

# › INKATERRA ◀

## HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN

TAMBOPATA - PERU



## PROGRAMMED ITINERARY

### 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Travelling to Tambopata National Reserve offers a unique opportunity to discover a lively biodiversity of birds, mammals, reptiles and trees. Record-setting numbers of animal species are concentrated within small areas, and the variety of plant life is greater than almost anywhere in the world. To help you experience the wonder of this magic place, we have prepared a programmed itinerary for your stay at Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion.

#### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Arrival to Puerto Maldonado / Check-in at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) / Transfer to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion / Lunch / Concepcion Trails / Twilight River / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Lake Sandoval / Lunch / Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk / Hidden Rainforest / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Native Farm / Botanical Garden / Lunch / Cocha / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Castaña / Lunch / Cacao / Overnight / Breakfast / Cachuela / Gamitana Farm / Lunch / Afternoon at leisure / Inland Collpa / Overnight / Breakfast / Transfer back to Puerto Maldonado / Visit to the Butterfly House / Departure



# DAY 1

Start your journey arriving to Puerto Maldonado and checking-in at the INKATERRA LOUNGE (BUTTERFLY HOUSE), where our staff will welcome you and provide the necessary information for your stay. Navigate by outboard motorized canoe along the Madre de Dios River to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion for approximately 25 minutes. Enjoy LUNCH with organic ingredients and native flavors. After lunch, take a walk through CONCEPCION TRAILS, our inside property nature trails, where you will discover and learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components, uses, transformations by the human being, and its relevance for the world. At dusk navigate by outboard motorized canoe, at the TWILIGHT RIVER excursion. Sailing on the Madre de Dios River, you will learn about its ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior, and the southern constellations. In the evening enjoy a nice DINNER in the Casa Grande's dining room.





## DAY 2



New experiences are ahead and after taking a nutritious buffet **BREAKFAST**, get ready for a long trek through *terra firma* into the Tambopata National Reserve towards **LAKE SANDOVAL**. Here you will understand why Madre de Dios is called the biodiversity capital of Peru, while learning about the Reserve's conservation efforts and the lake's formation. Navigate by dugout canoe across this mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), blue and yellow macaw (*Ara ararauna*), red howler monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*), black caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*), and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche (*Arapaima gigas*).

Back to the lodge for **LUNCH**, and later on the **INKATERRA CANOPY WALKWAY & ANACONDA WALK** await for you. Take a 20-minute ride by outboard motorized canoe to the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway Interpretation Center where you will learn about its construction and the conservation projects of ITA-Inkaterra Asociación (NGO). Ascend one of the two 98-foot towers (30 m.) and cross the 7 hanging bridges that connect the treetops at 91 ft. high (28 m.). Enjoy the breathtaking vistas and get the chance to watch white-throated toucans (*Ramphastos tucanus*), woodpeckers, trogons, squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri boliviensis*) and the three-toed sloth (*Choleopus hoffmani*). After descending keep on feeling the incredible primary rainforest energy going along the 200-meter wooden bridge over the swamps (aguajales). You will learn about the fauna and flora of this flooded ecosystem.

At night get ready for an adventure at the **HIDDEN RAINFOREST** excursion, where you will explore the Amazon rainforest that gives way to nocturnal animals who display intriguing behavior patterns, and enhanced senses as adaptation mechanisms. Listen to nocturnal living nature sounds, and penetrate this hidden world. Return to the lodge and enjoy a nice **DINNER**.



## DAY 3



The sun rises once again and after an early **BREAKFAST**, you will take part of the **INLAND COLLPA** excursion. Walk 15 to 20 min. towards one out of four clay licks at Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción. Explore our **NATIVE FARM** excursion where you will be able to learn local techniques of cultivation and taste some of the local products. Then visit the **BOTANICAL GARDEN**, discover the immense variety of medicinal plants considered part of the "natural pharmacy" used by the habitants at the amazon region. Compare the medicinal uses of local medicine with traditional remedies.

Getting back to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion you will have **LUNCH**. Take some rest and get ready for the **COCHA** water excursion. Enjoy a dugout canoe ride on the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion natural pond (cocha). Try native fishing applying the "catch and release" techniques, as you enjoy the scenery observing hoatzins (*Opisthocomus hoazin*), a diversity of fly catchers, and gray-necked woodrails (*Aramides cajanea*).

Disembark at the remains of Fitzcarrald steam boat; learn about its history and how it inspired Inkaterra to ask Werner Herzog to film the award-winning "Fitzcarraldo", best director at Cannes, 1982. End up your day with a pleasant **DINNER**.



## DAY 4



The sun rises once again and after an early **BREAKFAST**, get ready for the **CASTAÑA** excursion. Take a walk within the hotel grounds to a small hut where our explorer-guides will teach you the importance of the Brazil nut Tree in the local economy of Madre de Dios. Learn how the Brazil nut is collected using traditional tools and techniques, and try to open one of them using a machete and a nut cracker, to finally enjoy a fresh Brazil nut. Back to the lodge fulfill your appetite with a healthy and rich **LUNCH**.

In the afternoon, visit the **CACAO** plantation at Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion and take part of the chocolate making process. Learn how to select the fresh cacao fruits, discover how the seeds are fermented and sundried. After peeling the toasted cacao seeds and grinding them into an aromatic paste, end the excursion with a selection of treats made from our organic chocolate. End up your day with a pleasant **DINNER**.



## DAY 5



On your last day before leaving Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion, there is still much more to experience. After an early **BREAKFAST**, get ready for the **CACHUELA** excursion. Take a short trip by motorized canoe along the Madre de Dios River to the clay lick Cachuela. This is the perfect chance for bird lovers to spot colorful parrots and parakeets, such as the blue-headed parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) and the cobalt-winged parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) among other psittacids. Learn about the importance and benefits of the activity at a clay lick, while enjoying this birdwatching experience. Then, visit **GAMITANA FARM**. Navigate towards Gamitana creek and walk through the model farm. Here you will learn about the community projects of ITA-Inkaterra Asociación (NGO), and the importance of farm work in Madre de Dios, one of the primary economic activities in the area. Back to the lodge for **LUNCH**.

You will have the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities at the lodge, rest at your cabaña hearing the sounds of the jungle or take again your preferred excursion if available. You will be able to participate in the **INLAND COLLPA** during the evening, where you will see different species and their night routines by observing through our "blinds".

Back to the lodge for a nice dinner.

## DAY 6



After BREAKFAST buffet, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado in an outboard motorized canoe. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back home or to your next destination, while visiting this beautiful BUTTERFLY HOUSE and learning about the fascinating transformation of these colorful insects, bred in our laboratory.

Note: Check out time is at 11:00, you could choose to stay at the lodge or go earlier to Puerto Maldonado. Although lunch is not included on the last day, you can choose to have lunch at the lodge (pay directly at the hotel) or organize a snack at the Butterfly House (additional cost). For further assistance, please contact our Reception team.