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presents

# *Amazon River Expedition*

cruising aboard  
LA TURMALINA Expedition Vessel

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# Bucknell UNIVERSITY

Dear Bucknellian:

*The Amazon River is at the heart of one of Earth's most exotic natural realms and our planet's largest rainforest ecosystem—the mysterious Amazon River Basin. The longest navigable river, the Amazon winds more than 4,000 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. From delicate orchids to transparent glass frogs and pink river dolphins, a boundless diversity of nature's most wondrous offerings can be explored from the treetops of the lush rainforest to the depths of black-water tributaries.*

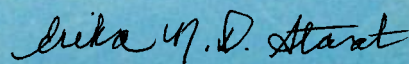
*Join us for this unforgettable experience aboard a small, expedition river vessel uniquely designed to travel along remote tributaries of the Amazon. LA TURMALINA is one of a limited number of passenger vessels allowed to cruise this portion of the Peruvian Amazon, and its craftsmanship evokes the 19th century's age of discovery while providing comfortable accommodations. In an enchanting atmosphere of exploration, cruise beyond 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. Travel far beyond civilization to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands refuge in the world, navigating black-water rivers and walking in remote forests where the number of butterfly species climbs into the thousands, and many species have yet to be classified or even discovered.*

*From your expedition vessel, expert Peruvian naturalists will lead you through the rainforest to see rare indigenous species and guide you down the Amazon's secretive, sinuous tributaries aboard special small excursion boats. You will also visit local villages to gain insight into the traditional way of life of the ribereños (river people) and see a shaman perform an ancient ritual. This custom-designed itinerary includes the choice of a one-night stay in a tented camp in the heart of the Peruvian jungle, highlighted by traditional storytelling and a meal of regional specialties.*

*In addition to the mystifying reaches of the Amazon, this unique program also features two nights in Lima, Peru, including a visit to its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site.*

*Space is extremely limited for this outstanding journey along the legendary Amazon River through the world's greatest rainforest—reserve now while space and Early Booking Savings are available!*

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Erika N. D. Stanat '90  
President  
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*Cover photo: Watch for scarlet macaws, some of the most colorful and social birds in the Amazon rainforest, often gathering atop tall trees.*

*See spectacular giant water lilies, which can grow up to six feet in diameter.*

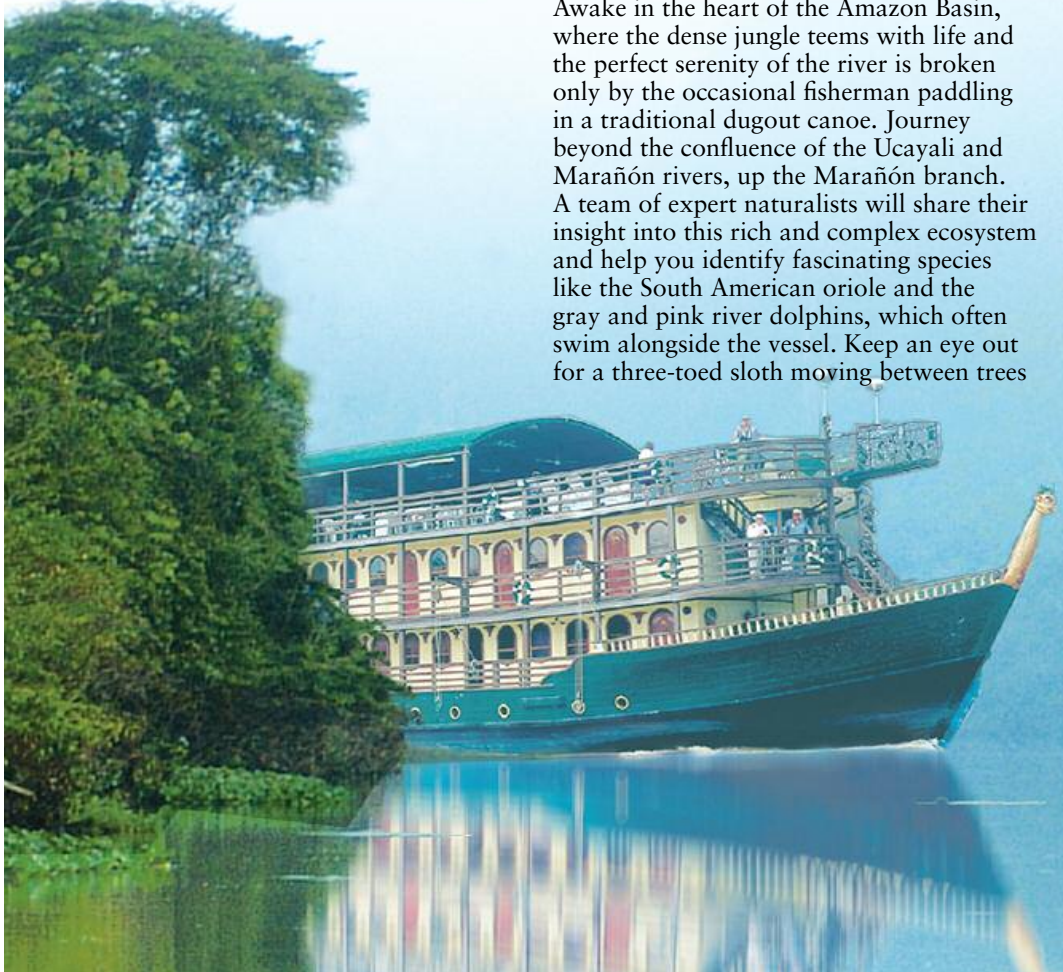


*Look for colorful, unusual birds like this stunning Keel-billed toucan.*

## **U.S./Lima, Peru** **Friday, Day 1**

Depart for Lima, Peru. Arrive later today in this cosmopolitan coastal city at the foot of the Andes Mountains. In Miraflores, an upscale cultural district located in the heart of the city, check into our hotel, the CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION.

*Cruise through the heart of one of the world's most mysterious natural realms.*



## **Lima**

### **Saturday, Day 2**

Enjoy a tour of Lima, including the Plaza de Armas, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the city's main square. Visit the magnificent Casa Aliaga, built in 1535, still inhabited by the Aliaga family 17 generations later and filled with original furniture and 16th-century art. Then, see the 17th-century Convent and Church of San Francisco, a brilliant combination of Moorish and Baroque styles and one of the finest colonial churches in South America.

The afternoon is at leisure.

## **Iquitos/Nauta/Río Amazonas** **Sunday, Day 3**

Following breakfast, fly to the frontier city of Iquitos. Visit a colorful Indian market before transferring to Nauta to embark the expedition vessel in time for lunch.

Early this afternoon, leave the modern world behind and begin your journey of discovery into one of the world's most remote regions. Gather on the ship's observation deck and watch as civilization fades and the vast Amazon River unfolds before you.

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

## **Río Marañón/ Amazon Natural Park** **Monday, Day 4**

Awake in the heart of the Amazon Basin, where the dense jungle teems with life and the perfect serenity of the river is broken only by the occasional fisherman paddling in a traditional dugout canoe. Journey beyond the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañón rivers, up the Marañón branch. A team of expert naturalists will share their insight into this rich and complex ecosystem and help you identify fascinating species like the South American oriole and the gray and pink river dolphins, which often swim alongside the vessel. Keep an eye out for a three-toed sloth moving between trees



Observe mysterious creatures like the three-toed sloth in their untamed and exotic natural habitat.

in a slow-motion ballet, while hawks, kites and turkey vultures glide overhead and jabiru storks methodically search for food in the shallows.

In the afternoon, visit a typical village to experience the timeless way of life of the *riberños* (river people), who have inhabited the shores of the Amazon for generations. Enjoy a unique opportunity to interact with villagers and learn more about their special relationship with this remarkable environment.

Later this evening, take a special night excursion through the rainforest of the Amazon Natural Park in search of elusive nocturnal creatures such as caiman and bats.

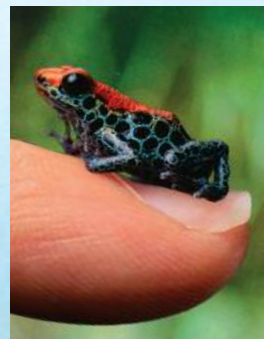
### Amazon Natural Park/ Kapok Camp Tuesday, Day 5

A morning canoe ride across one of the park's enchanting black-water lakes introduces you to a riveting world of rare animals like the endearing capybara,

*A canopy walk provides a bird's-eye perspective of the Amazon's lush rainforest.*



a comically large, semi-aquatic rodent native only to South America. Walk through a spectacular rainforest of soaring ceiba trees that reach as high as 200 feet to form a vast canopy, and a profusion of palms, orchids and other tropical plants that flourish at ground level. Participate in a traditional Amazonian tree-planting ritual dedicated to ensuring the longevity and health of the rainforest.



Over 200 thumbnail size tree frog species are found in the Amazon.

This afternoon, continue exploring the mysterious realm of the Amazon Natural Park. You can choose at this juncture to return to the vessel or spend the night in the tented Kapok camp.

From an elevated canopy walkway, observe the breathtaking

wonders of the jungle; look for howler monkeys, colorful macaws and the rare electric-blue morpho butterfly. In camp, savor a hearty meal of regional specialties, as our guides share their insights about the mysterious jungle and recount fascinating myths and legends that have been passed on for generations among the indigenous people of the Peruvian rainforest.

### Kapok Camp/Río Marañón Wednesday, Day 6

Watch for wildlife including macaws, egrets, oriole blackbirds and purple gallinules during a morning walk through a forest of massive ceiba trees. See the giant lupuna tree, famous for its long vines and one of the tallest species in the Amazon.

After lunch, try catching a famous red-bellied piranha during a fishing expedition with the vessel's naturalist.



*Cruising along the Amazon River provides fascinating opportunities to observe the river's central role in the daily life of the local ribereños, the "river people."*

This evening, 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, from the common cold to snakebites.

### **Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve/ Río Pucate/Río Ucayali Thursday, Day 7**

Arrive at the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands reserve in the world. Your expedition vessel is among the select few to cruise this narrow length of the Amazon River, where white-necked heron and wattled jacana dip into the shallow waters, and endangered scarlet macaws chatter overhead. Enjoy a special excursion aboard one of the vessel's small boats through the remote Pucate Basin in search of exotic wildlife, including toucans and saddleback tamarin monkeys. Marvel at *Victoria amazonica*, giant water lilies, and stop to enjoy a picnic lunch aboard the excursion boat while watching for gray and pink river dolphins to swim up to you.

Later, our onboard chef demonstrates the preparation of Amazonian specialties, including *juanes*, a regional favorite made of chicken and rice wrapped in banana leaves.

*Keep an eye out for the Amazon's playful pink and grey river dolphins, who often swim alongside the expedition vessel.*



### **Río Ucayali/Río Amazonas Friday, Day 8**

Enter a virtually uninhabited portion of the Amazon where the river narrows and the dense rainforest along the banks teems with wildlife. Aboard excursion boats, cruise up narrow tributaries while the vessels' naturalists identify various species encountered and help you to observe captivating animal and plant life rarely detected by the untrained eye. Enjoy a final afternoon of cruising the Amazon returning to Nauta. Gather on the vessel's upper deck for a festive farewell dinner as the sun sets over the lush flora of the passing rainforest.

*The amazing jacana gives the illusion of walking on water as its long delicate toes, with up to an eight inch span, enable it to balance on tiny fragments of floating flora.*



### **Río Amazonas/Nauta/ Iquitos/Lima Saturday, Day 9**

Following breakfast, disembark LA TURMALINA and transfer to the Iquitos airport. Fly to Lima and check into our day rooms at the CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION HOTEL. Pursue the charms of Lima at your own pace this afternoon. Late tonight, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. or stay overnight in Lima and continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option.

### **U.S.**

### **Sunday, Day 10**

Your flight arrives in the U.S.



## LA TURMALINA

Locally crafted expedition vessel  
serving the Peruvian Upper Amazon

Cruise aboard one of the Amazon's small expedition river vessels specifically designed to navigate the unique waters of the Upper Amazon River and its tributaries. LA TURMALINA features an extraordinary itinerary encompassing the remote, untouched rainforest in the protected Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a natural ecosystem that has survived for centuries. Cruising with only 30 passengers LA TURMALINA provides an intimate, casual ambiance with a passenger-friendly crew.

Throughout the cruise, two experienced, English-speaking naturalist guides from the region provide insight into the Amazon's amazing array of biodiversity, wildlife and the culture of the indigenous *ribereños* people.

Each comfortable, outside cabin features private bathroom facilities with two twin beds or one double bed, individual climate control, writing desk and safe.

Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in single unassigned seatings in the dining room, where the Amazon's exotic beauty can be viewed through floor-to-ceiling windows. Continental cuisine and traditional Peruvian dishes feature fresh local fish and produce daily.

LA TURMALINA has a specially designed, spacious open-air Observation Deck offering panoramic viewing by day, spectacular stargazing at night and a full bar. The Crew provides music and entertainment nightly. The vessel is equipped with two excursion boats ideal for exploring the most remote tributaries of the Upper Amazon.



*Dining Room*



*Cabin*



*Observation Deck*



## Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience featuring Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas;” the Incan and Colonial traditions of Cuzco; and the lush Sacred Valley.

Located high in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon it in 1911. Nearly 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.

The rushing Urubamba River flows through 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, grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches and the Incan stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán 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 U.S.*



## Included Features

### In Lima

- ◆ Two nights in the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION HOTEL, including a full breakfast.
- ◆ One day room (Day 9) in the CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION.
- ◆ Private guided tour of Lima’s historic colonial district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### Flights round trip between Lima and Iquitos.

- ◆ Opportunity to peruse the lively Indian market.

### Transfers from Iquitos to Nauta and return.

### On board LA TURMALINA

- ◆ Six-night cruise round trip from Nauta on the Amazon, Marañón and Pucate rivers and their tributaries and into the Amazon Natural Park.
- ◆ Comfortable first-class accommodations with private bathroom facilities and air conditioning.
- ◆ Choice to stay overnight in a traditional tented camp in the Amazon Natural Park or remain on board the ship.
- ◆ All meals aboard ship served in single seatings.
- ◆ **Naturalist-led small boat excursions** through flooded forests and **black-water rivers** in search of exotic **Amazonian wildlife**.
- ◆ Nature walks through the **virgin rainforest** led by expert naturalists emphasizing the habitat’s unique flora and fauna.
- ◆ Trek among the giant **ceiba** trees.
- ◆ Specially arranged visit to an **Amazon village** to learn more about the traditional culture, history and customs of the indigenous *ribereños*.
- ◆ Floating picnic to watch for pink river dolphins.
- ◆ Excursion to see the fascinating giant water lilies known as *Victoria amazonica*.
- ◆ Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to plant a tree and make a lasting contribution to the preservation of the Amazon Basin’s endangered rainforest.
- ◆ **Exclusive presentation by a Jibaro shaman who will perform traditional spiritual rites and demonstrate ancient medicinal practices that are still commonly used today.**
- ◆ **Nighttime excursion** to search for nocturnal animals, such as caiman and capybara.
- ◆ **Opportunity to fish for exotic red-bellied piranha.**

### Enhanced Travel Services

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers in Lima.
- ◆ Port taxes.
- ◆ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.



Learn how generations of Amazon ribereños have lived in harmony with their unique environment.

**Early Booking Savings - Reserve by August 9, 2011, and Save \$2000 per couple!**

**Land/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

Cabin Category	Description - Each outside cabin has a window, private bathroom facilities and air conditioning.	Early Booking Price through August 9, 2011	Regular Price after August 9, 2011
<b>B</b>	Two twin beds or one double bed (limited availability). <i>First Deck.</i>	<b>\$3895</b>	<b>\$4895</b>
<b>A</b>	Two twin beds or one double bed (limited availability). <i>Second Deck.</i>	<b>\$4195</b>	<b>\$5195</b>

◆ Singles are available in cabin category B at \$5395 and in cabin category A at \$5695 on or before August 9, 2011. Add \$1000 for reservations made after August 9, 2011.

◆ Taxes are included.

### Amazon River Expedition Reservation Form

**Send to:** Thomas P. Gohagan & Company  
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Title Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Bucknell Class Year

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Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City State ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home) (Business)

Email Address (Mobile)

Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 153-02/03/12-010

Program reservations require a deposit of \$600 per person and \$200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as deposit. Make checks payable to **Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.**
- 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, 2011.**

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):  
**Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option**

- Double at \$2395 per person.
- Single at \$2995 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from

\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in departure city)  
 to Lima, Peru, with return from Lima, Peru, at additional cost to be advised.‡

- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

‡Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



*Listen for the sounds of red and black howler monkeys reverberating through the rainforest canopy.*

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