ibis and yellow-headed caracaras. Venture into the flooded *varzea* in search of a variety of birds, giant water lilies, monkeys and sloths. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 • Monday RÍO UCA YALI / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE** Explore this tangled realm of forest, rivers and lagoons on foot and aboard excursion boats, looking for pink dolphins and wading birds. Our naturalists share local lore and explain how pink river dolphins use sound to hunt. While exploring, look for monk saki and squirrel monkeys. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 • Tuesday RÍO PACAYA / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE** This morning, enjoy a peaceful breakfast along the blackwater Sapote Creek. Excursion boats grant us deeper access to this vast wetland as we continue to the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. At night, board excursion boats and perhaps walk in the rainforest for a chance to find caimans, capybaras, common potoos, frogs, fishing bats and nocturnal wildlife. (B,L,D)



Double cabin onboard the Amazon Star

**Day 6 • Wednesday RÍO PACAYA / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE** Once reaching the depths of the reserve we hike through the *igapó* (seasonally flooded forest). Periodically throughout the year, guests may even release turtle hatchlings. On an afternoon excursion we search for scarlet macaws, hoatzins, black-collared hawks and red howler monkeys. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 • Thursday RÍO UCAYALI / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE** Learn about the lives of the Ribereño people as we visit a village perched on the riverbanks. Stroll through their gardens learning about medicinal plants from the village shaman, visit a school or join in a game of soccer. Depending on the villages visited during your voyage, you may also have the opportunity to see an IE-funded water treatment tower. The clean drinking water provided by these towers is having an enormously positive health impact on remote river villages. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 • Friday AMAZON RIVER** Enjoy an early morning birdwatching excursion along the Yarapa River. After breakfast, try your hand at piranha fishing in Ubos Lake. Back aboard our ship, take advantage of the open-air top deck, learning to make Peruvian dishes or enjoying a lecture. After dark, while sipping a cup of ginger tea, float peacefully and listen to the symphony of sound from the forest. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 • Saturday IQUITOS / LIMA / DEPART** Disembark in Iquitos and fly back to Lima for lunch. Dayrooms are provided until you connect with overnight flights home. (B,L)

**Day 10 • Sunday ARRIVE HOME** Connect with flights home. (Meals Aloft)



Machu Picchu

## Machu Picchu & Cusco Post-Extension

**Day 9 • Saturday DISEMBARK / IQUITOS / CUSCO / URUBAMBA** After disembarking, board connecting flights to Cusco. Drive into the historic Urubamba Valley. Stop at Sacsayhuamán — a huge fortress of massive stones which zigzags across the side of the mountain. After browsing at Pisac Market, check into our home for the next two nights, the Sonesta Posada Yucay. (L,D)

**Day 10 • Sunday URUBAMBA / MACHU PICCHU** Board the train to Machu Picchu, where we spend the day exploring the ruins with our guide. The citadel lies between two peaks — Huayna Picchu (Young Peak) and Machu Picchu (Old Peak). The steep terrain is part of the reason that less than half of the ancient site has been examined. Catch the evening train back to the Sacred Valley. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 • Monday URUBAMBA / CUSCO** Enjoy early morning birding in the Andean forests and meadows of Abra Malaga, home to endemic Inca wren, creamy-crested spinetail, white antpita and a variety of other birdlife. Explore the mighty archaeological wonder of Ollantaytambo. After a Paso Fino horse show, continue to Cusco. Spend two nights at Costa del Sol Cusco Hotel. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 • Tuesday CUSCO** Stroll the streets of Cusco, exploring the Koricancha — also known as Santo Domingo, Santa Catalina Convent and the Cathedral. After lunch, the afternoon is free to explore on your own before a farewell dinner featuring Andean fare. (B,L,D)

**Day 13 • Wednesday CUSCO / LIMA / EN ROUTE** After breakfast, fly back across the Andes to Lima. Enjoy a superb lunch of local delicacies before an afternoon at leisure. Dayrooms are available until you transfer to the airport for your independent flights home. (B,L)

**Day 14 • Thursday ARRIVE HOME** Connect with your flight home. (Meals Aloft)

## Howdy!

The rainforest of the Amazon Basin fires the imagination of dreamers and explorers, hinting at an adventure like no other. Beyond the frontier along the river's edge, daily excursions allow you to discover the secrets hidden under the rich canopy and along narrow tributaries. Be amazed by the symphony of cicadas and tree frogs, howls from the howler monkeys and songs from the many species of birds found here. Spend evenings cruising the headwaters of Earth's most legendary river, stargazing and storytelling as Peruvian lore becomes part of your personal story.

The *Amazon Star* is a riverboat featuring gracious, 21st-century comfort. Each of the 15 airy cabins is air-conditioned, has a private balcony and has floor-to-ceiling windows, so you are constantly surrounded by rainforest vistas. This riverboat boasts unrivaled public spaces, including the Amazon's largest open-air Observation Deck, a modern Lecture Room and even a Fitness Room. Two highly trained chefs will serve a variety of Peruvian cuisine, and each night you will enjoy a guides' reception.

The Amazon Voyage includes a variety of flexible activity options, including swimming, bird watching, jungle walks, kayaking, village visits, peaceful excursion boat rides, cooking demonstrations and more so that you enjoy an enriching and fun adventure. Against a backdrop of rainforest and water, create a lifetime of memories. Join fellow Aggies as we explore the diverse ecosystems that make up the heart of Earth's greatest wilderness.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bohac '87

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