

Exotic Southern Jungle - 3 Days / 2 Nights (PBTRE6)

Destinations at a glance : Puerto Maldonado / Amazon Jungle

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Puerto Maldonado is situated at the confluence of the mighty Madre de Dios and Tambopata Rivers and is a bustling, booming tropical frontier town. Its principal activities are gold mining, Brazil nut collecting, timber extraction, agriculture and ecotourism.

This town will be your base for this trip, where our exciting destinations will give you the chance to see the endless flora and fauna that the Amazon jungle has to offer. Including some of the 750 species of bird, 1100 species of butterfly, monkeys and other mammals to name but a few.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Puerto Maldonado (L, D)

You will be collected at the airport and taken to the lodge headquarters in the town. Here you will be able to drop off any un-needed luggage (Weight restrictions apply to luggage on the boats). Once sorted we will head off to the port (20kms) where we will board the boat for the transfer to the lodge.

On the 45 min boat transfer to the lodge we will pass through the communities primary forest private reserve. Once at the lodge you will be given some brief instructions on navigation and security tips.

A 20 minute walk from the lodge is the canopy tower (30m High), from here you can take in the breath taking views above the tree tops of actual rainforest canopy. Giving you an small idea of how immense Amazon rainforest really is. We have a chance also to see some of the parrots and birds that rest in the tops of the trees.

Your day will be finished with an evening Ecotourism Lecture, an introduction to ecotourism and the Infierno project on the Amazon.

Day 2: Puerto Maldonado. (B,L,D)

Your second day at the lodge includes many activities with our naturalist guide lasting from morning till after dark.

Tres Chimbadas Oxbow Lake: Tres Chimbadas 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.

Parrot clay lick: This clay lick is only a twenty minute walk from Posada Amazonas. From a hide located about twenty meters away you will see dozens of parrots and parakeets descend on most clear mornings to ingest the clay on the 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 most active at dawn and during the late mornings and mid-afternoons.

Ethnobotanical Tour: A twenty minute boat ride 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 can finish your day with the optional night walk. 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.

Day 3: Puerto Maldonado – Lima (B)

Your final day will start with breakfast in the lodge, followed by a relaxing boat trip re-tracing your journey back to the town. Here you will have chance to collect any personal belongings left at the headquarters at the start of the trip. Once you have everything our staff will drop you back at the airport for your onward flight.

*Or perhaps you would like to continue your adventure with us? Feel free to take a look at our regional trips to Cuzco, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley.

INCLUDED

- 2 Lodge nights
- All meals
- All the tours stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and entrance fees
- Accredited tour guides
- Personalized assistance by Peru Best Tours during your whole stay

NOT INCLUDED

- Domestic Transportation
- Lunches and dinners, other than those mentioned above
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Airport taxes

HIGHLIGHTS

- Canopy Tower Tour (Regular group tour)
- Amazon Tours (Regular group tour)

STYLE

- Family
- Nature
- Active/Adventure

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY

Easy : Puerto Maldonado - No strenuous activities involved.

CUSTOM MADE TRIPS

At Peru Best Tours, we do our best to meet your travel needs rather than you adjusting your trip to fit a company's schedule, It means: A more personalized service, greater flexibility of travel options, and better over all value giving you more for your money.

We can make you and your group any itinerary you wish from 1 day to 1 year! From budget to luxury 5 star. We can make anything you wish from something as simple as an amendment or addition to one of our standard packages, or something custom made from scratch. Just let us know what you want, we are at your service!

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

We always strive to give our customers the lowest prices on all domestic transport. Due to the number of bookings for flight, trains and buses we make each year, we are often able to give the cheapest prices on the market to customers booking packages with us.

You may also if you wish make your own transportation arrangements for your trip, just that most clients find it easier and less hassle to let us do the work for them.

Luggage for LAN Peru flights. The maximum weight limit for flights within Peru is 23 kgs of hold luggage (Max. 2 Bags). Hand luggage is limited to 8 kgs and one personal item such as a purse or, laptop. We recommend checking the website of the airline before traveling to check for the latest baggage and security information.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

Following our desire to pass on savings to the customer, we suggest booking your international flight via one of the large internet based providers such as www.opodo.com , www.travelocity.com or www.kayak.com as these companies are some of the market leaders in international discount airfares. Please note we do not work with any of the above companies, nor to we receive a commission for recommending them.

HOTELS

We only work with the best hotels in each rating category. We constantly review our choices and listen to feedback from clients when we make reviews of the hotels we use. Before booking we will give you a list of our recommended hotels for you to select from. If you wish to stay in a hotel that's not listed, say one you read a review about on TripAdvisor for example just let us know the name and we will be happy to book it for you.

WHAT TO BRING?

Luggage

All types of luggage are fine to bring with you to Peru, although we do recommend something like a backpack or a rucksack. As they are often easier to handle in places such as the jungle when boarding boats would make suitcases with wheels for example a little cumbersome. Also weight restrictions apply to the boat transfers. Any excess luggage can always be securely stored at the lodge head quarters in the town.

Also recommended is a day bag, something light weight but big enough for your daily needs. Such as a bottle of water, your camera, tickets and other travel documents etc.

Clothing

This will depend on the season you are travelling but generally winter on the coast is summer in the mountains and vice versa. The rainforests are exactly as you would expect and you can expect rain at any given moment irrespective of the season. So it's best to pack for all eventualities, take a look below at the recommended packing list.

- Trousers / Jeans / Shorts / Jogging Pants

- T-Shirts / Shirts
- Waterproof Jacket
- Sturdy shoes or Hiking boots / Trainers / Sandals

Other things to pack

- Camera / Extra Memory or Films / Batteries / Charger
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses & Sun Cream (It can often feel cool at altitude but burns are still possible)
- Small First Aid Kit
- Medication – Remember if you are taking medication to bring enough with you to complete your journey.

Documents

- Passport + copies (We advise you leave your passport in the hotel and carry copies with you when outside)
- Andean Immigration Card – You will be given this card at the airport do not lose it as you have to hand it back in on your departure.
- All Peru Best Tours vouchers and coupons.
- Entry Visa (Should you require one.)
- Travel Insurance + copies.

TRAVEL MONEY

How much will I need for my trip? This will of course depend on your personal choices and preferences. Included at all hotels is breakfast, and some parts of your itinerary may include all your daily meals (See above). You will also need some money for souvenirs, and personal items.

Meals in a budget café or restaurant start at around \$4.00 per person, and dining at a top class restaurant can be upwards \$30-60 per person. So there really is something to fit every budget and taste.

Souvenirs start from as little as \$1.00 for a post card to \$100+ for such things as the fine alpaca woolen knitwear items that you will see for sale at many of the tourist shops and markets.

Airport Taxes are also a consideration as they have to be paid at the airport by the traveler. They have to be paid in cash in either US\$ or local currency. Domestic departure tax is \$6.25 per person and international departure tax is \$30.25 per person.