

TAMBOPATA

POSADA AMAZONAS 4D/3N

RAINFOREST

Day 1 Puerto Maldonado - Posada Amazonas

Our guides are biologists, tourism professionals, or community members. Unless noted otherwise, our guides speak English. We assign guides at 10:1 ratio. This means groups smaller than 10 people will be merged with other groups under one guide. If you would like a private guide or a guide in a language other than English please let us know.

Upon arrival from Lima or Cusco, we will welcome you at the airport and drive you ten minutes to our Puerto Maldonado headquarters. While enjoying your first taste of the forest in our gardens we will ask you to pack only the necessary gear for your next few days, and leave the rest at our safe deposit. This helps us keep the boats and cargo light.

Skirting Puerto Maldonado, we drive 20 kilometers to the Tambopata River Port, entering the Native Community of Infierno. The port is a communal business.

The forty five minute boat ride from the Tambopata Port to Posada Amazonas will take us into the Community's Primary Forest Private Reserve.

Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you with important navigation and security tips.

A twenty minute walk from Posada Amazonas leads to the 30 meter scaffolding canopy tower. A bannistered staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. From atop you obtain spectacular views of the vast expanses of standing forest cut by the Tambopata River winding through the middle. Now and then toucans, parrots or macaws are seen flying against the horizon, or mixed species canopy flocks land in the treetop next to you.

A daily presentation on the Infierno ecotourism project is available every night from a staff member.

Overnight in Posada Amazonas.

Lunch and dinner.

Day 2: Posada Amazonas

We get up early for to visit the Tres Chimbas is thirty minutes by boat and forty five minutes hiking from Posada Amazonas. Once there you will paddle around the lake in a catamaran, searching for the resident family of nine giant river otters (seen by 60% of our lake visitors) and other lakeside wildlife such as caiman, hoatzin and horned screamers.

A twenty minute boat drive downriver leads you to a trail designed by the staff of the Centro Ñape. The Centro Ñape is a communal organization that produces medicines out of forest plants and administers them to patients who choose their little clinic. They have produced a trail which explains the different medicinal (and other) uses of selected plants.

You will have the option of hiking out at night, when most of the mammals are active but rarely seen. Much easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.

Overnight in Posada Amazonas

Breakfast,lunch and dinner.

Day 3: Posada Amazonas - Puerto Maldonado

This clay lick is only a twenty minute walk from Posada Amazonas. From a blind located about twenty meters away you will see dozens of parrots and parakeets descend on most clear mornings to ingest the clay on a river bank. Species such as Mealy and Yellow-headed Amazon, Blue-headed Parrot and Dusky headed Parakeet descend at this clay lick. The clay lick is active at dawn, during the late mornings and mid-afternoons. We leave from the lobby at Posada Amazonas and embark on a two hour hike crowned by the largest tree in the vicinity: a giant ceiba tree. During the hike we will focus on the natural history of the rain forest and its principal taxonomic groups. A thirty minute boat drive downriver takes us to the most complete farm in the community of Infierno. The owner grows a diverse variety of popular and unknown Amazon crops. In his garden, just about every plant and tree serves a purpose.

Overnight in Posada Amazonas

Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4: Posada Amazonas - Puerto Maldonado

Transfer Boat - **Posada Amazonas to Tambopata River Port.**

Transfer Tambopata River Port to Pto Maldonado Headquarters.

Transfer to Maldonado Headquarters - Airport. We retrace the river and road journey back to Puerto Maldonado, our office and the airport. Depending on airline schedules, this may require dawn departures.

All our boats are 20 foot long, roofed canoes with 55 hp outboard motors. Daily arrivals and departures from every port are scheduled to meet every airline's arrival and departure with a maximum two hour wait. **Breakfast.**

Included:

- All hotel and lodge accommodations based on double occupancy.
- All scheduled land and river transportation. All transfers.
- All scheduled excursions with English-speaking guide services.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary, Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner.

Not included:

- International or domestic airfares
- airport departure taxes or visa fees
- excess baggage charges, additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations,
- alcoholic beverages or bottled water, snacks, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages, reconfirmation of flights and items of personal nature.

Price per person:

Program 2009	Price	Simple supp.
4 days /3 nights	375\$	118\$
Extra night	118\$	40\$

Extra night at P.A single supplement is per night