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Hervé is the Director of Puro Amazonas, a travel agency that works in partnership with Hábitat Sur to promote a model of responsible and purposeful tourism that offers locals, visitors and travellers the chance to get a better understanding and respect of the Amazon's culture, people and natural richness.

Born in Switzerland, he started his professional life working at Crédit Suisse bank but soon realized that was not the life style he desired. After working for a few years at Globetrotter travel agency, in 2004 he decided to leave Switzerland and go to Tibet on his bike, a destination he never reached due to weather conditions. Instead, he spent seven years cycling across Europe, the Middle East, Africa (where he also worked two years as safari guide in Namibia) and South America. He then spent 20 months alone on a bicycle boat cycling through 26 rivers and more than 7'500 kilometers from the Andes in Ecuador to Macapa (Brasil), the gates of the Amazon River in the Atlantic ocean, becoming the first human being to cross the whole length of the Amazon River on a boat powered by his legs. Since 2010 he has lived in Leticia, the main town of the Colombian Amazon, where he set up La Jangada Hostel & Tours and managed it during 4 years.