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### **DURATION**

4 Days

### LOCATIONS

Peru, Amazon



# INTRODUCTION

Hacienda Concepción caters to nature loving enthusiasts looking for an authentic jungle experience in a comfortable and relaxing environment, but at an affordable price.

Deep within the heart of the Amazon lies Inkaterra Hacienda ConcepciÃ<sup>3</sup>n, 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 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.

# <u>ITINERARY</u>



# DAY 1: Arrival in Hacienda Concepcion

Upon your arrival at Puerto Maldonado, begin your journey into the heart of the Amazon rainforest by checking in at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House). From there, embark on a scenic 25-minute journey along the Madre de Dios River in an outboard dugout canoe to reach Hacienda Concepción, where a delicious buffet lunch featuring organic ingredients and native flavours awaits. After lunch, explore the lush rainforest on foot along the Concepcion trails, where you will learn about the different components, uses, transformations, and significance of primary and secondary rainforest. As the day draws to a close, set off on a twilight river excursion in a canoe. Observe the unique behaviour of nocturnal animals and discover the southern constellations while sailing on the Madre de Dios River and its surrounding Amazon creeks. \*Please note that the itinerary provided is a sample and may be subject to change based on a variety of factors including weather conditions, availability, and your personal preferences.



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### DAY 2: Amazon activities

Begin your day with a nourishing buffet breakfast before embarking on a trek through terra firma forest into the Tambopata National Reserve, towards the enchanting Lake Sandoval. The reserve is home to an abundance of wildlife, making Madre de Dios the biodiversity capital of Peru. Your guide will explain the Reserve's conservation efforts and the lake's formation, while you immerse yourself in this natural wonderland. Once you arrive at the lake, navigate across its mirror-like waters on a dugout canoe to witness the extraordinary ecosystem of endangered giant river otters, blue and yellow macaws, red howler monkeys, black caiman, and the massive paiche fish. Return to the lodge for a delicious lunch, and then gear up for the Canopy Walkway. After a 25-minute motorized canoe ride, arrive at the Canopy Walkway Interpretation Centre and learn about its construction and conservation projects. Ascend one of the two 95foot towers and traverse the seven suspension bridges that connect the treetop observation platforms. Take in the awe-inspiring views that are impossible to experience from ground level, while spotting white-throated toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, squirrel monkeys, threetoed sloths, and other flora and fauna. As night falls, get ready for an unforgettable adventure during the Hidden Rainforest excursion. Discover the Amazon rainforest at night and observe the intriguing behavior patterns and enhanced senses of nocturnal animals that have adapted to this unique environment. Listen to the mesmerizing sounds of the rainforest and immerse yourself in this magical hidden world.



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### DAY 3: Amazon activities

Start your morning with a delectable breakfast in the lodge, followed by a visit to our organic bioorchard where you can discover the intriguing medicinal uses of the tropical plants found in the rainforest by the local communities. After this, make your way to the Palmetum, a 30-hectare plot dedicated to rainforest restoration and conservation, housing a collection of Amazonian palms. Post a delicious lunch at the Casa Grande dining room, unwind with a tranquil paddle boat ride in a dugout canoe on Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion's oxbow shaped lagoon or cocha. As you row across the clay-coloured water, keep an eye out for hoatzins, kingfishers, and gray-necked woodrails, all while enjoying the distant sounds of the red howler monkeys. You will also get the opportunity to see the remains of a semisubmerged steamboat in the waters that are home to caimans and piranhas. You will learn about its history and how it inspired Inkaterra to ask Werner Herzog to film the award winning "Fitzcarraldo" (best director at Cannes, 1982). Put your fishing skills to the test with a simple wooden rod and experience the catch-and-release practice followed by the local indigenous communities in search of piranhas.



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### DAY 4: Depart Hacienda Concepcion

After a final buffet breakfast, you'll embark on your last boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado for your departure flight. The trip offers a final opportunity to soak up the stunning natural scenery of the Madre de Dios river, with a chance to spot a variety of wildlife along the way.



# **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
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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# **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.

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 then 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  $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}$ 

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