



#### **TRIP CODE**

PETSMAL

#### **DURATION**

4 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Peru, Amazon



# INTRODUCTION

Muyuna is a small and intimate lodge located on the banks of the Yanayacu River, a tributary of the Amazon, 140 km (84 miles) from Iquitos in North-East Peru, on the way to the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. It was designed and built by people from nearby San Juan de Yanayacu and maintains a close relationship with this Amazon community.

## **ITINERARY**



#### DAY 1: Arrival

Your day begins with a pickup from Iquitos airport, followed by a brief city orientation tour before transferring to the harbor. Here, a speed boat awaits your arrival, embarking on a picturesque three-hour journey up the majestic Amazon. As you step onto Muyuna's shores, our warm and attentive staff welcomes you with a traditional drink, setting the tone for your remarkable adventure. Upon settling into your bungalow and enjoying a delightful lunch, your jungle exploration commences. Equip yourself with a checklist of previously spotted animals as you embark on a brief stroll that unveils the astounding array of regional flora. Amidst this natural tapestry, a remarkable encounter awaits as you sample the water held within the vines of the "uncaria tormentosa," believed to harbor cancer-fighting properties. The towering presence of the ceiba tree further captivates, its crown shrouded by the sky due to its soaring height. As the day transitions, you'll journey into the heart of the jungle to witness the captivating leoncito, the world's tiniest monkey. Amidst this wildlife spectacle, you'll be entranced by the Amazon sunset reflecting upon Lake Sapote. An exquisite dinner follows, setting the stage for a thrilling night expedition by boat. This nocturnal voyage unveils the world of alligators, nocturnal birds, and mammals, offering a truly immersive and unforgettable Amazonian encounter.



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#### DAY 2: Explore the Jungle

Embark on a unique excursion to encounter the playful pink and gray dolphins that grace the Amazon River. Marvel at the Victoria Regia, the world's largest aquatic plant, an awe-inspiring natural marvel. Following lunch, immerse yourself in the diverse Amazonian wildlife. Observe iguanas or partake in piranha fishing, unveiling the fascinating biodiversity of the region. Engage in an authentic visit to the village of San Juan de Yanayacu, gaining insights into local customs and traditions. Throughout the day, explore surrounding lakes and delve into the jungle, encountering captivating inhabitants like monkeys and sloths. Your experienced guide will illuminate their habitats and behaviors, offering unique insights into their world. As the midday sun bathes the landscape, take a moment to refresh yourself by the lake. A delightful dinner awaits, preceding an enchanting night walk as you seek out giant tarantulas and vibrant frogs, immersing yourself in the jungle's nocturnal realm.



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#### DAY 3: Bird Watching & Yanayacu Village

After breakfast, set off on a captivating boat excursion to either Juanachi or Moena lake, where you'll search for a variety of bird species and playful monkeys amidst the lush surroundings. After lunch, dive into a specialized excursion focused on local medicinal plants, deepening your understanding of the jungle's natural remedies. Throughout the day, uncover the treasures of surrounding lakes and the jungle, encountering captivating inhabitants such as monkeys and sloths. Your knowledgeable guide will explain their habitats and behaviors, offering exclusive insights into their world. As evening approaches, enjoy dinner before embarking on a night walk, venturing out to discover giant tarantulas and vibrant frogs, granting you a glimpse into the captivating realm of the jungle after dark.





#### DAY 4: Departure

Following a satisfying lunch, your jungle adventure will come to a close. Prepare for your journey back to Iquitos, a three-hour voyage that will transport you from the heart of the Amazon to the bustling city. Ultimately, you will be transferred to the airport, bidding farewell to the remarkable Amazonian landscape.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Amazon Lodge
Inclusions	All meals. Sightseeing at lodge and daily activities. Transfers from Iquitos airport to lodge.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure).
Single Surcharge	Single room FROM U\$S770 - Subject to season and availability.
Notes	Internal flights not included. Longer or shorter programs available on request. Since the level of Amazon tributaries can vary, the lodge is constructed on stilts. There is no mains electricity: a generator is used for a few hours a day. There is a large dining room for socializing and hammocks to relax in.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

### 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.

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