



Amazon Volunteer 5days 4nights



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

1. Pick up and Drop off Airport, bus station or hotel in PEM, River transfers by motor boat IN and OUT Lodge(1.15 h aprox)
2. 04 nights of accommodation in an independent cabin with private bathroom and terrace.
3. All meals included, from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day.
4. Guides for excursions (a maximum of 8 people per group).
5. All entries to the reserves that you will visit during your stay.
6. SAFE TRAVEL. ALL ANTI COVID HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES.
7. Activities according to the schedule of active projects in the the season.

Possible activities:

- Forest Exploration day and night, and maintenance of trails
- Bird monitoring on platforms (canopy walkway) and with mist nets (birdbanding)
- Animal Feeding and caring at the Rescue Center
- Monitoring of mammals and others with camera traps
- Collection of fruit trees and seeds from the forest and neighbors.
- Maintenance of agroforestry systems and reforestation
- Wood work for the Mahogany Project.



DAY 1

BOAT DEPARTURE TIMES

The journey time by motorboat to the lodge is 1 hour 15 min approx.

- First boat leaves at 11:30 am. (For flights arriving before 11:00 am, bus arrivals and hotel pick-up) Lunch will be served at the lodge.
- Second boat leaves at 2pm. (For all travelers arriving after the first boat departure) Lunch is served on the boat (To-go lunch).

Arrival to Puerto Maldonado.

Pick up at Padre Aldamis airport in Puerto Maldonado, the bus terminal or your hotel. Transfer to our office to register and repack what is necessary before heading to the port where the motorboat awaits us (Make sure you have all the items you will need for your stay. Consult the travel guide where the list of recommended luggage is to prepare for your trip with time <http://www.amazonplanetperu.com/descargas/lodge/JUNGLEGUIDE.pdf>

Enjoy the journey down the Madre de Dios River through the heart of the jungle surrounded by impressive flora, fauna and landscapes.

12:45 - Arrival of FIRST BOAT to Amazon Planet and accommodation in your private bungalow (our staff will carry your luggage)

13:30 pm –Lunch in the main house. Then you can enjoy the bar and / or relax.

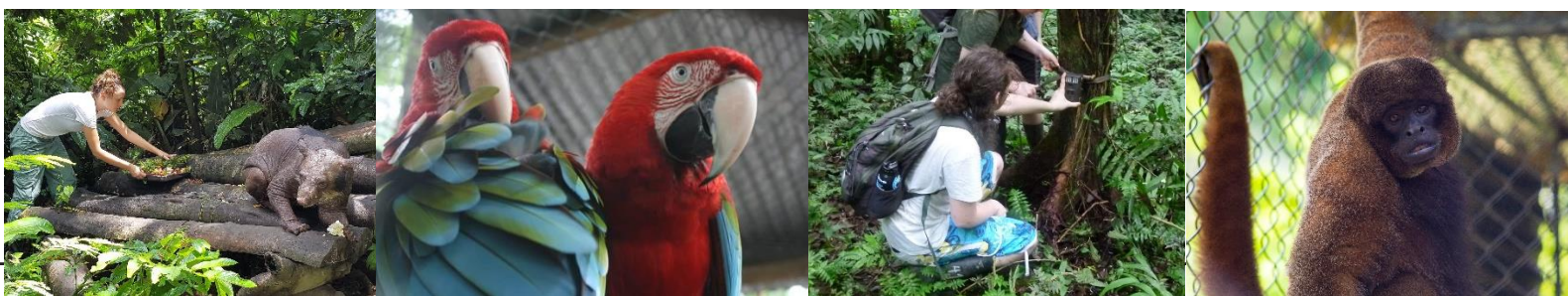
15:15 - Arrival of SECOND BOAT at Amazon Planet and quickly accommodate into your private bungalow to start the first activity (our staff will carry your luggage)

16:00 - Begin your first activity with an introduction walk to the surrounding Jungle with your guide and your group (Approx 2 hours).

18:30 - Gather in the common room to watch an introduction video of the Taricaya Ecological Reserve and the different projects that have been developed over the years.

19:30 - Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of the day.

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DAY 2

7:00 - Breakfast is served.

8:30 - We go to the Taricaya Rescue Center, where you will find many rescued animals, most of which will be returned to their natural habitat.

Among these animals you will meet a cougar, spectacled bears, macaws, spider monkeys, howler monkeys, jaguarundi, bush dog, razor curacaos, turtles and much more.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A RESCUE CENTER NOT A ZOO!!! These animals are in the process of rehabilitation to be released back into the wild, a few are residents who cannot be released and they are offered the best quality of life in captivity. We do not support or tolerate animals in captivity for the purpose of tourist attractions! Taricaya has released and repopulated these parts of the jungle with animals that have been able to return to free life, including the locally extinct spider monkeys in this area, through the first Reintroduction Program of Wild Fauna in Peru.

Assists professionals (biologists, veterinarians, interns) in the preparation of diets, distribution of food, cleaning and care of housed animals. Learn about each animal's program and wildlife management techniques. If there are babies, help in the Nursery to take care of them and give them their food or milk if it is the case (3h approx)

11:30 - End of activity and return to the Lodge.

13:00 - Lunch is served followed by a break

15:00 - Back at the Rescue Center, this time to collaborate in the enrichment of environments and animal training if applicable. You will help decorate and / or change structures and objects in the animals' environments to contribute to their stimulation and comfort in their area. Share fun anecdotes about life in the jungle and working with animals (2h approx).

17:00 - Return to the Lodge and rest

18:30 - We will go out to explore the forest at night and observe the nocturnal Animals specially adapted for the dark and that are only seen at this time. We will look for frogs with the possibility of capturing them for identification (1 hour).

19:30 - Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of the day.

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DAY 3

5:00 - Wake up very early to walk through the forest and go to the Taricaya Canopy Walkway. Located 45 meters high in the crown of a 300 year old Kapok tree, connected by a 90 meter long suspension bridge, not suitable for the faint of heart, it is the highest platform on a tree in South America.

Under the direction of the staff in charge, with the help of binoculars and the Birds of Perú guide, observe everything that happens around you, identifying the species of birds that pass by to write them down in the data sheet. The view from this platform is truly unforgettable and you will learn about this diverse and beautiful group of jungle animals. (2h approx).

7:30 - Breakfast back at the Lodge and rest.

9:00 - Explore the jungle on a walk to go in search of the camera traps located at various points in the Reserve for monitoring mammals and other species that live and pass through the area. Once the cameras are located, we remove the memory card, place a new one and confirm that the camera is active. Or we move the cameras to a new site if applicable (1.30h approx).



At the Taricaya research center, we review the collected cards to discover the animals that the camera captured. We identify the species and number of individuals collected following the respective data sheet. Both videos and photos we can see jaguars, pumas, tapirs, peccaries, monkeys, coati mundi and much more (1h approx)

11:30 - End of activity and return to the Lodge.

13:00 - Lunch is served followed by a break

15:30 - In the afternoon you will learn about the agroforestry project with mahogany as an alternative to regenerate a productive forest for sustainable use by local families. We will use the lathe, a tool to carve wood and make beautiful ornaments or utensils with the mahogany logs that have been harvested from the plantation. Create your own design and you can leave it as a donation or take it home as a souvenir of your experience (2h approx)

17:30 - Return to the Lodge and rest

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DAY 4

7:00 - Breakfast is served

8:30 - We will get on the motor boat to the agroforestry systems of Taricaya, to see this model of sustainable agriculture and collect the fruits that are to be harvested there. We will visit the farms of some neighbors on the other side of the river to harvest the fruits available there with their consent. We return to Taricaya to transfer the collected fruits to the Rescue Center that serve to supply food to the sheltered animals (2.5h approx).

11:00 - Enjoy the refreshing adventure of getting into the river and floating down from Taricaya to Amazon Planet. With your lifejacket on it is super safe and relaxing to let the river take you down enjoying the nature around you. It is a unique and very fun experience.

13:00 - Lunch is served followed by a break

15:30 - We explore the forest through the Taricaya trails to check the butterfly traps, change them or place new ones. If we find butterflies, we identify them with the Guide, add them to the data sheet then release them. We will also be aware of the ground as we walk in search of Ironwood tree seeds, a timber tree of great importance. The seeds are used for germination of new seedlings for reforestation in the agroforestry system (2h approx).

17:30 - Return to the Lodge and rest

19:30 - Dinner

20:30 - Prepare to search for caimans along the riverbank under the moonlight. We will look for different types of caimans such as the spectacled caiman, black caiman, and dwarf caiman as they rest along the river banks overnight. On an open night you will enjoy the incredible sky full of stars (1h approx)

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DAY 5

7am - Check out of the bungalow. (Leave your bags packed and ready for the porters to collect and take to the boat and PLEASE do not forget anything in your room)

7:30 am - Breakfast is served. The boat is ready to leave at 8:30 am.

8:30 am - Say goodbye to the jungle as we go back upriver to the city. Don't forget to collect any stored luggage or repack. The transfer to the airport, bus or hotel will be according to the schedule of your flight, or other form of departure that you have, late departures are welcome to stay in our office to reconnect with the world through free Wi-Fi or ask about the options of city tours (taxis and tours have an additional cost)

IMPORTANT, PLEASE PAY ATTENTION:

- This is a variable itinerary. The order of activities may vary without prior notice depending on weather, flight delays, project requirements or project season.
- In case you do not want or cannot participate in an excursion, you can choose to stay at the Lodge and enjoy the services of the bar or take a photo expedition on your own within the allowed paths around the facilities.

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