



## Classic Posada Amazonas



The Macaw Clay lick

Along the Tambopata River, only 30 minutes from Cuzco, lies one of the most pristine and unspoiled areas in the Amazon Jungle, housing more species of animals than any other place on earth: the Tambopata Reserve. Encounter six-foot river otters capable of beating jaguars in a fight. Boat down uncharted rivers. The Reserve has been featured in numerous documentaries by Discovery Channel, CNN and the BBC, and was the subject of an article in the January 1994 issue of National Geographic. We will be staying at a lodge owned by the native Indians, and visit a macaw clay lick.

## Pricing

Occupancy Type	Standard
Double	\$ 1695
Single	\$ 2074

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Night Monkey at Tambopata



Giant River Otter

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Puerto Maldonado - Posada Amazonas

Upon arrival from Lima or Cuzco, reception and transfer to our office in Puerto Maldonado. Puerto Maldonado is situated at the confluence of the mighty Madre de Dios and Tambopata rivers and is a bustling, booming tropical frontier town. Its principal activities are gold mining, Brazil nut collecting, timber extraction, agriculture and ecotourism. After a brief survey of the town, we will drive 30 minutes to the Tambopata River

Port in the community of Infierno. We will board our boats for a 2 hour trip by motorized canoe to Posada Amazonas. During our voyage we may see bird species typical of the river or forest edge such as: black skimmer, Pied Lapwing, Capped Heron, Jabiru Stork, Roadside Hawk, and several species of kingfishers, swallows and flycatchers. When we arrive at Posada Amazonas, we will unpack and unwind. Posada Amazonas is a comfortable yet unobtrusive 30-room lodge owned jointly by Rainforest Expeditions and the local community of Infierno. We will receive a short orientation and a complete briefing on the lodge and the ecotourism project before our afternoon activity: the Canopy tower. In this activity, we will visit a 30-meter scaffolding tower that is a 20-minute walk from the lodge. A bannistered staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. From the top, you not only get spectacular views of the river and the surrounding forest but also excellent opportunities to observe birds from the canopy, including parrots, toucans and macaws. A daily presentation on the Infierno ecotourism project is available every night from a staff member.

## Day 2

Posada Amazonas

We will be up at dawn for a visit to the Tres Chimbadas Oxbow Lake. After an early breakfast we depart: a 30-minute boat ride from Posada Amazonas and a 45-minute walk take us to the lakeshore. From here, we take a long, easy canoe ride around it. We will look for the resident family of nine giant river otters (seen by 60% of our lake visitors) and other lakeside wildlife such as caiman, hoatzin and horned screamers. After lunch, a twenty minute boat drive downriver leads you to a trail designed by the staff of the Centro Ñape. The Centro Ñape is a communal organization that produces medicines out of forest plants and administers them to patients who choose their little clinic. They have produced a trail which explains the different medicinal (and other) uses of selected plants. After Dinner, you will have the option of hiking out at night, when most of the mammals are active but rarely seen. Much easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.

## Day 3

Posada Amazonas

Before breakfast, we will visit a clay lick. This clay lick is also a 20-minute walk from the lodge From a blind located about twenty meters away you will see dozens of parrots and parakeets descend on most clear mornings to ingest the clay on a river bank. Species such as Mealy and Yellow-headed Amazon, Blue-headed Parrot and Dusky headed Parakeet descend at this clay lick. The clay lick is active at dawn, during the late mornings and mid-afternoons. After breakfast, embark on a two hour hike crowned by the largest tree in the vicinity: a giant ceiba tree. During the hike we will focus on the natural history of the rain forest and its principal taxonomic groups. After lunch, a thirty minute boat drive downriver takes us to the most complete farm in the community of Infierno. The owner grows a diverse variety of popular and unknown Amazon crops. In his garden, just about every plant and tree serves a purpose. Return for Dinner.

## Day 4

After an early breakfast, we will return to Puerto Maldonado for our flight back to Lima or Cuzco.

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## Price includes:

Price includes air transportation from Lima or Cuzco to Puerto Maldonado, lodge accommodation at Posada Amazonas including all meals, all transfers in Puerto Maldonado, guided tours of the Reserve including all entrance fees.

Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).