Amazon River Expedition

cruising aboard

LA AMATISTA Expedition Vessel

January 30 to February 8, 2015
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Visiting the mysterious Amazon River Basin, one of Earth’s most exotic natural realms and our planet’s largest rainforest ecosystem, is an unforgettable experience. The longest navigable river, the Amazon winds more than 4000 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. Explore the boundless diversity of nature’s most wondrous offerings from delicate orchids to transparent glass frogs and pink river dolphins, from the treetops of the lush rainforest to the depths of blackwater tributaries.

Join us for this phenomenal natural history tour aboard a small expedition river vessel uniquely designed to travel along remote tributaries of the Amazon that are inaccessible at any other time of year, cruising into areas few other visitors have ever seen. LA AMATISTA is one of a limited number of passenger vessels allowed to navigate this portion of the Peruvian Amazon. Refurbished in 2013, the ship’s craftsmanship evokes the 19th century’s age of discovery while providing comfortable accommodations. In an authentic 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. Navigate blackwater rivers and walk 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, English-speaking, 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.

In addition to the mystifying reaches of the Amazon, this unique program also includes two nights in Lima, Peru, featuring a visit to its historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one night in Iquitos with an opportunity to experience its traditional market. The perfect complement to your Amazon expedition is the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option.

Sincerely,

M. John Ashton
Executive Director
Alumni Association
U.S./Lima, Peru
Friday, Day 1
Depart for the cosmopolitan coastal city of Lima, Peru, located at the foot of the Andes Mountains, and arrive late today. In the upscale, cultural Miraflores district, located in the heart of the city, check into the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION hotel.

Lima
Saturday, Day 2
Enjoy a tour of the historic center of Lima, Peru’s capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site. See pre-Columbian temples and proud colonial mansions amid modern architecture, and the colorful buildings lining the Plaza de Armas—the city’s main square. Tour the magnificent Casa Aliaga, built in 1535 as the residence of Don Jeronimo de Aliaga, the co-founder of Lima. Filled with original 16th-century Spanish art and furniture, it is the oldest private house in continuous use in the western hemisphere and has been inhabited by the same Aliaga family for 17 generations. Then, visit 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. The Welcome Reception is in the hotel this evening.

Lima/Iquitos
Sunday, Day 3
Following breakfast, fly to the vibrant, culturally diverse, international city of Iquitos, an important rubber boom city during the late 19th century.
Check into and enjoy lunch in the EL DORADO PLAZA HOTEL, followed by a walking tour highlighting the city’s architectural legacy. In Plaza de Armas, see the Iron House, designed by Gustave Eiffel for the International Exposition of Paris in 1889 and still considered one of the finest examples of civil architecture in Peru. Continue to the Amazon waterfront and stroll along the lively Malecón Tarapacá riverwalk. See majestic views of the river and 19th-century European-Amazonian-style mansions built with Baroque and Rococo influences and beautiful ceramic tiles imported from Italy and Portugal.

Iquitos/Nauta/Río Amazonas
Monday, Day 4
After breakfast, visit the colorful, Upper Belén Market, the largest traditional market in the Peruvian Amazon. Continue to the Manatee Rescue Center for an

Watch for social and curious Toco toucans gathering in the rainforest canopy, easily recognized by their loud, croaking calls.

Cover photo: LA AMATISTA is one of a select few vessels specially designed to navigate the narrow tributaries of the Amazon River.
Photo this page: Explore the Amazon River’s serpentine course through one of the world’s most mysterious natural realms.
up-close encounter with young, orphaned Amazonian manatees. Afterward, transfer 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 Amazonas/Río Ucayali
Tuesday, Day 5
Awake in the heart of the Amazon Basin, where the dense jungle teems with the greatest diversity of plant and animal life on Earth and the perfect serenity of the river is broken only by the occasional fisherman paddling by in a traditional dugout canoe.

A team of expert naturalists will share their insight into this rich and complex ecosystem and help you identify fascinating species like the pink and gray river dolphins, which often swim alongside the vessel, and the South American oriole. Look for a three-toed sloth moving between trees in a slow-motion ballet, while hawks, kites and turkey vultures glide overhead and jabiru storks methodically search for food in the shallows.

This afternoon, meet with a local village of ribereños (river people), who have inhabited the shores of the Amazon for generations. Here, the villagers apply conservation efforts to raise several of the thousands of butterfly species the Amazon’s ecosystem supports.

Río Amazonas/Río Ucayali/ Río Marañón
Wednesday, Day 6
Early this morning, explore the mysterious realm of the Amazonian rainforest and observe the breathtaking wonders of the jungle from the perspective of a canopy walkway. Look for howler monkeys, colorful macaws and the rare electric-blue morpho butterfly.
Walk through the spectacular rainforest of soaring ceiba trees that reach as high as 200 feet, and watch for wildlife including egrets, oriole blackbirds and purple gallinules.

Embark one of the vessel’s small excursion boats to explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands reserve in the world. This area is home to rare animals like the endearing capybara, a large, semi-aquatic rodent native only to South America, and a profusion of palms, orchids and other tropical plants that flourish at ground level. Watch for pink and gray river dolphins swimming up to you alongside the boat.

After lunch, enjoy a jungle walk in search of exotic wildlife, including toucans and saddleback tamarin monkeys, and marvel at the giant *Victoria amazonica* water lilies.

**Río Marañón/Río Pucate/Río Ucayali**

**Thursday, Day 7**

Enjoy a picnic breakfast under a magnificent ficus tree, observe white-necked heron and wattled jacana dipping into the shallow waters, and listen for endangered scarlet macaws chattering through the tropical rainforest’s canopy.

Look for playful pink and gray river dolphins, which often swim alongside the expedition vessel.

This afternoon, 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. Participate in a traditional Amazonian tree-planting ceremony dedicated to ensuring the longevity and health of the rainforest.

This evening, take a special night excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve in search of elusive nocturnal creatures such as caiman and bats, and admire the universe of stars.

**Río Marañón/Nauta**

**Friday, Day 8**

Enter a virtually uninhabited portion of the Amazon where the river narrows. Board excursion boats and cruise up narrow blackwater tributaries while the vessel’s naturalists point out captivating animal and plant life rarely detected by the untrained eye. Then, try your hand at catching a red-bellied piranha during a fishing expedition.

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

Later, visit a typical village to experience the timeless way of life of the ribereños. This is a unique opportunity to interact with villagers and learn more about their special relationship with this remarkable environment.

Notice Iquitos’s colonial architecture as you stroll through its historic district, evidence of the city’s rich past, heavily influenced by the rubber boom of the 1880s.

Vibrant poison dart frogs range in size from less than one inch to 2.5 inches long.
This air-conditioned, small expedition river vessel, fully refurbished in 2013, is specifically designed to navigate the unique waters of the Upper Amazon River and its tributaries, and to cruise to the most extraordinary, remote, untouched rainforest in the protected Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve.

Throughout the cruise, two English-speaking, highly trained naturalists provide expert insight into the Amazon’s amazing array of biodiversity, wildlife and the culture of the indigenous peoples during lectures, small boat excursions and nature walks.

Carrying only 28 guests, LA AMATISTA has the intimate, casual ambiance of a 19th-century riverboat with a friendly and attentive crew.

Each comfortable, outside cabin has two twin beds or one double bed, private bathroom and individual climate control.

Onboard dining features Peruvian and international cuisine prepared each day from the freshest local ingredients. The backdrop for every meal is an ever-changing vista of the Amazon’s exotic beauty viewed through the dining room’s floor-to-ceiling windows.

LA AMATISTA features a specially designed, spacious open-air Observation Deck offering panoramic viewing by day, spectacular stargazing at night and a full bar. The vessel is also equipped with excursion boats ideal for shore visits into the most remote reaches of the Upper Amazon.

Enjoy a final evening of cruising the Amazon en route 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.

**Nauta/Iquitos/Lima**

**Saturday, Day 9**

Following breakfast, disembark LA AMATISTA and transfer to the Iquitos airport. Fly to Lima and check into day-room accommodations in the RAMADA COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL. Stay overnight near the airport and continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option, or late tonight, board your return flight to the U.S.

**U.S., Sunday, Day 10**

Your flight arrives in the U.S.

Post-Tour Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Marvel at the largest species of water lily, Victoria amazonica, with leaves up to nine feet in diameter.
Included Features

In Lima
◆ Two nights in the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION hotel.
◆ Full breakfast each morning.
◆ Day-room (Day 9) accommodations in the RAMADA COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL.
◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Private guided tour of Lima’s historic colonial district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Flights round trip between Lima and Iquitos.

In Iquitos
◆ One night in the EL DORADO PLAZA HOTEL.
◆ Full breakfast.
◆ City tour of Iquitos, including lunch in the hotel.
◆ Visit to the lively, traditional Upper Belén Market.
◆ Visit to the Manatee Rescue Center for an up-close encounter with these endangered animals.

Transfers round trip between Iquitos and Nauta.

On board LA AMATISTA
◆ Five-night cruise round trip Nauta on the Amazon, Ucayali, Marañón and Pucate Rivers and their tributaries.
◆ Comfortable, air-conditioned, first-class, river-view accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ All meals aboard ship served at single seatings.
◆ Visit to a butterfly farm owned and operated by ribereños for species conservation.
◆ Canopy walkway excursion through the treetops of the giant ceiba forest.
◆ Naturalist-led small boat excursions through blackwater rivers and flooded forests in search of exotic Amazonian wildlife.
◆ Boat excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve in search of pink river dolphins.
◆ Excursion to see the fascinating giant Victoria amazonica water lilies.
◆ Nature walks through the virgin rainforest led by expert naturalists who identify the unique flora and fauna.
◆ Exclusive presentation by a Jibaro shaman who will perform traditional spiritual rites and demonstrate ancient medicinal practices.
◆ Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the preservation of the endangered Amazon Basin and plant a tree in the rainforest.
◆ Nighttime excursion to search for nocturnal rainforest animals, such as caiman and capybara.
◆ Exotic red-bellied piranha fishing expedition.
◆ Specially arranged visit to an Amazon village to learn more about the traditional culture, history and customs of the indigenous ribereños.
◆ Exclusive presentation by a Jibaro shaman who will perform traditional spiritual rites and demonstrate ancient medicinal practices.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers in Lima and Iquitos.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

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

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. 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 Incan capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Incan stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches 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 the U.S.

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent center of historic Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
Learn how generations of Amazon ribereños have lived in harmony with their unique environment.

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

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- Singles are available in category B at $5695 and in category A at $5995 on or before July 29, 2014. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 29, 2014.
- Taxes are an additional $155 per person and are subject to change.

**Amazon River Expedition Reservation Form**

Send to: 2015 Amazon River Expedition University of Utah Alumni Association c/o Thomas P. Gohagan & Company Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor Chicago, IL 60603-1240

For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088 or Nanette Richard at the Alumni Association 1-888-863-8256.

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City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

Telephone: (Home) ____________________________ (Business) ____________________________

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s): ____________________________ Tour No. 153-01/30/15-344

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P Gohagan & Company.
- I 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 27, 2014.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:

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- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- 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 $2795 per person.
- Single at $3495 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 and 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.

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AIRFARE:
Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Gohagan.
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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:
All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who is capable of rendering such assistance.
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