

# EXPLORE!

## Tailormade Peru's Mighty Amazon extension

4 days

Peru - Trip code TMPE3



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Explore the dense Amazon jungle

Add a few days to your Tailormade holiday or group tour with this compact four-day trip to the Amazon. Discover salt licks teeming with macaws and parrots, head out on a riverboat in search of caiman along the riverbanks and learn how the indigenous people use the plants and leaves for medicinal purposes

Enriching tailormade journeys – for you

This bespoke journey features one of our favourite spots in Peru. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches; maybe head to Iquitos, the starting point for explorations into Peru's northern Amazon, or perhaps you could upgrade to a luxurious riverboat. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

## Trip highlights

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Indulge

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, with adventurous days and indulgent nights, our Indulge level tailor-made tours may be just the answer. On these tours you can enjoy busy days packed with adventure and activity, followed by relaxing evenings unwinding in the comfort of accommodation hand-picked for its high level of comfort and service. Some hotels are full of historical interest too: a converted palace in India for example, or a restored colonial mansion in Latin America.

#### TRIP PACE:

##### Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Jungle trek, riverboat ride at dusk

After finishing your Explore group tour or Explore Tailormade holiday, fly to Puerto Maldonado (cost not included). On arrival in Puerto Maldonado you will be met by a representative of your lodge. You will be taken to the lodge office in the town, where you can sort your luggage so that you only take what you need to the jungle. (Your main luggage can be left in a locked room at the office). You then travel by minibus and motorised canoe to your lodge in the jungle. After lunch and being shown to your room, you will take your first walk into the local jungle. On an easy walk through the jungle you will see a variety of tropical trees and plants and learn of their medicinal properties. You may even spot toucans in the tall trees. There is then time to relax and acclimatise to the local humidity before returning to the boat to go in search of white caiman along the river banks and in the water. In the dark, caiman eyes show red in torch light making them much easier to spot. If you are lucky you will also see some of the other nocturnal animals that roam the river banks.



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Indulge Luxury Lodge



Included Meals: All

### DAY 2 - Oxbow lake boatripe

This morning you set out early for a short trek through the jungle which brings you out at Lake Sandoval. The oxbow lake is incredibly scenic, the still glittering water is surrounded by rainforest, caiman gently slip in and out of the water, giant otters hunt for piranhas while kingfishers and butterflies flit over the water. Taking to dugout canoe you'll have the chance to spot wildlife while calmly floating across the river. Roughly the size of a turkey, the striking and noisy hoatzin bird can be found sitting in bushes around the water's edge. The afternoon affords the opportunity to explore further, with a canopy walkway (Hacienda Concepcion) or lookout towers (Corto Maltes). With incredible sunset views, you'll be able to spot birds and hopefully squirrel, howler and capuchin monkeys playing in the treetops.

**Please note: The order and variety of excursions available may vary dependent upon where you are staying and availability.**



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### DAY 3 - Clay lick, afternoon meet local communities

This morning you'll walk to a nearby clay lick. As well as parrots and macaws, some mammals eat clay from certain areas - however

they are much more reserved about this and less predictable. Animals known to use this clay lick included peccaries, deer, agouti and tapir. On arrival you will settle down to observe the spot quietly from a distance and hope to be rewarded. On the way to and from the clay lick your guide will be looking out for other birds, animals and plant species of interest. After lunch you head to a local farm to see how native families cultivate the land. Depending on the season you may see crops such as cacao, banana, breadfruit, noni and lime. You'll also learn how the indigenous people use the plant life for traditional remedies. Afterwards meet local families; spending time with them to learn about their customs, how they hunt and fish using traditional methods.  
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## DAY 4 - Depart Puerto Maldonado

Your Amazon adventure comes to an end today after breakfast and you travel back to Puerto Maldonado by covered motorised canoe and minibus.



Included Meals: Breakfast

## Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Slocomb,  
Regional Specialist for Peru

Call on 01252 883 184

# What's included?



## Included meals

Breakfast: 4  
Lunch: 3  
Dinner: 3



## Transport

Boat



## Trip staff

Local guide



## Accommodation

3 nights indulge luxury lodge

# Trip information

## Country information

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#### Climate

There is a rainy season from Dec - Mar however on the coast it rarely rains. Jun-Oct is damp and misty, but temperatures never drop below 10°C. At high altitudes although there are sunny days temperatures can drop dramatically, and conditions can change suddenly.

#### Time difference to GMT

-5

#### Plugs

2 Pin Flat

#### Religion

Catholicism

#### Language

Spanish

## Budgeting and packing

### Country Information

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#### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

**Breakfast price**

£4.00 - 7.00

**Dinner price**

£6.00 - 8.00

**Beer price**

£2.00 - 4.00

**Water price**

£1

## Foreign Exchange

**Local currency**

Nuevo Sol

**Recommended Currency For Exchange**

Carry all your funds in US cash NOT Sterling or Travellers Cheques which are more difficult to exchange. We recommend to take a minimum of US\$400-\$500 of your total spending money in cash for your tour, in mixed denominations. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they might be difficult to exchange.

**Where To Exchange**

Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

**ATM Availability**

Available in Major towns. Always have some cash as back-up as they are not always reliable

**Credit Card Acceptance**

In major restaurants. In some establishments Master card is not accepted.

**Travellers Cheques**

Travellers Cheques are not always easy to exchange.

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Accommodation notes

**Booking a Single Room**

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

**Standard**

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our Standard style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

**Nape Lodge**

Nape Lodge is just inland from the banks of the Tambopata River adjacent to the Tambopata National Reserve. A small jungle lodge run by an indigenous community, the property offers simple accommodation with en suite with a cold (lukewarm) water shower, mosquito nets and safety box. There is a large communal dining area. Profits from the lodge go back into the community and help fund further education for students, build local schools and provide support for the elderly.

**Premium**

On Premium level tailor-made tours you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Premium level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

**Corto Maltes Lodge**

Located on the right margin of the Madre de Dios River, the Corto Maltes lodge has simple yet comfortable bungalows, all with a terrace where guests can relax in the hammocks. There is a bar including free hot drinks, a dining room overlooking the river and a

craft shop. The lodge also has a swimming pool with bar, perfect for cooling-off when not watching the wildlife within the gardens.

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### **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion**

Hacienda Concepcion is a lovely property located on the right bank of the Madre de Dios River, adjacent to the Tambopata National Reserve, situated in 819 hectares of rainforest. The property offers private luxury cabins and rooms with shared balcony within the main building. All rooms have hot water, ceiling fan and comfortable furnishings. Hacienda Concepcion has a large dining area with bar, while the upper floor has a scenic lounge. If you are looking for something special it is possible to arrange cooking classes and private cocktails by the river (extra cost).

## **Essential information**

### **FCO Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Essential Information**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

### **Transfers**

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

### **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

### **Insurance**

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for

your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended.. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider.

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