



Can you
HEAR the
WORLD?

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EXPEDITIONS

2010: Amazon Adventure, Peru

The world is speaking, what will you hear?

The songs of toucans blend harmoniously with the cries of howler monkeys in the treetops; their presence reaching far beyond what the eye can see. The wind, pulsing its way through thick vegetation, sounds as if it's the very breath of the rainforest. The acoustical environment of the Peruvian Amazon is a complex symphony exploding with life where one's ability to listen is increasingly magnified. The capacity to hear is a fundamental part of life many take for granted; yet, one in every six people worldwide is affected by hearing loss – the equivalent of people who own a car. Because few experiences in life rival the impact of cultural immersion and because the sense of hearing should be cherished and protected, the *Hear the World* Initiative by Phonak and Global Explorers have combined forces to launch the first *Hear the World Expedition*.



The Amazon rainforest is unlike any other region in the world. Its unparalleled diversity and incredible size make it a spectacular classroom for the adventure of a lifetime.

Expedition Highlights

- Explore the rainforest canopy and forest floor with field scientists.
- Search for pink river dolphins, monkeys, three-toed sloths and more!
- Immerse yourself in the rich cultures of the Amazon, past and present.
- Foster awareness about hearing loss in the U.S. and abroad.
- Highlight creative and accessible applications for addressing hearing loss.
- Discover passions never before imagined and learn to act on them!

Hear the world
an initiative by **PHONAK**

Hear the World is a global initiative by hearing system manufacturer Phonak to raise awareness about the importance of hearing and the consequences of hearing loss.
www.hear-the-world.com



Global Explorers is a nonprofit organization driven by a passion for sharing the most educational and life-changing travel experiences available with students and educators of all backgrounds and abilities.



Timeline of Events

December 15, 2009:

Application Deadline
Apply online! www.globalexplorers.org
(Click *Hear the World*)

Spring 2010:

Participate in team preparatory curriculum sessions electronically and attend a weekend training retreat in Colorado

July 8-17, 2010:

Travel to the Peruvian Amazon!

Fall 2010:

Complete follow-up service projects and tell your story!

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Amazon Adventure Program Details

Through preparatory curriculum and follow-up service projects, this is far more than just a fun trip. *Hear the World* Expeditions create the unique platform where students of mixed hearing abilities explore science, culture, leadership and service while at the same time raising awareness about the importance of hearing and the consequences of hearing loss. Here's how the program works:

Before you travel....



We want your travel experience to change your life. As part of that process, you will learn as much as possible before you depart. You'll participate in team preparatory sessions that cover a variety of topics such as: Rainforest Ecology, Yagua Culture, Leadership and Service Learning. You will also attend a training retreat in Colorado where you'll learn a variety of leadership skills as well as digital art storytelling techniques.

While you travel....



We emphasize authentic, hands-on travel experiences. You will explore the rich cultural and natural diversity of the Amazon while learning more about your own leadership style and what role YOU play in making a difference in our world.

After you travel.... Telling your story!



You're not done yet! Upon your return, you will complete a post-travel Service Leadership Project taking the inspiration and skills you gained in the field and transfer them into meaningful action at home. Projects can vary person to person in length and theme depending on what impacts you the most. Through a social media campaign organized by GEx and *Hear the World*, projects will also play a part in spreading a message of hope and inspiration while at the same time helping to break down barriers, misconceptions and prejudices that the public has about hearing loss.

What's Included in the price? All expenses related to training retreat (airfare to Colorado, food, lodging, shuttle, travel insurance, carbon offsets, all workshop sessions); 100% of expenses within Peru including: all meals, lodging, ground transfers, airport departure taxes, tips for guides and other guide services; t-shirts; workshop journal; basic travel insurance; carbon offsets; textbook(s); curriculum sessions and service project materials; year-long fundraising support; Global Explorers Workshop Coordinator, Acoustic Scientist and bilingual local guides.

Not Included: International airfare between your home and Lima, Peru; passport fees; immunizations and any personal items.

Program Essentials

Who: Full-time students ages 17-22 with and without hearing loss

What: Experience the joy and learning travel provides while generating awareness about hearing loss

When: July 8-17, 2010 + Weekend Training Retreat in Colorado (Spring '10)

Where: Iquitos, Peru and Colorado

Price: \$2,900 + Airfare to Peru

(See what this includes below!)

What are you waiting for?

Apply before December 15 at:

www.globalexplorers.org (Click *Hear the World*)

Sample Program Itinerary

- Day 1** - Travel to Lima; overnight in Miraflores or fly directly to Iquitos.
- Day 2** - Boat down the Amazon River to your rainforest lodge and take your first hike.
- Day 3** - Visit a Yagua community; learn rainforest ecology by day and night.
- Day 4** - Learn ethnobotany from a local shaman; blackwater lake ecology.
- Day 5** - Visit the canopy walkway; learn local plant uses; take a night hike.
- Day 6** - River float; search for dolphins; fish for piranha; community issues.
- Day 7** - Conduct a community service project with local village.
- Day 8** - Local dance presentation; swimming; tropical conservation issues.
- Day 9** - Shop in Iquitos; visit a local market; begin your journey home.
- Day 10** - Return to United States.



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