Amazon River Expedition

CRUISE ABOARD THE AMAZON RIVER EXPEDITION VESSEL
THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, ALL-SUITE M.V. ZAFIRO

February 3 to 12, 2017
Dear Alumni & Friends:

Visiting the mysterious Amazon River Basin, one of Earth’s most exotic natural realms and our planet’s largest rainforest ecosystem, is an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience. The longest navigable river in the world, the Amazon winds more than 4000 miles from its source in the Andes Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean, and its tributaries fan out over 1.5 million square miles to sustain the lush flora and extraordinary fauna of this fragile environment. Explore the boundless diversity of nature’s most wondrous offerings from delicate orchids to transparent glass frogs and pink river dolphins, to the treetops of the verdant rainforest and the depths of blackwater tributaries.

Join us for this phenomenal natural history voyage aboard this new small expedition river vessel, uniquely designed to cruise the remote tributaries of the Amazon and into areas few other visitors have ever experienced. Launched in 2015, the deluxe, all-Suite M.V. ZAFIRO offers a first-class experience of the colorful wildlife and culture in the world’s most extraordinary untouched rainforest and is one of a limited number of passenger vessels permitted to navigate this portion of the Peruvian Amazon. In an authentic atmosphere of exploration, cruise past the confluence of the Río Ucayali and Río Marañón—the legendary inception of the Amazon River—where the primeval calls of birds and wildlife echo across the rainforest.

Far beyond civilization in the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands refuge in the world, the ship’s expert, English-speaking Peruvian naturalists will lead you through the rainforest to see rare indigenous species and guide you along the Amazon’s sinuous tributaries and serpentine blackwater rivers. Walk through remote forests where the number of butterfly species climbs into the thousands, and observe an incredible array of birds in this avian paradise. The Amazon is home to more plant and animal species than anywhere else in the world, and many have yet to be classified or even discovered. You will also visit local villages to gain insight into the culture and traditional way of life of the ribereños (river people) and watch a shaman perform an ancient ritual.

In addition to the mystifying reaches of the Amazon, this unique program also includes two nights in Lima, Peru, featuring a visit to its historic city center—a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one night in Iquitos with an opportunity to experience its traditional market. The perfect complement to your Amazon expedition is the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option featuring the eponymous UNESCO World Heritage site. This outstanding small group expedition is a great value and sells out quickly. We encourage you to reserve now as space is limited and Early Booking Savings are only available through July 27, 2016.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University
**U.S./Lima, Peru**

**Friday, Day 1**
Deport for the cosmopolitan coastal city of Lima, Peru, located at the foot of the Andes Mountains, and arrive late today. In the heart of the upscale, cultural Miraflores district, check into the deluxe Casa Andina Private Collection hotel.

**Cover photo:** Watch for scarlet macaws, some of the most colorful and social birds in the Amazon rainforest, often gathering atop tall trees.

**Photo this page:** Explore the Amazon River’s serpentine course—roughly 4000 miles of navigable river—through one of the world’s most mysterious natural realms.

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The white-throated toucan’s exuberant call is one of the most characteristic sounds of the lowland forest.

**Lima**

**Saturday, Day 2**
Enjoy a tour of the historic center of Lima, Peru’s capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage site. See pre-Columbian temples and proud colonial mansions amid modern architecture, and the colorful buildings lining the Plaza de Armas—the city’s main square. Tour the magnificent Casa de Aliaga, built in 1535 as the residence of Don Jerónimo de Aliaga, the co-founder of Lima. Filled with original 16th-century Spanish art and furniture, it is the oldest private house in continuous use in the western hemisphere and has been inhabited by the Aliaga family for 17 generations. Then, visit the 17th-century colonial Convent and Church of San Francisco, a brilliant combination of Moorish and Baroque architectural styles and one of the finest churches in South America.

The afternoon is at leisure. The Welcome Reception is in the hotel this evening.

**Lima/Iquitos**

**Sunday, Day 3**
Following breakfast, fly to the vibrant international city of Iquitos, an important rubber boom city during the late 19th century that attracted thousands of immigrants from around the globe to the Amazon River Basin hoping to build their fortunes in the rubber industry.

Check into and enjoy lunch in the El Dorado Plaza Hotel, followed by a walking tour highlighting the city’s architectural legacy. In Plaza de Armas, see the Casa de Fierro—or Iron House—designed by Gustave Eiffel for the International Exposition of Paris in 1889 and still considered one of the finest examples of civil architecture in Peru. Continue to the Amazon waterfront and stroll along the lively Malecón Tarapacá riverwalk. Admire impressive views of the river and 19th-century European-Amazonian-style mansions built with Baroque and Rococo influences and beautiful ceramic tiles imported from Italy and Portugal.

**Iquitos/Nauta/Río Amazonas**

**Monday, Day 4**
After breakfast, visit the colorful Upper Belén Market, the largest traditional market in the Peruvian Amazon. Continue to the Manatee Rescue Center for a fascinating, up-close encounter with young, orphaned Amazonian manatees. Afterward, transfer to Nauta and embark the M.V. Zafiro in time for lunch.
Early this afternoon, leave the modern world behind as you begin your voyage of discovery into one of the world’s most remote regions. Gather on the ship’s observation deck and watch as civilization fades away and the vast Amazon River unfolds before you.

*Please note: Itinerary may vary based on wildlife sightings, water levels and navigability.*

**Río Amazonas/Río Ucayali**  
**Tuesday, Day 5**

Awaken in the heart of the Amazon Basin, where the dense jungle teems with the greatest diversity of plant and animal life on Earth and the perfect serenity of the river is broken only by the occasional fisherman paddling by in a traditional dugout canoe.

A team of expert naturalists will share their insight into this rich and complex ecosystem and help you identify fascinating species like the colorful large-billed toucan, pink river dolphins, and the South American oriole. Look for a three-toed sloth moving between trees in a slow-motion ballet, while hawks, kites and turkey vultures glide overhead and jabiru storks methodically search for food in the shallows.

**Río Amazonas/Río Ucayali/Río Marañón**  
**Wednesday, Day 6**

This morning, embark one of the vessel’s small excursion boats to explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands reserve in the world. This area is home to rare animals like the endearing capybara, a large, semi-aquatic rodent endemic to South America, and a profusion of palms, orchids and other tropical plants that flourish at ground level. Watch for pink and gray river dolphins swimming alongside your boat.
After lunch, board a small river skiff in search of exotic wildlife, including toucans and saddleback tamarin monkeys, and marvel at the giant *Victoria amazonica* water lilies.

**Río Marañón/Río Pucate/Río Ucayali**

Thursday, Day 7

Early this morning, enjoy a picnic breakfast under the shade of a magnificent rainforest canopy, while you watch for white-necked heron and wattled jacana dipping into nearby shallow waters. Explore this mysterious realm as you walk through the spectacular rainforest of soaring ceiba trees that reach as high as 200 feet, listen for endangered scarlet macaws chattering in the canopy and watch for egrets, oriole blackbirds and purple gallinules.

This afternoon, by special arrangement, meet a local shaman, or medicine man, who will perform a traditional ritual and explain how the *ribereños* have used indigenous plants and herbs for centuries to cure medical ailments. Participate in a traditional Amazonian tree-planting ceremony dedicated to ensuring the longevity and well-being of the rainforest.

This evening, take a special nighttime excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve in search of elusive nocturnal creatures such as caimans and bats, and admire the vast blanket of stars that seem to shine brightest here, close to the Equator.

**Río Marañón/Nauta**

Friday, Day 8

Enter a virtually uninhabited portion of the Amazon where the river narrows. Board excursion boats and cruise along serpentine blackwater tributaries while the vessel’s naturalists point out captivating animal and plant life rarely detected by the untrained eye. Then, try your hand at catching a red-bellied piranha during a fishing expedition.

This afternoon, stop in a local village for a demonstration of preparing Amazonian specialties, including *juanes*, a regional favorite made of chicken and rice wrapped in banana leaves.

Later, visit another typical Amazonian village to experience the timeless way of life of the *ribereños*.
M.V. ZAFIRO

The deluxe, all-Suite M.V. ZAFIRO, launched in 2015, is one of the newest small expedition river vessels specifically designed to navigate the unique waters of the Upper Amazon River and its tributaries. Carrying only 36 guests, this spacious yet intimate vessel 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 biodiversity—including its wildlife and the local culture of the indigenous peoples during lectures, small boat excursions and nature walks.

Each deluxe, river-view Suite has a private balcony or floor-to-ceiling panoramic window, two twin beds convertible to one king bed, private bathroom with shower, air conditioning, minibar, safe and hair dryer.

Onboard dining features Peruvian and international cuisine prepared each day from the freshest local ingredients. The backdrop for every meal is an ever-changing vista of the Amazon's exotic beauty viewed through the floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows in the dining room.

The M.V. ZAFIRO features a specially designed, spacious open-air Observation Deck offering scenic views by day, spectacular stargazing at night and a full bar and lounge. Public areas also include an indoor reading lounge, fitness room and massage room. The vessel is equipped with small excursion boats ideal for shore visits into the most remote reaches of the Upper Amazon.

This is a unique opportunity to interact with the villagers and learn more about their special relationship with this remarkable environment.

Enjoy a final evening of cruising the Amazon. Gather on the vessel's upper deck for a festive farewell as the sun sets over the lush flora of the passing rainforest.

Nauta/Iquitos/Lima
Saturday, Day 9

Following breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Iquitos airport. Fly to Lima, where day-room accommodations have been reserved in the WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL. Stay overnight near the airport and continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. Or, late tonight, board your return flight to the U.S.

U.S.
Sunday, Day 10

Your flight arrives in the U.S.
Post-Tour Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Marvel at the largest species of water lily, Victoria amazonica, which grow up to nine feet in diameter.
Delight in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Machu Picchu, the majestic “lost city of the Incas;” the lush Sacred Valley; and the colonial and Inca traditions of Cuzco.

Perched on an awe-inspiring mountain range above Urubamba Valley in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon 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.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of the beautiful Sacred Valley, where ancient engineering marvels, such as the fortress of Ollantaytambo, stand as 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.

In the historic Inca capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the Inca stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches that provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

Day 1 Lima, Peru
Day 2 Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Day 3 Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu
Day 4 Machu Picchu/Transfer to Cuzco
Day 5 Cuzco
Day 6 Cuzco/Lima
Day 7 Lima/Return to the U.S.

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent center of historic Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
Included Features

In Lima
♦ Two nights in the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION hotel.
♦ Full breakfast each morning.
♦ Welcome Reception in the hotel.
♦ Private guided tour of Lima's historic colonial district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Day-room accommodations in the Wyndham Costa Del Sol Hotel on Day 9.

Flights round trip between Lima and Iquitos.

In Iquitos
♦ One night in the EL DORADO PLAZA HOTEL.
♦ Full breakfast.
♦ City tour of Iquitos, including lunch in the hotel.
♦ Visit to the lively, traditional Upper Belén Market.
♦ Visit to the Manatee Rescue Center for an up-close encounter with these endangered, gentle animals.

Transfers round trip between Iquitos and Nauta.

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe, all-Suite M.V. Zafiro
♦ Five-night cruise round trip Nauta on the Amazon, Ucayali, Marañón and Pucate Rivers and their tributaries.
♦ Deluxe, all-Suite, air-conditioned, river-view accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
♦ All meals aboard ship served at single, unassigned seatings.
♦ Visit to a butterfly conservation farm owned and operated by local ribereños.
♦ Naturalist-led small boat excursions along blackwater rivers and flooded forests in search of exotic Amazonian wildlife.
♦ Boat excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve to encounter pink river dolphins.
♦ Small boat excursion to see the fascinating giant Victoria amazonica water lilies.
♦ Nature walk through the virgin rainforest led by expert naturalists who identify the unique flora and fauna.
♦ Exclusive presentation by a Jìbaro shaman who will perform traditional spiritual rites and demonstrate ancient medicinal practices.
♦ Nighttime excursion to search for nocturnal rainforest animals, such as caiman, bats and capybara.
♦ Exotic red-bellied piranha fishing expedition.
♦ Specially arranged visit to an Amazon village to learn more about the traditional culture, history and customs of the indigenous ribereños.
♦ Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the preservation of the endangered Amazon Basin by planting a tree in the rainforest.
♦ Cooking demonstration of Amazonian specialties in a local village.

Enhanced Travel Services
♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers in Lima and Iquitos.
♦ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
♦ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the travel program.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Learn how generations of Amazon ribereños have lived in harmony with their unique environment.

### LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

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- Singles are available in category B at $8295 and in category A at $8995 on or before July 27, 2016. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 27, 2016.
- Taxes are an additional $155 per person and are subject to change.

*M.V. ZAHIBO has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

### AMAZON RIVER EXPEDITION RESERVATION FORM

Send to: 2017 Amazon River Expedition
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Chicago, IL 60604-1446
(800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140

For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call 800-548-5481 or 410-516-0363.

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2017 Amazon River Expedition.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

- [ ] Visa
- [ ] MasterCard

Card Number: ______________ Exp. Date: ______________

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 31, 2016.

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

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