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AMAZON RAINFOREST RIVERBOAT CRUISE: NAPO RIVER & PAÑACOCHA LAGOON EXPLORATION

If you are planning a Galapagos Islands Cruise or Trek to Machu Picchu, consider extending your vacation to include the tropical rainforest of Ecuador. One of your extension options includes this riverboat cruise along the famed Napo River. Onboard your 30-passenger riverboat, see firsthand how the great rivers of this region are the lifeblood of birds, the home to caimans, fresh water river dolphins, piranhas, catfish and giant paiches. Butterflies of exquisite color, beauty and unusual size are common here, as well as the croaks of giant frogs. Howler monkeys thrive on a rich diet of insects only found in the Amazon. An unforgettable addition to any South American journey.

Trip Dates: 4, 5, and 8-day Year Round Departures
(Call for Availability, Pricing & Itineraries)

Cruise Cost: \$745 - \$2370

Sample 5-day/4-night itinerary

Cruise Cost: \$995 (standard double)

DAY 1

Flight from Quito to Coca and transfer to the Napo River port. Enjoy a motorized canoe ride downstream and deep into the Amazon basin for 1.5 hours to board our riverboat, which will begin its navigation downstream. A courteous crew attends to your needs and our English-speaking naturalist guides will introduce you to a surprising Amazon world, its people, more than 600 species of birds, and hundreds of botanical wonders. Our riverboat sails along different ecosystems and important natural reserves such as the Yasuní National Park and the Limoncocha Biological Reserve. Every night there will be additional activities such as conferences, review of the flora and fauna and optional night outings. (D)

DAY 2

Terra Firmae Forest, Lakes and Gorges

After breakfast, enjoy your first excursion to walk atop terra firma forest towards an internal lagoon in Yasuni National Park. Observe varying ecosystems

accompanied by your naturalist guide and take the opportunity to swim and fish for the famous piranha, time to rest and a picnic lunch. The return to the mighty Napo River will be onboard a native canoe, rowing along a small black water creek or gorge. (BLD)

DAY 3

Parrots and the Limoncocha Biological Reserve

An early departure today by motor canoe takes us to a very special corner of the jungle, the clay banks of the river where different species of parrots gather daily to eat. This clay helps them digest the seeds they feed on; it is quite a sight, colorful and noisy! Then back aboard the ship to sail upriver and reach one of the tributaries of the Napo to observe the flora and fauna, the enthusiastic pygmy monkeys and a trek to the only Biological Reserve of Ecuador. Upon reaching Limoncocha Lake, we will board a canoe and travel along the banks of this marshy ecosystem where over 470 species of birds have been recorded! There is a chance to fish for piranha, and for a short walk. Tonight, it is possible to observe the black caimans that inhabit the lagoon; night excursions offer an experience like no other – viewing wildlife in its nocturnal state, when the jungle is cool and quiet. Late return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (BLD)

DAY 4

Archeological Museum / Giants of the Forest / Local Family Visit

The adventure today begins with a visit to the Museum of Pompeya, a small archaeological sample with Amazonian funeral urns dating back several centuries, as well as utensils and ways of life of the ancient denizens of the rainforest. We will also have the opportunity to see the giant trees of the Amazon, like the kapok, which rises over the forest canopy to more than 80 meters high, with huge, protruding roots. Try your hand at rowing a canoe on a tranquil tributary of the river up to the house of a native family, to share a moment with them and learn their way of life. (BLD)

DAY 5

While we navigate upriver during breakfast, the guides wrap up our knowledge of the great Amazon region and say farewell. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Quito. (B)

Note: This itinerary is subject to change for safety and technical reasons.

Cruise Costs	Deposit	In-country Flight	National Park Fee	Trip Dates	Difficulty	Activities
\$745 - \$1740 see below	Entire Fee due on registration	\$143*	\$25	Year Round	No Experience Needed	Cruise, Canoeing, Wildlife, Jungle walks, Swimming

*Air Rates and schedules are subject to change at any time.

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A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

Full package includes: 4 night/5 day Cruise; All meals as indicated on itinerary (B= breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner); expert naturalist guides; all day and night excursions; purified water, rubber boots, ponchos, lifejackets.

Not Included in your Trip Fee: International airfare, airport departure tax, in-country round trip flight (Quito/Coca/Quito) \$143; Yasuni National Park Fee \$25; optional Parrot Salt Lick visit \$25; airport departure tax; alcoholic beverages or soft drinks onboard; any meals not indicated on itinerary; gratuities to guides and crew; items of a personal nature.

About the ship and our crew: Our 90-foot, 30-passenger river cruise boat has 110-volt electricity onboard, air conditioning, boots and rain ponchos, guest laundry, and a full bar. A seasoned captain, 10 dedicated crew members, and one experienced, English-speaking naturalist guide attend to the details of your Amazon river cruise. Motorized canoes ferry passengers to shore for Jungle walks and village visits.

Weather Conditions: The Ecuadorian Amazon Basin is located in the Eastern part of the country and comprised mostly of untouched terra firma and flooded forest. The climate is Tropical, with an average year-round temperature of 26° C (79° F). Although it rains year round in the rainforest, the "rainy season" is from April to August. Nights sometimes get cool.

Transportation/Flight Arrangements: Please consult with Adventure Associates as you prepare your flight arrangements for the best time of arrival/departure.

Trip & Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, and loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular program we recommend (Access America) will cover "preexisting" conditions if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) days following your registration. Information available upon request.

How to Register: If you have not downloaded an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate payment. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and details about your pre-trip preparation.

Payment Outline & Schedule: We accept Visa, MasterCard, AmEx and personal check payments.

Full payment due upon registration

4 day/3 night (Fri-Mon): Double \$745 / Single \$955

5 day/4 night (Mon-Fri): Double \$995 / Single \$1500

8 day/7 night (Mon-Mon or Fri-Fri): Double \$1740 / Single \$2600

Cancellation / Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

90 or more \$200

60 to 89 \$500

30 to 59 50% fee

1 to 29 100% fee

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first. Once a trip has been confirmed, medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.

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