



INKATERRA

HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN

TAMBOPATA - PERU

PROGRAMMED ITINERARY 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

TRAVELLING TO TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AN UNSPOILT WORLD OF UNFAMILIAR FLORA AND FAUNA. RECORD-SETTING NUMBERS OF ANIMAL SPECIES ARE CONCENTRATED WITHIN A SMALL AREA, WITH A VARIETY OF PLANT LIFE GREATER THAN ALMOST ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET, SPOT BIRDLIFE, CAIMAN AND MONKEYS AS YOU EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE AMAZON WITH SKILLED NATURALIST EXPLORER GUIDES ON THIS FIVE-DAY RAINFOREST ADVENTURE, BASED AT JUNGLE LODGE INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCION.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1 - Arrive into Puerto Maldonado Airport. Enjoy a 25-minute boat ride to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion lodge. Plunge into the depths of the rainforest with the Concepcion Trails jungle walk and take the Twilight River excursion.

DAY 2 - Hike through rainforest and glide across Lake Sandoval. Scale the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway for panoramic views and observe wildlife activity under darkness exploring the Rainforest by Night.

DAY 3 - Discover several of the medicinal plants of the Amazon in our Botanical Garden, followed by a visit to the Brazil Nut Cabin, where you can learn about the techniques of extraction and collection of Brazil nuts. In the afternoon, Paddle on an ox-bow lake and admire the remains of the semi-submerged steamboat Fitzcarrald. In the evening, look out the wildlife on the Inland Collpa excursion.

DAY 4 - Learn how the chocolate evolve from fruit to dessert with a hands-on excursion. In the afternoon, learn how Brazil nut harvesting.

DAY 5 - Set off by boat from your lodge until you arrive at the airport in Puerto Maldonado to take your departure flight.

ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

Arrive into Puerto Maldonado, coined the Capital of Biodiversity. Begin your Amazon adventure with a 25-minute boat ride navigating the clay-coloured Madre de Dios River to reach Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion lodge. Settle into your stylish stilted wooden cabaña or room on our private eco-reserve and then head to the palm-thatched Casa Grande dining room for an à-la-carte lunch before exploring the rainforest on foot, starting from the Ecocenter.

Take a walk along the Concepcion Trails, winding through the property's nature trails for an immersive introduction to the intricate ecosystems of the Amazon basin. Backed by the protected Tambopata National Reserve and built on the grounds of a former cacao and rubber plantation, Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion harbours primary and secondary rainforest inhabited with exotic wildlife and tropical plants.

At dusk witness the enchanting transformation of the rainforest from a diurnal to a nocturnal environment on a guided Twilight River boat ride, as animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the shadows of the night. See if you can spot caimans lurking on the riverbanks and stars of the southern hemisphere.

In the evening enjoy à-la-carte dining, drawing on local Amazon ingredients for inspiration. Retreat to your cabaña or room to listen to the curious calls and croaks of the rainforest night.





DAY 2

Optionally join us in the early hours, with buffet breakfast served from 05:30. Visit Lake Sandoval, a glassy, ox-bow lake located inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve, reached via a sun-dappled rainforest trail. Board a dug-out wooden canoe to quietly paddle through a stream and glide onto Lake Sandoval, flanked by picture-perfect palms. This lake is home to many species of birds, the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles, black caimans amongst others. Return to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion in time for lunch.

In the afternoon, we recommend climbing the exhilarating Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. The Canopy Walkway is a sophisticated and safe network distributed over seven ecologically constructed hanging suspension bridges, strung between eight treetop observation platforms above the forest floor. This is an unforgettable opportunity to observe the rainforest from the rooftop and gain a sense of its size. Ascend the first vertiginous tower 42 meters (138 feet) above ground, keeping an eye out for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth.

Back at the lodge, you can venture out onto the Rainforest by Night excursion. Armed with flashlights, as your senses heighten to the movement and sounds in the undergrowth of the forest, keep an eye for species that only emerge during night time.

On the other hand if you wish to rest, book yourself an indulgent therapy at our NUA spa, built in the middle of the rainforest.

À-la-carte dinner is served from 19:00.

DAY 3

After breakfast at the lodge, visit our Botanical Garden to discover the medicinal plants of the Amazon and their uses, according to the traditions of the local communities. Then visit our Brazil Nut Cabin, where you will learn about the history, socioeconomic importance and uses of the Brazil nut.

After lunch in the Casa Grande dining room, enjoy a relaxing paddle boat ride in a dugout canoe on Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion's oxbow shaped lagoon, or cocha. Row out onto the clay-coloured water to enjoy the scenery and spot hoatzins, fly catchers and graynecked woodrails, perhaps with the sounds of red howler monkeys bellowing in the distance. Admire the remains of the semi-submerged steamboat Fitzcarrald and uncover its captivating history, which inspired Inkaterra to create the film "Fitzcarrald", directed by Werner Herzog, who won the Best Director award at Cannes in 1982.

Before dinner, visit one of the lodge's Inland Collpas, meaning "salty area" in Quechua. Though wildlife watching is tricky in practice, learn how these clay walls attract the fascinating mammals behavior hidden right beside the lodge.

DAY 4

On this morning walk, learn about another product of the Amazon through the Cacao excursion. In this ancient cocoa and rubber plantation, you will see up close how cocoa is transformed from fruit to dessert. You can pick fresh cacao fruit (depending on the season) before rolling up your sleeves to peel and grind toasted cacao nibs, rounded off with a selection of homemade chocolate treats during our tea time.

After lunch, learn all about the Brazil nut tree (*Bertholletia excelsa*) - which can live up to 500 years - and its importance to the local economy. Brazil Nut harvesting is demanding work and you will also learn the steps to produce and collect Brazil nuts with traditional tools and techniques.

DAY 5

Enjoy your last morning waking to the sounds of the rainforest as parakeets chatter away in the trees and monkeys swing through the treetops.

Breakfast is served in Casa Grande with check-out at 10:00. Depending on the time of your departure flight, lunch can also be arranged (additional cost applies). Embark your ready-waiting motorized wooden boat for the 25-minute return trip along the Madre de Dios River until arriving at the airport.

Please note that activities and excursions are subject to change depending on weather conditions at the time of your visit.

