

M/V Cattleya

4-day / 3-night ITINERARY: Wednesday - Saturday

Because the world of the Amazon River basin is unpredictable and ever-changing, our cruise expedition itineraries are always flexible. This is a guide of what we may do, but it is subject to change to give you the most exhilarating, enlightening and safest adventure possible.

Because of our size, we also have the ability to adapt to the unique interests of our guests and can customize any itinerary to meet your desires!



Day 1: Wednesday

Fly Lima to Iquitos on the afternoon flight.

You will be greeted upon arrival and transported to the M/V Cattleya riverboat.



Upon arrival, take some time to settle in, relax and have a drink as you get to know your fellow passengers. There will never be more than 8 guests, so you will have the opportunity to make life-long friends.

We will conduct a **safety drill** and explain everything you need to know about the M/ V Cattleya to have a safe and fun adventure.

Savour the first of many **wonderful dinners** by our talented chef, as we begin our journey along the Amazon.

(Dinner)

Day 2: Thursday

Enjoy breakfast as we cruise along the Marañón River.

Board our excursion boat for a day-long excursion in the **Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**, the largest reserve in Peru and the second largest in the whole Amazon.

Travel by expedition boat from **Yanayacu Creek** to the remote **Yarina Cocha**. We will take a rainforest hike and you will experience the huge biodiversity that the rainforest is known for.

Keep an eye out for monkeys, sloths, tree-frogs, iguanas, pink and gray river dolphins, and many varieties of bird species. Examine and learn first-hand about jungle plants and their unique survival tactics as they compete for sun and nutrients in the dense rainforest, the part they play in sustaining the complex balance of life in the jungle and the important medicinal value they offer.

After a day filled with once-in-a-lifetime experiences, return to the M/V Cattleya for dinner and a relaxing evening with friends.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3: Friday

In the morning we depart for our next adventure - a spectacular tour of the rainforest from its canopy.

Take a short hike to the **canopy walkway** – a suspended bridge spanning over 500 m (1/3 of a mile) connected by platforms in the rainforest treetops.



Experience a unique view of the rainforest flora and fauna from heights reaching 35 m (115 ft).

After this breathtaking experience, enjoy lunch and some free time aboard the M/V Cattleya.

In the afternoon, we will **visit a local village** to gain a deeper insight into how people live in Amazon.

Meet a local **shaman**, participate in a traditional **ceremony of spiritual healing**.

Before you depart, you will have the opportunity to view and purchase some of their **handicrafts** and delightful folk art.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Saturday

As we cruise slowly back down the Marañón River we will come to the confluence of the **Marañón** and **Ucayali rivers**, where the "true" Amazon River begins.

After lunch, transfer to Iquitos airport or your hotel.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

NB. Activities may change depending on weather conditions

