Unfolding Journeys: Amazon Adventure is a great springboard for getting children excited about geography and map work. Use the giant frieze to inspire adventures in your local area and create your own journey display.

1. Share the Unfolding Journey: Amazon Adventure. Discuss the features of maps and the human and physical features of the landscape. Share some of the exciting facts about the Amazon, and how the river and the way people use it changes along its course.

2. Tell the class that you will be going on a journey in your own local area (or, for younger children, through the school grounds). If safe and practical, you might decide to follow the course of a local river or stream. Children will then work together to create a giant map for the classroom wall.

3. On the journey, children can record features of the human and physical landscape by writing, sketching or taking photos.

4. Assign each pair or group one of the natural or human-made landmarks that you spotted on the journey. They should work together to draw it and write a caption.

5. Create a simple background for your wall display e.g. green paper, with the river marked in blue paper. Older children could add a numbered key, scale bar and compass rose to fit in with work on map skills.

6. Assemble the display using children’s drawings and captions. You could take a picture of the display and turn it into a leaflet for children to share with their families. The Lonely Planet Kids team would love to see it too!

CURRICULUM LINKS

K51 Geography: use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features and key human features; use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

K52 Geography: use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Send photos of your creations to lonelyplanet.kids@lonelyplanet.com
Take the trip of a lifetime along the Amazon River – the largest river in the world – as it winds its way through six countries and thousands of kilometres of breathtaking tropical rainforest.

**Waterlilies...Giant Pilpintuwasi Iquitos Amazon River**

The mighty Amazon starts life as a tiny trickle high up in the Peruvian Andes.

Squawk

The natives of the Amazon once thought the Pink River Dolphin had magical powers.

When staying in this guest room in the Mamiraua Reserve, we're right in the heart of the rainforest. This tiny Black Squirrel Monkey is no longer than your foot!

The Angelfish got its name from the shape of its fins, which look like an angel's wings.

Best not go sleepwalking in this floating house in Tefé!

Letícia is the Amazon's frontier port where Colombia, Peru and Brazil meet.

The beautiful Scarlet Macaw is sometimes called a 'flying rainbow.'

'Jaguar' means 'he who kills with one leap.'

This 40-metre (130-ft) tall rubber tree may be 100 years old.

Early explorers from Europe thought the Amazonian Manatee might be a mermaid!

We've taken a daytrip up the Rio Negro (Black River) to the amazing Ana Vilhans Archipelago.

These are huge!

The huge Green Anaconda spends most of its time hidden in the water.

Look at those beautiful fish swimming beside the boat!

Don't worry, this Goliath bird-eating spider looks scary, but it doesn't want you for dinner.

A Roman Catholic cardinal wears red – so does the Cardinal Tetra fish.

You won't be alone for a moment on Monkey Island!

The Amazon River is fed by many smaller rivers along its journey to the sea. How many can you see?

The Amacayacu National Park is mostly under water from October to June. Stay in the boat, please!