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.

Highlights include:

**Two Macaw Clay Licks** 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** 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** Close and easy hikes to bamboo, flood plain, terra firma, palm and riverine rainforest habitats.

**Herds of White Lipped Peccaries** Tambopata Research Centre's location inside a huge and pristine rainforest means peccaries roam at carrying capacity. Herds of one hundred or more individuals visit the lodge garden frequently to gather nuts from its palm trees.

**Macaw Research and Conservation** Much ground breaking macaw conservation 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.
DAY 1: Arrival at Refugio Amazonas

You will be met at Puerto Maldonado Airport to transfer by land and a two and a half hour boat journey to Refugio Amazonas. The boat ride from the Tambopata River Port to Refugio Amazonas takes us past the Infierno Community and the Tambopata National Reserve checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. A boxed lunch is provided to eat along the way. On arrival you will be welcomed to the lodge and given a brief orientation. After dinner at the lodge there is the option to join a night walk when most of the animals are active but sometimes difficult to see. The frogs are easier to see with their fascinating shapes and colours and sounds.
DAY 2: Canopy Tower, Tambopata Research Centre

A thirty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas leads to the 25 metre scaffolding canopy tower, equipped with a staircase that leads to the platforms above. You can enjoy views over the treetops to spot toucans, macaws and raptors. Back on ground level, we board a boat for the four and a half hour journey to Tambopata Research Centre in the pristine heart of the reserve. The journey travels deep into the Amazon, crossing the confluence with the Malinowski River, leaving behind any trace of human life, and replacing it with capybara, caiman, geese and macaws. Two hours into the river journey and deep within the Tambopata National Reserve, we stop at the Chuncho clay lick. After a 5 minute walk, we should see dozens of macaws feeding on the sodium rich clays of the riverbank. This clay lick probably attracts more large macaws than any other clay lick in the world. Please note that the birds do not visit when it is raining so the visit will be weather dependent. On arrival at the lodge, you will be welcomed and given a brief orientation. In the afternoon we head out on a 3-5 kilometre walk to a viewpoint with commanding views of the Tambopata as it winds its way to the lowlands. The walk takes us through a regenerating bamboo forest where we may see howler monkeys and dusky titi monkeys. After dinner at the lodge, scientists will provide a detailed look at the biology of macaws, their feeding habits, breeding, theories for their use of clay licks, population fluctuations and the threats to their conservation.
DAY 3: Macaw Clay Lick

At dawn we walk to the macaw clay lick, where on most clear mornings, dozens of large macaws and hundreds of parrots congregate on the riverbank in a raucous and vibrantly coloured spectacle. We hope to see an abundance of scarlet, green-winged, blue and gold macaws and several species of parrots. After breakfast at the lodge, we walk along the 5 kilometre Floodplain Trail, covering virgin rainforest, creeks and ponds. We may see squirrels, brown capuchin, spider monkeys and peccaries amongst the figs, ceibas and other vegetation. We return to the lodge for lunch before venturing out to a pond platform so see waterfowl such as Muscovy ducks, sun bitterns and hoatzins, woodpeckers, flycatchers and parakeets. After dinner there is the option to take a night walk to look out for nocturnal wildlife. Most of the mammals are active at night but hard to spot. You should see frogs with their many shapes and colours and fascinating sounds.

DAY 4: Departure

Transfer by boat from the Research Center to Tambopata River Port and on to Puerto Maldonado for the airport. Depending on airline schedules, this may require dawn departures.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

| Accommodation | Standard |
## PERU - TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTRE

| Inclusions | Accommodations  
|            | All meals  
|            | All tours, activity services and guides  
|            | Transfer from and to the airport of Puerto Maldonado  
|            | All river transportation  
|            | **Services that are NOT included in the price:**  
|            | International or domestic airfares  
|            | Airport departure taxes or visa fees  
|            | Excess baggage charges  
|            | Additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations  
|            | Alcoholic beverages or bottled water  
|            | Insurance of any kind  
|            | Laundry  
|            | Phone calls or other items of personal nature.  

| Difficulty Rating | 2 (light adventure)  
|-------------------|-------------------  
| Single Surcharge | Contact us for more details.  
| Notes | Contact us for more details  
| Price Dependent upon | Season and availability  

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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...
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