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AMAZON RAINFOREST, PERU: TAMBOPATA JUNGLE LODGE EXTENSIONS

The Tambopata National Reserve is a 275,000-hectare conservation unit created by the Peruvian government in 1990 to protect the watersheds of the Tambopata and Candamo rivers. It is adjacent to the 1 million hectare Bahuaja Sonene National Park. Whilst the preserve was created with an underlying philosophy of sustainable resource use, the park was created with the purpose of wholeheartedly protecting the forests within. Both units protect some of the last untouched lowland and tropical humid forests in the Amazon. This Connecticut-sized (or Switzerland-sized) area of pristine forest contains 1300 bird species, 32 parrot species (10% of the world's total), 200 mammal species, 1200 butterfly species and over 10,000 species of vascular plants.

Less than 5,000 people inhabit the reserve's "area of influence" to the north. They make a living off slash and burn agriculture, small-scale gold mining, timber extraction, and hunting and fishing. One thousand Ese'ejas live in four titled communities within the region. The undergoing pavement of the Interoceanic highway, joining Brazil's north Atlantic coast with Peru's Pacific Coast and access to the Asian markets presents the principal threat over the mid term to this region's incomparable wilderness.

The Tambopata conservation units form part of the titanic 30 million-hectare Vilcabamba Amoro Conservation Corridor. The corridor is formed by 16 protected areas ranging from the Vilcabamba mountain range in the west of Cusco to the Amoro National Park in central Bolivia, and include Manu National Park, the Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary and the Madidi National Park, among others. This corridor protects over 40 ethnic groups. Its objective is to spur the region's development through participatory planning for the strengthening of local organizations, sustainable small businesses and agroforestry in order to minimize the loss of biodiversity.

Within this context lie our lodges – **Refugio Amazonas** and the **Tambopata Research Center**. They are a small part of the network of organizations and communities that are attempting to protect this unparalleled wilderness by creating and sharing the value of leaving the forest standing.

Option 1: Refugio Amazonas

This is an ideal lodge if you have 3 nights or longer, as it takes over three hours to get there from Puerto Maldonado and most of your first afternoon is spent on the river. Therefore, you should spend at least three nights at Refugio Amazonas to have time to fully explore the surrounding primary forest. The extra two hours of travel time increase your wildlife encounter time (the farther from Puerto Maldonado, the more abundant the wildlife). Refugio Amazonas offers all of Posada Amazonas’ activities with one great addition: an authentic Brazil nut trail and camp.

4 Days/3 Nights or longer: *Please request sample itinerary.*

\$555 (Double) / \$140 Single Supplement

Additional nights: \$135 (Double) / \$47 Single Supplement

Option 2: Tambopata Research Center (TRC)

The TRC requires at least 4 nights because of the travel time. One consecutive afternoon and morning are spent on the way to and from the lodge, so unless you plan on spending at least two nights here, the hours in transit are too long. However, TRC is the ideal option for in depth explorations of the rainforest lasting four or more nights because the seven-hour upriver drive takes you 150 kilometers into the uninhabited heart of the Tambopata National Reserve, where the surrounding wilderness is untouched. The largest known macaw clay lick is five hundred yards from the lodge; dusky-headed titi, squirrel, brown capuchin, howler and spider monkeys, as well as capybara, caiman, and agouti are seen frequently. Although very difficult to see, herds of peccary, tapir and jaguar are all at their carrying capacity. Two state of the art, long-term research projects are based out of TRC: The Macaw Project and The Areas Project. The combination of staying two nights in Refugio Amazonas and 2 nights in TRC allows you to experience the canopy tower and the oxbow lake.

5 Days/4 Nights or longer: *Please request sample itinerary.*

\$961 (Double) / \$208 Single Supplement

Additional nights: \$130 (Double) / \$57 Single Supplement

Included: \$50 per person Park Entrance Fee for TRC

Land Costs	Deposit	In-country Flight:	Trip Dates	Group Size	Difficulty	Activities
\$555 and up	Entire fee due upon extension	Approx. \$345 pp	Year Round	1+	No Experience Needed	Jungle Hiking, Canoeing, Wildlife, Sightseeing, Cultural Exchange

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A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

Included in your Trip Fee: Accommodations based on twin share; full board at lodges; bilingual guides, jungle tours & activities, transfers, taxes, \$50 entrance fee for TRC lodge.

Not Included in your Trip Fee: International airfare; Domestic Airfare (\$345 round trip from Lima or Cusco to Puerto Maldonado); Single Room supplement fees; gratuities, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, souvenirs; any meals en route to jungle lodge; personal clothing; flying doctors and travel/evacuation/medical insurance; money for incidental personal expenses.

What makes them eco-lodges: Each lodge has been built using a combination of traditional native materials (wood, palm fronds, wild cane and clay) and architecture of modern day eco-lodge technology. The walls dividing each room are built using cane, and extend from the floor to about 12 feet high, creating privacy for each room. The side that looks out to the forest does not have a wall or screening of any kind, acting as a large window facing the forest. Since mosquitoes are not really a problem around the lodge clearing, the open section allows for intimate contact with the rainforest. Doors are replaced with drapes. Rooms are not soundproof. Each room has beds, mosquito nets, bedside tables and sometimes a hammock or lounge chair. At Refugio, each room has a private bath with cold water only. At TRC, eight bathrooms are shared among 18 rooms, and have cold water only.

How is the food: Healthy and fresh! Self-serve three-course meals are served at all Tambopata Jungle lodges. Meals usually consist appetizers, salad, main course, and desserts combining Peruvian and International cuisine. All fresh fruits and salads are thoroughly disinfected before serving. Provided at all times are unlimited amounts of boiled, filtered, cooled drinking water, coffee or tea and fruit juices during the meals. If you have special dietary needs please inform us on your application.

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What about electricity: Our Peru jungle lodges have no electricity. Light is provided by numerous kerosene lamps and candles. A generator is turned on once a day to recharge batteries for guests or lodge facilities. At night it is very dark, so we recommend good flashlights.

What should I bring: Prior to departure, a detailed packing list of recommended clothing and gear is provided.

Travel & Trip Insurance: We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular program we recommend (Access America) will cover "preexisting" conditions if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) days following your registration or flight purchase. Information available upon request.

How to Register: If you have not downloaded an application from our website, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to us along with the appropriate payment. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation.

Payment Outline & Schedule: We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Full payment due at time of registration (\$200 non-refundable)

Refugio Amazonas Lodge

4 Days/3 Nights: \$555 (Double) / \$140 Single Supplement

Additional nights: \$135 (Double) / \$47 Single Supplement

Tambopata Research Center (TRC)

5 Days/4 Nights: \$961 (Double) / \$208 Single Supplement

Additional nights: \$130 (Double) / \$57 Single Supplement

\$50 per person Park Entrance Fee for TRC

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

- Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)
- 60 to 90.....\$200 (non-refundable)
- 30 to 59 50% fee
- 1 to 29 100% fee

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.



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