

TOUR: PUERTO MALDONADO

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER

ITINERARY FOR 04 DAYS

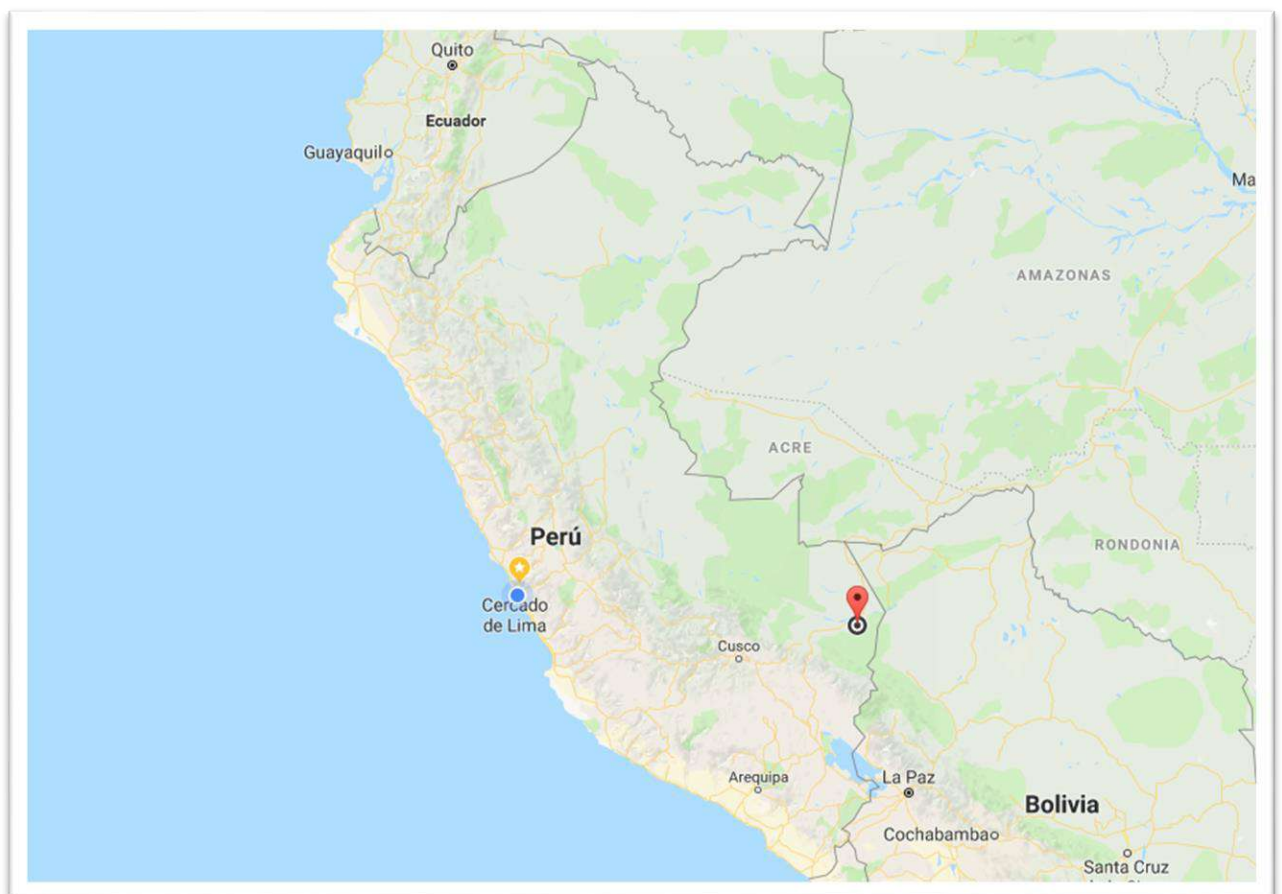
Day 1. Lima or Cusco/Puerto Maldonado (Refugio Amazonas)

Day 2. Tambopata Research Center

Day 3. Tambopata Research Center

Day 4. Tambopata Research Center/Lima or Cusco

End of itinerary and service



Immerse yourself in an in-depth luxury Amazon experience, in the heart of the Tambopata National Reserve in the most remote ecolodge in South America. Stay 3 nights at the Tambopata Research Center home of the Macaw Project and explore a variety of habitats which means different kinds of flora and fauna. Although known for its ongoing research of macaws for 30 years, there is much more to see at the Tambopata Research Center including the largest macaw clay lick in the world. A rule in the Amazon states that the further away from the cities you go and the longer you stay in the forest, the better chances you will have to observe wildlife.

Design your own Amazon experience and let your inner explorer out. Here are some ideas for you:

DAY 1. REFUGIO AMAZONAS, ARRIBO Y RECEPCIÓN

Arrive in Puerto Maldonado, capital of Madre de Dios, and join a 1-hour bus and a 2.5 boat journey till the lodge. Your first taste of the Amazon culinary will be in the river while you leave the city to enjoy the amazing jungle landscapes.

As we cross the confluence with the Malinowski River, we will leave the final traces of human habitation behind. Within the 700,000 hectares uninhabited nucleus of the reserve, sightings of capybara, caiman, geese, macaws and other large species will become more frequent.

Tambopata Research Center awaits – a spacious boutique eco-lodge, with bar, a massage center, and buffet service in the heart of National Reserve of Tambopata, being the only lodge inside the reserve surrounded by dozens of macaw nests belonging to the Macaw Project.

Accommodation includes rooms from 21 mts to 83 mts suites with a private bathroom and an open window facing the forest.

Your stay includes three meals daily, teas, coffee, guided excursions and activities, refreshments upon arriving, and transfers to and from the airport. We assign guides on private small groups of 6:1

This afternoon joins the Overlook A three to five-kilometer hike will lead us to overlooks commanding magnificent views of the Tambopata winding its way into the lowlands. The forest on this trail, regenerating on the old bamboo forest, is good for Howler Monkey and Dusky Titi Monkey.

You will have the option of hiking out at night when most of the mammals are active but difficult to see. Easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.

DAY 2. REFUGIO AMAZONAS / TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER

On most clear mornings of the year, dozens of large macaws and hundreds of parrots congregate on this large riverbank in a raucous and colorful spectacle which inspired a National Geographic cover story. Discretely located fifty meters from the cliff, we will observe Green-winged, Scarlet and Blue-and-gold Macaws and several species of smaller parrots descend to ingest clay. Outings are at dawn when the lick is most active.

This five-kilometer trail covers the prototypical rain forest with immense trees crisscrossed by creeks and ponds. Amongst the figs, ceibas, and shihuahuacos we will go for a monkey search Squirrel, Brown Capuchin, and Spider Monkeys as well as peccaries. TRC is located within this habitat.

Ten minutes upriver from the lodge explore the island where is a tiny pond with a platform in the middle. It is a great place to spot waterfowl such as Muscovy duck, sunbittern and hoatzin along with the woodpeckers, oropendolas, flycatchers, and parakeets that call this pond their home.

After dinner scientists will provide a night lecture, an in-depth look at the biology of macaws, their feeding habits, the theories for clay lick use, their breeding and feeding ecology, population fluctuations and the threats to their conservation.

Day 3. Tambopata Research Center

Stepping carefully over the winding “highways” of peaceful leaf-cutter ants, the Rainforest Master Hike will leave you with unforgettable memories and a profound sense of accomplishment. Due to their years of local experience, our Tambopata Research Center guides know everything about the forest. They’ll spot the tiniest bird hiding in the canopy, the most elusive monkey, and the most spectacular plant life.

Twilight descends early in the jungle. Under the thick tree cover of the rainforest, darkness falls quickly, when the light cannot slip through the foliage any longer. Now, as afternoon slips into evening, you’re about to see one of the world’s most spectacular sunsets. The Sunset Cruise floats down the wide river, countless oranges and pinks reflecting off the water in lovely patterns.



DAY 4. TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER / PUERTO TAMBOPATA

It is time to say goodbye, as the expedition comes to an end.

Your visit will make a direct contribution to the Macaw Project and the National Reserve of Tambopata.

You will take the journey back to the city to the airport for your national flight onwards.

End of service

Available activities during your stay (carefully check the following schedule):

- ❖ Macaw Claylick Colorado – Available in the morning (before breakfast). Activity duration: 2.5 hours
 - ❖ Amazon Birdwatching for Beginners – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 2 hours
 - ❖ Amazon Birdwatching Moderate – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 2.5 hours
 - ❖ Amazon Birdwatching Hardcore – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 4 hours
 - ❖ Secrets of The Surroundings – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 1.5 hours
 - ❖ The World of Butterflies – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 2 hours
 - ❖ Overlook Trail – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 1.5 hours
 - ❖ Monkey Search – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 1.5 to 2.5 hours
 - ❖ Ceiba Walk – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 1.5 hours
 - ❖ Island Exploration & Pond – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 2 hours
 - ❖ Palm Swamp Trail – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 3 hours
 - ❖ Giants of The Amazon – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 3 hours
 - ❖ Adventure to The Bowl – Available in the morning. Activity duration: 4 hours
 - ❖ Bamboo Trail – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 3 hours
 - ❖ Amazon Creek Trail Hike – Available in the morning and afternoon. Activity duration: 3 hours
 - ❖ The Rainforest Master Hike – Available in the morning. Activity duration: half-day
 - ❖ Night Walk – Available in the night. Activity duration: 1 hour
 - ❖ Macaw Project Lecture – Available in the night. Activity duration: 45 minutes
 - ❖ Night Lecture – Available after dinner. Activity duration: 1 hour
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NOTES

- All the offered tours are shared tours in Spanish or English, if you prefer a private tour or other language please let us now so we can check the rates for you
- The itinerary may vary due to weather conditions or other factors.
- The tour schedule is subject to change without prior notice because it could be affected by multiple factors and circumstances.
- Domestic flights are not included but can be reserved with us upon request.
- The program includes meals.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSFER

The boats are 12 meters in length roofed boats with 4 stroke outboard eco-friendly motors. The suggested flights for the program are the following:

- Arrival transfer (Puerto Maldonado–Albergue): 2 transfers per day at 13:00 hrs. and 14:00 hrs.
- Departure transfer (Albergue – Puerto Maldonado): 2 transfers per day at 07:00 hrs. and 8:00 hrs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The guides are biologists, tourism professionals or community members. Most guides speak English but there could be exceptions, in that case you will be previously informed. Guides are assigned to small groups of 6 to 10 persons. If you prefer a private guide or a guide that speaks other language than English, please let us know (subject to extra charge).

Baggage

You will have to carry your own baggage in different phases and for long distances. We strongly suggest you to limit the weight of your baggage up to 10 kilograms (22 pounds per piece). You can leave some of your baggage at Puerto Maldonado office. If you will visit different destinations in Peru or South America that require different types of clothes, you can always pack them in different bags and leave them at Puerto Maldonado office in the first day so you will not carry too much weight. Your baggage will be ready for you at the airport the day of your departure.

Things you could bring

Here are some suggestions:

- Camera gear and telephoto lens!
- Light material, bright color, cotton pants
- Cotton long sleeves shirts, bright color
- Boots and sneakers for trekking
- Flashlight
- Sun screen
- Sunglasses
- Wide brimmed hat
- Raincoat or poncho
- Insect repellent
- Small denomination bills
- Small daypack
- Sneakers or sandals

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

Includes 1 double room, meals, transfers and boat trips, guidance and all the activities established in the program.

Does not include

- Domestic and International flights.
- Airport taxes and Visa cost.
- Additional stay due to flight cancellation.
- Alcoholic or bottled drinks
- Snacks.
- Insurance.
- Laundry.
- Phone calls and messages.
- Flight reconfirmation

RESERVATIONS

If you want to get a quote for a program or make a reservation, please send us an email to hola@andean-tours.com with the following information:

- ✓ Number of adult passengers:
- ✓ Number of children (specify their age):
- ✓ Type of room: single, double (two beds or matrimonial), triple:
- ✓ Arrival date:
- ✓ Departure date:
- ✓ Special request:

Take into consideration that the Lodges are subject to availability.

PAYMENTS

- Once we send you the quote and finish any modification, we will make the reservations which will take about 24-48 hours.
- Once we confirm all the reservations, we will send you an email with all the information and we will specify the payment date if a pre-payment is required.
- We accept bank transfer (must include transfer expenses) or PayPal.

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