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INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS ADDS SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 AMAZON VOYAGE WITH FREE IN-COUNTRY AIR

IE's Amazon Trip Named To *National Geographic Traveler's* "50 Tours of a Lifetime" List

BIRMINGHAM, AL, June 1, 2009 – International Expeditions, the world leader in nature travel, has added a September 18, 2009 Amazon Voyage departure to meet the overflow demands of its fast-filling summer and early fall tours. Traveling further and deeper into the Amazon than any other tour operator, this new journey allows guests an extra opportunity to experience “the greatest voyage in natural history.” As a bonus, guests of the 10-day tour will also save \$300 per person with a free in-country airfare offer.

Named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* “50 Tours of a Lifetime” in the magazine’s May/June 2009 issue, International Expeditions’ highly engaging Amazon itineraries are extremely compelling. With 29 years of Peruvian rainforest exploration to its credit, the company offers intrepid travelers rare access to the most diverse ecosystem on Earth. Home to the ever-changing panorama of jungle life, guests have the opportunity to search for more than 100 kinds of birds, pink and gray Amazon River dolphins, 15 species of monkeys, sloths, giant otters and nocturnal animals such as caimans and capybaras.

In addition to hikes, daily outings through the nature reserves include explorations on small excursion boats, for access even further into the heart of the vast wetlands. A highly experiential program, a highlight of the voyage is visiting with *ribereños* in their remote river villages, handing out school supplies to the children, and meeting with a local shaman.

Sharp-eyed local expert naturalists enhance each day of the journey through enlightening and vivid commentary.

Guests cruise in comfort aboard the 28-passenger *La Amatista*, specifically designed to sail the upper Amazon Basin. When not in their spacious air-conditioned cabins, guests can relax in the dining parlor which boasts floor to ceiling windows, stargaze on the open-air top deck, or sip a cocktail while enjoying the low-key evening entertainment, courtesy of the ship's local staff.

Per person prices for the September 18 Amazon Voyage start at \$3,048, including free in-country airfare (a value of \$300 per person), accommodations, most meals, local transportation, guides and group transfers.

For more information on International Expeditions visit www.IEtravel.com or call 1-800-633-4734.

Founded in 1980, International Expeditions is the World Leader in Nature Travel, specializing in small group and independent journeys to the most exhilarating destinations around the globe. A pioneer of environmentally responsible travel, International Expeditions is committed to preserving natural habitats and improving the welfare of the people and communities it visits.

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