

M/V Spondias Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve 4-Day / 3-Night Itinerary Thursday - Sunday

## Day 1: Thursday: Iquitos: Embarkation: (Dinner)

Welcome to the Amazon! Reached only by airplane or boat, the bustling city of <u>lquitos</u> is the 5th largest city in Peru and the beginning of your Amazon adventure!

You will be met at the airport and comfortably transported two hours by road to the town of Nauta.

Here you will embark the newly-built river boat, the M/V Spondias. 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 eight guests, so you will have the opportunity to make lifelong friends.

As safety is our priority, we will conduct a safety drill and explain everything you need to know about the M/V Spondias to have a safe and exhilarating adventure.

Savour the first of many authentic, freshly-prepared dinners by our talented chef as we begin our journey along the Amazon.

#### Day 2: Friday: Pacaya Samiria (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast as we cruise along the Marañón River.

Board our excursion boat for a day-long excursion in the <u>Pacaya Samiria National Reserve</u>, the largest reserve in Peru and the second largest in all of the Amazon.

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Travel by excursion boat from Yanayacu Creek to the remote Yarina Cocha. Here, we will take a rainforest hike and you will experience the huge biodiversity for which the rainforest is known. Keep an eye out for monkeys, sloths, tree-frogs, iguanas, river dolphins, and many varieties of bird species.

Examine and learn first-hand about jungle plants – 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 Spondias for dinner and a relaxing evening with friends.

## Day 3: Saturday: Rainforest Canopy Tour (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

In the morning we depart for our next adventure – a spectacular tour of the rainforest from its canopy. We take a short hike to a <u>canopy walkway</u> – a suspended bridge spanning over 500m (1/3 of a mile) connected by platforms in the rainforest treetops. Experience a unique view of the rainforest flora and fauna from heights of up to 35m (115 ft).

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

In the afternoon, we will visit one of the local villages to gain a deeper insight into how people live in Amazon. Meet a local shaman, participate in a traditional ceremony of spiritual healing. Before departure, we will have the opportunity to view and purchase some of their handicrafts and delightful folk art.

#### Day 4: Sunday: Disembarkation (Breakfast, Lunch)

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



After lunch, transfer to lquitos airport or your hotel.

Please note that the itinerary may change, at the discretion of the ship's captain, according to climatic and river conditions.

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## Included

- ✓ 3 nights aboard the M/V Spondias.
- ✓ Transfers from/to Iquitos Airport.
- ✓ Excursions with our expert naturalist team.
- ✓ All meals.
- ✓ 24-hour restaurant service.
- ✓ Small group experience.
- ✓ Kayak activities, where possible

# Not Included:

- ✓ Flights
- ✓ Laundry service
- ✓ Tips & gratuities
- ✓ Personal Expenses
- ✓ Alcoholic Drinks