



Tambopata Research Center : 5D

from : USD 1361.00

SEASON	All year
DURATION	5 days / 4 nights (Puerto Maldonado - Puerto Maldonado)
FITNESS LEVEL	Easy
DEPARTURE DATES	Daily
ACTIVITIES	Nature viewing with ecological focus

If you are looking for an in-depth Amazon experience, then the Tambopata Research Center is your best option. Known for the last 20 years for its macaw research, there is so much more to see and experience at the Tambopata Research Center. The best rule to follow in the Amazon region is: the further away from the cities one goes, and the longer one stays, the more the forest will reveal its complex life and provide opportunities to observe wildlife.

The TRC is one of the most remote rainforest lodges in Peru. Its remoteness offers adventurous travelers an unmatched opportunity to engage with the natural world. The Center's aim has been the protection of the adjacent macaw clay lick, and to this day the uninhabited wilderness around the TRC continues to provide a safe haven for a stable population of endangered wildlife. With its dedicated researchers and naturalist guides, the Tambopata Research Center is the best starting point for in-depth exploration of Amazon flora and fauna.

Day 1: Puerto Maldonado - Refugio Amazonas

Upon arrival in the town of Puerto Maldonado, you will be met by our guides and transferred to the river port, where our boat journey to Refugio Amazonas will begin. The two-hour and thirty-minute boat ride from the Tambopata river port to Refugio Amazonas will take us past the community of Infierno and the Tambopata National Reserve checkpoints before we enter the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectares protected natural area. Upon arrival at the lodge, the manager will welcome the group and provide you with a brief presentation which includes safety information. After dinner, we will return to the river and scan the banks with headlamps and flashlights, in search of the red eye shine of caimans.

Overnight stay at Posada or Refugio Amazonas.



Day 2: Posada Amazonas - Tambopata Research Center

At dawn, we will visit the Canopy Tower located just a thirty-minute walk from Refugio Amazonas. The tower is located on high ground, thereby increasing the panoramic views of the primary forest and the flight of mixed species of birds in the canopy, as well as toucans and macaws.

During the mid-morning, we will begin our 4 ½ hour boat ride to the Tambopata Research Center; we will leave the final traces of human habitation behind. Within the 700,000-hectare uninhabited nucleus of the reserve, sightings of capybara, caiman, geese, macaws and other large species will become more frequent.

Overnight stay at Tambopata Research Center



Day 3: Macaw Clay Lick

At dawn, we will visit the fascinating macaw clay lick. On most clear mornings throughout the year dozens of large macaws and hundreds of parrots congregate on this high riverbank in a raucous and colorful spectacle. The best sightings are made at dawn when the lick is most active. This gathering of birds inspired the National Geographic Society to honor it with a cover story. Discretely located around fifty meters from the cliff is a place from where we can observe green-winged, scarlet and blue-and-gold macaws and several other species of smaller parrots, as they descend to ingest clay.

After breakfast, we will follow a trail through the rainforest, passing creeks and ponds. Among the fig, ceiba and shihuahuaco trees, we will look for squirrels, brown capuchins, and spider monkeys, as well as peccaries. In the afternoon we will visit a small lake

platform ten minutes upriver from the lodge, which is a great place to spot waterfowl, including Muscovy ducks, sunbitterns and hoatzins, as well as woodpeckers, oropendolas, flycatchers and parakeets. After dinner at the lodge, you will be offered the chance to take part in a guided night walk in the forest, in search of nocturnal fauna.

Overnight stay at Tambopata Research Center



Day 4: Tambopata Reserch Center

After breakfast, we will walk the *terra firma* trail and explore a different habitat. The smaller trees and sparser vegetation here create a unique environment. Saddleback tamarins are frequently sighted in this part of the forest. As we walk close to the edge of wetlands, we will keep our eyes open for tapir tracks.

In the afternoon, we will walk the palm wetlands trail. This area of new growth on the site of an old oxbow lake provides fruit for both arboreal and terrestrial mammals throughout the year. The aguaje palm is one of the most important food sources in the rainforest. The growing demand for this fruit and the fact that such areas are ideal for rice growing mean that this type of habitat is facing increasing pressure from humans. After dinner, you will be invited to join your guide on a nocturnal walk. Listening to the sounds of the forest at night is a particularly special experience. Nocturnal mammals are difficult to spot, but you will hear the chorus produced by the many species of nocturnal frogs which inhabit the forest around the lodge.

Overnight stay at Tambopata Reseach Center



Day 5: TRC - Puerto Maldonado

Early transfer to return to Puerto Maldonado: This is a fascinating river journey offering the possibility to spot big cats, including jaguars. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the office to collect your stored luggage. The staff will escort you to the airport for your domestic flight.

End of our service.

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on airline schedules, the transfer from the lodge may require a dawn departure.

We reserve the right to change the order of activities in response to local conditions.

Included

TRANSPORT	Transfers and boat for tours
OVERNIGHT	Jungle Lodge 4 / Total nights 4
TOURS	According to program + expert guide
ENTRANCE FEE / PERMITS	To the attractions included in the program
MEALS	Bx4 Lx4 Dx4

Not included

TRANSPORT	International / domestic flights
EXTRAS	Travel insurance, additional nights at lodge due to bad weather or flight cancellations,tips, tours & meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Rates 2019

2019 cost per person in US dollars

Service	1 Pax	2-3 Paxs
GROUP SERVICE	1686	1361

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