11D10N From the Inca Empire to the Peruvian Amazon



Trip Overview

The Delfin III, the first Relais & Chateaux cruise in the world, is one of the newest luxury vessels cruising Peru's Amazon. On board this 22 all-suite ship, the rainforest is never far away, yet 5-star comforts and conveniences abound on board. Explore one of the wildest and bio-diverse places on earth while enjoying luxury aboard this intimate yet spacious vessel. Spend time relaxing on the open-air sun deck, take a dip in the refreshing plunge pool, or take a cooking class in the indoor lounge. Taste a Pisco sour at the ship's bar or pamper yourself with a spa treatment of Amazon elixirs. It truly is luxury at its finest. Experience famed Peruvian cuisine as well as conventional favorites prepared by an expert culinary staff using locally sourced ingredients. Indulge in exceptional menus featuring roasted meats, grilled fish, savory vegetables, sun-ripened tropical fruits, decadent desserts, and free-flowing wine during dinner. The Delfin III's expert Naturalists guide you to explore the small Amazon tributaries, flooded forests, and jungle villages along the river, and introduce you to the locals who call the Amazon home. Enjoy cultural performances on board, as well as Naturalist presentations about the diverse ecosystem. Off the ship, you'll visit the Lost City of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Cusco, and Lima. Please note: For the few rivers not sailed by Avalon Suite Ships®, we carefully select only the best river ships that meet our high standard of excellence in quality, comfort, and amenities. Avalon personally selected the Delfin III to deliver the exceptional experience cruisers have come to expect from Avalon Waterways.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Peru
Departure Location:	Lima
Return Location:	Lima
Tour Validity:	23 May- 09 May 2027

Day 01: Lima, Peru

Welcome to Lima. A World of Cosmopolitan, Colonial, and Pre-Columbian Culture

Day 02: Lima, Peru

Peruvian Treasures, Presidential Palaces, and Pizarro's Conquests

Classic Excursion

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Lima to see the colonial Old Quarter, Plaza de Armas, the presidential Government Palace, and the Lima Cathedral. Visit San Francisco Monastery to see the famous catacombs followed by the Larco Herrera Museum—with the world's largest private collection of pre-Columbian Peruvian art.

Discovery Excursion

Later, enjoy a Culinary Experience with an authentic Peruvian welcome dinner in the exquisite, historic mansion—Casa Garcia Alvarado.

breakfast/dinner

Day 03: Sacred Valley

Alpacas, Llamas, and Ancient Rituals of the Andes

Classic Excursion

Fly to Cusco, the ancient Andean city and former capital of the Inca Empire, where cobblestone streets and vibrant plazas reveal layers of history at every turn. Nestled high in the Peruvian Andes, Cusco blends Inca heritage with colonial charm—stone walls from centuries past stand alongside lively markets, colorful festivals, and striking Spanish architecture. As the gateway to the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, this captivating city offers travelers an inspiring introduction to Peru's rich culture, dramatic landscapes, and enduring traditions.

Discovery Excursion

Visit Manos de la Comunidad for an encounter with llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos. Learn about their vital role in Peruvian culture. Continue to the old mountain village of Pisaq. Take time to shop in the large indigenous Quechua community market for treasures such as alpaca sweaters, woven blankets, and handmade jewelry. After lunch, continue to your hotel located in the stunning Sacred Valley.

This evening, enjoy dinner featuring Andean and Western dishes with wine.

breakfastlunchdinner

Day 04: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Stone Temples and Formidable Fortresses

Classic Excursion

Join a Guided Tour of the adobe village of Ollantaytambo this morning to visit the ruins of an Inca fortress. See the massive stones and amazing engineering design, including the Sun Temple and Princess Baths fountain. After exploring the ruins, visit a local Incan home to experience the way of life that has endured since the 13th century.

MACHU PICCHU

Andean Heights and Hidden Secrets of the Inca’s Lost City

Classic Excursion

Join a Guided Excursion aboard PeruRail Vistadome boasting spectacular panoramic views of the lush countryside of Urubamba Valley from its panoramic windows and an observation outdoor carriage. Travel by rail to Aguas Calientes to take the winding road to legendary Machu Picchu.

Active Excursion

Take a Guided Walk to explore the “Lost City of the Incas” high atop the Andes once overlaid with dense forest. Learn about the lives and mysteries still hidden in this ancient citadel and the amazing structures built by the pre-Columbian masters of this sacred land.

Discovery Excursion

Enjoy your overnight stay at the foot of the mountain where Machu Picchu is found with a gourmet Peruvian dinner.

breakfast/dinner

Day 05: Machu Picchu

A Miraculous Sanctuary in a Tropical Mountain Cloud Forest

Classic Excursion

Take a second included guided excursion to Machu Picchu. Depart early to witness sunrise casting its first light across the ancient citadel, then wander the iconic terraces for a deeper connection to this remarkable site.

After lunch at a local restaurant, return to the Sacred Valley by train and then continue on to Cusco.

breakfastlunch

Day 06: Cusco

Conquistadors, Churches, and the Colorful Culture of Peru

Classic Excursion

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Cusco and learn about the Inca culture and the Spanish invasion that threatened their way of life and very existence. Visit Santo Domingo Monastery, originally called Koricancha and built by the Incas as a Temple of the Sun with extraordinary engineering and masonry design. Continue to the Plaza de Armas to visit the Cusco Cathedral.

Discovery Excursion

Later, enjoy a Guided Excursion into the Sacred Valley reveals the hillside Temple of Sacsayhuaman. Marvel at the remarkable Inca stonework of this 15th-century fortress that was once the site of the largest battle between the Incas and the Spanish. The Spanish were ultimately victorious in 1536, disassembling part of the site to build homes in Cusco and leaving behind the ruins we find today. You will also see the Inca military post of Puca Pucara and visit the ceremonial site of Kenko where ancient Peruvian rituals and sacrifices were performed.

Tonight, an elegant dinner includes wine and a menu inspired by Peru's eclectic mix of cultures.

breakfast/dinner

Day 07: Cusco Lima Iquitos Nauta Peruvian

Your Amazon Adventure Begins

Classic Excursion

Today, you'll travel by air to Lima and then on to Iquitos to begin your Amazon journey.

Travel to Nauta and embark the luxurious vessel, the Delfin III, to cruise the Peruvian Amazon in comfort and convenience. Settle into your spacious suite before meeting your onboard Naturalist and Cruise Director.

Discovery Excursion

Attend an onboard Welcome Reception to gain an overview of your upcoming Amazon experience. Your Naturalist Guide will offer information about the animal species of the Amazon ecosystem, the native villagers you'll meet, and the spectacular plant life that thrives in this astonishing environment. See the two powerful Amazon tributaries—the Ucayali and Marañon Rivers—which converge to create the mighty Peruvian Amazon.

Later, on board, enjoy an unforgettable dinner featuring Peruvian cuisine with the freshest local ingredients.

breakfastlunchdinner

Day 08: Peruvian Amazon

Spider Monkeys, Pink Dolphins, and Peru’s Favorite Cocktail

Classic Excursion

Rise early this morning for your first glimpse of the majestic Amazon at sunrise to experience the sights and sounds. After breakfast, take a Guided Panga Ride down one of the Amazon’s tributaries in search of the incredible wildlife. Your Naturalist Guide helps to spot capuchin, howler, tamarin, and spider monkeys, as well as iguanas, sloths, freshwater pink dolphins, and a stunning array of birdlife. Watch for the extraordinary giant Amazonian water lily.

Classic Excursion

This afternoon, a Guided Excursion to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve allows you to witness the activity of exotic birds, including trogons, macaws, parrots, falcons, and jacamars.

Active Excursion

Take a refreshing Swim in this unique area of the Amazon—with the chance to encounter the Amazon’s amazing pink dolphins.

Discovery Excursion

Join in an onboard Cooking Class to learn about native fruits, vegetables, and fish. You’ll learn about local ingredients for delicious recipes. In the evening, enjoy a Mixology Lesson to create Peru’s famous cocktail, the Pisco Sour.

breakfastlunchdinner

Day 09: Peruvian Amazon

Exotic Birds, Night Creatures, and Natural Remedies

Active Excursion

Join a morning Naturalist Guided Walk to explore tropical flora, including epiphytes, orchids, and indigenous jungle vegetation below the rainforest's canopy.

Discovery Excursion

Attend an onboard Nature Presentation about indigenous and medicinal plants, fruits, and vegetation used in the Amazonian culture for centuries.

Classic Excursion

This afternoon, a Guided Excursion to the Amazon community of San Francisco introduces you to local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations.

Active Excursion

Join a Night Safari Excursion to spot nocturnal creatures, including caiman, frogs, bats, and boa constrictors.

Discovery Excursion

Later tonight, enjoy Live Entertainment by the Delfin III crew of local performers to celebrate your Amazon adventure with music and dance.

breakfast/lunch/dinner

Day 10: Iquitos

A Tropical Wonders and an Amazon Farewell

Discovery Excursion

This morning, disembark and bid your ship's crew farewell. On the way to Iquitos, join an Escorted Visit to the Amazon Tropical Aquarium for a unique educational experience to learn about the river's ecosystem, the behavior of its extraordinary species, and the vital role they play in the balance of nature. Later, fly to Lima.

breakfast

Day 11: Lima

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

breakfast

What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- All meals on board
- Beer & wine with lunch and dinner
- Free-flow complimentary drinks during Happy Hour
- Daily sightseeing
- Port charges & gratuities included
- Free Wi-Fi on board

PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Safety net protection
- Airport transfer

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
23 May 2027	**RM 32,942**	**Delfin III**
Upper Suite	RM 32,942	Available
06 June 2027	**RM 32,942**	**Delfin III**
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