

Hapag-Lloyd Amazon Expeditions Reach Deep Into the Rainforest - Intermediate - EN

Travel

English

Article

Hapag-Lloyd Cruises has started another Amazon season with an 18-day upstream expedition from Belém, Brazil, to Iquitos, Peru aboard the Hanseatic Spirit. The route covers about 2,485 miles and takes travelers deep into the rainforest along one of the world's most remarkable river systems.

The company has offered this journey for nearly 30 years and runs only two Amazon voyages each year, one upstream and one downstream. Because of that limited schedule, the cruises are among the most sought-after expeditions in Hapag-Lloyd's program. The line says it is the only cruise operator sailing the full route from Belém to Iquitos and back with small expedition ships.

These ships are built for difficult routes and have shallow drafts that allow them to enter remote tributaries that larger vessels cannot reach. With fewer than 230 guests, observation decks, Zodiac excursions, onboard lectures, and local wildlife spotters, travelers can explore the rainforest closely while learning about its ecosystems and cultures. Encounters with riverside communities are also part of the experience because many villages are accessible only by water.

Hapag-Lloyd has already announced future Amazon expeditions for 2027 and 2028 aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration. Prices start in the high thousands of euros and include charter flights on some departures. The company says availability is already limited, showing how strong demand remains for these rare Amazon voyages.

Vocabulary Words List

Hanseatic Spirit — useful travel word or phrase from the article Belém — useful travel word or phrase from the article 18-day — useful travel word or phrase from the article Iquitos — useful travel word or phrase from the article 2,485 miles — useful travel word or phrase from the article rainforest — useful travel word or phrase from the article Hapag-Lloyd Cruises — useful travel word or phrase from the article 30 years — useful travel word or phrase from the article upstream — useful travel word or phrase from the article downstream — useful travel word or phrase from the article expedition ships — useful travel word or phrase from the article shallow drafts — useful travel word or phrase from the article remote tributaries — useful travel word or phrase from the article Zodiac excursions — useful travel word or phrase from the article wildlife spotters — useful travel word or phrase from the article riverside communities — useful travel word or phrase from the article accessible only by water — useful travel word or phrase from the article Hanseatic Inspiration — useful travel word or phrase from the article 2027 — useful travel word or phrase from the article 2028 — useful travel word or phrase from the article availability — useful travel word or phrase from the article charter flights — useful travel word or phrase from the article observation decks — useful travel word or phrase from the article ecosystems — useful travel word or phrase from the article cultures — useful travel word or phrase from the article guests — useful travel word or phrase from the article voyages — useful travel word or phrase from the article has started — useful travel word or phrase from the article another Amazon — useful travel word or phrase from the article season with — useful travel word or phrase from the article

Fill In The Blanks Listening Practice

Hapag-Lloyd Cruises has started another Amazon season with an _____ upstream expedition from _____, Brazil, to Iquitos, Peru aboard the _____. The route covers about 2,485 miles and takes travelers deep into the rainforest along one of the world's most remarkable river systems.

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Vocabulary Retention Quiz

1. How long has Hapag-Lloyd offered this Amazon journey?
2. Why can its ships reach remote tributaries?
3. What activities help guests explore the rainforest closely?
4. Why are riverside communities part of the experience?
5. What do the 2027 and 2028 listings show about demand?

Discussion Questions

Why do you think rare travel routes attract so much interest?

How can cruise companies balance tourism with respect for local communities and ecosystems?

What makes small expedition ships different from larger cruise vessels?

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