

# Kat's Great Adventures

Peru - The La Perla Experience Amazon Cruise 2021 - 2022

Guided Tour

7 Days / 6 Nights



La Perla - Spanish for the Pearl - is one of the latest comfort cruise options for guests heading to the Peruvian Amazon, and despite its name, is a great, affordable, cost-effective option. Leave the modern world behind you and begin a journey of discovery into one of the world's most remote regions. Built to be as comfortable as possible, while still offering a perfect interaction with nature, the Perla's shallow draught allows visits to locations inaccessible to many other boats. The outboard powered skiffs that she carries are used for trips in lagoons, narrow channels, creeks and flooded forest. The Perla vessel was once a missionary medical boat, now swapping the religious path for that of tourism, and offers quirky accommodation with great service for an Amazon River vessel in the comfort class.

## Itinerary Day to Day

### Low Water Season:

#### **Day 1: Iquitos - Nauta – San Joaquin de Omaguas – Yacapana Island**

Upon arrival at the airport, we will be waiting for you to take you to the DoubleTree by Hilton Iquitos hotel where you will receive the first orientation talk on the adventure you are about to begin. Then, we will head in a private vehicle to the city of Nauta, the historical fluvial port where we will be boarding.



#### **Day 2: Amazon River – Yarapa Agua Negra - Ucayali River**

At dawn, we will take a boat and head to the banks of the Amazon River where we will observe the beautiful Amazon birds that fill the bushy treetops: parrots, macaws among many others. We will also see sloths (lazy bears), iguanas and monkeys. A true natural scenery of colour and life in the heart of the rainforest.

#### **Day 3: Ucayali River - Marañon River – Origin of the Amazon (confluence) – San Jose de Zarapanga (Casual)**

The early morning hours have a special feeling to connect ourselves with the rainforest and they are a unique opportunity for sighting species. On this third morning, we have programmed for you a boat outing before breakfast. The destination is once again the confluence of Ucayali and Marañon Rivers. We will navigate the area until we find the perfect spot for piranha fishing, those famous river fish with razor sharp teeth. To make

the moment more special, we will use the traditional equipment and techniques typical of the area.

#### **Day 4: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve - Marañon River – Nauta City – Nauta Creek**

This morning begins with a breakfast aboard, and gets more exciting with a visit to the city of Nauta, the second most important in the region. Upon arrival, we will take a fun tour on a “mototaxi” (the most popular means of transportation in the Peruvian rainforest cities) all the way to the city’s market where you will be able to interact with picturesque characters and discover the region’s specific commercial route. Once there, we will visit the typical food stalls, the handcrafts stalls, the aphrodisiac drink stalls and many more. A true immersion in the life of the Amazon inhabitants.

#### **Day 5: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve - Marañon River – Yanayacu de Pucate – San Regis – Amazon Natural Park**

In the morning, we will organize a fun picnic breakfast on the Yanayacu de Pucate River, one of the most protected and preserved areas of Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This area is usually visited by pink dolphins and is ideal for small boats, so we will put kayaks at your disposal so you can live the experience of rowing in one of the most beautiful aquatic ecosystems in the world. Also, if you want, you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the river.

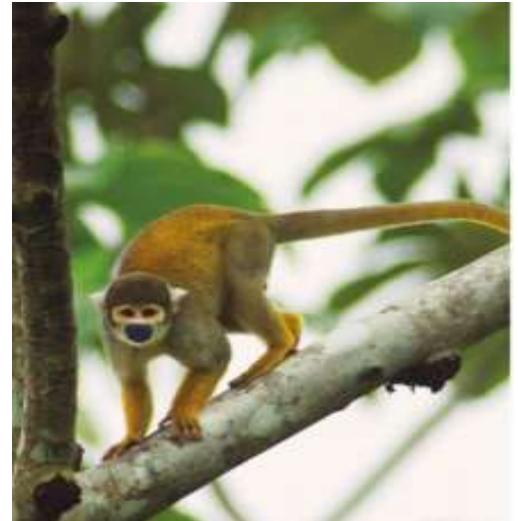


## **Day 6: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve – San Jose de Zarapanga – Shiriyacu – Pacaya Samiria National Reserve – Puerto Prado**

We will start off this morning with breakfast and then head on a boat expedition to our destination on the Shiriyacu River stream. Once there we will look for the perfect spot for piranha fishing. We will use local equipment and local techniques. Back in the ship, we will have a lecture on techniques and tools for geographic orientation in the rainforest. If you prefer, you can take a rest until lunch time.

## **Day 7: Nauta - Iquitos**

After the buffet breakfast aboard, we will proceed to disembark in Nauta and head to Iquitos. Along the way, we will visit the Amazon Rescue Center (CREA), where biologists and volunteers take care of the animals that have been saved from illegal trafficking including the beloved manatees and the aquatic mammals, dangerously threatened by hunters. Here, you will find the species that have been rescued by the authorities and which are in the process of reintegration into their natural environment. Here you can also learn more about their traits, the risks they face (deterioration of their habitats and wildlife trafficking) and best of all, you can play around with them since they are very friendly. After this emotional and unforgettable experience, we will continue our way to Iquitos where, once we get to the airport, our journey will have concluded.



## **High Water Season:**

### **Day 1: Iquitos - Nauta – Amazon River**

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### **Day 2: Amazon River – Yanayacu de Yucapana – Yarapa Agua Negra – Ucayali River – Vista Alegre Village – Piranha Creek**

At dawn, we will take a boat and go back, silently, to the Communal Reserve of Yanayacu de Yucapana and observe the beautiful Amazon birds that will fill the busy treetops: parrots, macaws among many others. We will also see sloths (lazy bears), iguanas, and monkeys and, of course, the pink and red dolphins which have made this place so popular. A true natural scenery of colour and life in the heart of the rainforest.

### **Day 3: Marañon River - Marayali – Pahuachiro - Casual**

The early morning hours have a special feeling to connect ourselves with the rainforest and are a unique opportunity to do some birdwatching. On this third morning, we have programmed a boat outing before breakfast. This time, our destination will be Marayali River stream, a privileged area for birdwatching

numerous endangered species. Back aboard, a buffet breakfast will be served and will be followed by an exploration outing in the Pahuachiro area, another gem to appreciate Amazon biodiversity.

## **Day 4: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve - Marañon River – Nauta City – Nauta Creek**

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## **Day 6: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve – San Jose de Zarapanga – Shiryacu – Pacaya Samiria National Reserve – Puerto Prado**

We will start off this morning with breakfast and then head on a boat



expedition to our destination on the Shiryacu River stream. Once there we will look for the perfect spot for piranha fishing. We will use local equipment and local techniques. Back in the ship, we will have a lecture on techniques and tools for geographic orientation in the rainforest. If you prefer, you can take a rest until lunch time.



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## Route

### Low Water Season



### High Water Season:





**Seasons:**

**Travel Season:** *High Water Season Departures:*

*Departures for 2021:* April 4; April 11; April 25; May 9; May 23; December 12 and December 26, 2021

*Departures for 2022:* January 9; January 16; January 23; January 30; February 6; February 13; February 20; February 27; March 13; March 27; April 3; April 10; April 17; April 24; May 1; May 8; May 15; May 22 and May 29, 2022

*Low Water Season Departures:*

*Departures for 2021:* June 6; June 13; June 20; July 11; July 25; August 22; September 5; September 19; October 3; October 10, 2021

*Departures for 2022:* June 5; June 12; June 19; June 26; July 3; July 10; July 17; July 24; July 31; August 7; August 14; August 21; August 28; September 4; September 11; September 18; September 25; October 2; October 9; October 16; October 23; October 30; November 6; November 13 and November 20, 2022

**Low Water Season:** June to November. At this time the climate is drier and the low water levels attract creatures that can hardly be seen in the rainy season. The water level of the rivers falls during this period, exposing surprising sandy beaches. An ideal time to stroll through the forest and discover the Amazon flora and fauna. Ideal for travelers who want to discover the Amazon’s flora and fauna by walking through the rainforest.

**High Water Season:** December to May. This time of year is marked by rains and storms. It is in these months when most plants bloom or bear fruit, creating a unique show. Birds and primates are attracted by this spectacle and can be seen on the banks of the river. Ideal for travelers who prefer exploring the Amazon and its tributaries by boat rather than walking.

**Price per Person:**

Standard Cabin	\$ 2950.00 USD
Amazon View Cabin	\$ 3300.00 USD
Superior Cabin	\$ 3750.00 USD
Single Supplement	+ 50 %

**Included:**

- All meals while on board La Perla
- All excursions and equipment (including rubber boots and rain ponchos)
- Transfers to and from the airport on the recommended flights
- Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve
- Natural juices, coffee, tea and water are included during the meals

**Not included:**

- International or domestic flights
- Gratuities – on board La Perla we recommend an amount in the range of USD \$10 per passenger per night for the crew (to be divided among all the crew members) and between USD \$ 5 per passenger per night for the guides. Please note that the amounts are suggested and that this is entirely at the discretion of the guests.
- Additional transportation services
- Additional bar consumptions
- Any items of personal nature

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## The Cruise Ship La Perla



### Cabins:

14 cabins in total. Nine standard cabins, two Amazon View cabins and three superior cabins. All suites include air conditioning, twin beds convertible to a king size (or double bed), desk, wardrobe, chest of drawers, hair dryer, private bathroom with shower, smoke detectors and hot water 24 hours a day.

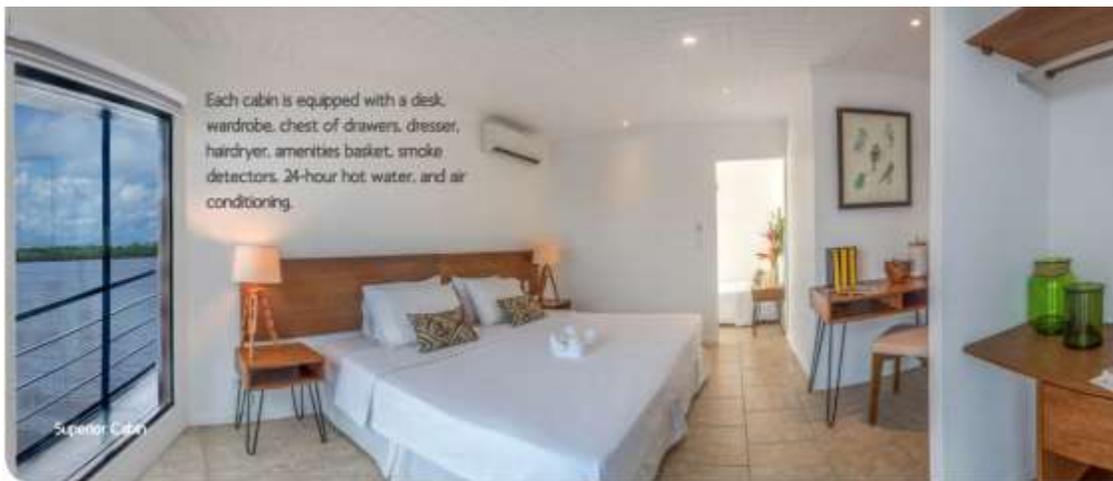
Standard cabins with two convertible twins or king bed, private bathroom with shower. Size 14 m<sup>2</sup>.

Amazon View Cabin with one queen or king bed, with private bathroom with shower and access to balcony. Size 14 m<sup>2</sup>.

Superior cabins with two convertible twins or king bed, private bathroom with shower. Some cabins can accommodate an extra bed. Size 20 m<sup>2</sup>.



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