

## EXPLORING THE TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE

The protected Tambopata National Reserve is an eco-oasis packed with a level of biodiversity found in few places on the planet. With record-setting numbers of animal and an incredible range of plant life, discover the wonders of the Amazon with these immersive multiday adventures designed to make the most of a short trip to the rainforest. Experience a range of ecosystems by day and night, including nature trails, canopy walks and rowing on a dugout canoe on beautiful lake Sandoval, all guided by expert local naturalist guides and with the comfort of being based at one of our comfortable jungle lodges, with options for different styles of travelers.



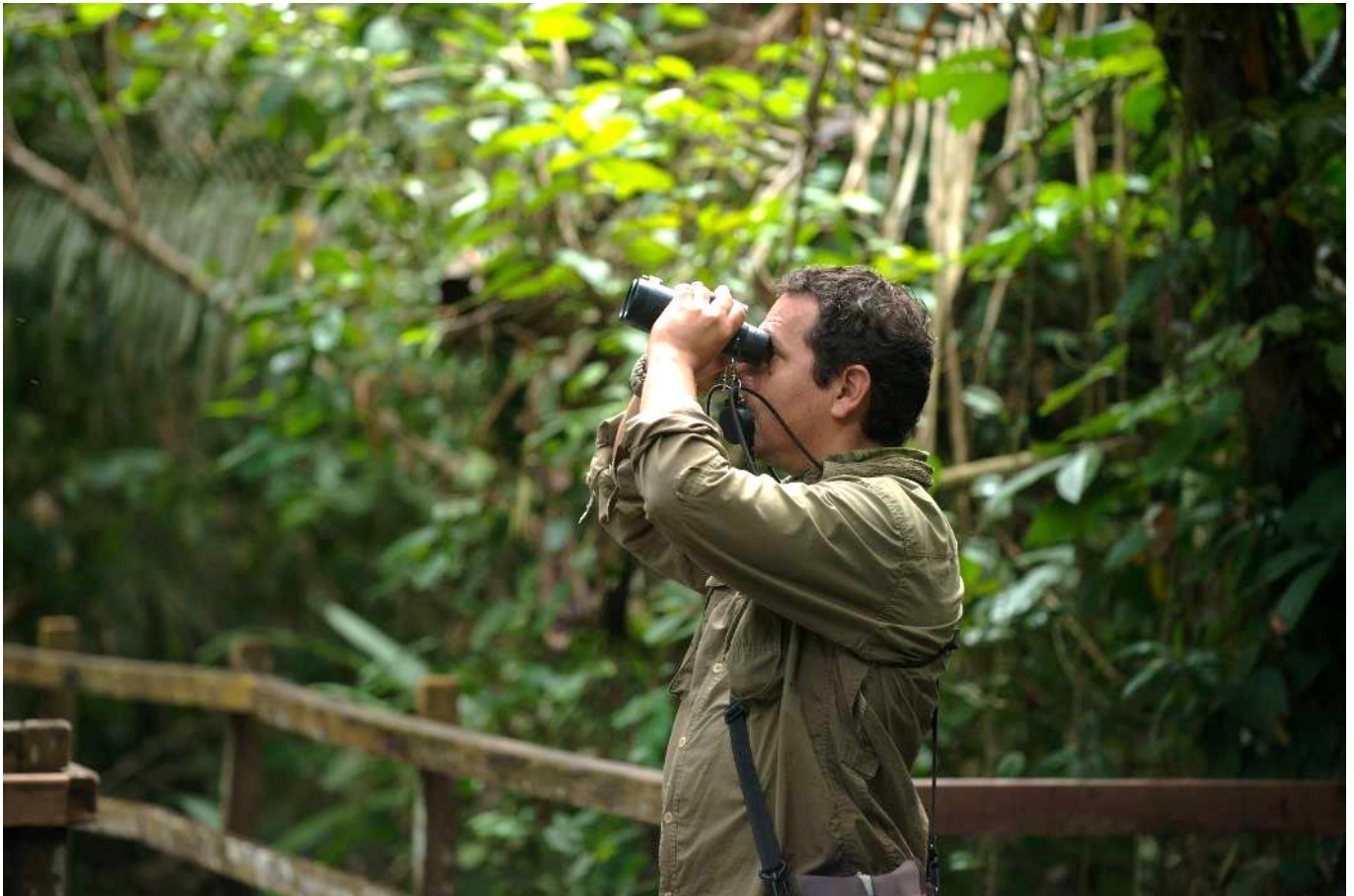
Begin your exciting Amazon adventure in Puerto Maldonado, coined the capital of biodiversity. Cruise the serpentine Madre de Dios River (30-60min) to reach your accommodation, already immersing yourself in the pristine nature and soaking up the sounds, colors and aromas of the rainforest, ready to discover what lies beyond your jungle base.

### DURATION

The minimum suggested stay to cover the absolute must see is 3 days and 2 nights, but, if you can spare a couple of extra days, you can dive deeper into the Amazonian experience and enjoy more activities in a comprehensive 4- or 5-days long program.

## ACTIVITIES

The specific activities and their order may slightly vary, depending on your selection of lodging and length of stay, as well as due to weather conditions, but in general may include some of the following:



### **Jungle trails walking**

Explore exclusive jungle trails that snake between the roots of towering trees for an immersive introduction to the rich ecosystems of the Amazon basin.

### **River night excursion**

Cruise the Madre de Dios River at night in search of wildlife that roams the riverbanks under darkness. Keep on the lookout for the likes of nightjars, owls, capybaras and caimans as you learn about the curious behavior and characteristics of this nocturnal world.

### **Inkaterra canopy walkway**

Climb the exhilarating Inkaterra Canopy Walkway for an unforgettable opportunity to observe the rainforest from its rooftop. Originally designed for scientific research, a sophisticated network of seven suspension bridges are strung between eight treetop observation platforms over 30 metres (100 feet) above the forest floor, with the jungle stretching out beneath you.

### Lake Sandoval

visit Lake Sandoval, a glassy, ox-bow lake located inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve, one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. Board a dug-out wooden canoe to quietly paddle through mangroves and glide onto Lake Sandoval, flanked by picture-perfect palms. This serene lake is home to thousands of species of birds, the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans.

### Rainforest by night excursion

Under the cover of darkness, venture out for two-hours for the Rainforest by Night excursion through our ecological reserve. Armed with flashlights, duck under tree boughs as your senses heighten to the movements in the undergrowth and nocturnal forest sounds that appear in different directions around you. With your Inkaterra explorer guide, encounter animal activity and spot species that only emerge with the veil of nightfall.



### Visit to the bio-orchard and palmetum

Discover the rainforest's tropical plants and their intriguing medicinal uses by local communities by visiting our organic bio-orchard. Later, continue to our 30-hectare Palmetum, a collection of 19 Amazonian palms in a plot reserved for rainforest restoration and conservation.

### Visit to the gamitana model farm and creek

The Amazon is an almost endless source of exotic fruits and vegetables, many with healing properties that support local communities living in the remote jungle. At Gamitana model farm, engulfed by the sounds and scents of the Amazon, you will get to see how a variety of produce is grown by local farmers and sample some seasonal forest fruits. Follow a dense jungle trail under the virescent canopy to reach Gamitana Creek. This winding, dark water creek is home to abundant flora and fauna, with many piranhas, caiman, turtles and birds hiding in its murky waters and riverbanks



## JUNGLE LODGE OPTIONS

**Field Guides Station** is a place designed to enhance a Guide’s knowhow, interpretation skills, and leadership abilities; facilitate and promote Scientists/Investigators who are eager to engage in ongoing ITA projects or do research of their own; and host Inkaterra Travelers who want to experience the Amazon Rainforest in an intense and scholarly way. Our selected Explorer Guides will guide both groups of Inkaterra Travelers and Student Groups during their stay at the station.



**Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion**, is built in a former cacao and rubber plantation, on the grounds of what was back in the 50’s “Fundo Concepción”, an Amazonian medical catholic mission center. In 1979 the ownership was passed to Inkaterra; and in 2003, the NGO Inkaterra Asociación (ITA) jointly with ACEER (Amazon Center for Education and Environmental Research) formed an alliance with the aim of promoting the conservation of ecosystems and natural resources in Tambopata. The National Geographic Society supported the restoration of the station.



**Reserva Amazonica** is a gracious rainforest lodge, adjacent to the lush Tambopata National Reserve. Remote and pristine, yet easily accessible, this region is only a -35minute flight from Cusco. Here, in the area known as the “Biodiversity Capital of Peru”, awaits the opportunity for discovering an incredible variety of species — birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, trees, among others. A welcoming haven of 200 hectares (494 acres), Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica offers a range of land and river excursions that introduce guests to the magic of the rainforest.



# SAMPLE PROGRAM: CLASSIC PERU WITH TAMBOPATA EXTENTION

## Crossing the Andes and the Amazon

8 days / 7 nights

Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu and Puerto Maldonado

### TRIP SUMMARY

Day	Route	Accomodation	Meals
1	International Arrival – Lima	Lima	-
2	Lima: City Tour and Larco Museum	Lima	B
3	Lima – Cusco: Cusco City Tour	Cusco	B
4	Cusco – Sacred Valley: Chinchero, Textile session and Ollantaytambo	Sacred Valley	B/L
5	Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu - Cusco	Cusco	B/L
6	Cusco – Puerto Maldonado	Puerto Maldonado	B/L/D
7	Puerto Maldonado	Puerto Maldonado	B/L/D
8	Puerto Maldonado – International Departure	-	B

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1: International Arrival - Lima

Welcome to Lima.

Upon arrival you will be assisted at the Lima airport and then transferred to your hotel.

You will have free time to rest.

*Accommodation at selected hotel in Lima.*

*Meals included: None.*

#### Day 2: Lima

##### Lima City Tour: Historical Center, Santo Domingo Convent and Larco Museum (Half-day tour)

You will visit the modern and colonial parts of Lima, known as The City of Kings, starting at the districts of Miraflores and San Isidro, and passing along a “huaca” or sacred pre-Inca site, before heading to the Historic Center. There, you will walk along some of the most historically important streets of the city, leading to the Plaza de Armas, where you will have some time to take pictures of the amazing colonial architecture that surrounds it. You will also have the chance to take a peek into **an iconic building**, that has served Lima’s citizens for centuries and continues to be an important landmark. Then you will visit the impressive Convent of Santo Domingo, an astonishing building with colonial style. After exploring the Historical Center, you will head towards the Larco Museum, which houses the incomparable Treasures of Ancient Peru private collection.

**\*\* La Casa de La Literatura closed on Mondays: visit to be replaced**

Accommodation at selected hotel in Lima.  
Meals included: Breakfast.

### Day 3: Lima - Cusco

Transfer from your hotel in Lima to the airport to board your flight to Cusco

**\*\*\*recommended flight that arrives before 11am to Cusco.**

Upon arrival you will be assisted at the Cusco airport and then transferred to your hotel.

#### 13:00 Cusco City Tour: San Pedro market, Korikancha Temple, Cathedral, Sacsayhuamán and Kenko (Half-day tour)

You will visit the city of Cusco, known as the Imperial City and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Here you will start your tour at the iconic San Pedro market, a local market where you can explore the colors, flavors and traditions of modern Cusco. The visit continues with the Korikancha Temple, an ancient Inca palace and cult center of the Sun God, above which the order of the Dominicans built a church, which remains standing to this day. You will continue ascending to the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, an impressive example of Inca military architecture. Afterwards, you will explore Q'énqo archeological site, where important Inca ceremonies took place. Finally, you will arrive to the Plaza de Armas (main square), where you will visit the Cathedral, the most important temple in the city.

Accommodation at selected hotel in Cusco.  
Meals included: Breakfast.

### Day 4: Cusco – Sacred Valley

#### Essence of the Sacred Valley: Chinchero, Textile Session and Ollantaytambo (Full-day tour)

You will visit Chinchero, a small and picturesque town that houses an important Inca archaeological center built at the end of the 15th century, as well as a beautiful and traditional church. Then you will visit the home of a local family where you can appreciate how they have preserved the traditional Andean spinning and weaving techniques and where they will also show you how they get the bright colors for their looms naturally. Then, on the way to Ollantaytambo, you will stop at the Racchi viewpoint, where you will have some of the best views of the Sacred Valley. Afterwards, lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Continue to Ollantaytambo, one of the most representative architectural complexes of the ancient Inca Empire and one of the few places where the Spanish conquerors lost an important battle. Well known for its platforms, Ollantaytambo was a very effective fortress that also served as a temple. Finally, continue to the town of Ollantaytambo, known as "the only living Inca city"; It is the best existing example of Inca urban planning, with stone streets that have been inhabited since the 12th century.

Accommodation at selected hotel in the Sacred Valley.  
Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch.

### Day 5: Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu - Cusco

#### Machu Picchu Tour with Voyager or Expedition Train round-trip (Full-day tour)

Early in the morning you will be transferred to the train station. You will visit one of the world's most famous landmarks: the citadel of Machu Picchu. The excursion begins on board the train. Upon your arrival in Aguas Calientes, you will begin your ascent to Machu Picchu, where, surely, you will live one of the most unforgettable experiences. Once there, you can walk through every corner of one of the Seven Wonders of the world, accompanied by an expert guide, and enjoy free time to explore the area. At the appropriate time, you will descend to the town of Aguas Calientes and later board the return train to Cusco, via the Ollantaytambo station. Upon your arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation at selected hotel in Cusco.  
Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch.

## Day 6: Cusco - Puerto Maldonado

At the scheduled time, transfer to Cusco airport to board your flight to Puerto Maldonado

You will start your journey arriving in Puerto Maldonado, where our staff will welcome you and provide you with the necessary information for your stay.

You will ride in a canoe with an outboard motor along the Madre de Dios River to the selected lodge.

Depending on your arrival schedule, you will enjoy lunch made with organic ingredients and native flavors. After lunch you will begin your activities.

**\*\* The activities will be detailed at the time of operation, since it depends on the selected lodge but mainly, they are walks and canoe trips to observe birds and mammals.**

*Accommodation at selected hotel in Puerto Maldonado.*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.*

## Day 7: Puerto Maldonado

New emotions await you. To start the day, you will have a nutritious buffet breakfast before embarking on new adventures where you will understand why Madre de Dios is known as the biodiversity capital of Peru.

At the end of the activities scheduled during the morning, you will return to the lodge for lunch.

Afterwards, you will participate in the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk, a 20-minute canoe ride with outboard motor, which will take you to the Interpretation Center of the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, where you will learn about its construction and ITA-Inkaterra Association projects (NGO). Ascend by one of the two towers of 30 m. and cross the 7 suspension bridges that connect the treetops to 28 meters tall. You will enjoy the majestic views and you will be able to take advantage to observe the red-billed toucan, hummingbirds, trogons, squirrel monkeys and the three-toed sloth.

When descending, it will follow the incredible energy of the primary forest continuing with the route.

At night, prepare for the adventure in the night jungle.

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*Accommodation at selected hotel in Puerto Maldonado.*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.*

## Day 8: Puerto Maldonado – International Departure

You will enjoy a nutritious breakfast buffet before leaving.

You will travel by canoe with an outboard motor back to Puerto Maldonado, where you will visit the Butterfly Garden. Here you can relax and quietly wait for your flight home or your next destination, while visiting this beautiful garden where you can learn about the fascinating transformation of these colorful insects, which are reproduced in this laboratory.

Upon arrival at the Puerto Maldonado airport, you will board your flight to Lima, then connect with your international flight

*Meals included: Breakfast.*

**End of Services**

**INCLUDED**

- Welcome kit and detailed itinerary upon arrival.
- Transfers: airport/hotel/airport (The first transfer at arrival is private)
- 2 nights accommodation in Lima, 2 nights accommodation in Cusco, 1 -night accommodation in the Sacred Valley and 2 nights accommodation in Tambopata - Puerto Maldonado.
- Daily breakfast at the hotels
- Lima City Tour with entrances to Casa de La Literatura, Santo Domingo Convent and Larco Museum
- Cusco City Tour with entrances to San Pedro market, Korikancha Temple, Cathedral, Sacsayhuamán, Kenko
- Sacred Valley Tour with entrances to Chinchero and Ollantaytambo fortress with lunch (doesn't include drinks)
- Machu Picchu Tour with Voyager or Expedition train ticket and lunch (doesn't include drinks)
- Visit to the Tambopata Natural Reserve, includes 2 lunches and 2 dinners

**NOT INCLUDED**

- International and domestic airfare.
- Airport taxes.
- Beverages at meals and tips.
- Items not specified in the itinerary.