

BOLIVIA - RURRENABAQUE: THE BOLIVIAN AMAZON



INTRODUCTION

Madidi National Park, in the upper Amazon River basin in Bolivia, boasts one of the richest biodiversity hotspots on earth, including over 1,250 bird species and 200 reptile species as well as endemic plant and mammal species. This three day tour gives you a great introduction to the jungle, staying at the San Miguel del Bala and Caquiahuara Eco-lodges, built from sustainable rainforest materials, following traditional local designs. The lodges make a wonderful base from which to explore the area and interact with the local communities.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: San Miguel del Bala Community & Canyon

This morning we depart early by boat from Rurrenabaque, along the Beni River to San Miguel del Bala community, a small indigenous community in the Bolivian Amazon rainforest. The boat trip takes around 45 minutes. We walk through the Tacana Indian community, coming in direct contact with the local people and learning about their daily lives and activities. In the afternoon after lunch, we walk through the jungle and gain an appreciation of the old Tacana methods used to capture wild animals. We then stroll around the spectacular 150 metre long San Miguel del Bala Canyon. We return to the lodge by boat.



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DURATION

3 Days

LOCATIONS

Bolivia, Amazon



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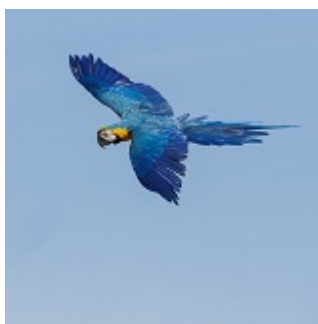
DAY 2: Navigate along Beni & Tuichi Rivers to "Caquiahua"

We depart by boat, navigating along the Beni River for 2 ½ hours to reach Madidi National Park, located in the upper Amazon River Basin. Established in 1995, Madidi National Park is part of one of the largest protected areas in the world and one of the planet's most biologically diverse regions. After lunch, we walk deep into the Madidi National Park searching for wild animals such as monkeys, reptiles, capybaras and countless species of birds. Over 1,250 bird species can be found in the park. We take a night walk to spot caimans on the riverbank and try to see nocturnal animals such as night monkeys, tapirs, deer and armadillos.



DAY 3: Parabal - Fishing - Rurrenabaque

We depart early this morning, before breakfast, to observe the beautiful macaws in their natural habitat. A short boat ride and a 20-minute walk through the jungle brings us to the "Parabal". This 30 metre high rock wall is home to nesting red and blue parrots. A climb to the top of "Parabal" offers a unique view of Madidi National Park. After breakfast we head out by boat on the Tuichi River for a spot of fishing. After lunch, we return by boat to Rurrenabaque. The boat trip takes around 1 ½ hours.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Jungle Lodges

- Services and meals included as stated on the itinerary
- English speaking guide.
- Include all the entrances fee and contributions.
- Private Services
- Accommodation as mentioned in the program.

Inclusions

NOT INCLUDED:


- Anything not listed in the program.
- Air Tickets.
- Tips.
- Airport taxes

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Flights to and from Rurrenebaque are NOT included. Please also note that these flights are often delayed/canceled in the wet season.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.