

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 Fishing Cruises from Iquitos, Peru on the exclusive river cruiser Dawn on the Amazon III (Dawn III). A unique chance to take you fishing to some of the wildest, least fished areas of the world, all without going more than a few minutes from the comfort of your very personal, floating hotel.

The fishing is all-important, we are after Tucunare (Peacock Bass) and arowana but can expect to find, barracuda, pacu, dorado and many other fish in these waters. The prime time for most of these fish is an hour either side of sunrise or sunset so our main daily fishing sessions are based around these periods. Relaxing in the mid day sun between sessions.

After a fishing session you can celebrate with a drink on the sundeck, eye to eye with the birds, animals and plants as they gently slip by. Or maybe 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 boats. (Our cruises are only open to a maximum of 8 persons). The attentive crew always on the lookout for changes in the weather or river to maximise your fishing opportunities.

Dawn III has a shalupa (small motorboat) and canoes, from these you can fish far into the flooded forest or up small tributaries, virtually wherever the fish go you can follow.



In the evenings its good to talk about the days experiences with you fellow fishermen, maybe sample something from the Dawn III wine cellar or just listen to the sounds of the rainforest filling the air.

Night fishing, especially good for catfish, is available from the boat wherever we tie up for the night.

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 handmade of the best fabrics, fitted, and decorated with embroidery, bows and ribbons, nice fluffy towels and bathrobes. 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

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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 home-made 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. Cooking like a Peruvian grandma whose family is gathering for a special occasion, and she wants them to remember it is special.

Fishing Cruises 2007

In 2007 we can offer 10-day fishing 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.

We offer Peacock bass tours and fly fishing tours and although these are the main interest of the tours we will catch a variety of other fish, we will do our best to accommodate anyone wishing to try other methods.

Your host for the Peacock bass tour will be Bill Grimes, Peacock bass expert, based in Iquitos and owner of Dawn III.



For fly fishing tours your host will be Phil Jones. Phil learned his fly fishing in Scotland, he has fished on the fly all around the world accumulating a wealth of knowledge and experience which he is now bringing to this new challenge in the amazon



Day 1

Our representative will meet you from you 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.



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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) fishing either the beautiful Nanay or Napo Rivers. Both rivers provide excellent fishing opportunities, In order to get the best possible fishing all year round we leave the final decision on which river to take each tour dependent on the river and fishing conditions at the time.. You will find a new location every day and each days programme will include an early morning fishing session and a late afternoon session, Canoes and the shalupa are available to get into cochas (Oxbow lakes) or other inaccessible locations along the river. Night fishing for rays and catfish can be done from various fishing stations around the boat.



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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