

Upper Amazonas – 4 Days / 3 Nights (PBTRE7)

Destinations at a glance : Iquitos / Amazon Jungle – Pacaya Samira National Reserve

TRIP DESCRIPTION

This tour is one of our most popular jungle tours, where you will be based in a very comfortable jungle lodge. This lodge will be the base for your adventures into the Pacaya Samira National Reserve (PSNR), the Amazon Jungle!

This trip will be the adventure of a lifetime, giving you the chance to spot a whole host of amazing flora and fauna that the Amazon Jungle has to offer.

Our highly experienced guides will take you to the Nauta Creek where you will have the opportunity to see the pink and grey river dolphins, you will also go fishing for the infamous Piranha, perhaps even eating your catch later, if you dare!

Our guides will also take you bird spotting, hiking into the jungle teaching you along the way how to identify different plants and animals.

Some of the animals you might be lucky enough to spot include, monkeys, macaws, aquatic birds, sloths, turtles and butterflies.

Before you leave you will also visit one of the riverbank villages where you will be able to interact with the locals and see what life is like in a traditional Amazon River village.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day One: Iquitos / Amazon Jungle (L,D)

You will be picked up at the airport by one of our bilingual guides and transferred to the town of Nauta. The trip approximately lasts 1.30h by road (90 kilometers/55 miles). The journey is very comfortable as the road is totally asphalted. In Nauta, you will board one of the lodge boats to visit the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañón rivers, the head of the Amazon River. Later we will arrive to the lodge and take lunch. In the afternoon, we will take a hike through the rainforest that surrounds the lodge to appreciate rainforest flora and fauna. Depending of the climate conditions, we will observe a beautiful sunset from our watch-tower. After dinner our guides will give you a briefing about the activities of the next day.

Day 2: Amazon Jungle PSNR (B,L,D)

On your second day we will rise early to enjoy the wonderful dawn on the Amazon and do a little birdwatching. Later we will take breakfast before departing to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve (PSNR). We will make a trip by boat to Nauta Creek and the surrounding lakes to observe flora, aquatic birds, gray and pink dolphins, monkeys, sloths, aquatic turtles, among others.

Day 3: Amazon Jungle PSNR (B,L,D)

The third day will give you another chance to rise early and do a little birdwatching before breakfast. After breakfast we depart once more in search of gray and pink dolphins, this time down the Yanayacu river. There will be many chance to observe flora and fauna (aquatic birds, sloths, monkeys, macaws). As well as a visit to lakes Japon and Plantano both of which have a great variety of palms, big trees and a beautiful landscape. The first thing that gets the attention of the visitor is that the water of rivers and lakes reflects with the fidelity of a mirror, the sky and the clouds, the vegetation of the shores and the big trees. Many visitors describe the sensation of navigating the lakes as one of sailing through endless mirrors of water. That is why the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve (PSNR) is known as the Jungle of the Mirrors.

After lunch there are a selection of activities including swimming, Piranha fishing, canoe rides, birdwatching and a guide to the identification of plants. In the evening we will return to the lodge

for dinner which is followed by a talk by the guides on observation of stars and planets. Seeing the stars is so much easier and clearer on a cloudless night in the Amazon due to the low levels of light pollution that you encounter in many cities. Or if you prefer there is a talk on myths and legends of the Amazon.

Day 4: Amazon Jungle PSNR / Iquitos (B,L)

After breakfast our guides will take you to a riverbank village to know more about the lifestyle of the river people and their daily lives. The river people make their living hunting, gathering, fishing or from agriculture. You will get to see how they live and ask questions about their life on the river. After our visit we will take lunch before returning to Iquitos where you will be transferred to 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 Lima, Paracas, Nazca and beyond.

INCLUDED

3 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 – Various (Regular group tour)

STYLE

Family

Nature

Active/Adventure

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY

Easy : Iquitos - 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 lodge 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.