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JUNGLE – PUERTO MALDONADO -Adventure-

	LENGTH	DEPARTURE	PAX	SEASON	LEVEL
Puerto Maldonado – Tambopata National Reserve					
Corto Maltés	2d, 3d, 4d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
EcoAmazonía Lodge	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Posada Amazonas by Rainforest	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Refugio Amazonas by Rainforest	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Tambopata Research Center by Rainforest	3d, 4d, 5d	Daily	1/+	All year round	Easy
Puerto Maldonado – Manu National Park					
Cloud forest (from Cusco)	3d	Tue & Sat	1/+	All year round	Easy
Manu Wildlife Center (from Puerto Maldonado)	3d 4d	Mon Thu	2/+	All year round	Easy

Note: To avoid exceeding the vessel's maximum weight limit and to facilitate the transfer to the Lodge, large suitcases will be stored at the Puerto Maldonado offices: we recommend bringing a small backpack with everything you need for your stay at the Lodge.

B Breakfast **BL Box lunch** **L Lunch** **D Dinner**

CORTO MALTÉS 2D/1N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **L D**

Reception at the airport and embark for our lodge traveling on the river-vessel "Puerto Bolívar". It is 40 minutes of navigation on the Madre de Dios River. After arrival at the facilities of the Lodge Corto Maltés Amazonía you will be received with refreshments made from seasonal fruits. Later, your guide will give you the necessary information for your stay and hand over the keys to your bungalow and safety, followed by lunch and some time to rest until the first excursion. Passengers arriving with flights after 1 pm lunch will be served with box lunch made of 100% recyclable material.

3:30 pm Depart for your first contact with the jungle. You will be accompanied by your guide, who will show you the tropical trees, medicinal plants and other aspects of the exuberant nature among the 60 hectares of Brazil nut concession that Corto Maltés Amazonia stewards.



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Back at the Lodge you can relax by the pool or in the hammocks on the terrace of your bungalow, savor an exotic cocktail at the bar, enjoy a relaxing massage by our qualified staff, visit our shop for a handcrafted souvenir of the rainforest or head to the riverside to view the breathtaking sunset.

7:00 pm Before dinner, we will leave for a nocturnal boat trip to observe caimans and, with a bit of luck, other animals which populate the riverbank at night.

8:00 pm Dinner in our riverside dining room.

2nd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado

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8:00 am Breakfast and free time

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6:00 am Start our tour, Lake Sandoval. After roughly 20 minutes of travel on the river Madre de Dios, we arrive at the landing stage of Lake Sandoval. During a 3 km hike through the wild vegetation, we will enter the territory of Tambopata National Reserve, where you will have the chance to admire giant trees, different snakes, monkeys (squirrel monkeys, howler monkeys and capuchin monkeys) and various birds (notably the Hoatzin – also known as the stink bird-, kingfishers and snakebirds).

Once on Lake Sandoval, we will embark in small rowboats in search of giant river otters. We will also have the possibility to spot a good number of other reptiles, mammals and birds in their natural habitat. When the guide finds an opportune spot where you can continue to observe nature, we will eat breakfast. For the return trip, make sure you have gathered your belongings, and we will row back to the pier.

1:30pm Return to the Lodge for lunch.

3:30 pm We will visit one of the two lookout towers of Corto Maltes Amazonía, with a height of 20 and 42 meters and designed for bird watching and the viewing of other types of animals living at this altitude in the canopy. In addition, you will enjoy an incredible view of the sunset. (The guide will consult with the guests on their preferences and adapt this excursion accordingly.)

There will also be a visit to a Brazil nut camp, where harvesters stay for the duration of the season. The Brazil nut (also known as castaña, as it is known locally) is one of the most important economic activities in the Madre de Dios region.

You will then have some free time to enjoy the pool or get a massage, get refreshed at the bar or visit our souvenir shop.

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8:00 am Breakfast and free time.

9:00 pm The Machiguenga are one of the many ethnic groups that exist in the Peruvian Amazon. A family of native Machiguenga will receive us for a visit. They will show us the cultural value of their ancestors, as well as language and customs, including traditional clothes, hunting gear, handicrafts and the music they play during ayahuasca ceremonies. They will teach us how to take advantage of natural products to make tools, and what they use to make their houses, dresses and ornaments, each important for their daily life.

11:00am. After a 20-minute boat trip down-river, we will arrive at a chacra, which is a farm owned by a local family. Here we will recognize and even taste different seasonal tropical fruits as well as other native products (cacao, banana, cocona, breadfruit, noni, yucca, lime...) This place belongs to a typical rural family who



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maintain with care and without chemicals some native plants that grow naturally. They sell their products in the main markets of Puerto Maldonado for consumption. a native Machiguenga family.

1:00 pm Return to the Lodge for lunch.

2:00 pm Return to the lodge to relax and have free time to visit the boutique, refresh in the pool, have a cocktail in the bar or have a relaxing massage.

8:00 pm Dinner

4th day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado B

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ECOAMAZONIA LODGE – ECOMAGIC 3D/2N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge B D

Upon your arrival in Puerto Maldonado, Peru's capital of biodiversity, we will welcome you at the airport. Then, we will start our program by visiting the city on a bus. Then, we will go to Puerto Capitanía, the port where our riverboat will be waiting for us. We will sail across Rio Bajo Madre de Dios (Winding River) until arriving at our lodge, 30 km away from Puerto Maldonado City. On our way, you will be able to observe rural lands destined for agricultural and livestock activities near the city. If the weather is good, you will sight colorful plants like the large-flowered heliconias, and you will have the chance to observe diverse animals such as the capybaras, caimans, water turtles, herons, cormorants, carrion birds and birds of prey.

Upon the arrival in our lodge, you will be welcomed with delicious Amazon tropical fruit nectars and taken to your comfortable room (bungalow) reserved for the occasion. Once you are settled in the room, a hearty lunch will be served to you in our warm, rustically designed dining room.

In the afternoon, our specialized guide will take you through an interpretive trail, conveniently signposted, to **Caiman Cocha**, a little lagoon where you will have the chance to observe the black caiman and the common caiman, as well as efficient predators located at the top of the food chain. They feed on a rich water fauna—mainly represented by fish— that inhabits the pond.

Back in the lodge, a delicious dinner will await you and you will have free time to share unforgettable moments at the bar, equipped with an excellent game room and all the drinks you can imagine.

The night fauna will lull you to sleep with the melody of a huge number of bird songs and calls.

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge B L D

After breakfast, we will start a hike to the deep forest on conveniently prepared, preserved and signposted trails. On the way, we will cross the riverside to reach high-elevation forests, and then we will descend to floodable forests, to go up again to the hills. During the journey, we will see the widest range of flora and fauna in the wild. Along the way, we will see diverse species of medicinal plants and fruit trees supporting the animal and human populations in the Amazon forests. Some of the most important are the moriche palm,



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mahogany, chestnut, catahua, cedar, trumpet-wood, copaiba, and shihuahuaco, among others. With luck and in silence, you can see bigger mammals, like the Brazilian tapir and the white-lipped peccary; rodents like the giant otter, the capybara, the spotted paca and the armadillo; primates like the coto or howler monkey, the squirrel monkey, the lion monkey and the black-cap capuchin monkey; reptiles like the iguana and the bothrops atrox; amphibians like the toad and birds like the guan, the partridge, the golden parakeet and the blue, yellow and red macaw. In the rainy jungle you will see insects such as butterflies (Lepidoptera), scarabs (Coleoptera), crickets, cicadas, ants, centipedes and millipedes of several species. We will arrive at the majestic **Lake Apu Victor** surrounded by immense swamps and gigantic trees. Then, we will go up to an Amazonian observation deck, from which you will enjoy a panoramic view on the lake, observe parrots, macaws, toucans, horned screamers, hoatzins, herons and other animals like caimans, turtles, etc. A wide variety of fish enters Lake Apu Victor with the flooding of (heavy) rainy season. In addition, there are other species of fauna associated to the lake, like the yellow-footed tortoise, the mata mata, the twist-necked turtle, the freshwater blenny, the kinkajou, the white-tailed deer, the Central American agoutis and the giant otter of the Amazon rainforest. Back in the lodge, a refreshing lunch will be waiting for you.

In the afternoon, joined with our specialized guide, we will visit **Monkey Island**, few minutes away from the lodge in the center of Madre de Dios River. This island shows an enormous variety of exuberant flora and hosts numerous primate specimens like the black spider monkey, the blackcap capuchin monkey, the squirrel monkey and the lion monkey. Also, other species of little mammals like the ring-tailed coati (*Nasua nasua*), the squirrel and an enormous variety of colored birds. Finally, we will complete our visit to the island, enjoying a sunset with the most impressive dusk in the jungle.

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3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado B

Breakfast. Transfer to Puerto Maldonado airport.

ECOAMAZONIA LODGE – ECOLOGIC 3D/2N

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3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

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In the afternoon, you have free time to take pictures around the lodge, and you will have the possibility to visit the botanical garden and observe our medicinal plants and fruit trees.

At night, you can enjoy a delicious dinner. If you are not tired, you can enjoy a fun night at the bar and game room.

4th day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado B

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2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

After breakfast, we will start a hike to the deep forest on conveniently prepared, preserved and signposted trails. On the way, we will cross the riverside to reach high-elevation forests, and then we will descend to floodable forests, to go up again to the hills. During the journey, we will see the widest range of flora and fauna in the wild. Along the way, we will see diverse species of medicinal plants and fruit trees supporting the animal and human populations in the Amazon forests. Some of the most important are the moriche palm, mahogany, chestnut, catahua, cedar, trumpet-wood, copaiba, and shihuahuaco, among others. With luck and in silence, you can see bigger mammals, like the Brazilian tapir and the white-lipped peccary; rodents like the giant otter, the capybara, the spotted paca and the armadillo; primates like the coto or howler monkey, the squirrel monkey, the lion monkey and the black-cap capuchin monkey; reptiles like the iguana and the bothrops atrox; amphibians like the toad and birds like the guan, the partridge, the golden parakeet and the blue, yellow and red macaw. In the rainy jungle you will see insects such as butterflies (Lepidoptera), scarabs (Coleoptera), crickets, cicadas, ants, centipedes and millipedes of several species. We will arrive at the majestic **Lake Apu Victor** surrounded by immense swamps and gigantic trees. Then, we will go up to an Amazonian observation deck, from which you will enjoy a panoramic view on the lake, observe parrots, macaws, toucans, horned screamers, hoatzins, herons and other animals like caimans, turtles, etc. A wide variety of fish enters Lake Apu Victor with the flooding of (heavy) rainy season. In addition, there are other species of fauna associated to the lake, like the yellow-footed tortoise, the mata mata, the twist-necked turtle, the freshwater blenny, the kinkajou, the white-tailed deer, the Central American agoutis and the giant otter of the Amazon rainforest.

Back in the lodge, a refreshing lunch will be waiting for you.

In the afternoon, joined with our specialized guide, we will visit **Monkey Island**, few minutes away from the lodge in the center of Madre de Dios River. This island shows an enormous variety of exuberant flora and hosts numerous primate specimens like the black spider monkey, the blackcap capuchin monkey, the squirrel monkey and the lion monkey. Also, other species of little mammals like the ring-tailed coati (*Nasua nasua*), the squirrel and an enormous variety of colored birds. Finally, we will complete our visit to the island, enjoying a sunset with the most impressive dusk in the jungle.

Back in the lodge, you will taste an exquisite dinner.

3rd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

After breakfast, we will start an adventure in the virgin forest, accompanied by a local guide, we will go on a hike in the deep forest: we will cover very well-preserved prepared trails of our interpretive tour. On our way, we will cross temporary water courses called tributaries through very well-kept bridges, and we will witness the widest range of flora and fauna in the wild. We will identify a great variety of ornamental plants with unparalleled beauty. En route to the **Lost Cocha**, we will see diverse species of medicinal plants and fruit trees that support the animal populations in the Amazon forest. With luck, you will get to see bigger mammals, like the jaguar or Peruvian jaguar, the Brazilian tapir and the white-lipped peccary; rodents like the giant otter, the capybara, the spotted paca and the armadillo; primates like the coto or howler monkey and the squirrel monkey; reptiles like the iguana and the bothrops atrox; amphibians like the toad, and birds like the guan, the partridge, the golden parakeet and the scarlet macaw.

The rivers leave behind wetland systems, lakes, ponds and bends, like the spectacular Lost Cocha. Wetlands play an ecological role of great importance since they represent a substantial biological source with endemic species. They are shelters for mammals. These swamps comprise 60% of the area protected and restored by Eco Amazonia Lodge. The presence of moriche palm is very important for Amazonian ethnic groups. It is a mystery plant considered mother of the forest or the tree of life. The swamp is home of jealous guardians like the jaguar, feline considered son of the swamp; the anaconda, the world's biggest snake; the owl that sees everything from its dwelling at the top of the trees, to cure all ills, and the black caiman, guardian that punishes



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those that dare to steal the female moriche palm fruit. Once in Lost Cocha, we will go up to an enormous observation platform. From this lookout, you will see the enormous surface that this magic place covers and where you can see two types of swamps: thick and mixed. Then, we will take a pleasant walk around the Lost Cocha and with luck you will get to see the "giant otter" or *Pteronura brasiliensis*, the biggest in its type and one of the most impressive animals of the Amazon region.

Back in the lodge, you can enjoy an exquisite lunch.

In the afternoon, you have free time to take pictures around the lodge, and you will have the possibility to visit the botanical garden and observe our medicinal plants and fruit trees.

At night, you can enjoy a delicious dinner. If you are not tired, you can enjoy a fun night at the bar and game room.

4th day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

In the morning, after breakfast, we will begin our excursion through the magic Amazon rainforest sailing through the Madre de Dios River until we arrive at **Gamitana or Briolo River** for a fun, refreshing experience with the possibility of swimming in its crystal-clear waters and doing some sport fishing. You will also observe birds, caimans, turtles and the majestic Madre de Dios River panorama.

Back in the lodge, you will enjoy a delicious lunch.

In the afternoon, you will have free time to take pictures around the lodge; you will also visit the botanical garden and observe our medicinal plants and fruit trees.

At night, you can taste our farewell dinner. If you are not tired, you can enjoy a night at the bar and game room, to say goodbye to the lodging friends you made during your stay.

5th day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

Breakfast. Transfer to Puerto Maldonado airport.

INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN 3D/2N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **L D**

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and board a 25-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River to arrive at the lodge. Accommodation and lunch. In the afternoon, take a walk-through **Concepción Trails**, inside property nature trails, where you will discover and learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components, uses, transformations by the human being, and its relevance for the world. At dusk, navigate by outboard motorized canoe, at the **Twilight River excursion**. By sailing on the Madre de Dios River, you will learn about its ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior, and the southern constellations. In the evening, enjoy a dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room.

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

After breakfast, visit **Lake Sandoval**, a glassy, ox-bow lake located inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve, reached via a sun-dappled rainforest trail. Board a dug-out wooden canoe to quietly paddle through a stream and glide onto Lake Sandoval, flanked by picture-perfect palms. This lake is home to many species of birds, the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles, black caimans amongst others. Return to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion in time for lunch. In the afternoon, we recommend climbing the exhilarating **Inkaterra Canopy Walkway**, a sophisticated and safe network distributed over seven ecologically constructed hanging suspension bridges, strung between eight treetop observation platforms above the forest floor. This is an unforgettable opportunity to observe the rainforest from the rooftop and gain a sense of its size. Ascend the first vertiginous tower 42 meters (138 feet)



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above ground, keeping an eye out for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth. Back at the lodge, you can venture out onto the Rainforest by Night excursion. Armed with flashlights, as your senses heighten the movement and sounds in the undergrowth of the forest, keep an eye for species that only emerge during nighttime.

3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado B

After breakfast, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado by outboard-motorized canoe. At the arrival, transfer to the airport.

INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN 4D/3N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge L D

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3rd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge B L D

After breakfast at the lodge, **visit the Botanical Garden** to discover the medicinal plants of the Amazon and their uses, according to the traditions of the local communities. Then visit the **Brazil Nut Cabin**, where you will learn about the history, socioeconomic importance and uses of the Brazil nut. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing paddle boat ride in a dugout canoe on **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion's oxbow shaped lagoon**, or cocha. Row out onto the clay-colored water to enjoy the scenery and spot hoatzins, fly catchers and gray necked woodrails, perhaps with the sounds of red howler monkeys bellowing in the distance. Admire the remains of the semi-submerged steamboat Fitzcarrald and uncover its captivating history, which inspired Inkaterra to create the film "Fitzcarrald", directed by Werner Herzog, who won the Best Director award at Cannes in 1982. Before dinner, **visit one of the lodge's Inland Collpas**, meaning "salty area" in Quechua. Though wildlife



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watching is tricky in practice, learn how this clay walls attract the fascinating mammal's behavior hidden right beside the lodge.

4th day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado B

After breakfast, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado by outboard-motorized canoe. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport.

INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN 5D/4N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge B L D

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and board a 25-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River to arrive at the lodge. Accommodation and lunch. In the afternoon, take a walk-through **Concepción Trails**, inside property nature trails, where you will discover and learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components, uses, transformations by the human being, and its relevance for the world. At dusk, navigate by outboard motorized canoe, at the **Twilight River excursion**. By sailing on the Madre de Dios River, you will learn about its ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior, and the southern constellations. In the evening, enjoy a dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room.

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge B L D

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3rd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge B L D

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4th day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

On this morning walk, learn about another product of the Amazon through the **Cacao excursion**. In this ancient cocoa and rubber plantation, you will see up close how cocoa is transformed from fruit to dessert. You can pick fresh cacao fruit (depending on the season) before rolling up your sleeves to peel and grind toasted cacao nibs, rounded off with a selection of homemade chocolate treats during our teatime. After lunch, learn all about the **Brazil nut tree** (*Bertholletia excelsa*) - which can live up to 500 years - and its importance to the local economy. Brazil Nut harvesting is demanding work, and you will also learn the steps to produce and collect Brazil nuts with traditional tools and techniques.

5th day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

After breakfast, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado by outboard-motorized canoe. At the arrival, transfer to the airport.

POSADA AMAZONAS BY RAINFOREST 3D or more days

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **BL D**

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the port for a 45-minute boat ride to the lodge, box lunch included and dinner are included. Accommodation in the lodge once arrived.

Excursiones a la carte: Jungle walk night, piranha fishing (catch & release), giant otter river search, build your own jungle rafting, canopy tower, parrot clay lick, Ese'Eja day, oxbow lake, birdwatching, medicinal plants trail, children's trail, jungle farm visit, sunset cruise, circle of fire, rainforest tattoo, Brazil nut trail & camp, jungle mountain biking, ceiba walk.

Overnight.

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

Full board.

Excursiones a la carte: Jungle walk night, piranha fishing (catch & release), giant otter river search, build your own jungle rafting, canopy tower, parrot clay lick, Ese'Eja day, oxbow lake, birdwatching, medicinal plants trail, children's trail, jungle farm visit, sunset cruise, circle of fire, rainforest tattoo, Brazil nut trail & camp, jungle mountain biking, ceiba walk.

Overnight.

3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

REFUGIO AMAZONAS BY RAINFOREST 3D or more days

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **BL D**

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the port for a 3-hour boat ride to the lodge, box lunch included and dinner are included. Accommodation in the lodge once arrived.

Choose from these excursions:

Science: discover a new specie, Amazon Cam Tambopata, Tambopata Aerobotany

Adventure: Mountain biking, kayaking, stand up paddle

River excursions: Chunchu Macaw Clay lick Expeditions, sunset cruise

Children activities: Circle of fire, The Children's Rainforest Trail, Rainforest Tattoo



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Classic activities: Oxbow Lake visit, Canopy Tower, farm visit, ethnobotanical tour, Tambopata National Reserve Lecture, Parakeet clay lick, Brazil Trail Nut and Camp, Mammal Clay Lick, night walk, Overlook Walk

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

Full board.

Choose from these excursions:

Science: discover a new specie, Amazon Cam Tambopata, Tambopata Aerobotany

Adventure: Mountain biking, kayaking, stand up paddle

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3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZÓNICA 3D or more days

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **L D**

Welcome in Puerto Maldonado. After boarding, begin to experience the enchantment of the rainforest, as you take a 45-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River to arrive at the lodge. Accommodation and lunch. After gathering with your guide, choose from these excursions:

Quarter day excursions: trail system, rainforest garden, Twilight River, rainforest by night

Half day excursions: wetlands, Gamitana Creek, Sandoval Lake, Canopy and Anaconda Walk, Hacienda Concepción

Full day excursion: Tambopata

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

Full board.

Choose from these excursions:

Quarter day excursions: trail system, rainforest garden, Twilight River, rainforest by night

Half day excursions: wetlands, Gamitana Creek, Sandoval Lake, Canopy and Anaconda Walk, Hacienda Concepción

Full day excursion: Tambopata

3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

Breakfast. A 45-minute return trip by boat on the Madre de Dios River takes you to Puerto Maldonado. Transfer to airport.

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER 3D or more days

1st day | Puerto Maldonado / Lodge **Bl D**

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the port for a 3-hour boat ride to the lodge, box lunch included and dinner are included. Accommodation in the lodge once arrived.



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Choose from these excursions: Jungle night walk, discovering new species, rainforest master hike, Amazon birdwatching, Chuncho macaw clay lick, sunset cruise, AmazonCam Tambopata, Amazon creek trail hike, island exploration & pond, bamboo trail, adventure to the bowl, the world of butterflies, secret of the surroundings, ceiba walk, monkey search, giants of the Amazon, Colorado macaw clay lick, alm swamp trail. Overnight.

2nd day | Lodge / Surroundings / Lodge **B L D**

Full board.

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3rd day | Lodge / Puerto Maldonado **B**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

MANU NATIONAL PARK – CLOUD FOREST (from Cusco) 3D/2N

1st day | Cusco / Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge **BL D**

Our overland journey begins at 3,400m/11,150 ft, with an early departure from the highland city of Cusco. Today's destination is the lush cloud forest region where the Andes fall away to the Amazon basin. This is a day of scenic drama and striking contrasts. We first visit a mountain wetland habitat teeming with migrant and local waterfowl, before crossing two mountain ranges between the Cusco valley and the Paucartambo valley, to a maximum altitude of 3,900m/12,790ft. Finally, we follow a sinuous ribbon of highway on its plunge through an extraordinary world of forested cliffs, waterfalls and gorges. We take leisurely stops to see mountain villages, a hilltop necropolis of chullpas (pre-Inca burial chambers), and the abrupt ridge top of Ajanaco, which marks the final high point where the Andes begin their swoop into the Amazon basin. In clear weather, we will see a breathtaking panorama of cloud forest and mountains giving way to the lowland rainforest plains far below us. After lunch we descend through the startling and rapid environmental transformations characteristic of the tropical Andes, passing from grassland and stunted trees through elfin forest, until we wind through a lush and magical world of overhanging trees, giant ferns, monster begonias, countless orchids and bromeliads, and a diverse and teeming birdlife.

We make frequent spontaneous stops, perhaps spotting a brilliantly feathered quetzal, a trogon, or the wild turkey-like Guan. We reach the comfortable Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

2nd day | Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge **B L D**

In the early morning, we have a chance to view the Cock-of-the-Rock in full, raucous courting display. This lek and its observation blind are famous among birders, since nowhere else on the planet allows so many of these spectacular blazing red birds to be seen so easily. (Note that the very best months for viewing Cocks-of-the-Rock are in September, October and November, although the males display throughout the year.) Afterwards we can stroll along the clearing formed by the nearby road, spotting other birds, and with luck some Brown Capuchin or Woolly Monkeys.

After a hearty breakfast, we can explore the forest overhanging the gravel road near the lodge, or some of the miles of trails that wind through the valley, to see high elevation cloud forest birds. This is a relaxed and enchanting day. As we amble among the woods and waterfalls we can marvel at the extraordinary variety of



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orchids, bromeliads, ferns, begonias, lichens and mosses -- and we also have a chance of sighting Woolly and/or Brown capuchin monkeys. Along the way, we may encounter some of the most colorful denizens of the cloud forest, such as the brilliant Golden-headed Quetzal, Gray-breasted Mountain Toucan, Blue-crowned Motmot, Umbrella Bird, Blue-banded Toucanet, fruit-eating tanagers, Red-crested Cotinga, Banded-tail Fruit-eater, and a variety of flycatchers.

In the afternoon, we can relax at the lodge, enjoying the dining hall viewing platform, or our private forest-overlook balcony or we can cross the river on the lodge's private oroya (cable bridge) and hike the trail on the south side of the Kosñipata River.

3rd day | Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge to Cusco **B** **BL**

After an early breakfast, we set off once more up the cloud forest highway, pausing here and there to alight and stroll in search of more birds: ones we have already seen, but are too spectacular to ignore, and birds we are seeing for the first time or perhaps we will glimpse monkeys that have so far eluded us. We wind our way through the enchanted mountain landscape on our route back to Cusco, knowing that the memory of this will remain with us for years to come.

MANU NATIONAL PARK – MANU WILDLIFE CENTER (from P. Maldonado) 4D/3N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado-Colorado-Manu Wildlife Center **L** **D**

Early morning, transfer service by van to Santa Rosa Village, we will get there in about two-hours and a half journey, you will cross the Inambari river for a 15 minutes boat trip to Puerto Carlos. Here, you will start your overland journey to Boca Colorado for 45 minutes by car, followed by four hours and a half-motorized boat journey ride upstream the Madre de Dios River. We arrive to Manu Wildlife Center for lunch. Later, we make our first acquaintance with the rainforest, exploring some of the 30 miles of forest trails that surround the lodge. We have an excellent chance of encountering some of the 12 species of monkeys, including the Spider Monkey and Emperor Tamarin, which inhabit the surrounding forest. After dinner, there will be an enchanting night walk along the trails, in search of the nocturnal birds and animals of the rainforest.

2nd day | Manu Wildlife Center **B** **L** **D**

Another early start (inevitable on wildlife expeditions), after a delicious breakfast we walk through the forest for some minutes, where we find the Macaw Lick project. The hide provided individual chairs and a convenient place for cameras and binoculars to be 15 meters. In groups of two and three, the scarlet Macaws come flapping in, landing on the treetops as they eye the main stage below. After this, we continue walking and exploring the network of trails surrounding the lodge then we return to the lodge for lunch. Later, we continue to explore and discover the rainforest, its lore and plant life, on the network of trails surrounding the lodge, arriving in the late afternoon at our 34m/112ft. Canopy Tower. On its platform, we witness the frantic rush-hour activity of twilight in the rainforest canopy, before night closes in. Then we set off along the "collpa trail", which will take us to the lodge's famous Tapir Clay lick. Here at the most active tapir lick known in the entire Amazon, our research has identified from 8-12 individual 600-pound Tapirs who come to this lick to eat clay from under the tree roots around the edge. This unlikely snack absorbs and neutralizes toxins in the vegetarian diet of the Tapir, the largest land animal of Latin America. The lick features a roomy, elevated observation platform 5m/17ft above the forest floor. The platform is equipped with freshly made-up mattresses with pillows. Each mattress is covered by a roomy mosquito net. The 10-m-long, elevated walkway to the platform is covered with sound-absorbing padding to prevent our footsteps from making noise. This Tapir Experience is unique and exciting because these normally very shy creatures are visible up close, and flash photography is not just permitted, but encouraged. The hard part for modern city dwellers is to remain still and silent anywhere



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from 30 minutes to two or more hours. Many prefer to nap until the first Tapir arrives, at which point your guide gently awakens you to watch the Tapir 10-20m/33-66ft) away below the platform. Most people feel that the wait is well worth it to have such a high probability of observing the rare and elusive Tapir in its rainforest home.

3rd day | Manu Wildlife Center **B L D**

We set off early for an old oxbow lake full of water lilies (*Nuphar lutea*) and sunken logs. As we circle the lake on our catamaran, we might encounter the resident Giant Otter family on a fishing expedition, or troops of monkeys crashing noisily through the trees. Wattled Jacanas step lightly on the lily pads, dainty Sun Grebes paddle across the water, supple-necked Anhinga air-dry their wide, black wings, and perhaps an Osprey scans for fish from a high branch. Among the bushes near the waterline, Hoatzins, which look like rust-colored, punk chickens, announce their presence with distinctive, bizarre wheezing and grunts. Woodpeckers, tanagers, macaws, toucans and parakeets all finally come swooping into trees surrounding the lake. Many of them roost around the lake for the night. After lunch at the lodge, our guide is available to lead us on freewheeling expeditions in search of further wildlife encounters, or we may take one of the lodge's many trails on private and personal excursions to communicate with the spirits of the rainforest. This evening, from the late afternoon until after dinner, we offer an opportunity to search for caiman and other nocturnal life along the riverbank by boat (If the level of river allows it).

4th day | Manu Wildlife Center-Puerto Maldonado **B**

We leave our lodge very early on the two-hour and a half, return boat trip downstream to the Colorado Village. Depending upon the time, we must be in Puerto Maldonado, the breakfast will be served at the lodge or on the boat while you enjoying early morning wildlife activity as we go, of course this is a perfect time to take advantage of valuable early morning wildlife activity along the river, in additions this journey allows us to see several lowland native settlements and gold miners digging and panning gold along the banks of the Madre de Dios River. We will stop in the far-west type gold-mining town of Colorado to start our overland journey to Puerto Carlos for 45 minutes, then you will cross the Inambari River for 15 minutes boat trip to Santa Rosa, finally a van or bus will drive us in approximately two-hours to the airport in Puerto Maldonado City, with this assistance your jungle adventure ends.

MANU NATIONAL PARK – MANU WILDLIFE CENTER (from P. Maldonado) 5D/4N

1st day | Puerto Maldonado-Colorado-Manu Wildlife Center **L D**

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come flapping in, landing on the treetops as they eye the main stage below. After this, we continue walking and exploring the network of trails surrounding the lodge then we return to the lodge for lunch. Later, we continue to explore and discover the rainforest, its lore and plant life, on the network of trails surrounding the lodge, arriving in the late afternoon at our 34m/112ft. Canopy Tower. On its platform, we witness the frantic rush-hour activity of twilight in the rainforest canopy, before night closes in. Then we set off along the "collpa trail", which will take us to the lodge's famous Tapir Clay lick. Here at the most active tapir lick known in the entire Amazon, our research has identified from 8-12 individual 600-pound Tapirs who come to this lick to eat clay from under the tree roots around the edge. This unlikely snack absorbs and neutralizes toxins in the vegetarian diet of the Tapir, the largest land animal of Latin America.

The lick features a roomy, elevated observation platform 5m/17ft above the forest floor. The platform is equipped with freshly made-up mattresses with pillows. A roomy mosquito net covers each mattress. The 10-m-long, elevated walkway to the platform is covered with sound-absorbing padding to prevent our footsteps from making noise. This Tapir Experience is unique and exciting because these normally very shy creatures are visible up close, and flash photography is not just permitted, but encouraged. The hard part for modern city dwellers is to remain still and silent anywhere from 30 minutes to two or more hours. Many prefer to nap until the first Tapir arrives, at which point your guide gently awakens you to watch the Tapir 10-20m/33-66ft) away below the platform. Most people feel that the wait is well worth it in order to have such a high probability of observing the rare and elusive Tapir in its rainforest home.

3rd day | Manu Wildlife Center **B L D**

We set off early for an old oxbow lake full of water lilies (*Nuphar lutea*) and sunken logs. As we circle the lake on our catamaran, we might encounter the resident Giant Otter family on a fishing expedition, or troops of monkeys crashing noisily through the trees. Wattled Jacanas step lightly on the lily pads, dainty Sun Grebes paddle across the water, supple-necked Anhinga air-dry their wide, black wings, and perhaps an Osprey scans for fish from a high branch. Among the bushes near the waterline, Hoatzins, which look like rust-colored, punk chickens, announce their presence with distinctive, bizarre wheezing and grunts. Woodpeckers, tanagers, macaws, toucans and parakeets all finally come swooping into trees surrounding the lake. Many of them roost around the lake for the night. After lunch at the lodge, our guide is available to lead us on freewheeling expeditions in search of further wildlife encounters, or we may take one of the lodge's many trails on private and personal excursions to communicate with the spirits of the rainforest. This evening, from the late afternoon until after dinner, we offer an opportunity to search for caiman and other nocturnal life along the riverbank by boat (If the level of river allows it).

4th day | Manu Wildlife Center **B L D**

After breakfast, we will explore the network of trails, having more emphasis on visiting trees that are with flowers and fruits, thanks to the information of our resident and naturalist guides. Here we expect to find more species of monkeys, as well as also numerous species of birds. Before or after dinner, the passengers who have energy and want more experience, they will have the second opportunity to visit the Observation Tower as well as the mammals or tapir clay lick (Collpa de mamíferos).

5th day | Manu Wildlife Center-Puerto Maldonado **B**

We leave our lodge very early on the two-hour and a half return boat trip downstream to Colorado Village. Depending upon the time, we must be in Puerto Maldonado, the breakfast will be served at the lodge or on the boat while you enjoying early morning wildlife activity as we go, of course this is a perfect time to take advantage of valuable early morning wildlife activity along the river, in additions this journey allows us to see several lowland native settlements and gold miners digging and panning gold along the banks of the Madre de Dios River. We will stop in the far-west type gold-mining town of Colorado to start our overland journey to



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Puerto Carlos in 45 minutes, then you will cross the Inambari River for 15 minutes boat trip to Santa Rosa, finally a van or bus will drive us in approximately two hours to the airport in Puerto Maldonado City.

NOTE: To start the programs to Manu Wildlife Center, passengers must spend the night at Puerto Maldonado the previous night.