

BRAZIL - JUMA AMAZON LODGE EXPERIENCE



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DURATION

4 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil, Amazon



INTRODUCTION

Located in an untouched part of the Amazon, in one of the most remote and preserved regions of the Amazon Rainforest, Juma Amazon Lodge provides a beautiful yet rustic base from which to explore the surroundings. The stilted lodge is nestled in the rainforest with its 21 intimate bungalows providing stunning forest and river views. Knowledgeable guides escort small groups on a range of well-planned activities, providing a personal Amazonian rainforest experience. Explore the creeks and flooded forest by canoe, take an educational walk through the rainforest, discover the plants and wildlife of this region that is rich in biodiversity, fish for piranha and swim with pink dolphins.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Manaus to Juma Amazon Lodge

In due time you will be collected from Manaus for your departure to Juma Lodge. The journey takes a total of 3 hours, starting first with a 45 minute high-speed motor boat from Ceasa Harbour in Manaus to Careiro Village. On the way you pass through the “Meeting of the Waters”, where the muddy waters of the Solimões River meet the black waters of the Negro River, running alongside each other for several kilometres. The two rivers run at different speeds and are different temperatures and together form the mighty Amazon River. From Careiro Village you are transported by private van to the Macarico River where you again travel by high-speed motor boat to the lodge. On this leg of the journey you will get your first glimpse of the Amazon rainforest, passing through ‘furos’ (passages through flooded areas) and ‘igarapes’ (Amazonian creeks). On arrival at Juma Amazon Lodge, you will receive a warm welcome including a welcome drink and a selection of exotic fruits. Lunch is served at the lodge, comprised of both regional and international cuisine. Following lunch, we depart for a canoe trip. The canoeing tour provides an in-depth exploration of the Amazonian creeks and the igapós (flooded forest), an experience that is possible only by paddle canoes. During the excursion, you may like to take a swim to encounter some of the river’s most majestic creatures - the pink dolphins. We return to the lodge for dinner and later we embark on an evening expedition to observe some of the nocturnal wildlife including frogs, birds and most importantly, caimans. The guide uses his flashlight to help spot the caimans as their eyes reflect a bright red dot in the flashlight, the animals remaining motionless and clearly visible. The guide will try to bring a young caiman aboard for a closer inspection before the animal is returned to the river, unharmed.



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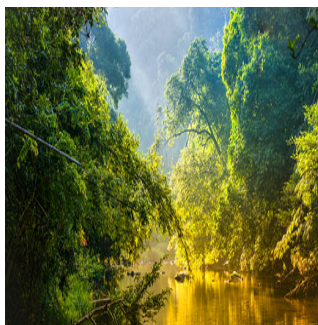
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DAY 2: Lodge Activities

After an early wake-up call we depart for a sunrise excursion, to witness the transformation of the sky, to listen to the sounds of the jungle as it wakes and for a spot of bird watching. The guides are equipped with binoculars to complement the bird watching experience. Back at the lodge we enjoy breakfast with typical fruits and regional food. After breakfast we depart for a jungle hike. On this educational jungle walk, our expert guide will introduce you to the wildlife of the Amazon. The guide will also show you various plants and describe their uses, as many are edible or medicinal. The paths taken on exploration walks are constantly changed to avoid damaging the forest with overuse. We return to the lodge for lunch which includes a selection of regional and international dishes. After lunch we take a tour around the lodge, experiencing the lodge from underneath, made possible as Juma is built completely on stilts. This unique perspective provides an insight into the construction of Juma and the role of sustainability within the lodge. Later in the afternoon we board a motorboat to fish for piranha and learn more about this infamous fish, as well as other Amazonian fish native to the river. We enjoy the sunset from the boat as we return to the lodge. Dinner will include the fish that you caught earlier in the afternoon. Following dinner, one of the native guides will offer an informal lecture on everyday life in the Amazon, including the legends, traditions and culture of the region.



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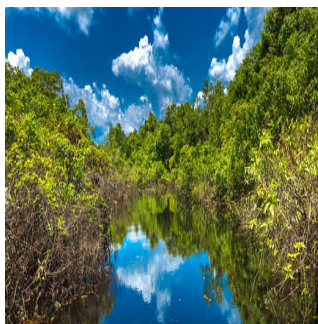
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DAY 3: Lodge Activities

After breakfast we set out from the lodge for a hike through the rainforest. Later we stop in a captivating area of the forest to eat lunch (regional cuisine baked over a fire), with time to rest in hammocks afterwards, as the indigenous Amazonians do. In the afternoon, we visit a local house and learn from the inhabitants about their fascinating culture. One of the local residents will share his knowledge of the traditional medicinal plants and demonstrate how to prepare manioc flour, one of the region's main economic resources. We return to the lodge to enjoy a dinner featuring regional and international cuisine.



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DAY 4: Depart from Juma Amazon Lodge

After a final breakfast at the lodge we depart from the lodge and make our way back to Manaus. On the way we stop at Pirarucu Floating Dock to see the giant pirarucu fish (also known as arapaima). These enormous fish grow up to 3 metres in length and weigh up to 200 kg. You can feed the fish from the floating dock and witness their impressive strength. From here we return to Manaus, arriving back at around 12.00pm noon. You will be dropped off at your hotel or at Manaus Airport.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p>Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Tours (as scheduled). Bilingual guides speaking Portuguese and/or English. Round trip transfers from Manaus (MAO Int'l Airport and/or city hotel) to Juma Amazon Lodge and back. Regularly scheduled departures to Juma from 6:30 to 7:30am (exact time based on hotel location). Complimentary late pick up can be arranged at MAO Int'l Airport until 1:30pm. Passengers returning from Juma will arrive in Manaus at approximately 12:00pm.</p> <p>NOT INCLUDED Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks. Additional charges (laundry, bar, shop, etc.). Additional services and excursions (hydroplane tour, tree climbing, etc.).</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request

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Notes	Children from 0 to 5 years old stay for free. Children from 6 to 10 years old staying with two adults in the same room are extended a discount of 50% from the triple fare. Rooms are equipped with fans. The bathrooms of the River View Bungalows offer solar-heated water. Guests are allowed to bring 10 kg (22 lbs) of luggage per person. Luggage exceeding this amount can be stored in Juma's Manaus office for no additional charge. All bills accumulated at the lobby bar must be paid in cash. The bar does not accept credit cards. Juma is located in a black water region, so there are almost no mosquitoes there. Contact us for more details
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 structures 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.