

## PERU - TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTRE



### INTRODUCTION

Tambopata Research Centre is the most remote lodge in the Amazon. There are no humans nearby so sightings of monkeys, macaws and other large species become more frequent. Jaguars are sometimes seen near the river bank! Tambopata Research Centre is an excellent headquarters for in depth explorations of Amazonian nature and wildlife because of its remote location in uninhabited wilderness housing stable populations of endangered wildlife, the small scale of its infrastructure and operations and the presence of researchers and naturalist guides. **Choose from a range of stays from 2 nights or more. Contact us for details.**

#### The Rainforest Expeditions Experience

Rainforest Expeditions has three properties nestled in the Peruvian Amazon. The extensive list of expeditions offer immersion in nature and local culture exchange aimed at providing a comprehensive experience of the rainforest. By staying at one of these three properties, you can make a meaningful contribution to sustainable efforts in preserving and protecting pristine land, wildlife populations and locals. Guests benefit from knowledgeable guides who provide an in-depth understanding of life in the rainforest of Tambopata. Enjoy an open wall facing the rainforest and awake with the sounds of jungle. Properties include [Refugio Amazonas](#), Posada Amazonas & Tambopata Research Centre.

#### Highlights Include:

**Two Macaw Clay Licks** â A trip to the Tambopata Research Centre includes a visit to the two most important clay licks in the region: Colorado and Chuncho. Visit these special portions of river bank while macaws and parrots make a raucous and colourful spectacle which inspired a National Geographic cover story.

**Jaguar Sighting** â The four and half hour boat ride from Refugio Amazonas to Tambopata Research Centre is your best chance for a jaguar sighting.

**5 Distinct Pristine Habitats** â Close and easy hikes to bamboo, flood plain, terra firma, palm and riverine rainforest habitats.

**Macaw Research and Conservation** â Much ground breaking macaw conservation

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research has been carried out from the Centre and you are likely to have the chance during your stay to talk with macaw biologists, ecologists and other experts staying at the Research Centre while they do fieldwork.

**Canopy Tower** ☐☐ During your stopover at Refugio Amazonas you will be able to climb the 30 metre scaffolding tower for expansive views of the rainforest and sightings of colourful toucans and parrots against a green backdrop.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival at Tambopata Research Centre

To begin your rainforest adventure, you will take a quick flight from Lima or Cuzco to the Amazonian city of Puerto Maldonado, in Southeastern Peru. Upon arrival at Puerto Maldonado Airport, a representative will greet you and accompany you on the journey to the lodge. You will be taken on a one-hour road trip, followed by a boat ride on the Tambopata River, to arrive at Tambopata Research Centre. During the trip, there will be a stop at the local office where you can repack your luggage, bringing only necessary items for the next four days. The remaining belongings will be securely stored at the office. Upon reaching the lodge, you will be warmly welcomed and given a brief orientation. After dinner, you have the option to participate in a night walk, where you can observe the animals that are active during the evening, but often difficult to spot. The nocturnal frogs, with their captivating shapes and colors, as well as interesting sounds, can be seen more easily. Note: Please ensure that your flight arrives in Puerto Maldonado before 12:30PM.



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### DAY 2: Tambopata Activities Day 2

Tambopata Research Centre offers a range of activities which will vary from day to day. Below is a guide of what experiences you can expect during your stay. On most clear mornings of the year, dozens of large macaws and hundreds of parrots congregate on this large river bank in a raucous and colourful spectacle that inspired a National Geographic cover story. Discretely located fifty meters from the cliff, we will observe Green-winged, Scarlet, and Blue-and-gold Macaws and several species of smaller parrots descend to ingest clay. This takes place at dawn when the lick is most active. This five-kilometre trail covers the prototypical rain forest with immense trees crisscrossed by creeks and ponds. Amongst the figs, ceibas, and shihuahuacos we will go for a monkey search, the most common being, Squirrel, Brown Capuchin, and Spider Monkeys as well as peccaries. After lunch back at the lodge, we will venture ten minutes upriver to explore the island where there is a tiny pond with a platform in the middle. It is a great place to spot waterfowl such as Muscovy duck, sunbittern and hoatzin along with the woodpeckers, oropendolas, flycatchers, and parakeets that all call this pond their home. Later in the evening, after dinner, scientists will provide a night lecture. This provides an in-depth look at the biology of macaws, their feeding habits, the theories for clay lick use, their breeding and feeding ecology, population fluctuations, and the threats to their conservation.



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### DAY 3: Tambopata Activities Day 3

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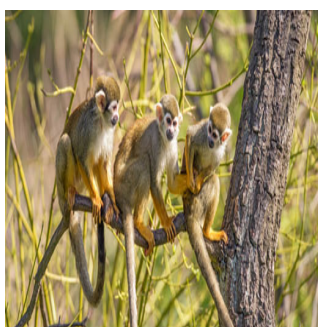
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### DAY 4: Departure

After breakfast, you will embark on a three-hour journey back to Puerto Maldonado for your departure flight. The trip includes a boat ride followed by a 1-hour road transfer to Puerto Maldonado. This provides a final opportunity to immerse yourself in the breathtaking natural scenery of the Tambopata National Reserve, offering a chance to spot a variety of wildlife along the way. Please note: Departure from the lodge is at 7am and arrival in Puerto Maldonado around 10am. Departing flights must be booked after 11:30AM to allow sufficient time for your transfer to the airport.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	Accommodation All meals All tours, activity services and guides Transfer to and from airport of Puerto Maldonado All river transportation Entrance fee <b>Exclusions</b> International or domestic airfares Airport departures taxes or visas Excess baggage charges Additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations Alcoholic beverages or bottled water Medical/travel insurance Laundry expenses Personal expenses
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality, availability & currency fluctuation.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as

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much back as possible to the communities we work in.

On this trip you will stay at the Tambopata Research Centre. Tambopata has a long history of sustainable resource use, reducing waste water, utilising recyclable water bottles and minimising plastic use. Tambopata works closely with remote indigenous communities of the Amazon to preserve their way of life while also offering shared experiences and learning with their guests. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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