



Common Squirrel Monkey



Leaf Cutting Ants

Tour Details

Tour Cost (per person)*:

US\$6595 (Lower Deck Suite)

US\$7595 (Master Suite)

US\$6895 (Upper Deck Suite)

US\$8695 (Zafiro Suite)

Group Size: 28 – 36 participants

What's Included:

- Accommodation in double occupancy, in hotel or aboard the *Zafiro* (or triple occupancy)
- Gratuities for services provided by Worldwide Quest
- Ground transportation
- Domestic flights
- Park entrance fees
- Airport transfers, if travelling as per the group flight itinerary
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Services of Dan Riskin and local guides

Taxes and gratuities: US\$350

**Includes two internal flights*

Single Supplement: Additional 50%
Worldwide Quest would be happy to try to match you with a suitable roommate.

Not Included:

- International airfare
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fee
- Airport transfers, if not travelling as per the group flight itinerary
- Optional activities
- Alcoholic beverages and bar expenses
- Phone calls and items of a personal nature
- Additional arrangements required due to any emergency or other situation

What to Expect

Level of Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

You will be getting in and out of small boats with assistance from the crew. Most viewing is from our vessels. Any walks we do are at a leisurely pace with frequent stops on ground that may be rough and/or uneven. Even though they may need to be traversed carefully, they should be accessible to anyone with normal walking ability and stamina.

Weather

In the Amazon, we are visiting during the wet season. This is the ideal time to enjoy the fantastic diversity and opulence of the rainforest, but we may experience brief showers during the day. Temperatures will range from highs of 32°C to overnight lows of 23°C.



Good to Know

Payment Details

A deposit of US\$500 per person is required to reserve your space on this tour. A payment of US\$1000 is due six months prior to departure. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Documents

You will require a passport for this trip. Please ensure it is valid for at least six months beyond your scheduled return home.

Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable, however you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory.

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Scarlet Macaw

Worldwide Quest presents to
University of Toronto Alumni and Friends:

Amazon Rainforest Expedition Cruise

February 21 – 29, 2020



How to Book

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you aboard our exclusively chartered 28-passenger expedition vessel with zoologist, television presenter and University of Toronto Adjunct Professor Dan Riskin on this journey of discovery! Together with Dan, explore the great diversity and beauty of these habitats and their resident wildlife on an expedition we've tailored especially for discerning travellers.

From our meeting point at Lima, fly over the Andes to Iquitos, a surprisingly sophisticated city that has no roads to the outside world. Here, board the *Zafiro* and sail upstream on the Amazon and along the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, wedged between two important Amazon tributaries.

Pass the trunks of trees that tower like rocket ships and Philodendron leaves the size of raincoats, home in on fantastic and colourful birds, watch for monkeys and sloths, and see orchids and bromeliads clinging to the limbs of overhanging trees. Watch for the spectacular giant water lily and pink river dolphins as well as the harpy eagle, one of the world's fiercest predators.

Several times a day (and on some nights too) take jaunts into the forest using specially designed excursion boats to investigate tributaries and lagoons that radiate off the main river. Our excursions are accompanied by local naturalists whose knowledge of the rainforest and its inhabitants is enormous. Enjoy evening presentations on the region's history, geography and wildlife in air-conditioned comfort.

This expedition is being offered exclusively to Canadian university alumni travellers and friends. Please join our group of curious explorers and Dan Riskin, an amazing communicator of the natural world, on this expedition of a lifetime!

Daphne Tao

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Manager, Alumni Travel Program

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Capybara family

Our Itinerary

Friday, Feb. 21: Arrive in Lima

You'll be met by a representative and transferred to our hotel. We may be able to arrange some pre-tour visits in vibrant Lima. The coastal environment here is very interesting and worth investigating. Even within the city, you can get a first taste of unique wildlife in various parks and green spaces. Our hotel is located just two blocks from the famous park Bosque El Olivar, a rare example of a surviving 16th Century Spanish Colonial olive grove and host to various interesting birds.

Overnight: Sonesta El Olivar, Lima

Saturday, Feb. 22: Fly to Iquitos, board the *Zafiro* and explore the Amazon River

The journey begins in earnest with a flight into the remote Amazon Basin at Iquitos – the world's largest city that is inaccessible by road. Iquitos serves as the perfect gateway to the Amazon and its tributaries. Amazonian birdlife is readily apparent along the river edge. Time permitting, we can have an inside look at rescued Amazonian manatees at the Manatee Rescue Centre where a team of biologists and volunteers is preparing these gentle and endangered animals for reintroduction. A museum dedicated to the history of local tribes helps establish context before we board the *Zafiro* and enjoy a welcome dinner as we set off on the world's largest river under the star-filled topical night sky.

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Welcome Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 23: Meandering through Amazon tributaries

Awaken this morning to the Amazon's enchanting dawn chorus. As birds awaken from their night roosts, a flurry of activity ensues, offering great opportunities to view colourful species such as macaws and parakeets. The seasonal floodplain or "várzea" forest at the edge of the river is also an excellent place to observe songbirds and spectacular butterflies like morphos. As we weave through river channels and past small villages, watch for more secretive species. One of the highlights of our expedition is the chance to see gray and pink Amazon river dolphins. Keep an eye out for these bizarre freshwater creatures.

We then take our excursion boats into smaller waterways where the Ucayali and Marañón Rivers converge to create the beginning of the Amazon. Watch for sloths and monkeys in the nearby palms. As the sun sets, watch from the balcony as fishing bats patrol close to the water's surface.

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Monday, Feb. 24 – Tuesday, Feb. 25: Confluence of Amazon River/Río Ucayali

We will have excellent opportunities over the next two days to explore the "várzea" forest. There is so much life here long the border of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. We are sure to bear witness to some of the more interesting animal behaviours such as the aerial acrobatics and hunting maneuvers of jacamars and kingfishers. The often strange calls of woodcreepers will



Hoatzin

emanate from the wet forest where trogons, barbets, puffbirds, antbirds and cotingas lurk. Some of the 13 primate species in the area are sure to make an impression, especially the resonant and ethereal calls of red howler monkeys. During a nocturnal boat excursion, we hope to catch the eyeshine of caimans, frogs and capybaras, or glimpse the curious feeding rituals of potoos. With some luck, we could see the opening of a giant water-lily blossom!

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Exploring Dorado and/or Zapote Creek

Today's exploration of the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve takes us to the black waters of Dorado Creek and time-permitting, into the productive Zapote Creek area. Macaws can be observed and heard from quite a distance!. Primates are once again conspicuous, and throughout the day, we are sure to be treated to several entertaining encounters. By travelling on foot deeper into the flooded forest, changes in flora and fauna are striking, and with that comes the opportunity to see wildlife not commonly found right along the river edge.

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 27: Up the Río Marañón

This morning, we visit a riverside village and will be greeted by the Ribereños (translating into English as "river people"). Hear their traditional stories and learn how they use medicinal plants

while strolling past their gardens. We then make for Río Marañón where wildlife is particularly visible among the relatively open vegetation of the river islands. Each island has its own unique character, depending on age, size and degree of flooding. This results in distinctive vegetation communities, and specially adapted animals. After noon, we make for the Río Marañón en route to higher and drier land tomorrow upriver.

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Friday, Feb. 28: The dry forests of Río Marañón above Nauta

High-ground forest or "terra firme" is markedly different from the "várzea" forest that we've enjoyed over the past few days. Today's outing on land is a completely different experience and bound to have a few surprises. Birds tend to be more secretive unless we have the good fortune of coming across an army ant swarm. As the hordes of ants move through the forest, they scare up everything in their path, initiating a feeding frenzy of antbirds and other typically inconspicuous creatures. Back on board our vessel, enjoy a final dinner under the stars of this hauntingly beautiful region.

Overnight: The Zafiro

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 29: Fly to Lima and depart

This morning, we disembark in Iquitos and fly back to Lima for lunch and flights home.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Monk Saki Monkey
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PRE- AND POST- EXPEDITION EXTENSIONS

LIMA

February 20 – 21, 2020

A pre-trip guided day tour of Colonial and modern Lima, including an extra night's accommodations.

NORTHERN PERU BIRDING

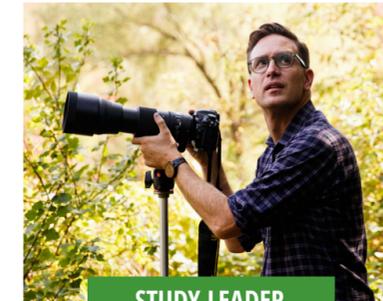
March 1 – 5, 2020

Four nights in the Andean cloud forests of northern Peru. This rarely explored region is rich in endemic birds and highland specialties, including the bizarre oilbird, the splendid Andean cock-of-the-rock and a myriad of colourful tanagers. One of our prime targets is seeing the spectacular display flight of the male Marvelous Spatuletail – considered by some to be the most beautiful hummingbird in the world!

MACHU PICCHU, THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS, AND CUSCO

March 1 – 7, 2020

A seven-day tour to view the amazing structures at Pisac, Moray, and Ollantaytambo, and the colourful markets and small villages of the Sacred Valley. Enjoy two visits to Machu Picchu and two days in beautiful Cusco. Accommodation in fine hotels with style and character.

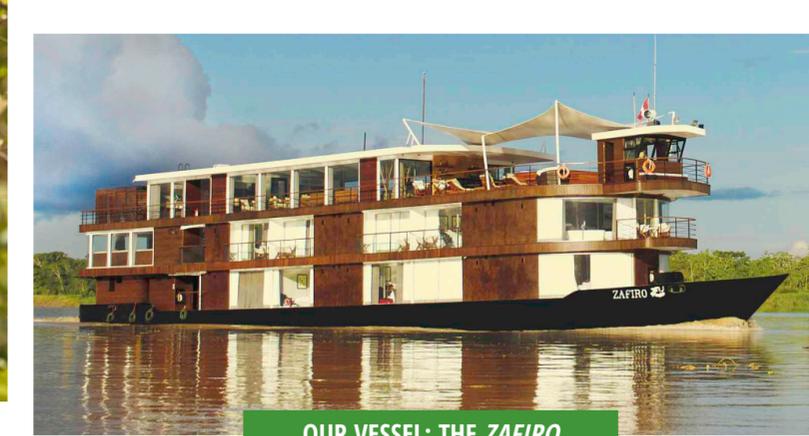


STUDY LEADER

University of Toronto Adjunct Professor Dan Riskin

is a television personality, scientist, author, and podcaster. He is best known in Canada as the co-host of Discovery's flagship science program, *Daily Planet*. In the US and elsewhere, he is recognized as the host of Animal Planet's hugely successful show about parasites, *Monsters Inside Me*. He has published more than 20 papers in scientific journals, including *Nature*, mostly about the biomechanics of bats. His first popular book, *Mother Nature is Trying to Kill You* was a Canadian bestseller, and his weekly podcast, *Recent Paper Decent Puzzle* is available now.

Dan will be providing informative presentations, commentary, and leadership on this exclusive journey.



OUR VESSEL: THE ZAFIRO

The *Zafiro* – meaning sapphire in English – is a state-of-the-art luxury Amazon River vessel that began sailing the Peruvian Amazon in 2015. She has stylish design and modern facilities, and passengers can expect highly-trained expert guides, hospitality and attention to detail on board. Her 19 spacious suites feature all modern amenities, with air conditioning, ensuite bathrooms and magnificent views from floor-to-ceiling windows and for those on the Upper Deck, their private balconies too. The boat itself has exercise and massage rooms, and an outdoor Jacuzzi on her spacious Observation Deck, itself equipped with sunloungers and bar lounge.

Suites: 21 sq.m. on Upper & Lower Decks Enjoy beds convertible between twin and California King; panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows; private balcony; sitting area; desk.
Master Suites: 23 sq.m. on Lower Deck Enjoy beds convertible between twin and California King; panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows with a 90° view.
Zafiro Suite: 45 sq.m. on Upper Deck Enjoy beds convertible between twin and California King; panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows with 180° view; private balcony; Jacuzzi-style bathtub.



Outdoor Lounge



Upper Deck Suite



Dining room



Indoor Lounge