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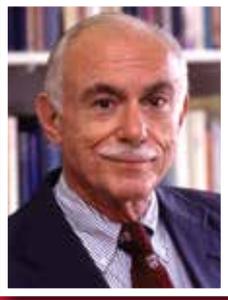
TRAVELS

2018

**AMAZON RIVER EXPEDITION:
FEATURING MACHU PICCHU**

With Harvard Study Leader Michael Shinagel
March 10–23, 2018

HARVARD STUDY LEADER



Michael Shinagel is a senior lecturer in English at Harvard University. He served as the dean of Harvard Extension School from 1975 to 2013. When he retired in 2013, he was acknowledged as the longest serving dean in the history of Harvard. Shinagel was a professor and chairman of the Department of English at Union College from 1967 to 1975, at which time he returned to Harvard. He has also been a lecturer at Extension School since 1975, teaching graduate seminars on the English and American novel and on satire. He is the author and editor of books on Daniel Defoe and Jonathan Swift, as well as many articles and reviews. Shinagel's *The Gates Unbarred: A History of University Extension at Harvard 1910–2009* was published in 2009 and received the Philip Frandson Award for the best book on continuing higher education in 2010. In 2004, he received the Julius M. Nolte Award of the University Continuing Education Association for outstanding leadership and achievement in continuing higher education. He served as master of Quincy House from 1985 to 2001. Among his many honors, Shinagel is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, an awardee of Doctor Honoris Causa (International University of Ecuador and Universidad Argentina de la Empresa), Special Recognition Award from ACHE, and a listee in *Who's Who in America*, *Men of Achievement*, and *Who's Who in American Education*. In 2000, the City of Cambridge honored him for his contributions to continuing higher education at Harvard by naming June 6 as Dean Michael Shinagel Day. In 2013, he received the Petra T. Shattuck Excellence in Teaching Award. Shinagel received his PhD from Harvard University.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.

MACHU PICCHU, PERU



AMAZON RIVER EXPEDITION

March 10–23, 2018



VISIT THE MYSTERIOUS AMAZON RIVER BASIN, one of Earth's most exotic natural realms and our planet's largest rainforest ecosystem, and the awe-inspiring Sacred Valley featuring the UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu. The longest navigable river in the world, the Amazon winds more than 4,000 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-like frogs and pink river dolphins, to the treetops of the verdant rainforest and the depths of blackwater tributaries.

Join us for this phenomenal natural history voyage aboard this ideal small-expedition river vessel, uniquely designed to cruise the remote tributaries of the Amazon and into areas few other visitors have ever been. Launched in 2015, the deluxe, all-suite ZAFIRO offers a first-class experience in the world's most extraordinary untouched rainforest and is one of a limited number of passenger vessels permitted to navigate this portion of the Peruvian Amazon.

Far beyond civilization in the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve—the largest wetlands refuge in the world—the ship's expert, English-speaking Peruvian naturalists will lead you through the rainforest to see rare indigenous species and guide you along the Amazon's sinuous tributaries and serpentine blackwater rivers. The Amazon is home to more plant and animal species than anywhere else in the world, and many have yet to be classified or even discovered. Visit local villages to gain insight into the culture and traditional way of life, and watch a shaman perform an ancient ritual. Continue your exploration with a visit to the breathtaking Sacred Valley, majestic Machu Picchu, and the Inca city of Cuzco.

This outstanding small-group expedition is a great value and sells out quickly.

SCHEDULE BY DAY

AMAZONIAN RIBEREÑOS



SATURDAY, MARCH 10

U.S./LIMA, PERU

Depart for the cosmopolitan coastal city of Lima, Peru, located at the foot of the Andes Mountains, and arrive late this evening. In the heart of the upscale, cultural Miraflores district, check into the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION HOTEL.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

LIMA

Following a morning at leisure, enjoy a tour of the historic center of Lima, Peru's capital city 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 Casa de Aliaga, built in 1535 as the residence of Don Jerónimo 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 Aliaga family for 17 generations. Then, visit the 17th-century colonial Convent and Church of San Francisco, a brilliant combination of Moorish and Baroque architectural styles.

Gather for the Welcome Reception in the hotel this evening. (B,R)

MONDAY, MARCH 12

LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/ RÍO AMAZONAS

Fly to the vibrant international city of Iquitos, an important rubber boom city during the late 19th century that attracted thousands of immigrants to the River Basin hoping to build their fortunes in the rubber industry.

Visit Plaza de Armas and see the Casa de Fierro—or Iron House—

designed by Gustave Eiffel for the International Exposition of Paris in 1889. Continue to the Amazon waterfront and stroll along the Malecón Tarapacá riverwalk. Admire impressive views of the river and 19th-century European-Amazonian-style mansions built with Baroque and Rococo influences and ceramic tiles imported from Italy and Portugal.

Visit the colorful Upper Belén Market, and transfer to Nauta to embark the ZAFIRO.

Begin your voyage of discovery into one of the world's most remote regions. Gather on the ship's observation deck and watch as civilization fades away and the vast Amazon River unfolds before you. (B,L,D)

Please note: Itinerary may vary based on wildlife sightings, water levels, and navigability.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

RÍO AMAZONAS/RÍO UCAYALI

Awaken 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 complex ecosystem while helping you identify species like the colorful large-billed toucan, pink river dolphins, and South American oriole.

On the shores of the Amazon, meet with *riberenos* (river people) in their village. Here, the villagers maintain conservation efforts to raise several of the thousands of butterfly species that live in the Amazon's unique ecosystem, including the rare electric blue morpho. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

RÍO AMAZONAS/RÍO UCAYALI/ RÍO MARAÑÓN

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 endemic 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 alongside your boat.

Board a small river skiff in search of exotic wildlife, including toucans and saddleback tamarin monkeys, and marvel at the giant *Victoria amazonica* water lilies. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

RÍO MARAÑÓN/RÍO PUCATE/ RÍO UCAYALI

Enjoy a picnic breakfast under the rainforest canopy and watch for white-necked heron and wattled jacana dipping into nearby waters. Walk among soaring ceiba trees that reach as high as 200 feet. By special arrangement, meet a local shaman, and participate in a traditional Amazonian tree-planting ceremony.



RED HOWLER MONKEY



Take a nighttime excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve in search of nocturnal creatures such as caimans and bats, and admire the vast blanket of stars that seem to shine brightest here. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

RÍO MARAÑÓN/NAUTA

Board excursion boats where the river narrows and cruise along serpentine 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.

Stop in a local village for a cooking demonstration and experience the timeless way of life of the *riberaños*. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the remarkable environment.

Enjoy a final evening of cruising the Amazon. Gather on the vessel's upper deck for a festive farewell as the sun sets over the lush flora of the passing rainforest. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Disembark the ship and continue to the Manatee Rescue Center for a fascinating, up-close encounter with young, orphaned Amazonian manatees.

Transfer to the Iquitos airport and fly to Lima to check into the WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL. (B)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

**LIMA/CUZCO/
URUBAMBA VALLEY**

Fly from Lima to Cuzco and travel into the Urubamba Valley, a stretch of ancient ruins and villages amidst the Peruvian Andes. In the historic town of Chinchero, where residents still speak the Quechua language of the Inca, encounter the culture of the "Sacred Valley" in the local market and the Traditional Textile Center, where artisans carry on centuries-old weaving practices.

This afternoon, check into the deluxe SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 19

**URUBAMBA VALLEY/
MACHU PICCHU**

After a visit to the monumental 15th-century terraced fortress of Ollantaytambo, enjoy a scenic transfer by rail featuring panoramic views of the Andes en route to the majestic "lost city of the Incas." A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents, or its abandonment. Enjoy a tour of this magnificent site. This evening, check into the deluxe INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

MACHU PICCHU/CUZCO

Return to Machu Picchu for the unforgettable site of the sun rising through the morning mist. This afternoon, transfer by train and motorcoach back to Cuzco. Check into the deluxe PALACIO DEL INKA LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

CUZCO

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Cuzco is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the Western Hemisphere. Tour the astounding ruins of a vast Inca fortress and visit the Temple of the Sun, an elaborate shrine that blazed with 700 gold-plated walls until the Spanish converted it into the Church of San Domingo. The Farewell Reception is in the hotel this evening. (B,L,R)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

CUZCO/LIMA

Fly to Lima and check into a day room in the comfortable WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL before your return flight to the U.S. (B)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

U.S.

Arrive in the U.S.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions with Michael Shinagel
- Five-night cruise aboard the deluxe, all-suite ZAFIRO
- Two nights in the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION hotel, and one night and one day room in the WYNDHAM COSTA DEL SOL HOTEL in Lima
- One night in the deluxe SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA HOTEL in the Urubamba Valley
- One night in the deluxe INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL in Machu Picchu
- Two nights in the deluxe PALACIO DEL INKA LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL in Cuzco
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Internal program air (Lima/Iquitos, Iquitos/Lima, Lima/Cuzco, and Cuzco/Lima)
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, drivers
- Complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks served with included lunches and dinners
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance



YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: 2015

MAXIMUM PASSENGERS: 36

OVERALL LENGTH: 164 feet

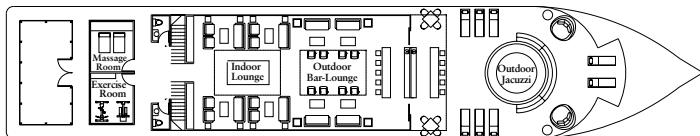
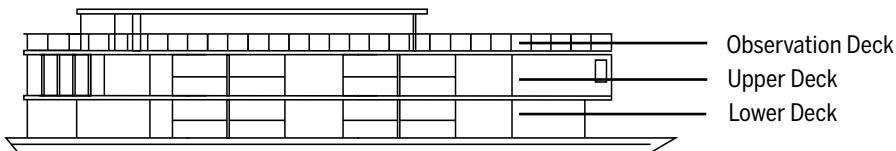
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AMENITIES

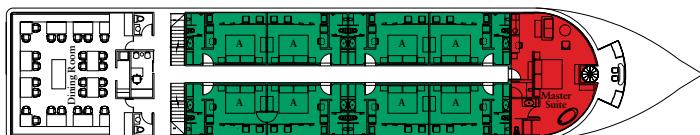
Each deluxe, river-view suite has a private balcony or floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows, two twin beds convertible to one king bed, private bathroom with shower, air-conditioning, wardrobe, radio, minibar, safe and hair dryer.

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

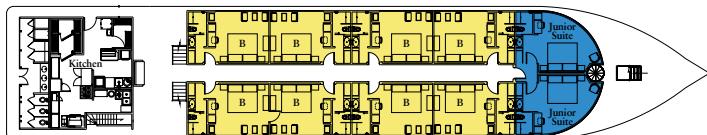
MV ZAFIRO



Observation Deck



Upper Deck



Lower Deck

PRICING IS PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

- CATEGORY B, \$9,395**
 Panoramic view, floor-to-ceiling window. 226 sq. ft. Lower Deck. Single Pricing: \$12,795
- CATEGORY A, \$10,595**
 Panoramic view, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with private balcony. 226 sq. ft. Upper Deck. Single Pricing: \$13,295
- JUNIOR SUITE, \$11,995**
 Larger suite with 90-degree front- and side-facing floor-to-ceiling window. 248 sq. ft. Lower Deck.
- MASTER SUITE, \$12,295**
 Largest suite with 180-degree front-facing window, Jacuzzi and sitting area with sofa and chair. 480 sq. ft. Upper Deck.

Taxes, gratuities to ship personnel, and flights from Lima/Iquitos, Iquitos/Lima, Lima/Cuzco, and Cuzco/Lima are included.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS: Taxes; internal program air (Lima/Iquitos, Iquitos/Lima, Lima/Cuzco, and Cuzco/Lima); all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodations, and meals per detailed itinerary; gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

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NORWEGIAN SPLENDOR

JUN 20–JUL 5, 2017
JAMES ENGELL

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JAMES: EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

SEP 15–27, 2017
MARY GAYLORD

EXPLORING HAVANA, CUBA

OCT 12–17, 2017
SUSANNA SIEGEL

MYSTICAL INDIA

OCT 15–31, 2017

SOUTHERN AFRICAN ODYSSEY

OCT 19–NOV 5, 2017

PUEBLA & OAXACA

NOV 6–12, 2017
BENEDICT GROSS

TREASURES OF THE DESERT: MINIMALIST ART IN MARFA

NOV 8–12, 2017
ALICE DELANA

ARCTIC EXPLORER ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS PRIVATE TRAIN

DEC 28, 2017–JAN 9, 2018
JULIE BUCKLER

JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

JAN 1–16, 2018
MICHAEL MCELROY

GATEWAY TO ICELAND

FEB 8–12, 2018
DON PFISTER

GATEWAY TO ICELAND

FEB 15–19, 2018
STEPHEN MITCHELL

SPRING BREAK IN MOROCCO

MAR 9–17, 2018

CRUISES

SAILING THE BALTIC'S AMBER COAST ON SEA CLOUD II

JUL 19–30, 2017
MICHAEL SHINAGEL

SICILY BY SEA ON SEA CLOUD II

OCT 11–19, 2017
ROBERT DARNTON

CRUISING THE RIVIERAS & ISLANDS OF ITALY, FRANCE & SPAIN ON VARIETY VOYAGER

OCT 14–28, 2017
THOMAS FORREST KELLY

PEARLS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA: VIETNAM & CAMBODIA ON L'AUSTRAL

OCT 17–29, 2017

NEW ZEALAND BY SEA ON CALEDONIAN SKY

JAN 4–17, 2018
RICHARD THOMAS

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA ON LE SOLÉAL

JAN 11–24, 2018
DANIEL JACOB

CRUISING TAHITI & FRENCH POLYNESIA ON WIND SPIRIT

FEB 6–16, 2018
CHRISTIE MCDONALD

PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA ON STAR BREEZE

FEB 9–17, 2018

CUBA BY LAND & SEA

ON LE PONANT
FEB 12–21, 2018

JAPAN BY SEA: LAND OF THE RISING SUN ON CALEDONIAN SKY

APR 15–28, 2018
JAMES SALZMAN

EUROPEAN COASTAL CIVILIZATIONS ON LE BOREAL

APR 30–MAY 9, 2018
SUSAN SULEIMAN

ALASKA'S GLACIERS & INSIDE PASSAGE ON STAR LEGEND

JUN 28–JUL 5, 2018
DANIEL DONOGHUE

RIVERS & LAKES

WATERWAYS OF THE TSARS ON VOLGA DREAM

JUN 7–17, 2017
JOHN STEWART

SYMPHONY ON THE BLUE DANUBE ON AMADEUS SILVER II

OCT 10–21, 2017
CATHERINE MCKENNA

PRAGUE TO THE SWISS ALPS ON ROYAL CROWN

OCT 12–26, 2017
THOMAS SIMONS

VINEYARDS & CHATEAUX OF BORDEAUX ON AMADOLCE

OCT 18–26, 2017
CHRISTIE MCDONALD

KOLKATA TO VARANASI: INDIA'S GANGES RIVER ON BENGAL GANGA

DEC 26, 2017–JAN 10, 2018

PRIDE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ON ZAMBEZI QUEEN

FEB 27–MAR 15, 2018
JAMES ENGELL

AMAZON RIVER EXPEDITION ON ZAFIRO

MAR 10–23, 2018
MICHAEL SHINAGEL

ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER ON AMAVIDA

APR 16–24, 2018

ELBE RIVER ON FREDERIC CHOPIN

MAY 2–13, 2018
HARVEY COX & NINA TUMARKIN

FAMILY ADVENTURES & SPRING BREAK

GREECE: A FAMILY ODYSSEY ON RUNNING ON WAVES

JUN 22–JUL 1, 2017
JONATHAN WALTON

FAMILY TANZANIA SAFARI

JUN 21–JUL 2, 2017
JAMES SALZMAN

COSTA RICA: A FAMILY HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

DEC 26, 2017–JAN 3, 2018
DANIEL LIEBERMAN

NEW YEAR'S IN HAVANA: A FAMILY PROGRAM IN CUBA

DEC 27, 2017–JAN 1, 2018
TIMOTHY MCCARTHY & C.J. CROWDER

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & LAOS: A FAMILY PROGRAM

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MICHAEL SZONYI

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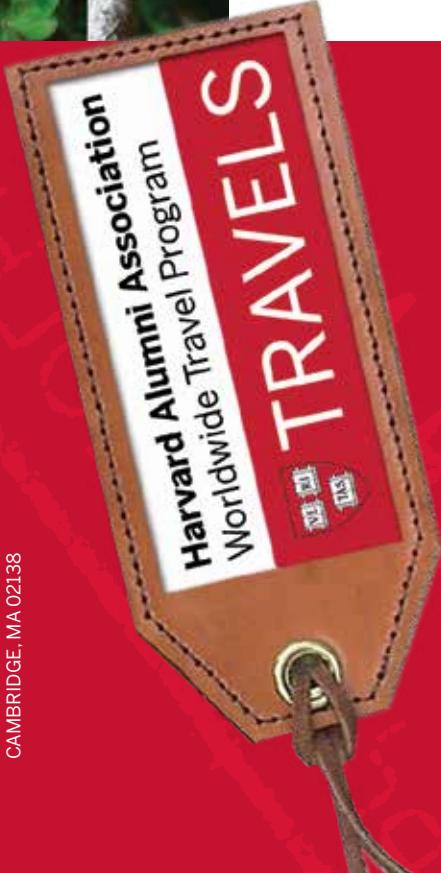
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