

PERU - HACIENDA CONCEPCION



INTRODUCTION

Deep within the heart of the Amazon lies Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción, located between the Tambopata National Reserve and the shores of the Madre de Dios River. Nineteen private cabanas sitting majestically on stilts and a six-room Casa Grande (large house) with high ceilings and a rustic thatched roof are peppered around the property.

At the lodge you will be introduced to the biodiversity of the rainforest through a wide range of land and river excursions, led by local explorer guides who offer first-hand knowledge of the Peruvian Amazon. Excursions include a visit to Lake Sandoval, inhabited by howler monkeys, caimans and giant river otters.

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DURATION

3 Days

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DAY 1: Arrival in the Amazon

On arrival at Puerto Maldonado airport, you will check-in at the lounge, where our staff will welcome you and provide the necessary information for your stay. You will then be transferred by outboard motorized canoe along the Madre de Dios River to Hacienda Concepción, a journey that takes approximately 25 minutes. Enjoy lunch with organic ingredients and native flavours. After lunch, take a walk along the Concepción Nature Trails, where you will learn about primary and secondary rainforests, their components, uses and transformations by man and its relevance for the world. You will see a cacao plantation, bread fruit trees and rubber trees. At dusk, navigate by outboard motorized canoe, as you take the Twilight River excursion. As you cruise along the Madre de Dios River, you will learn about its ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, the behaviour of nocturnal animals and the southern constellations. In the evening enjoy dinner in the Casa Grande’s dining room.



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DAY 2: Tambopata National Reserve

New experiences are ahead and after enjoying a nutritious buffet breakfast, get ready for a trek through terra firma forest into the Tambopata National Reserve towards Lake Sandoval. Here you will understand why Madre de Dios is called the biodiversity capital of Peru, while learning about the Reserve's conservation efforts and the lake's formation. Navigate by dugout canoe across this mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), blue and yellow macaws (*Ara ararauna*), the red howler monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*), black caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*), and one of the world's largest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche (*Arapaima gigas*). Return to the lodge for lunch, and later the Canopy Walkway and Anaconda Walk await you. A 25-minute ride by motorized canoe takes you to the Canopy Walkway Interpretation Centre where you will learn about its construction and the conservation projects. Ascend one of the two 95-foot towers (30 metre) and cross the 7 suspension bridges that connect the treetop observation platforms. The walk takes around 1.5 hours and you will get to enjoy breathtaking vistas not possible from ground level. Look out for white-throated toucans (*Ramphastos tucanus*), woodpeckers, trogons, squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri boliviensis*) and the three-toed sloth (*Choleopus hoffmani*) as well as strangler fig trees and orchids. After descending from the canopy, you take the 15 minute Anaconda Walk along the 200-metre wooden bridge over the swamps (aguajales) and wetlands. You will learn about the fauna and flora of this flooded ecosystem. You may see various species of amphibians, birds and mammals as well as abundant flora and marshland trees. At night get ready for an adventure during the Hidden Rainforest excursion, where you will explore the Amazon rainforest and encounter nocturnal animals who display intriguing behaviour patterns, and enhanced senses as adaptation mechanisms. Listen to the nocturnal sounds of the rainforest and explore this hidden world. End your day with dinner back at the lodge.



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DAY 3: Puerto Maldonado

After a final breakfast buffet, transfer back to Puerto Maldonado by outboard motorized canoe. As you wait for your onward flight in the lounge, you may visit our laboratory and learn about the fascinating transformation of butterflies.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Superior Lodge

Inclusions

Private Airport Transfers
Internal flights as part of itinerary
Accommodation with breakfast daily
Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide
Other meals where stated
Entrance fee in Lake Sandoval

Exclusions

International flight
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Beverages
Personal expenses
Gratuities for tour guides/drivers
Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

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.

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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 much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Inkaterra group manage and protect more than 30 000 acres of Amazonian forest, they engage in agro-forestry and organic production including the replanting of native foods and medical plants that don't interfere with other local species. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain 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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