

AMAZON

Discover Earth's Greatest Wilderness

Aboard The Elegant Zafiro November 2-11, 2018



Defining the Amazon Experience for 37 years

Beyond the inland port of Iquitos, the Amazon landscape changes dramatically from bustling frontier town to encompassing wilderness. Boarding the five-star riverboat *Zafiro* allows you to travel past the reaches of civilization and deep into the heart of the living rainforest. More than 1,300 species of birds, 40,000 plant species, grey and pink river dolphins and an abundance of primates can be found in the lush, ever-changing jungle we know simply as “The Amazon.”



While outsiders rarely visit the villages scattered along the riverbanks, our guests — under the guidance of naturalists who were born and reared in similar villages — are greeted like family while visiting local schools and a revered Shaman.

The luxurious *Zafiro* was chartered to offer unrivaled comfort while allowing you to responsibly travel further into the ever-smaller waterways and increasingly remote corners of the Upper Amazon Basin. This is the wilderness you can truly only experience and understand when traveling with the pioneer in Amazon travel.

“Every aspect of the voyage was well-planned and stress free for us. All of the hassles of traveling were gone. We were able to experience the Amazon rainforest — something most people only dream about.”

MONICA M. DEGRAUWE OF CLINTON, ILLINOIS

**TRAVEL
+ LEISURE** | **BEST AMAZON
CRUISE FOR
ANIMAL LOVERS**



Our four decades of insight and expertise ensure you become fully immersed in the living labyrinth of forests, wildlife and people along the river.

GET TO KNOW ALL THE AMAZON'S INHABITANTS

The Peruvian Amazon's sprawling tangle of rivers, creeks, forests and lagoons is not only home to an astounding diversity of wildlife, it is also home to an extraordinary culture of Ribereños people. On daily guided excursions we explore the fascinating relationship of this river and the inhabitants who live perched along its banks.

EXPLORE WITH LOCAL EXPERTS

Traveling with IE's Expedition Leaders and the ship's seasoned naturalists offers an authentic nature experience like no other. These professionals are not only highly trained and educated, but passionate about their homeland and proud to provide unrivaled access to the rainforest.

THE ATMOSPHERE PULSATES WITH A CHORUS OF LIFE

From huge ringed kingfishers to prehistoric hoatzins and chattering parrots, our daily nature excursions observe enough birdlife to engross even the most avid birder. You may even see squirrel and howler monkeys, marmosets and tamarins, which hide in the forest's dark depths. Since International Expeditions is the only company exploring three separate habitats, including the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, our guests observe more species than any other Amazon travelers. Keep your camera ready!

JOIN "OLD FRIENDS" TO PRESERVE THE AMAZON

These naturalists grew up in these river villages and International Expeditions is proud to have built deep friendships in this region over the past 37 years. This means you'll be greeted like family while learning about the schools, medicinal plants and traditional ceremonies. Plus, you may have an opportunity to see how choosing IE makes a positive impact while visiting schools where we've provided point-of-use water filtration systems.

Amazon Voyage

The Greatest Voyage in Natural History

Delve deep into the pristine Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, a 5-million-acre labyrinth of flooded forests, lagoons and peaceful creeks. Traveling upriver from the inland port of Iquitos aboard the elegant *Zafiro*, you voyage into villages and tributaries not accessible by any other means for an authentic view of Earth's greatest wilderness.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ *Delight in luxurious amenities aboard Zafiro, including an indulgent spa & fresh Amazon fusion cuisine.*
- ✓ *View wildlife on comfortable hikes, excursion boat rides & kayaks in the Amazon.*
- ✓ *Blessing ceremony & Q/A session on medicinal plants with a village Shaman.*
- ✓ *Dance to traditional music during Happy Hour receptions, sampling complimentary Peruvian beer, Peruvian wine & Pisco cocktails.*
- ✓ *Meet the welcoming locals during village & school visits.*

VOYAGE ITINERARY

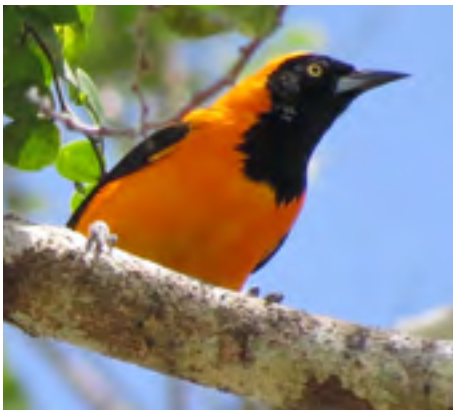
Fri., Nov. 2 **ARRIVE LIMA** Fly independently to Lima, and overnight a Lima hotel.

Sat., Nov. 3 **LIMA / IQUITOS / EMBARK** Fly over the Andes to Iquitos, where we enjoy an encounter at the Manatee Research Center. Board the riverboat, home for seven days. Birding along the river front and from the observation deck may include Great and Snowy egrets, Turkey and Black vultures, Yellow-headed Caracara, Large-billed and Yellow-billed terns, Lesser Hornero, Southern rough winged Swallow, Blue gray tanager and others. Enjoy stargazing and storytelling with your local guides while cruising slowly on the Amazon River toward the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers. (B,L,D)

Sun., Nov. 4 **CONFLUENCE OF THE AMAZON RIVER / RÍO UCAYALI** Early morning birding along the Amazon

River from the upper deck where we search for Russet Backed Oropendola, Oriole Blackbird, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cocoi Heron, parrots and parakeets. Common Squirrel Monkey is also found in this area and often seen in the morning. After breakfast, we are out again for birding where we often see Yellow-headed Caracara, Oriole Blackbird, Amazon Kingfisher, Red and White Spinetail, Parker's Spinetail, Striated Heron, Yellow-chinned Spine-tail, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Burn Swallow, Black capped Donacobious and Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture. After lunch, we have time to relax and refresh in the early afternoon as our ship continues to sail upstream. This afternoon our naturalist presents an informative lecture on the Source of the Amazon before we continue our birding along Yarapa River. This area is a good location for birds such as White Eared Jacamar, Capped Heron, Long Billed Woodcreeper, Bare Necked Fruitcrow, Masked Crimson Tanager, Black collared Hawk, Yellow Rump Cacique, as well as Tanagers and Trogons. Pink River Dolphins, Long nosed Bats and Pygmy Marmoset Monkey are also commonly found here. We return to the riverboat late in the afternoon in time to freshen up before happy hour and live music commences. (B,L,D)

Mon., Nov. 5 **RÍO UCAYALI** Early in the morning we start from the highest observation point on the riverboat in order to see macaws from this higher elevation. We might expect Blue and Yellow Macaw and Red-bellied Macaw among other birds. Then we depart via skiffs to explore a small tributary where we can expect to see White-winged Swallow, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Black-crested Antthrush, Black-collared Hawk, Plum-throated Cotinga, Amazonian-streaked Antwren, Varzea Schifornis, Bluish-fronted Jacamar,

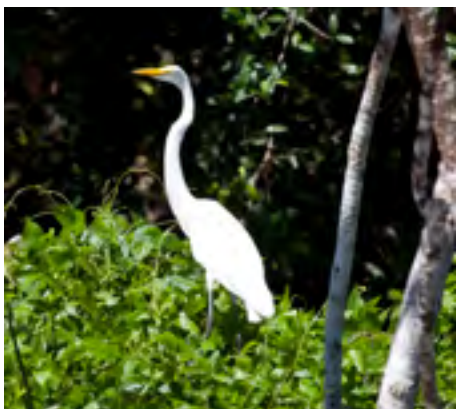


Paradise Tanager, Zimmer's Woodcreeper, Ringed Kingfisher, Chestnut-eared Aracari. In addition we often see Common Squirrel Monkey, Saddle Backed Tamarin, Night Monkey and Tree Rats. After breakfast we visit a small Amazon village before returning to the riverboat. After an excellent lunch and welcomed siesta time, a briefing by our Expedition Leader provides us with a current map orientation of the river. This afternoon we head out for our birding excursion in Lake Yuracocha. Species found today could include almost any of those mentioned previously, as well as Horned Screamer, Wattle Jacana, Hoatzin, Gray-fronted Dove, White-winged parakeet, Barred Antshrike, Mealy and Orange-winged parrots, Short-tailed Swift, Dark-breasted Spinetail, Pearly-Breasted Conbill, Shiny Cowbird, Social Flycatcher and Velvet-fronted Grackle. This is also a great place to see the Amazon water lilies. We are back on board the riverboat late this afternoon and prepare for the evening happy hour and music before dinner. (B,L,D)

Tues., Nov. 6 **RIO UCAYALI / PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE**

After an early breakfast we go out to the Sapote River where we visit a communal reserve. Here the local community works to preserve and protect the area for the residents as well as the wildlife. We hope to see Great Black Hawk, Green Backed

Trogon, Cream Colored Woodpecker, Green Kingfisher, Black Collared Hawk, Ringed Kingfisher, White-throated Toucan, Masked Crimson Tanager, Great Kiskadee, Social Flycatcher, Paradise Tanager, Lesser Kiskadee, Chestnut-eared Aracari, and others. This tributary is good for raptors and sometimes we even see Scarlet and Chestnut Fronted Macaws. This is a great habitat for Monk Saki Monkey as well as other monkey species. After lunch and a welcomed power nap, we enjoy a special presentation on the Pacaya Samiria Reserve by the naturalists in the air-conditioned lecture room. Late this afternoon, we depart for more birding before the sun sets, however this time, we stay out on the river for night fall for a special excursion along Pacaya River. This is a different habitat and here we commonly find Wattle Jacana, Jabiru Stork, Large-billed Tern, Yellow-billed Tern, Horned Screamer, Black Skimmer, Anhinga, Egrets, Cormorants, Boat billed Heron, Black crowned night Heron, Common Potoo, Great Potoo, Ladder tailed Nightjar, Common Pauraque and other birds. The evening is a special time to experience the jungle without the city lights where we can witness true star gazing and search for those creatures normally hidden in the light of day. This is also a great place to see tree frogs, toads, bats, caimans, snakes, tarantulas and many insects. We return to the boat for a late dinner before relaxing onboard. (B,L,D)



Wed., Nov. 7 **PACAYA-SAMIRIA RESERVE**

This part of the river and reserve is a particularly wild area, so we again have an early start along Pacaya River. Often observed are Orange-winged Parrot, Dusky-headed Parakeet, Short-tailed Parrot, Festive Parrot, Sungrebe, Muscovy Duck, Amazon Kingfisher, Horned Screamer, Hoatzin, Anhinga, many Egrets, Herons, Cormorants and shore birds. We may see pairs of Scarlet Macaws, Blue and yellow Macaw, Chestnut Fronted Macaw, Jabiru, Wood Stork, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and Black Caracara. This area is also the best place to see Red Howler Monkey, Brown Capuchin Monkey, Yellow Spotted Turtle and Pink and Gray Dolphins. After lunch and a siesta we have a second map orientation of the river and update our bird list. Later, we enjoy a cooking class led by the on-board Chef where we learn to create a local Peruvian dish to share with family and friends when we return home. In the afternoon we depart for more birding and/or fishing in the Dorado River. We experience part of life in the Amazon as we fish for pirhana from our boat. As we return to the *Zafiro*, we are on the look out for some of the species we may have missed earlier in the day. This evening we enjoy some social time on the upper deck. (B,L,D)

Thurs., Nov. 8 **RÍO UCAYALI, RIVER ISLANDS AND THE RIO MARANON**

This morning before breakfast we have two options along Supay Creek, the first one is birding where we might see: Green Ibis, Yellow-bellied Dacnis, Golden-bellied Euphonia, Red Throated Caracara, Black-Tailed Tityra, Squirrel Cuckoo, Masked Crimson Tanager, as well as other birds. The other option is kayaking along calm waters as we look for more wildlife. Back onboard we enjoy a talk of "Amazon Tales" by the naturalists or go out looking for more birds on the islands along Ucayali River so we can make it all the way to the Yarapa River for the afternoon excursion. In the afternoon we visit one of the local villages to see how people live in this part of the Amazon. Children love to welcome the visitors and may share some of the songs or games they are most proud of. We may also be able to see and learn about some of the water systems funded by IE and past guests to the Amazon and how they are helping the communities along the river. Barred Antshrike, Short-Tailed Parrot, Blue-Gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Spotted Tody Flycatcher, Red and White Spinetail and other birds may be found in the vicinity before returning to the riverboat. Late in the afternoon, we freshen up before happy hour and a sumptuous dinner on board. (B,L,D)



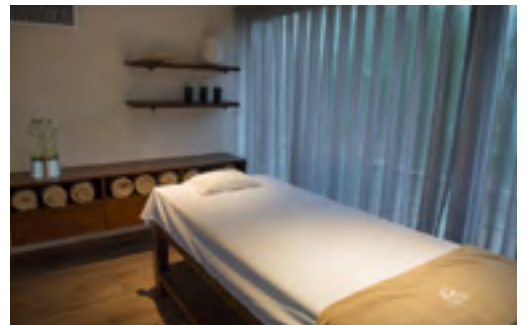
Fri., Nov. 9 **RÍO MARANON / TERRA FIRMA / AMAZON RIVER** Early this morning we visit a local river town and the fresh markets there before we return to the ship for breakfast. Following, we have a different birding habitat to explore. It is a high ground forest located along the Marañón River, which also means there are many more plant species than we find in the more seasonally flooded forests of the reserve. During our hike, we may also see frogs, lizards, snakes, bats and insects. Back onboard, we welcome lunch and siesta before our final map orientation and slide show by the Expedition Leader. A local fruit tasting provides us with another fresh, authentic experience. An afternoon wildlife excursion takes place but this time by skiff, searching for birds along the banks of the Amazon River itself. Here we look for birds such as Pointing Tail Palmcreeper, Sulphury Bellied Flycatcher, Red Capped Cardinal, Blue Gray Tanager and others. Back on the riverboat we enjoy a festive happy hour followed by a special farewell dinner as the riverboat travels swiftly downriver with the current on the Amazon toward Iquitos. Later this evening we complete our Amazon checklist before relaxing on our final evening onboard *Zafiro*. (B,L,D)

Sat., Nov. 10 **RÍO MARANON / TERRA FIRMA / AMAZON RIVER** Awakening back in Iquitos, we place our luggage outside our cabin before an early come and go breakfast. This morning, we bid farewell to the staff and crew before boarding our transportation to the Iquitos airport. We check-in for our return flight, arriving back in Lima at approximately 10:30 AM. Upon arrival in Lima, depart for lunch at a local restaurant before checking in to the Wyndham Costa del Sol this afternoon. Rooms are provided until time for your flight check-in late this evening. Assistance to the airport is provided for international flight check-in. Connect with your international flight home B, (Lunch in Lima)

Sun., Nov. 11 **ARRIVE HOME**
Arrive back in your home country.

YOUR EXPEDITION SHIP

Zafiro



FIVE-STAR EXPERIENCES

SAVOR regional specialties and contemporary cuisine infused with flavors from the surrounding rainforest. The atmosphere is casual yet elegant as you sample Amazon cuisine while enjoying spectacular views from the panoramic windows.

CONNECT with fellow travelers, chat with your local guides or enjoy snacks and a drink in the large indoor lounge. The comfortable furnishings make a perfect spot for relaxing with a book or enjoying the passing scenery.

INDULGE in aromatherapy or a massage in the spa, which is staffed by a wellness specialist.

GLIDE past the Amazon rainforest and clusters of wooden houses on stilts with children playing soccer as you sip morning coffee and take in the fresh air from the river's most luxurious Observation Deck. Siesta on a cushioned lounge beneath a soaring canopy — ideal for avoiding the sun's glare. Plus, ease into the Zafiro's outdoor Jacuzzi to relax after a shore excursion.



FROM
\$5,348 per person

DEPARTS: NOVEMBER 2, 2018

PRICE PER PERSON

Lower Deck Suite

Double Occupancy	\$5,348
Single Occupancy	\$7,648

Upper Deck Suite

Double Occupancy	\$5,748
Single Occupancy	\$8,048

Master Suite

Double Occupancy	\$6,148
Single Occupancy	\$12,296

Zafiro Suite

Double Occupancy	\$6,648
Single Occupancy	\$13,296
Triple Occupancy	\$5,648

In-Country Airfare \$399
In-country airfare is subject to change and must be purchased through IE.

Limited lower deck suites available with no single supplement fee. Call for availability.

LIMA PRE-EXTENSION

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy	\$738
Single Occupancy	\$1,328

MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy	\$3,748
Single Occupancy	\$4,948
Triple Occupancy	\$3,748

In-Country Airfare \$399
Park Fee \$185

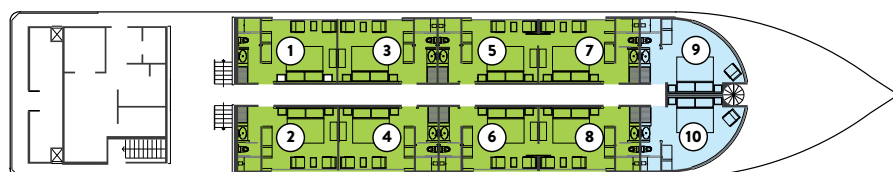
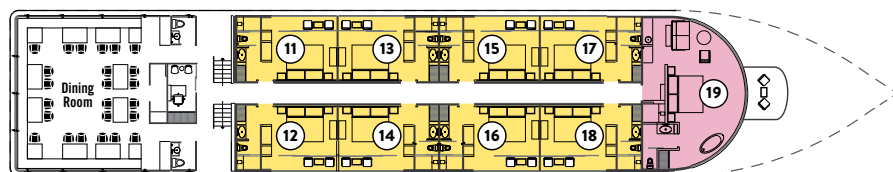
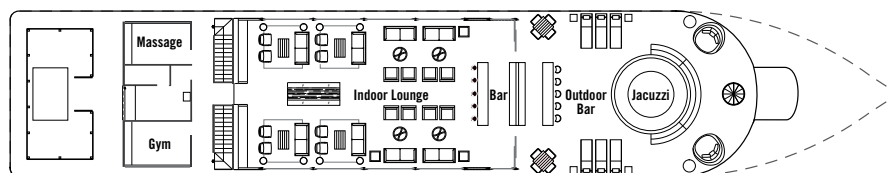
In-country airfare and park fee are subject to change and must be purchased through IE.

Payments

Deposit of \$750 per person due at time of booking. Final payment due 90 days prior to departure

Cancellations

\$300 per person from time of booking until 90 days prior to departure; 50% of trip costs from 89 – 61 days prior and 100% of trip costs from 60 – 0 days prior



LOWER DECK SUITE FROM \$5,348

Cabins with convertible twin or California King-sized bed and panoramic floor-to-ceiling window. Approx. 226 sq. ft.

UPPER DECK SUITE FROM \$5,748

Cabins with convertible twin or California King-sized bed, panoramic floor-to-ceiling window and balcony. Approx. 226 sq. ft.

MASTER SUITE FROM \$6,148

Cabins with convertible twin or California King-sized bed, panoramic floor-to-ceiling window with 90° view. Approx. 248 sq. ft.

ZAFIRO SUITE FROM \$6,648

Cabins with convertible twin or California King-sized bed, panoramic floor-to-ceiling window with 180° view, balcony and Jacuzzi-style bathtub and convertible sofa bed. Approx. 480 sq. ft.

Airfare not included in price.



SUITES

Location: Upper & Lower Decks

Size: 226 Sq. Ft.

Beds: Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, and pillows of 100% pure natural latex. All sets are convertible between twin beds and California King-sized beds. A child 7-12 can be accommodated on a roll-away. (Only in Lower Deck Suites.)

Windows: Panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows

Balcony: Only suites on the Upper Deck have balconies

Features: All have a sitting area, smoke alarms, desk, safety deposit box and mini-fridge. Four are adjoining.



MASTER SUITES

Location: Lower Deck

Size: 248 Sq. Ft.

Beds: Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, and pillows of 100% pure natural latex. All sets are convertible between twin beds and California King-sized beds. A child 7-12 can be accommodated on a roll-away.

Windows: Panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows with 90° view

Balcony: No

Features: Both have a sitting area, smoke alarms, desk, safety deposit box and mini-fridge.



ZAFIRO SUITE

Location: Upper Deck

Size: 480 Sq. Ft.

Beds: Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, and pillows of 100% pure natural latex. Convertible between twin beds and a California King-sized bed. There is the ability to accommodate one child or adult on the sofa bed.

Windows: Panoramic floor to ceiling windows with 180° view

Balcony: Yes

Features: Sitting area, smoke alarms, desk, safety deposit box and mini-fridge. Best of all - your own Jacuzzi-style bathtub!

A Day on the Amazon Voyage

Each day in the Amazon is a new adventure, and your ship's seasoned guides have years of experience adjusting each day's schedule to make the most of changing seasons, wildlife sightings and local festivities. While the daily itinerary onboard may vary, the events of a typical day on the Amazon River follow a similar pattern.

6:30 AM Your native *Zafiro* naturalists know the best time to observe the Amazon's 1,800 species is just before dawn. They are eager to join you for bird-watching.

8:00 AM Start your day with fresh exotic fruits purchased in villages along the river.

9:00 AM Head into narrow tributaries aboard sturdy boats, watching for birdlife and primates. You'll also encounter friendly fishermen.

12:00 PM The lunch buffet offers something for every taste and a delicious array of ice cream — we recommend the *lucuma*.

1:00 PM *Siesta* time is perfect for relaxing or reading on your private balcony.

2:00 PM Afternoon excursions include optional swimming in Amazonian waters, wildlife viewing and a visit to a *Ribereño* village. IE intentionally varies village visits to ensure you an authentic experience.

6:00 PM You'll be serenaded by local music from the crew while sampling an exotic cocktail made with regional fruits and pisco, Peru's famed national liquor.

7:15 PM Lively conversation is coupled with delicious Peruvian and Continental fare to make meal times a special experience.

8:30 PM Settle into the lounge for a briefing by the highly educated local naturalists.

9:00 PM Enjoy a nighttime foray into the rainforest and tributaries.



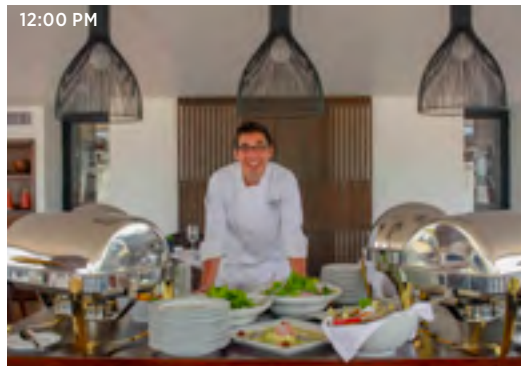
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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Machu Picchu & Cusco

Journey to the Inca Heartland

Discover the Soul of the Andes. The Sacred Valley and “Lost City” of Machu Picchu offer a rare glimpse into the soul of the Andes — a place where modern man can experience the essence of life and a history stretching across the centuries.



Day 9 • Saturday **IQUITOS / LIMA** Fly from Iquitos to Lima and overnight at the Costa de Sol. (B,L)

Day 10 • Sunday **LIMA / CUSCO / URUBAMBA VALLEY** Fly to Cusco — the heart of the Inca Empire. Drive into the historic Urubamba Valley, stopping in Chinchero to browse Andean handicrafts. Visit the Urubamba Market and spend tonight at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Days 11 & 12 • Monday & Tuesday **MACHU PICCHU** Board the train to Machu Picchu, where we spend the afternoon exploring the ruins. A full day is available to return to Machu Picchu or explore our hotel’s extensive orchid gardens. Spend the next two nights at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. (B,L,D Daily)

Day 13 • Wednesday **OLLANTAYTAMBO / SACSAYHUAMÁN / CUSCO** Catch the morning train back to the Sacred Valley. Explore the mighty archaeological wonder of Ollantaytambo, where ancient temples and

fortresses were built to protect the Sacred Valley. After a Paso Fino horse show at Wayra Ranch, continue to Cusco. We stop at Sacsayhuamán — a huge fortress of massive stones which zigzags across the side of the mountain. Spend two nights at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 14 • Thursday **CUSCO** Stroll the streets of Cusco, exploring the Koricancha — also known as Santo Domingo, Santa Catalina Convent and the Cathedral. The afternoon is free to explore on your own before a farewell dinner featuring Andean fare. (B,L,D)

Day 15 • Friday **CUSCO / LIMA / EN ROUTE** After a morning at leisure fly back across the Andes to Lima. Relax in your dayroom until time to transfer to the airport this evening for flights home. (B,L)

Day 16 • Saturday **ARRIVE** Arrive and connect with your flight home. (Meals Aloft)



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