JOURNEY THROUGH THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

DECEMBER 5 - 13, 2014

WITH CARLETON PROFESSOR ALFRED MONTERO
ABOARD THE 15-CABIN **LA ESTRELLA AMAZONICA**
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to embark on this spectacular riverboat cruise that covers more than 600 miles of the Amazon River and its tributaries. Aboard the new, custom-designed riverboat La Estrella Amazonica, you will travel deep into the protected Pacaya-Samiria Reserve and explore three different habitats, providing you with the best chance of spotting rare wildlife. Look for monkeys, birds, sloths, and other mammals; pink and gray dolphins; a variety of colorful birds; and more.

Travel with Alfred Montero, Carleton's Frank B. Kellogg Professor of Political Science, and gain unrivaled access to the Peruvian rainforest's most pristine areas in the company of the River's most knowledgeable local naturalist guides. These expert guides, as well as an expedition leader, will use their decades of learning and guiding experience to serve as lecturers, field guides, and congenial travel companions as you explore the rainforest. Daily excursions will include pre-dawn birding, school visits in local villages, and piranha fishing.

Your riverboat, La Estrella Amazonica, accommodates no more than 31 guests. She and her two 18-passenger excursion boats provide access to the deepest reaches of the Peruvian Amazon without sacrificing safety or comfort. Enjoy the passing scenery from her open-air Bar and Sun Deck, and relax on comfy sofas in the Lecture Room during daily briefings by the onboard naturalists. Throughout the voyage, they and Professor Montero will provide a series of talks and discussions on myriad aspects of life in the Amazon, Peru, and South America in general, that will complement your day-to-day explorations and experiences.

This Amazon cruise is a remarkable expedition through the world's largest and most diverse rainforest that blends superb wildlife viewing with excellent accommodations, cuisine, and service. La Estrella Amazonica provides a very comfortable, relaxing home base for wildlife viewing excursions, village visits, and short hikes, for a perfect combination of comfort, adventure, and education.

La Estrella Amazonica has only 15 cabins, so if you are interested please contact the Alumni Adventures office today at (800) 811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

Sincerely,

Frances L. Spangler ’91
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

P.S. Take advantage of the opportunity to extend your stay, and join the optional, land-based extension to Cusco and the Sacred Valley, including two nights at extraordinary Machu Picchu!

Faculty Leader

Alfred P. Montero is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Latin American Studies programs at Carleton College. He is also the associate editor of Latin American Politics and Society, a leading journal in its field. At Carleton, Professor Montero teaches courses on Latin American politics and political economy; European and international political economy; and comparative democratization, authoritarianism, and corruption. During our Amazon program he plans to discuss such topics as indigenous politics in the Andes, Amazonian development, environmental policy in South America, and Peruvian and Brazilian politics and political history. Professor Montero's current research focuses on the politics of economic reform in South America with a focus on Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay. Most recently, he authored a book on Brazil titled, Brazil: Reversal of Fortune (Polity Press, 2014). He is also the author of Shifting States in Global Markets: Subnational Industrial Policy in Contemporary Brazil and Spain (Penn State Univ. Press, 2002), Brazilian Politics: Reforming a Democratic State in a Changing World (Polity Press, 2006), and co-editor with David J. Samuels of Decentralization and Democracy in Latin America (Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 2004).
Friday, December 5, 2014: Arrive Lima, Peru
Fly to Lima, Peru's capital and largest city, and transfer to our hotel. **Overnight at the Swissôtel.**

**Saturday, December 6: Lima | Iquitos | Embark Amazon Riverboat | Amazon River**
Tour historic Lima, visiting Casa Aliaga, a private home dating back to the Conquistadors. See the Cathedral where Francisco Pizarro is entombed and Plaza de Armas, and tour the monastery and vast catacombs of the Iglesia de San Francisco. After lunch, transfer to the airport for our flight over the Andes Mountains to Iquitos. Embark the riverboat, home base for our Amazon cruise. Attend a briefing to review the following day’s expedition itinerary and meet the crew. Tonight, cruise slowly toward the confluence marking the beginning of the Amazon River, enjoying stargazing and storytelling with our local guides. **Overnight for seven nights aboard La Estrella Amazonica.** (B,L,D)

**Sunday, December 7: Confluence of the Amazon River | Río Ucayali**
Awaken this morning on the Amazon River with its ever-changing panorama of jungle life. As we cruise upriver, we see small villages dotting the shoreline and channels weaving through island mazes that provide close-up views of a variety of birds. The confluence of the Ucayali and Marañón Rivers is famous as the beginning of the Amazon River in Peru. We are about 2,400 miles from where the Amazon flows into the Atlantic, and the river drops only about 350 feet the entire way! We travel waterways aboard sturdy excursion boats to areas where we may see marsh birds, such as oriole blackbirds, green ibis, yellow-headed caracaras, black-capped donacobis, and white-headed marsh-tyrant. We turn into the Río Ucayali, where we are apt to find gray river dolphins cavorting near the boat and along the shoreline. Later, take an excursion into the surrounding jungle near the confluence.
rainforest in search of giant water lilies and elusive wildlife such as monkeys and sloths. As dusk approaches, fishing bats begin their nighttime foraging. (B,L,D)

**Monday, December 8: Río Ucayali | Pacaya-Samiria Reserve**
After a peaceful breakfast along the black-water Sapote Creek, explore a small tributary of the Ucayali. Look for animals including primates, sloths, and an enormous variety of birds. We continue upriver to the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, the largest wetland reserve in the world. Although scientific studies are far from exhausted, the Reserve is the known home to 450 bird species, 102 species of mammals, over 130 species of reptiles and amphibians, and countless plants. This afternoon, an excursion provides the opportunity to see 13 species of primates, including monk sakis, red howler, saddle-backed tamarin, and squirrel monkeys. Explore Caro Lake, connected to the river by a very small stream, where we may find flocks of greater ani, often seen following monkeys in search of insects disturbed by the monkeys’ foraging. A nighttime boat excursion gives us a chance to see caimans, capybaras, common potoos, frogs, and other nocturnal wildlife. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, December 9: Río Pacaya | Pacaya-Samiria Reserve**
Spend the day exploring this flooded realm, seeing wading birds such as herons, walled jacanas, and horned screamers. Venturing deep into the rainforest, tour an igapo (seasonally flooded forest), where plant life is very different from what we see along the main course of our Amazon cruise, and walk through the forest. Once we reach the Reserve’s second checkpoint, take a hike around the ranger station. After lunch, afternoon excursions with our expert naturalists may show us scarlet macaws, hoatzins, black-collared hawks, and red howler monkeys. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, December 10: Pacaya-Samiria Reserve**
After an early breakfast, board our excursion boats for access even farther into the heart of these vast wetlands. Cruising the narrow waterways, we will find birds such as canary-winged parakeets and spectacular blue-and-gold and scarlet macaws. Primates also are

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With expert guides we look for exotic animals such as this Amazon Kingfisher (above) and Monk saki monkey (below).

Below (left), Squirrel Monkey. Below, our riverboat at dusk. She features a spacious sun deck, and every cabin has a private balcony.
fairly common, including noisy squirrel monkeys. We arrive at a ranger station, where we may take a short hike to explore the forest. After a picnic lunch we make our way back to our riverboat gradually, through the maze of waterways. Visit a village along the river and learn about the lives of the “Ribereño” people who live there. Accompanied by guides who grew up along the river, this is a fantastic opportunity to stroll through gardens learning about medicinal plants and folklore, visit a school, or join in a game of soccer. The children are especially excited to see their faces on digital cameras, show off their school, and sing Peruvian songs. (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 11: Pacaya-Samiria Reserve | Río Ucayali
This morning we head back downriver, with a morning wildlife or other activity. Aboard the riverboat, take advantage of the open-air top deck, learning to make traditional Peruvian dishes or enjoying a lecture. After dark we will go out in our excursion boats to listen to the sounds of the rainforest and look for nocturnal wildlife. (B,L,D)

Friday, December 12: Amazon River
Wake up early for a morning birdwatching excursion along the Yarapa River. After breakfast, try your hand at piranha fishing in Ubos Lake. Piranha are very common in the slower-moving water. With luck, we may catch red-breasted, white, or black piranha, and feast on the day’s catch at our farewell dinner aboard ship this evening. (B,L,D)

Saturday, December 13: Iquitos | Lima | Fly Home
Disembark this morning in Iquitos. Enjoy a walking tour of this frontier city, including a visit to Las Malvinas urban garden project. After lunch, transfer to the airport for flights back to Lima, connecting with overnight flights to the U.S. (B,L)

Optional Machu Picchu & Cusco Extension
December 13-19, 2014

Saturday, December 13: Iquitos | Lima
Extension participants fly from Iquitos to Lima this afternoon, and check in to our hotel. Overnight at the Costa del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

Sunday, December 14: Lima | Cusco | Urubamba (Sacred) Valley
Fly to Cusco, heart of the Inca Empire. Drive into the historic Urubamba Valley, stopping in Chinchero to browse Andean handicrafts, and visit the Urubamba Market. Overnight at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Monday, December 15: Urubamba Valley | Machu Picchu
Board the train to legendary Machu Picchu for an afternoon of exploring the expansive ruins with our guide. Overnight for two nights at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, December 16: Machu Picchu
Today is free for you to hike to the Sun Gate, explore other parts of Machu Picchu, do some birding, or simply relax. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, December 17: Machu Picchu | Ollantaytambo | Sacsayhuamán | Cusco
Take the morning train back to the Urubamba Valley. Explore ancient Ollantaytambo; attend a Paso Fino horse show; and continue on to Cusco, with a stop at ancient Sacsayhuamán. Overnight for two nights at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Thursday, December 18: Cusco
Stroll through Cusco, exploring the Koricancha/Church of Santo Domingo, Convent, and Cathedral. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure until our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, December 19: Cusco | Lima | Home
Fly back to Lima, where we enjoy a superb lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Dayrooms are available at the Swissôtel. Transfer to the airport this evening for flights home. (B,L)
WHAT TO EXPECT: This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and in locations that are not handicapped accessible. You must be in good physical condition. You may opt out of any excursions and remain onboard the riverboat. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. All participants are expected to be physically active, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. The Iquitos area, near where we explore the Amazon, is located a few degrees south of the Equator and is characterized by strong tropical sun and rainforest. Average daytime temperatures range from the upper 70s°F to upper 80s°F year-round, with nighttime temperatures in the lower 70s°F. It can be cool on the river at night or on overcast days. The average humidity ranges from 60-80%, and rainfall occurs approximately 250 days out of the year. Most showers occur in the late afternoon or evening and are of short duration. Lima temperatures vary from 61-75°F. Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS & TRANSFERS: Airfare from/to home is not included. Independent arrival and departure airport transfers in Lima are included (as are round-trip airport/hotel transfers for the Machu Picchu/Cusco Extension). In-country flights required for the main tour (Lima/Iquitos/Lima, $386) and the extension (Lima/Cusco/Lima, $386) are not included in the tour cost. These flights must be purchased by our office and will be added to your final payment invoice.

Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. Please contact International Expeditions at (800) 234-9620, Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 6:00pm CT for assistance with making your flight arrangements. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

PASSenger CANCELLATION PenALTIES: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least ninety (90) days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative fee of three hundred fifty dollars ($350) per person. Cancellations between eighty nine (89) and sixty one (61) days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total tour cost per person. Cancellations received within thirty (30) days of departure are subject to 100% of the total tour cost per person. For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. An application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Prices, itinerary, and leader are subject to change.

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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All indoor public areas are air-conditioned.

Enjoy daily discussions by our naturalists in the air-conditioned Lecture Room — equipped with a 55-inch LCD TV, home theater system, movies and small library — while relaxing on comfy sofas.

Fitness Room has stair climbers, stationary bikes and weights.

Passengers: 31

Ship's Registry: Peru

Length: 139 ft.

Width: 30 ft.

Single Cabin: 175 sq. ft.

Double Cabin: 217 sq. ft.

Suite/Triple Cabin: 261 sq. ft.

Dining Room: 1,000 sq. ft.

Lecture Room: 765 sq. ft.

Fitness Room: 162 sq. ft.

Prices, Per Person (U.S. Dollars)

Main Tour:

Upper Deck

Double Occupancy (cabins 21, 23, 25-28) $4,598

Suite: Double Occupancy (cabin 24) $4,798

Third person sharing Suite $3,798

Single Occupancy (limited availability) $6,847

Lower Deck

Double Occupancy (cabins 11, 13, 15-18) $4,398

Suite: Double Occupancy (cabin 14) $4,598

Third person sharing Suite $3,598

Designated Single Cabin #12 $4,398

Single Occupancy (limited availability) $6,647

Main Tour in-country flights: Lima/Iquitos/Lima $386

Machu Picchu & Cusco Extension:

Double Occupancy $2,998

Single Supplement $898

Park Fees $175

Extension in-country flights: Lima/Cusco/Lima $386

Extension prices are based on a minimum of four participants.
Reservations Form

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7294 or carleton@studytours

Name 1: ____________________________ Carleton Class of: __________
(as it appears on passport)

Name 2: ____________________________ Carleton Class of: __________
(as it appears on passport)

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: __________ State: __________ Zip: ____________________________

Phone (h): ___________________ Phone (w): ___________________
Phone (cell): ___________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________

☐ I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

☐ Enroll me/us on the optional Machu Picchu & Cusco post-tour extension (additional cost).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Deck preference: ☐ Upper Deck or ☐ Lower Deck

Cabin type: ☐ Double (King bed) ☐ Double (2 twin beds) ☐ Suite ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: ____________________________

☐ Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

☐ I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of $600 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account–CAA Amazon12/14
☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

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Name on Card: _______________________________________________

Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit, and mail or fax to:

Carleton College Alumni Adventures
P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608-0938
Fax: 603-756-2922

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions on the reverse.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Terms & Conditions

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not participate in the tour for whatever reason or to passengers whose required documentation for entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. 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In the absence of negligence on the part of Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for damage to or loss of property, or injury to, or death of persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, bus carrier, tender service, sightseeing company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or ground portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator and Sponsors for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator and Sponsors shall not be responsible for any additional expenses, delays, substitution of equipment, and/or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising there from. Operator and Sponsors reserve the right to decline, accept or retain any participant at any time. 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