

# Amazonia Lodges Sample 8 Day Itinerary

## Day 1 (trip starts after arrival of people on LA 2240, scheduled to arrive just past noon)

- Transfer in from airport or hotel
  - If airport: Look for their booth in the baggage area of Iquitos Airport, by the restrooms.
  - If hotel: please let us know the address for where to pick you up.
  - Speedboat transfer (note—is 4 hours) up the Amazon, then the Tahuayo tributary to the main lodge.
  - Evening excursion
- Lunch, Dinner

## Days 2-4

At the main Lodge

Your choice of guided excursions in and around the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Reserve. Every day your guide will discuss a selection of activities that you can choose to do. There is no extra cost for private guide or customizing your itinerary to your needs and interests.

The main lodge has the greater variety of excursions of their two lodges. The following is but a sample list of activities to choose from:

- The Canopy Experience
  - Hike into varzea forest behind lodge; highly probable to see pygmy marmosets, owl monkeys, yellow-crowned brush tailed rats, wire-tailed manakins. Also possible to see black tamarins, saddle-backed tamarins, trogons.
  - Hike to Lake Tapaje, explore by canoe.
  - Canoe into tahuampa forest (flooded forest), canoe past giant ficus trees, see hoatzin birds, horned screamers, look for caiman on observation platform.
  - Motorboat to terra firme forest, hike into frog valley. See beautiful little poison dart frogs, which were studied by scientists from Uppsala University (Sweden).
  - See bat cavity (huge tree whose center has rotted out); braver people can crawl through bat cavity.
  - Motorboat to Lake Charo to view pink dolphins, swimming in lake. En route look for squirrel monkeys, sloths, raptors.
  - Fish for piranha.
  - Visit native village of El Chino. Visit artesanía cooperative. Visit with shaman (subject to his availability). Visit farm. Visit school.
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Days 5-7

At Amazon Research Center lodge, ARC

- The Research Center is more remote. On the boat ride to the Research Center we stop to see bats, sloths, monkeys, raptors, toucans.
- They have over 100 km of hiking trails from the research center, most of the trails are laid out in a grid to facilitate the scientific collection of population data. The trails go through several ecosystems, including bajial, high and low restinga, palm swamp and terra firme. We can see many different species of monkeys, including brown and white capuchins, saki monkeys, titi monkeys, squirrel monkeys, pygmy marmosets, moustached tamarins, saddle-backed tamarins, and sometimes uakaris, as well as giant tayra weasels and tamandua anteaters. Data collected from camera traps also reveal a high density of jaguar live here but these are rarely seen.

- You can participate in their saki monkey project
  - Boating the various lakes and rivers from the research center we often see caiman as well as the highly endangered giant river otters.
  - Hiking to Lake Yarina (full day) we can see hoatzins on their nests, blue and yellow macaws and caiman.
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 8**

- Morning return to the main lodge
  - Afternoon boat to Iquitos
  - Transfer to airport for flight departing after 6pm or to a hotel
- Breakfast, Lunch

### **A note on the two lodges:**

#### **The main lodge**

- Cabins have private bathrooms
- Greater variety of activities

#### **The Research Center Peru Lodge (ARC)**

- Cabins have shared bathrooms
- Better hiking, over 50 miles of trails through a variety of ecosystems
- More wildlife
- Lodge is more remote, in more pristine forest