

## M/V CATTLEYA

### 4 days - 3 nights program

#### **Day 1**

Fly Lima to Iquitos on the afternoon flight. You will be greeted upon arrival and transported to the *M/V Cattleya* riverboat. Upon arrival, take some time to settle in, relax and have a drink as you get to know your fellow passengers. There will never be more than 8 guests, so you will have the opportunity to make life-long friends. We will conduct a safety drill and explain everything you need to know about the *M/V Cattleya* to have a safe and fun adventure. Savor the first of many wonderful dinners by our talented chef as we begin our journey along the Amazon. (Dinner)

#### **Day 2**

Enjoy breakfast as we cruise along the Marañón River. Board our excursion boat for a day-long excursion in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, the largest reserve in Peru and the second largest in all the Amazon. Travel by excursion boat from Yanayacu Creek to the remote Yarina Cocha. We will take a rainforest hike and you will experience the huge biodiversity that the rainforest is known for. Watch for monkeys, sloths, tree-frogs, iguanas, pink and gray river dolphins, and many varieties of bird species. Examine and learn first-hand about jungle plants— their unique survival tactics as they compete for sun and nutrients in the dense rainforest, the part they play in sustaining the complex balance of life in the jungle and the important medicinal value they offer. After a day filled with once-in-a-lifetime experiences, return to the *M/V Cattleya* for dinner and a relaxing evening with friends. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### **Day 3**

In the morning we depart for our next adventure - a spectacular tour of the rainforest from its canopy. Take a short hike to the canopy walkway – a suspended bridge spanning over 500 meters (1/3 of a mile) connected by platforms in the rainforest treetops. Experience a unique view of the rainforest flora and fauna from heights reaching 35 meters (115 feet). After this breathtaking experience, enjoy lunch and some free time aboard the *Acacia*. In the afternoon we will visit one of the local villages to gain a deeper insight into how people live in Amazon. Meet a local shaman, participate in a traditional ceremony of spiritual healing. Before you depart, you will have the opportunity to view and purchase some of their handicrafts and delightful folk art. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### **Day 4**

As we cruise slowly back down the Marañón River we will come to the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali rivers, where the “true” Amazon River begins. After lunch transfer to the Iquitos airport or your hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch)