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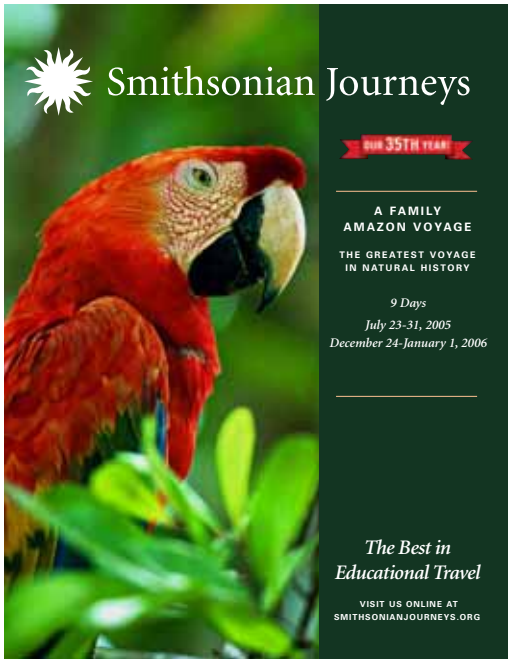
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Top: Blue-and-gold macaw. © Tai de Roy





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9 Days
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Smithsonian Journeys

Dear Smithsonian Associate,

We invite you to join us on one of our most popular journeys—a fascinating exploration of the amazing Amazon rainforest.

Home to the most biologically diverse wildlife on Earth, the Amazon has more species of primates than anywhere else in the New World. Over the course of our journey, we may spot several varieties of monkeys, thousands of colorful birds, pink and gray dolphins, and an abundance of other wildlife in an ever-changing vista of lush tropical wilderness.

Accompanying you throughout the journey, your Smithsonian Study Leader and local naturalist guides will help you gain further insight into the myriad flora and fauna that thrive in this rich tropical climate.

Travel in the Amazon will be aboard a comfortable, classically styled expedition ship that is well appointed and well suited for exploring the region. On excursions we'll board smaller boats to maneuver through narrow passages, explore flooded forests and skim across blackwater lakes.

A fascinating destination at any time of year, we hope you will join us on this amazing voyage and experience the Amazon as few people ever will.

Sincerely,

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Right: An aerial view of our riverboat, as one of our past groups explores one of the Amazon's tributaries. © Hugh Hunter, Jr.



FAMILY VOYAGE ITINERARY

Saturday, Day 1 - Miami / Lima - Your expedition begins in the Miami International Airport where you are met and assisted in preparation for an evening departure on American Airlines. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel for the night.

Sunday, Day 2 - Lima / Iquitos / Amazon River - After breakfast, return to the airport for a short flight over the spectacular Andes Mountains to Iquitos. Upon arrival, embark your ship. Cast off soon afterward and begin a journey into the greatest wilderness on Earth. Tonight, cruise up the Amazon, where the stars present an incredible spectacle of northern and southern constellations.

Monday, Day 3 - Amazon River / Rio Ucayali - Awake this morning on the mighty Amazon and marvel at the ever-changing panoramas of jungle life. Small villages dot the shoreline, and the channels that weave through the island mazes provide close-up views of a variety of marsh birds. This morning, arrive at the junction of the Rio Marañón and Rio Ucayali. Turn up the left fork, the Ucayali. An outstanding feature of this river is the large population of both gray and pink Amazon River dolphins, often seen cavorting near the boat and along the shoreline. Take an excursion in search of giant water lilies and return to the boat for lunch. Before leaving the rainforest for the day, plant a tree to ensure the continuation of the forest. As dusk approaches, watch fishing bats as they begin their night's foraging.

Tuesday, Day 4 - Rio Ucayali - This morning, journey down a tributary of the Ucayali. Search for primates, sloths and birds. Return to the boat and continue upriver, heading for the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. The largest wetland reserve in the world, it provides the opportunity to view a variety of primates. A nocturnal visit adds the chance to view caimans, capybaras, common potoos, frogs and other wildlife. Tonight enjoy storytelling and stargazing on the observation deck.

Wednesday, Day 5 - Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve - After an early breakfast, board excursion boats and spend the day exploring this flooded realm. Find a good fishing spot to catch piranhas and catfish. Expect to see numerous wading birds, parrots, and possibly the endangered scarlet macaw. Visit an area where there is a family of giant river otters, and look for these endearing, impressive creatures, as well as the rare harpy eagle. Midmorning, stop at higher ground to take a leisurely hike through a *saruzo* (seasonally flooded forest). Surprisingly open, because it is periodically inundated with water, this type of forest is likely to reveal three-toed sloths in the upper canopy and a proliferation of butterflies including the spectacular brilliant blue morpho. Return to the vessel, where there is time to observe

even more wildlife while exploring the river channels.

Thursday, Day 6 - Rio Tapiche / Rio Marañón - This morning, enter the Rio Tapiche. You may paddle a dugout canoe or visit a river village. The villagers here sell small handmade crafts. Children are invited to play a game of tag or soccer. After a full morning, return to the ship and continue down the Ucayali toward the Rio Marañón.

Friday, Day 7 - Rio Marañón / San Regis - Today, enter the "Tera Firma." Large trees festooned with epiphytes, palms, woody vines and a vaulted canopy create the shadowed mystery of tropical rainforest. The trail winds through the forest arriving at a suspended walkway. Here, explore the world above the forest floor. Return to the ship for lunch and continue toward Iquitos. An excursion on a blackwater river provides one last chance to enjoy the beauty of the tropical rainforest.

Saturday, Day 8 - Iquitos / Lima - After breakfast, disembark and fly to Lima. Upon arrival, take a brief guided tour of Lima and its colonial center. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the U.S.

Sunday, Day 9 - Miami - This morning, arrive in Miami and connect with your flight to your final destination.



Please Note: Your itinerary may vary based on wildlife sightings, water levels and navigability. This itinerary serves as an example of a typical experience. The order of events, tributary streams crossed and villages visited intentionally varies, to reduce impact on any one area. The order of land-based activities may vary based on air schedules.

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OPTIONAL MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION

Please Note: The hotels and order of itinerary are subject to change.

Saturday, Day 8 - Iquitos / Lima - Following dinner, spend the night at your hotel.

Sunday, Day 9 - Lima / Cusco / Urubamba Valley - An early morning flight takes us from Lima to Cusco, a picturesque town of red-tile-roofed buildings nestled in a high valley. Meet our guide and travel by bus to the historic Urubamba Valley. Stop at the colorful Chincheros Indian Market. Enjoy a buffet lunch at a local restaurant before arriving at the hotel. After settling in, visit the remote Willoq community, virtually unchanged in its social structure, dress and language from pre-Inca times. Later this afternoon, explore the archaeological wonder of Ollantaytambo, where ancient temples and fortresses were built to protect the Sacred Valley.

Monday, Day 10 - Urubamba / Machu Picchu - After an early breakfast, depart from the Ollanta Railway Station on a train to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, check in to the Machu Picchu Pueblo, with time to freshen up before lunch. Board a minibus for the 2,000-foot climb up the steep winding road to the most memorable Inca site of all. Known as the "Lost City of the Inca," Machu Picchu's existence was virtually forgotten until its rediscovery by Hiram Bingham in 1911. Our guide points out the significance of the various stone structures and discusses the mysteries surrounding this archaeological wonder. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at the ruins before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Tuesday, Day 11 - Machu Picchu / Cusco - Rise and either return to Machu Picchu for an early visit, or stay at the Machu Picchu Pueblo, explore the Orchid Trail and look for the spectacular Andean cock-of-the-rock. Then meet at the hotel for lunch before boarding the train to Cusco.

Wednesday, Day 12 - Cusco / Sacsayhuaman - After breakfast, set out on a guided tour of Cusco. Afterward, travel by bus to the mountains surrounding the city. Here, the Inca constructed Sacsayhuaman, an amazing fortress of massive stones, zigzagging along the side of a mountain. Enjoy a tour of Cusco before time at leisure. Overnight at the Libertador Hotel.

Thursday, Day 13 - Cusco / Lima - Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Lima. This afternoon, visit the renowned Archaeological Museum. Later, gather for a farewell dinner with fellow Associates.

Friday, Day 14 - Lima / Miami - This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Miami. Fly over the grand mountainscape of the Andes, this time with clear impressions and wonderful memories of the "Heart of the Inca Empire."

Please Note: All meals included except dinner on Day 12 and lunch on Day 13 of the extension.



Willoq woman with child. These Quechua-speaking people are direct descendants of the ancient Inca.

This tour requires that participants be in good physical condition; you must be capable, without assistance, of walking at least one mile over uneven terrain, climbing stairs without handrails, and have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of travelers on long days of touring. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in this tour, please call us at 1-877-338-8687.



Photos on this page feature the cabins, dining room and deck of La Amatista.



La Amatista

Our classically styled Amazon riverboat is the perfect way to travel in comfort through the world's largest and most diverse rainforest. Measuring approximately 91 feet in length and 24 feet in width, this intimate vessel is air-conditioned, with private baths and hot showers. On-board dining features delicious local and international cuisine prepared each day from the freshest vegetables, fruit, fish and local produce. Through a circular bank of floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining parlor, the backdrop to every meal is an ever-changing vista of exotic beauty framed by opal, equatorial skies. An open-air top deck offers a great base for wildlife viewing by day and a view of the southern constellations at night.



Single accommodations are not available on the boats. The single supplement on the Lima position is 30%, and 54% on the extension.

Mission:

Smithsonian Journeys are designed to engage Associate members in the broad vision and wide-ranging interests of the Smithsonian. Like the Institution, they are intended to expand members' intellectual horizons and satisfy their curiosity about the world around them.

Eligibility:

Smithsonian Journeys are a benefit of Smithsonian membership. All tours, except for family programs, are designed for adults. Some may be appropriate for older children. Regardless of age, children must pay full price unless otherwise noted, and a parent or guardian must accompany those under 18.

What is included:

- One night at a hotel in Lima and six nights aboard ship.
- All meals including welcome and farewell receptions.
- Lectures by a Smithsonian Study Leader (noise only).
- Services of a Tour Manager.
- Excursions as noted in this brochure.
- Gratuities to onboard naturalists, guides and drivers.
- Port charges.
- Transfers from the airport & return for those using or meeting group flights.
- Baggage handling for one bag plus one carry-on bag.
- All on-tour transportation.
- Pre-tour information including a reading list.
- Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$25,000) and access to worldwide emergency assistance service.
- Airport departure taxes for those using group flights.

What is Not included:

- Transport fees.
- Transfers to and from airports for individuals not using or meeting group flights.
- Personal expenses, and other items not specifically mentioned in included.
- Expenses of International Expeditions in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction

Airfare: International Expeditions will arrange for round-trip flights from Miami to Lima to Iquitos and return at a fare of \$867 in economy class. This rate is payable to International Expeditions. Please contact International Expeditions for business and first class fares (or airfare from your home city; higher fares may apply). Airfare is in effect as of January 1, 2005 and subject to change. If you are making your own air arrangements to Lima, please call International Expeditions regarding flights from Lima to Iquitos.

- with this tour.
- Gratuities to ship's personnel.
- Air transportation to/from Iquitos.

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$500 per person, payable by major credit card or by check to Smithsonian Journeys.
- If you are not a Smithsonian member, add \$29 for a one-year membership. Only one membership per household is required.
- Balance of land/cruise cost due upon invoicing by International Expeditions, 90 days prior to departure.
- Airfare will be billed by International Expeditions at 90 days prior to departure.
- If you register within 90 days of departure, full payment is required at that time.

Cancellations and Refunds:

- Per person cancellation fees are based on date of notice to Smithsonian Journeys (subsequent written notice required):
 - Up to 90 days prior to departure: full refund less \$100 per-person.
 - Between 89 and 61 days prior to departure: full refund less \$350 per-person.
 - Within 60 days: no refund.
 - Day of departure or after tour departs: no refund.
 - No refund for unused portions of the tour, including, but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and excursions.
 - Cancellation by the Smithsonian: full refund.

Please understand that there will be no exceptions to our cancellation policy.

Air Tickets Purchased Independent of the Tour: We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets since international

departure times and flights can change. Tours also can be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither Smithsonian Institution nor International Expeditions accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with this tour.

Travel Insurance: Smithsonian Journeys strongly urges all tour participants to purchase travel insurance, which provides coverage for trip cancellation, interruption and/or delay, baggage loss, theft, damage or delay, and other travel-related contingencies. Information on travel insurance will be sent with your tour confirmation.

Itinerary Changes: Smithsonian and International Expeditions reserve the right to vary itineraries and substitute hotels, if necessary.

Single/Roommates: Single accommodations are not available on the boats. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room/cabin, we will do our best to find a roommate. If you are matched with a non-smoking roommate, it is mutually agreed that you cannot smoke in your room/cabin.

Photography: Participants on Smithsonian Journeys may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of the Smithsonian Institution.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is not allowed during any group activity.

A Note About Costs: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, currency values and on the basis of a minimum number of participants. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.



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COSTS PER PERSON:

CRUISE-Adult	\$3,090
CRUISE-Child Ages 8-14	\$2,475
Air (Miami / Lima / Iquitos / Lima / Miami)	\$867
Extension	\$1,798
Extension Air (Lima / Cusco / Lima)	\$250

Minimum age: 8 years old

9-DAY FAMILY ADVENTURE

July 23-31, 2005 & December 24-January 1, 2006

Join Smithsonian's special family adventure and reawaken the excitement of discovery as your child or grandchild catches his or her first piranha or sees a happy eagle flying through the trees. Imagine sharing the unique experience of exploring the world's largest and most diverse wilderness together aboard *La Amatista*, a classic 28-passenger riverboat. An activities director will lead special programs designed especially for kids while adults enjoy lectures by our accompanying study leader. In the evening, the crew shows off its versatility by entertaining us with authentic Peruvian music played on traditional instruments. Kids will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities such as canoeing, piranha fishing, photography, learning jungle survival skills, using Peruvian musical instruments, bird watching, identifying medicinal plants and how they are used, and much more. There will also be an opportunity to interact with local children and visit their school to share songs and games and learn how they live.

Don Wilson — Study Leader, July 23-31, 2005

Don Wilson is Curator of Mammals and Senior Scientist at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. A distinguished scientist and internationally recognized mammalogist, he is the recipient of numerous awards for excellence in tropical biology and serves on the board of directors of several scientific and conservation organizations. Don is a highly respected author of over 180 scientific publications and 15 books on mammals and other natural history topics.



Edwin Smith — Study Leader, December 24-January 1, 2006

Edwin Smith works as a museum specialist at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, Amazonia Department. The study of reptiles and amphibians are his primary interests, but he is also knowledgeable about tropical plants and birds. Ed instructs groups of all ages at the zoo, both in formal and informal settings, and recently he conducted programs for middle schools as part of the Smithsonian Scholars in Schools program.



Left: Identify plants and animals and learn their importance in the rainforest.
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Center: Unforgettable cultural experiences.
© Buzz Peavy
Right: Look for wildlife from an excursion boat. © Sherry Boyd