

OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Amazon River Expedition and Machu Picchu

aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe river boat

**ZAFIRO**

March 5 to 17, 2023

**Destinations including:**

Lima

Sacred Valley

Ollantaytambo

Machu Picchu

Cuzco

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# Highlights include:

- ♦ Small group Amazon River cruise averaging just 36 participants on a uniquely comprehensive program—featuring rainforests, wildlife, marine life, culture, and history.
- ♦ Includes inter-Peru air and ideally located, luxury accommodations in the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and Cuzco.
- ♦ Tour the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu, the “lost city of the Incas,” with a separate visit to see the sun rise over the ruins.



Small boat excursions



Three-toed sloth

## 10 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada/  
Lima, Peru
- 2 Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/  
Río Amazonas/Embark ZAFIRO
- 3 Río Amazonas/Río Ucayali
- 4 Río Amazonas/Río Ucayali/  
Río Marañón/Pacaya-Samiria  
National Reserve
- 5 Río Marañón/Río Pucate/  
Río Ucayali
- 6 Río Marañón/Nauta
- 7 Nauta/Iquitos/Lima/Cuzco/  
Sacred Valley
- 8 Sacred Valley
- 9 Sacred Valley/Ollantaytambo/  
Machu Picchu
- 10 Machu Picchu/Ollantaytambo/  
Cuzco
- 11 Cuzco
- 12-13 Cuzco/Lima/U.S. or Canada.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us for an unforgettable journey to the mysterious Río Amazonas Basin, where the biodiversity of Earth's largest rainforest ecosystem is coupled with the marvels of awe-inspiring Machu Picchu, the legendary "Lost City of the Incas."

Our voyage begins aboard the deluxe, exclusively chartered ZAFIRO, a small expedition river boat designed to be one of few passenger vessels permitted to navigate the remote tributaries of the Peruvian Amazon and the pristine wetlands of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. English-speaking naturalists will guide us through this fragile biome to see endemic butterflies, endangered pink river dolphins, squirrel-sized tamarins, resplendent birdlife, and enormous blooming water lilies. Gain further insight into the culture of *ribereños* (indigenous river people) during visits to two Amazon villages.

We continue to the Sacred Valley of Urubamba, the cradle of the mighty Inca Empire. This wondrous valley connects Machu Picchu and the UNESCO-inscribed, ancient Inca capital of Cuzco, evocative Inca temples, and sublime colonial architecture. The highlight of our extraordinary Andean experience is an included visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu—featuring more than 200 archaeological treasures built amid emerald green peaks, which deftly obscured the citadel from the outside world for over four centuries.

The perfect complement to your Peruvian expedition is the Lima Pre-Program Option in the coastal capital's historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This outstanding small group expedition is a great value. Reserve now while space is available.

Sincerely,

Your Ohio University  
Alumni Travel Team

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley

Cradled by the soaring peaks of the Andes Mountains, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu evokes awe and wonder like few places on Earth. Our itinerary includes an extraordinary opportunity to experience the majesty of this “lost city of the Incas” and other treasures of the lush Sacred Valley. Built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century as a summer retreat for the Inca emperor Pachacuti, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world for four centuries until American explorer Hiram Bingham III discovered it in 1911. A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents, or its abandonment; nevertheless, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has been carefully excavated and preserved. Our exploration of the Sacred Valley’s ancient engineering marvels also includes a visit to the fortress of Ollantaytambo, which stands as a lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca Empire. Here, village craftsmen employ age-old techniques to weave intricate tapestries and sculpt colorful pottery. You will also discover the Inca stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán in the Inca capital of Cuzco and see the UNESCO-designated city’s grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches—a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.



Llamas in the ruins



The Ollantaytambo fortress





Squirrel monkeys



Pink dolphins

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### U.S./Lima, Peru

#### Day 1

Arrive in Peru's cosmopolitan capital of Lima and check into the WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL LIMA AIRPORT HOTEL.

### Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/ Río Amazonas

#### Day 2

Fly to Iquitos and embark the river boat, where naturalists will share insight into the Amazon Basin's complex ecosystem.

### Río Amazonas/ Río Ucayali

#### Day 3

Wake up in the heart of the Amazon Basin, where the jungle teems with the greatest diversity of plant and animal life on Earth. Embark a small excursion skiff to visit a Butterfly Farm and Village.



Jungle walk



Vibrant-colored  
dart frogs

### Río Amazonas/ Río Ucayali/ Río Marañón/ Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve

#### Day 4

Explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands reserve in the world, to watch for pink and gray river dolphins. After lunch, board a small river skiff in search of exotic wildlife and giant *Victoria Amazonica* water lilies

### Río Marañón/Río Pucate/Río Ucayali

#### Day 5

Enjoy a picnic breakfast and participate in a tree-planting ceremony dedicated to ensuring the sustainability of the rainforest. Discover endangered scarlet macaws and watch for trogons, puffbirds, and neotropical rails. See nocturnal creatures on a night excursion to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve.

### Río Marañón/Nauta

#### Day 6

Enter a virtually uninhabited portion of the Amazon and try catching the red-bellied piranha during a fishing expedition. Later that evening, gather on the boat's upper deck for a festive musical sunset farewell.

### Nauta/Iquitos/Lima/ Cuzco/Sacred Valley

#### Day 7

Disembark the river boat and fly from Iquitos via Lima to Cuzco. On arrival, transfer to the Sacred Valley of Urubamba, a scenic stretch of ancient ruins and small towns nestled in the Peruvian Andes. Check into the SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA HOTEL.

### Sacred Valley

#### Day 8

In Urubamba Valley, visit the village of Chinchero Traditional Textile Center. Then visit the fascinating Urubamba Market and walk to the Pablo Seminario Workshop.

### Sacred Valley/ Ollantaytambo/ Machu Picchu

#### Day 9

Visit the Ollantaytambo Fortress and enjoy a train ride to Machu Picchu for a walking tour of this legendary UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later that afternoon, check into the five-star INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL.

Night excursion to see nocturnal animals such as the caiman

Scarlet macaws

## Machu Picchu/ Ollantaytambo/ Cuzco

### Day 10

Explore more of the ruins of Machu Picchu or enjoy some of the natural history activities. After lunch, board a scenic train back to Ollantaytambo and transfer to the deluxe JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO in historic Cuzco.

## Cuzco

### Day 11

On the outskirts of the historic Inca capital of Cuzco, see the ruins of Sacsayhuamán Archaeological Park. This stone fortress was built of stones varying in shape and size without the use of mortar. During the city tour of Cuzco, visit *Koricancha*

(Temple of the Sun) as well as the Cuzco Cathedral, built in 1559.

## Cuzco/Lima/U.S.

### Day 12-13

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima and enjoy the use of a day room at the WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL LIMA AIRPORT HOTEL before your overnight flight back to the U.S. or Canada.

Watch for the elusive jaguar

## ALWAYS INCLUDED WITH GOHAGAN & COMPANY

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
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- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

## BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!

No cancellation fees for new bookings until 95 days prior to trip departure.







# ZAFIRO

The deluxe ZAFIRO, specifically designed to navigate the unique waters of the Upper Amazon River and its tributaries, carries only 36 guests. This spacious yet intimate river boat offers a unique way to experience the colorful wildlife and cultures within the most extraordinary, remote, and untouched rainforest in the protected Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve.

Throughout the cruise, English-speaking, highly trained naturalists provide expert insight into the Amazon's amazing array of biodiversity during lectures, small boat excursions, and nature walks.



Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small> <small>Per person, based on double occupancy</small>	Early Booking Rates through Aug. 25, 2022	
		Rate after Aug. 25, 2022	
B	Panoramic view, floor-to-ceiling window. 226 sq. ft. Lower Deck.	\$6,995	\$7,995
A	Panoramic view, sliding glass doors with <b>private balcony</b> . 226 sq. ft. Upper Deck.	\$7,495	\$8,595
Junior Suite	Larger Suite with 90-degree front- and side-facing floor-to-ceiling window. 248 sq. ft. Lower Deck.	\$8,295	\$9,545
Master Suite	Largest Suite with 180-degree front-facing window, <b>private forward balcony</b> , Jacuzzi and sitting area with sofa and chair. 480 sq. ft. Upper Deck.	\$8,995	\$10,345
Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.			
Taxes are an additional \$395 per person.			
The ZAFIRO has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.			



Victoria Amazonica water lilies



## DELUXE OR FIVE-STAR HOTELS

### **SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA HOTEL**

Located in the heart of the Sacred Valley, five minutes from Urubamba, the colonial-style SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA HOTEL is nestled at the foot of the mountains.

### **INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL**

Sitting on more than 12 acres of stunningly lush cloud forest, the five-star INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL is located right across from the Machu Picchu train station.

### **JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO**

This five-star JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO hotel in Cuzco combines the feel of historic grandeur with modern luxury. Housed in a beautifully restored 16<sup>th</sup>-century convent, the hotel is ideally located in the heart of the city's UNESCO-inscribed historical center.



## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

### **Lima**

**March 4 to 6, 2023**

Start your Amazon expedition early with a two-night tour of Peru's UNESCO-inscribed capital city of Lima, featuring visits to the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Cathedral of Lima, the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and Casa de Aliaga. Enjoy accommodations in the ideally located, deluxe JW MARRIOTT LIMA HOTEL.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$495*

*Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$695*

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*



# RESERVATION FORM

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52 University Terrace  
Athens, OH 45701  
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**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

Category: **1<sup>st</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Double (two twin beds).
- ☐ Double (one queen bed).
- ☐ Single accommodations.
- ☐ Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Lima Pre-Program Option**  
**March 4 to 6, 2023**

- ☐ Double \$495 per person.
- ☐ Single \$695 per person.
- ☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
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Second participant's signature Date

**FINAL PAYMENT due November 30, 2022; make by check, ACH or credit card. Reservations made after November 30, 2022, require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to March 5, 2023!**



*White-throated toucans*

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