



PROGRAMMED ITINERARY

5 Days / 4 Nights



ARRIVAL

Begin your exciting Amazon adventure in Puerto Maldonado, coined the capital of biodiversity. Cruise the serpentine Madre de Dios River for 50-minutes to reach Amazon Field Station by Inkaterra, nestled within Peru's first ever private ecological reserve. Surrounded by pristine nature kick back in your palm thatched wooden cabaña or pavilion to soak up the sounds of the rainforest, ready to discover what lies beyond your jungle base.

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DAY 1

TRAIL SYSTEM

Explore exclusive jungle trails that snake between the roots of towering trees for an immersive introduction to the rich ecosystems of the rainforest. A staggering 540 bird species, 362 ant species (a world record!) and over 100 mammal species have all been registered within Inkaterra's ecological reserve.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I

RIVER NIGHT WATCH

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 behaviour and characteristics of this nocturnal world.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I



DAY 2

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.

Duration: ½ day / Difficulty Level: II

RIVER ISLAND

Take a 20-minute boat ride to an uninhabited river island close to Amazon Field Station by Inkaterra where you can see the striking contrast of vegetation within the transition rainforest. Pull up to the large sandbank island and walk through jungle trails on this floodplain which provides the island with an ecosystem rich in birdlife, including the Amazonian umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*), one of the most sought-after species by birdwatchers.

Duration: ½ day / Difficulty Level: II

Lake Sandoval (Alternative excursion to River Island - additional cost applies).

Hike a boardwalk jungle trail to Lake Sandoval, a glassy ox-bow lake tucked inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve. Board a dug-out canoe to paddle through eerie mangroves and glide out onto the palm-flanked lake, home to thousands of bird species as well as anacondas, black caimans, yellow spotted side-neck turtles, red howler monkeys and two endangered (and elusive) families of giant river otters.

Duration: ½ day / Difficulty Level: II





DAY 3

WETLANDS

Discover the Amazon's otherworldly realm of *aguajales* rainforest swampland, following a -200metre (656 feet) walkway through this diverse ecosystem. Learn how vegetation has adapted to this atmospheric natural habitat and the exotic species of amphibians, reptiles, snakes, birds and mammals that are drawn here.

Duration: ½ day / Difficulty Level: I

BIO-ORCHARD

Visit our organic bio-orchard to discover many of the rainforest's tropical plants up-close, with a chance to learn about their many intriguing medicinal uses by indigenous communities. The bio-orchard is run by Inkaterra Association (ITA), our non-profit organization, helping to rescue knowledge on sustainable agroforestry techniques.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I



PALMETUM

Explore our -30hectare Palmetum, a collection of 19 Amazonian palms in a plot reserved for rainforest restoration and conservation. Uncover some of the creative mechanisms plants and trees have adopted to survive in the rainforest and appreciate the characteristics and cultural meaning of trees within the Palmetum, such as the yarina (vegetable ivory) or the walking palm, which cleverly moves its roots in search of sunlight.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I

DAY 4

PLANT DYES

Brimming with exotic flora with surprising uses, the Amazon is home to a wide range of endemic plants with roots, leaves and flowers that have been used for generations to provide natural dyes. Search for some of these plants to understand their special characteristics and learn how dyes are extracted and used from plants.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I

GAMITANA MODEL FARM

Journey -20minutes by boat to Gamitana Model Farm and Creek to discover the scents and flavours of exotic seasonal fruits and gain an understanding of the importance of agriculture to the local economy.

Our farm is overseen by Inkaterra Association (ITA), working to support local communities. You can also paddle along the dark-water creek on a wooden canoe, a habitat home to birds, piranha and caiman.

Duration: ½ day / Difficulty Level: I

RAINFOREST BY NIGHT

Boldly venture out at night to discover some of the strange species that come alive under deep darkness in the Amazon. Wildlife activity greatly differs between day and night, as some creatures curl up and sleep while others employ ingenious adaption mechanisms to emerge. Stroll quietly as your senses heighten to the mysterious nocturnal sounds of birds, mammals, insects and amphibians wondering close by.

Duration: ¼ day / Difficulty Level: I

DAY 5

DEPARTURE

Return by motorized canoe to the city of Puerto Maldonado for your onward flight.

Note: *Check-out is at 10:00. You can relax in the lodge's restaurant lounge until your transfer to Puerto Maldonado. Lunch is not included on your departure day but can be arranged with advanced notice (additional cost applies).*

All activities and excursions are subject to change according to weather conditions.