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M/V ARIA / AQUA EXPEDITIONS

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

M/V Aria, the latest vessel from **Aqua Expeditions**, specializing in luxury cruises down the Peruvian Amazon, whisks guests on Amazonian odysseys of unprecedented opulence. Its three-, four- or seven-night itineraries (from \$2,700 per person) explore the breadth of the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, roughly the size of Belgium. Skiffs small enough to navigate the river's narrow waterways are used for twice-daily expeditions that include piranha fishing, caiman "hunting," a shaman ceremony and chance encounters with pink dolphins, anteaters and three-toed sloths. The 500-ton, 147-foot riverboat, cruising at a speed of 12 knots, accommodates up to 32 guests who are served by a staff of 28. A subdued color palette and clean lines—imagine Mies van der Rohe's version of a modernist houseboat—run throughout the liner, which boasts an *al fresco* Jacuzzi, exercise room and dining salon with daily tasting menus crafted by renowned Peruvian chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. Sixteen deluxe **Design Suites** feature king-size beds, a sitting area, Kara toiletries and the Amazon lapping against floor-to-ceiling windows. Après outing, retire to the second-deck lounge, complete with a bar, for a pisco sour, or opt for a therapeutic treatment in the massage room as you watch the sun set over the mighty river.

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DESIGN SUITE / M/V ARIA



OUTDOOR DINING / J.K. PLACE

MADE TO MEASURE

This fall, **Su Misura**, a boutique luxury travel concept masterminded in collaboration with **Valerie Wilson Travel**, invites you to embark on a sensory journey tailor-made for today's most style-savvy women. Spend seven nights in Florence's exquisitely restored **J.K. Place**, a contemporary, 20-key take on fine Italian living, and eight days immersed in the elegant collision of tradition and trendsetting that defines the city's thriving art and fashion scene. As part of an intimate group of like-minded ladies, you'll escape the tourist clutter to uncover authentic leather, silk and fragrance ateliers, couture boutiques and the city's greatest artistic treasures. Exclusive viewings at the Gucci and Ferragamo museums, as well as sessions with master stylists and artisans, grant guests a rare peek into this timeless city's true magic. All the while, decadent culinary and wine presentations make for an unparalleled fashionista-meets-foodie experience (from \$9,550 per person). The inaugural trip begins October 28, but bespoke programs are also on offer.

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VERANDA SUITE / THE SAGAMORE

ADIRONDACK A-LIST

After a multiyear, \$25 million-plus renovation project that included everything from pouring curb cement to a stunning new lakeside pool area, **The Sagamore** has now reclaimed its rightful place as the "great lady" of upstate New York's Lake George and as one of the East Coast's top grand resorts. Make the choice Meredith Vieira and other *Today* show stars have and base your stay in one of four new **Veranda Suites** (from \$749 a night), the only accommodations with private balconies at the hotel. While you could spend hours gazing at the peaceful waters from your room, get out and about: Take a private lake tour aboard the 19th-century replica *The Morgan*, enjoy the terrific spa, test the cutting-edge Tuscan cuisine at **La Bella Vita** (courtesy of chef Adam Savage, who has worked his magic at the Brazilian Court in Palm Beach), hit the classic Donald Ross-designed mountain links course or just lounge by the fantastic new pool area (with a handy and intimate LakeHouse bar and larger Pavilion venue).

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BOUTIQUE BLISS / SU MISURA