

# FROM THE INCA EMPIRE TO THE PERUVIAN AMAZON WITH THE NAZCA LINES & GALÁPAGOS CRUISE 2021

## 20 Day River Cruise Lima to Quito



*Experience the fascinating Nazca Lines, archaeological treasures, and gastronomic delights of Peru, with the untamed rainforest of the Amazon, on this thrilling river cruise adventure that offers a little something for everyone!*

*our unforgettable trip to Peru is not complete without seeing the Nazca Lines. When seen from the air, the lines form precise geometric shapes that number in the hundreds, as well as 70 figures, which include a monkey, whale, hummingbird, shark, spiders, and plants. Archaeologists remain puzzled about why the ancient Nazca people, who thrived here*

*from 200 BC to 500 AD, created illustrations that could only be seen from far above the earth.*

*Before this cruise adventure is complete, you'll get a chance to explore the beautiful Galápagos Islands onboard the 16-passenger Treasure of Galápagos! Have your camera ready as your Naturalist points out colonies of sea lions, pelicans, albatross, marine iguanas, flamingos, blue-footed boobies, short-eared owls, and other birds. You'll also have a chance to snorkel in the tropical waters and perhaps get a look at sea turtles, sharks, and rays. A perfect ending to this trip of a lifetime!*

### CRUISE AT-A-GLANCE

**Day 1 Arrive Lima, Peru:** Welcome to Lima

**Day 2 Lima-Paracas:** Flight over the Nazca Lines with guaranteed window seat

**Day 3 Paracas-Lima:** Cruise to the Ballestas Islands; Return to Lima

**Day 4 Lima:** Walking tour, visit San Francisco Monastery and Larco Herrera Museum; welcome dinner at Casa Garcia Alvarado



**Day 5 Lima-Cusco-Sacred Valley:** Visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman and Kenko, visit Awanakancha to see various camelids from the region, and explore Pisac Market

**Day 6 Sacred Valley-Machu Picchu:** Visit the Ollantaytambo ruins; take the 360°Train to Machu Picchu;

walking tour of Machu Picchu



**Day 7 Machu Picchu-Cusco:** Enjoy a second included entrance to Machu Picchu; return on the 360°Train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cusco

**Day 8 Cusco:** Walking tour of Cusco, visit Santo Domingo Monastery and the Cathedral



**Day 9 Cusco-Lima-Iquitos-Nauta (Embarkation)-Cruising Peruvian Amazon:** Fly to Iquitos via Lima; Iquitos orientation tour; board the Delfin III; onboard welcome reception; wildlife viewing excursions during the afternoon and evening

**Day 10 Cruising Peruvian Amazon:** Wildlife viewing excursions during the morning and afternoon; cooking demonstration and Pisco Sour-making lesson

**Day 11 Cruising Peruvian Amazon:** Wildlife viewing excursions during the morning, afternoon, and evening; visit Pacaya Samiria National Reserve; endemic fruit presentation; kayaking; piranha fishing; special farewell dinner

**Day 12 Cruising Peruvian Amazon-Nauta (Disembarkation)-Iquitos-Lima:** Disembark the Delfin III; visit the Manatee Rescue Center; fly to Lima



**Day 13 Lima-Quito:** Welcome to Quito

**Day 14 Quito:** Walking tour, visit San Francisco Monastery, La Compania Church, La Ronda Street, a Chocolate factory, and the Equatorial Monument; welcome dinner

**Day 15 Quito-Baltra-Galápagos Islands**

**(Embarkation)-Santa Cruz Island:** Fly to the Galápagos Islands; embark Treasure of Galápagos; visit Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island

**Day 16 Galápagos Islands Cruising:** Santiago & Bartolomé Islands: Naturalist-guided walks on each island; snorkeling

**Day 17 Galápagos Islands Cruising:** North Seymour Island & Mosquera Islet: Naturalist-guided walks on each island; snorkeling

**Day 18 Galápagos Islands Cruising:** South Plaza & San Cristobal Islands: Naturalist-guided walks on each island; snorkeling



**Day 19 Galápagos Islands (Disembarkation)-San Cristobal Island-Quito:** Disembark Treasure of Galápagos; visit San Cristobal Interpretation Center; fly to Quito

**Day 20 Quito:** Your vacation ends this morning

Throughout the ship:

- Luxurious standards in elegant atmosphere
- Expedition team of multilingual Naturalists
- Daily multi-media natural history lectures
- Observation area to watch local fauna
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Air-conditioning throughout
- Access to resident paramedic
- Radio and satellite communications
- Included shore excursions with Local Naturalist
- On board the Delfin III

- Deluxe excursion skiffs with cold towel service, fresh fruit, and refreshments
- Series of cultural performances, educational talks, and cooking classes
- Small gym
- Rainforest Spa
- Refreshing plunge pool on the open-air deck
- On board the Treasure of Galápagos
  - Complimentary snorkeling gear
  - 24-hour complimentary water, tea and coffee
  - Jacuzzi
- Maximum elevation on tour: 11,200 ft.
- Small Group Discovery - We never allow more than 24 passengers on our Small Group Discovery vacations, allowing you to truly immerse yourself in the destination and local culture.

2021 Departure Dates:

June 11-30, 2021

July 9-28, 2021

Oct. 1-20, 2021