

## **Responsible Tourism in the Amazon with Delfin Amazon Cruises**

Delfin Amazon Cruises operates in the pristine Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, located in the Upper Peruvian Amazon. In order to respect and protect this biodiverse environment, Delfin Amazon Cruises has established responsible operational procedures to ensure that all staff, guests and expeditions are leaving a positive impact on the environment. Traveling aboard Delfin Amazon Cruises, guests can assure that they are contributing to rainforest conservation and benefiting local indigenous communities. Below are some examples of how Delfin Amazon Cruises holds eco-friendly practices at utmost importance:

### **Wildlife Conservation**

#### **1. Conservation Research with Biologists**

At Delfin Amazon Cruises we support local NGOs and Biologists who are conducting conservational research. We have partnered with Dr. Joanna Alfaro and her NGO Pro Delphinus Peru to conduct Pink River Dolphin conservation projects in order to help eliminate dolphin by-catch in the Amazon.

#### **2. Pacaya Samiria National Reserve Repopulation Projects**

Operating in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve allows Delfin Amazon Cruises to collaborate with repopulation projects in the national park. Delfin Amazon Cruises has contributed to the repopulation of Amazonian Caiman and Taricaya Turtles.

#### **3. Manatee Rescue Center Donations and Support**

Delfin Amazon Cruises' passengers visit the Manatee Rescue Center in Iquitos to support rehabilitating orphaned Amazonian wildlife that include manatees, monkeys, sloths, caiman, among other species.

#### **4. Responsible Farming and Fishing**

Delfin Amazon Cruises works with local farmers and fisherman to have a low-carbon footprint. Our chef sources local ingredients from farms located up to 30km in distance away from where we operate. Our chef works with local, seasonal fisherman to ensure our fish onboard, including the Paiche, is only caught during the appropriate season to avoid affecting repopulation cycles.

## **5. Donations to International Organizations**

Delfin Amazon Cruise annually donates to Tourism Cares, an organization that has a mission to advance the travel industry's positive social and environmental impact. In addition to the annual donation, our Founder and CEO, Aldo Macchiavello is the current Vice President of Tourism Cares Peru. Recently, Delfin Amazon Cruises has begun working with World Land Trust, an organization committed to reforesting forests and offsetting carbon emissions.

### **Community Outreach**

#### **1. Developed Women's Artisan Program**

Delfin Amazon Cruises began working with local handicraft communities 11 years ago and have grown from a community of 5 women to now over 45 working women. Delfin Amazon Cruises is the main buyer for these riverine artisan communities. By exposing our guests to their marketplaces and using their handicrafts as part of our decoration onboard the vessels, these handicrafts have become the main source of income for many of these communities.

The communities now have their own malocas (communal houses) where they exhibit their artwork. They identify and differentiate themselves from other communities with names such as "The Butterflies of Yarapa", and have representatives who are in charge of organizing their work. Many of the men and husbands help out by collecting fibers, seeds and barks needed for the handicraft production.

#### **2. School Supplies, Paramedics and First Aid Kits**

Delfin Amazon Cruises works with 5 local communities: San Francisco, San Regis, Puerto Miguel, Amazonas and Posada. We visit these communities on a rotating basis, to ensure everyone is receiving the same amount of support and visitors. To help, we provide the communities with school supplies, paramedic services and first aid kits.

#### **3. Creating Job Opportunities for Local Communities Through Sustainable Tourism**

Delfin Amazon Cruises hires local staff based in Iquitos, Nauta and other more remote Amazonian communities. We work with local guides who are in charge of cleaning the hiking trails we use and who give support to our Naturalist Guides, helping them identify and find plants, insects and other fauna during our excursions in the rainforest. We hire them on a rotating basis, so every member in the community has the opportunity to be part of this effort. Apart from this, during our community excursions, locals have the opportunity to put together their own food demonstrations and natural healing demonstrations for our guests. This is a positive economical alternative for our local communities as opposed to over-fishing and over-use of natural resources.

## **Sustainable Practices Onboard**

### **1. Fuel Efficiency and Engine Emissions**

Delfin Amazon Cruises vessels and individual skiff boats are all certified and compliant to carbon emissions and the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve regulations. All vessels are equipped with TIER4 Certified Engines, emitting the lowest level of carbon emissions possible by a cruise vessel. Our skiff boat engines are CARB 3 Stars Ultra Low Emission certified, emitting 65% less emissions than the standard engine.

### **2. Water Filtration System**

All of our vessels are equipped with smart sanitation systems and eco-friendly water filtrations. The water systems fully comply with international standards. Our water filtration system uses water from the river, filtering it to clean and sterile water that can be used onboard and then reverses the process to responsibly put back clean and sterile water into the river.

### **3. Waste Disposal & Management**

Delfin Amazon Cruises responsibly disposes waste. All waste is segregated into organic and inorganic waste and unloaded to a center in Nauta. Some organic materials such as fruit skins are blended and released into the water for food and nutrients for the fish. Delfin Amazon Cruises staff is very resourceful and uses as much as the product as possible.

### **4. Eco-Friendly Products**

To avoid contaminating the rivers where we sail, Delfin Amazon Cruises uses biodegradable and non-toxic products onboard all vessels. Many of our toiletries and massage room products contain Amazon Superfoods such as Maracuya and Aguaje, that are all sourced locally.

### **5. Eliminating Single Use Plastic**

Delfin Amazon Cruises is committed to eliminating the use of single use plastic. In our effort, passengers are provided with a reusable metal water bottle which can be refilled at our water stations. We continue to eliminate single-use plastic on and off-board.