



Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Lodge 4 days / 3 nights



The Lodge

The most mega diverse region in the entire Amazon may be the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo area. This magnificent reserve covers an expanded area of precious ecologically diverse western Amazon rainforest. Biologists refer to this region as the “green paradise” of the Amazon Forest. Thought to be a zone that remained forested during the last ice age, many species have been found here which exist nowhere else in the world. This is your opportunity to get in contact with one of the richest areas of plants, amphibians, reptiles and birds; an unforgettable experience!

Pricing

Occupancy Type	Lodge
Double	£ 1158
Single	£ 1228

Prices shown above are per person, in Sterling (£).



Monkey



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Itinerary

Day 1

Iquitos / Tamshiyacu – Tahuayo Reserve

Flight from Lima to Iquitos. Upon arrival, reception and transfer to the pier. Depart Iquitos aboard a comfortable 18-seat boat traveling south upriver until we reach the Tahuayo River, a small, winding tributary of the Amazon, arriving at the Tahuayo Rain Forest Jungle Lodge, located on the Tahuayo River, the lodge is rustic, yet comfortable. The entire lodge is screened and features a dining hall, areas to socialize and relax

and a conservation education laboratory with library. There are flush toilets that use a sanitary septic system and showers. There is no electricity except a small generator for re-charging camera batteries. The food is prepared by a culinary staff and is considered by our guests as delicious. Special diets can be entertained with prior notice. We guarantee the best sanitary conditions when handling the food and water served at the lodge. Several small native villages populate the lower Tahuayo. Further upriver from the lodge is the uninhabited Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Reserve. After dinner, an evening boat excursion to see the caymans.

Day 2

Tamshiyacu – Tahuayo Reserve

After breakfast we will hike into the interior of the lowland rainforest populated with titi monkeys, monk sakis, and squirrel monkeys. Deep in the forest we will view a demonstration of a poison dart frog management project. This afternoon, we will take the boat to watch for birds cruising along the upper Tahuayo River. Over 500 species of birds have been recorded in the vicinity of the lodge, including parrots, macaws and toucans. We will depart by motorized boat to a high-tannic acid lake (safe to swim in) to swim with pink dolphins.

After lunch, we will hike into the interior of lowland rain forest with its populations of titi monkeys, monk sakis and squirrel monkeys to view a demonstration of a poison dart frog management project. After dinner, we will take a boat excursion to a lake to view a boat-billed heron (nocturnal bird) colony.

Day 3

Tamshiyacu – Tahuayo Reserve

Morning bird-watching hike or boat trip (depending on season) into a periodically flooded forest known as varzea forest. After breakfast, we will identify a medicinal plant and visit to the breeding grounds of wire-tailed manakins, colorful birds with highly unique displays. After lunch, you will climb 100 feet by mechanical hoist into canopy of a large Ceiba tree. Maneuver along the via aerial zip-line cables while seated in an arborist's saddle. You control the pace as you travel atop four giant emergent trees with platforms along the way for rest or pictures. This area is frequented by arboreal mammals such as sloths, capuchin monkeys and four-eyed opossum. After dinner, we will make an evening visit to the lodge of a native "shaman" (medicine man) for a typical good-luck, good health ceremony.

Day 4

TAMSHIYACU – TAHUAYO RESERVE / IQUITOS

Following breakfast, we will return by boat down river to Iquitos with picnic lunch on board. Brief city tour of Iquitos and then transfer to Iquitos Airport for your flight back to Lima.

Price includes:

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- Air transportation from Lima to Iquitos return
- Lodge Accommodation at Tamshiyacu- Tahuayo Rain Forest Jungle Lodge
- All transfers in Iquitos
- 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).
- 1. Swim in a black water lake with pink dolphins.
- 2. Visit a native shaman.
- 3. Medicinal plant hikes.
- 4. Swim in a black water lake which has warm thermal springs.
- 5. Excursions to see feeding or nesting Macaws, Parrots and Toucans.
- 6. Canoe into flooded varzea forest (Feb-May).
- 7. View pygmy marmosets, the world's smallest primates, which live in trees close to the lodge.
- 8. Close look at the unusual hoatzin birds (when young fledge Jun-Aug).
- 9. Fish for piranha.
- 10. Hike to a manakin lek.
- 11. Visit a native elementary school (Jun-Dec).
- 12. View caiman crocodiles (Jul-Oct).
- 13. Hike and camp in remote terra firme forest.

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- 14. View unusual beetles and leaf hoppers.
 - 15. Visit native artisania market.
 - 16. Canoe portage to interior lakes, called cochas, rich in wildlife.
 - 17. View tree frogs and poison dart frogs, including several species newly discovered.
 - 18. Jungle survival training.
 - 19. View electric eels.
 - 20. Birding (a list of 540 species for the area near the lodge has been compiled).
 - 21. Visit native communities.
 - 22. Follow jaguar or peccary tracks in the forest.
 - 23. Fish for peacock bass, must bring own gear (late Jun-Jul).
 - 24. Visit a native family, via translator hear oral traditions and native lore.
 - 25. Visit conservation projects.
 - 26. Greatest amount of flowering plants (May-Jul).
 - 27. Greatest amount of fruiting plants (Dec-Apr).
 - 28. Parakeets feeding at kapok (Jun).
 - 29. View a diversity of primate species.
 - 30. Search for giant anaconda (Jun-Oct).
 - 31. Canoe around giant, fortress-like ficus (Dec-Jun).
 - 32. Learn the weaving of native baskets.
 - 33. Hike to see giant kapoks.
 - 34. Fish with traditional native bow and arrow or spear.
 - 35. Traditional native dances.
 - 36. View sloths, anteaters and other mammals.
 - 37. Insect collecting.
 - 38. Evening lake boat trips to view southern constellations and nocturnal wildlife, such as boat-billed herons, potoos, owl monkeys and more.
 - 39. Search for boa constrictors and other snakes.
 - 40. View brilliant tropical fish such as cichlids, angel fish, tetras, etc.
 - 41. Explore the canopy on our unique tandem zip-line system.
 - 42. Observe monkeys on research trail grid behind the research center.
 - 43. View or participate in poison dart frog conservation management project.
 - 44. Visit butterfly colpa, where hundreds of species swarm (July-Oct)
 - 45. Have a revitalizing morning bath with medicinal plants.
 - 46. Marine fossil collection (Aug – Sep).
 - 47. Listen via hydrophone to the underwater sounds of aquatic animals.
 - From the recent (January 2009) National Geographic ratings, Amazonia Expedition
 - (Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Lodge) are for the third year in a row the top rated Amazon company in Peru. We are one of only 12 companies in the entire world to get a perfect 100 score in client satisfaction: <http://atr.nationalgeographic.com/outfitters/outfitterDetail.action?id=108>

Amazonia Expeditions has an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau. A member of the West Florida chapter of the Better Business bureau for 16 years, no complaint has ever been filed against Amazonia Expeditions.

Amazonia Expeditions has recently completed construction of the largest trail system in the Amazon. The trail system consists of 52 miles of trails over 1000 acres. Over 40 social groups of monkeys live on the trail system, representing 12 different species.

Amazonia Expeditions has the largest canopy zipline system in the Amazon.