

ESCORTED AMAZON TOURS

ITINERARY: NANAY AND NAPO CRUISES with Dawn on the Amazon III

Escape to the enchanting Nanay and Napo valleys, the settings for our luxury Cruises from Iquitos, Peru on the exclusive river cruiser Dawn on the Amazon III. A unique chance to experience the sounds and sights of the river and rainforest, from the comfort of your very personal, floating hotel.

Enjoy the cruise at your own pace, enjoy a drink on the sundeck, eye to eye with the birds, animals and plants as they gently slip by. Swim from the bathing platform in clear blackwater lakes.

Savour the peace and tranquillity that only can be found in such remote places. Wake up to the jungle dawn chorus. Enjoy the incredible amazon sunsets. Greet passing locals in dugout canoes. These are experiences not to be missed.

Dawn III is the perfect size, small enough to reach much further up the rivers to remote locations not accessible to the larger mass tourism boats. (Our cruises are only open to a maximum of 8 persons). Whilst cruising, stops are frequent, the attentive crew always on the lookout for animals and photo opportunities. Dawn III has a shalupa (small motorboat) and canoes, you can explore far into the flooded forest or up small tributaries, whenever the boat stops.

In the evenings its good to talk about the days experiences with you fellow travellers maybe sample something from the Dawn 3 wine cellar in the moonlight with the sounds of the rainforest filling the air.

Dawn on the Amazon III has become famous in the upper Amazon watershed of Peru. Designed as a 19th century rubber boom vessel, with 21st century accommodations, such as electricity, refrigeration, freezers, lights, fans, GPS/sonar, HF radio, VHF radio, satellite phone, showers,

and flush toilets. The boat is built of naturally finished tropical hardwoods, reinforced with steel, with 21 artistic carvings of jungle scenes, many with vegetable ivory inlays. The



figurehead is an eagle catching a giant fish in its talons. All of the furniture was crafted by local cabinetmakers from the tropical hardwoods Purple Heart and Blood Wood.

There are comfortable mattresses, and pillows, and the most beautiful linens on the upper Amazon River. The sheets are hand made of the best fabrics, fitted,

and decorated with embroidery, bows and ribbons, nice fluffy towels and bath robes. The rooms are cleaned hotel style everyday.

Great pride is taken in the quality of the food on board Dawn III. Every morning brings a different fresh squeezed tropical fruit juice, brewed coffee, eggs, bacon, Muesli, made of rare cereal grains from the Andes, yogurt, whole milk, or skimmed milk.

Lunch and Dinner will contain fresh basil, cilantro, ginger or other herbs and spices, and tasty homemade sauces. Healthy chicken soup. Is served. The chefs use palm oil or olive oil depending...fresh fish, chicken, duck, and some surprises.

Portions are large. You can be sure of no skimping on the quantity or the quality. We cook like a Peruvian grandma whose family is gathering for a special occasion, and she wants them to remember it is special.

Some of what we serve will be completely new to guests, and the food should be part of the adventure. Our guests will have the opportunity to taste suri grubs, giant land snails, jungle butter, water buffalo cheese, seven different jungle roots soaked in sugar cane rum and/or whatever exotic, tasty tucker we can gather.



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Cruises 2007

In 2007 we can offer 10-day holidays starting and finishing in Lima. Included are one night in Miraflores, Lima (4 star accommodation), three nights in Iquitos (4 star accommodation) and five nights on board boat. Flights and transport from Lima is included. Breakfast is included whilst in hotel accommodation and all meals whilst on board Dawn III.

Day 1

Our representative will meet you from your international flight at Lima Jorge Chavez airport and transfer you to your hotel in Miraflores, a journey of approx 30 mins.

* Dinner * in the hotel or a local restaurant as preferred.

Day 2 Flight to Iquitos

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to Airport

Flight to Iquitos.

Check into a hotel in Iquitos

* Lunch * in Iquitos

Informal orientation meeting to welcome visitors to the amazon town of Iquitos and discuss forthcoming activities and tours

Watch the sunset from 'El bulevar' where bars and restaurants look out over the river, floodplain and the rain forest beyond.

* Dinner * at a restaurant serving typical local fare.

Day 3-8 Cruise Dawn III

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to Bella Vista at the mouth of the Nanay. Approx 20 mins.

Dawn III sails from Bella Vista 11am . (approx)

You then have six days (five nights) cruising either the beautiful Nanay River or tracing in the footsteps of the conquistador Francisco de Orrellana up the Napo valley. You will find a new location every day and each days programme will include shore visits or small boat trips into the cochas (Oxbow lakes) or deep forest.

Day 8 Return to Iquitos.

Dawn 3 arrives Bella Vista 4pm approx

Transfer to hotel

* Dinner * in Iquitos.

Day 9 Discover Iquitos

Breakfast in your hotel.

Free day in Iquitos. Your guides will be available to arrange and accompany you on excursions or activities as required.

* Lunch & Farewell Dinner * in Iquitos.

Day 10 Return to Lima

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to the airport.

Flight to Lima.

Transfer to your International flight.

Why Choose Amazon Holidays?

Our unrivalled local knowledge helps you: -

- Eat at the best restaurants in town
- Stay in the best hotels in the area
- Travel around using the best, most reliable transport
- Explore the most exciting locations
- Dance in the top entertainment spots
- Have plenty of time for genuine wildlife encounters.
- Gain a genuine insight into local cultures
- **Help us** in direct support of rainforest communities

We provide one bilingual guide (min) per 6 persons.

Please Note: - Meals marked with * * are not included in the package price.

Package Price £1750

(Based on double occupancy) including all internal flights and transfers, hotel board and breakfast.

Single supplements are £25 per night.



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