



## Jungle Survival 9 days / 8 nights



Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Lodge

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We suggest 4 days acclimatization in the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Lodge while enjoying of the different excursions in the jungle. After that, you will spend another 4 days in the wilderness learning how to survive without the tools and technology of modern life. You will also hunt or harvest your own food and find sources of water out of roots and fruits.

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## Pricing

Occupancy Type	Lodge
Double	\$ 2340
Single	\$ 2447

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



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Caiman

## Itinerary

## Day 1

Flight from Lima to Iquitos. Upon arrival, reception and transfer to the pier. Depart Iquitos aboard a speed 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. There will be afternoon and evening excursions.

## Day 2

We will have guided excursions in and around the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Reserve. You should 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. Also choose some long hikes to acclimate to the jungle, perhaps some canoing in flooded forest.

## Day 3

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 4

After breakfast, our morning will start with a long hike on a trail grid. In the afternoon, we will swim with dolphins. After dinner, our best guide in the reserve, Orlando will introduce you to our camping/survival plan.

## Day 5

Camping/jungle survival either at the far reaches of a trail grid, or into the terra firme forest off the Rio Blanco. We will start with how to select a site, taking into consideration soil and drainage aspects. We will learn how to look for sources of food and water. We will also learn how to construct fire and weapons. We will learn about medicinal plants, constructing a raft and fishing with our own weapons using ancient techniques.

## Day 6

Day spent learning survival skills in the jungle.

## Day 7

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## Day 8

By the end of day 8 we will return to the main lodge and have an evening fiesta.

## Day 9

There will be a morning excursion before taking the motorboat back to Iquitos. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport.

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## Price includes:

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- Air transportation from Lima to Iquitos return
- 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).ices include: All gear and supplies provided
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Some aspects of the survival training covered:

1. Construction of lean-to

How to select site, soil and drainage aspects

What woods to use to set up framework; how to use irapay palm (*Lepidocaryum tenue*) fronds to rainproof

2. Construction of fire

Recognition of wood that will have hard, dry interior even when waterlogged by rainforest humidity; use of copal resin as fire starter

3. Sources of pure water

Immature yarina (*Phytelephas macrocarpa*) fruits; puca huasca vine (*Doliodermis dentatus*) and cano huasca vine (*Uncaria* spp.)

4. Sources of food

Palm fruits; palm hearts from *Euterpe* and *Iriartea* genera; edible beetle grubs; legumes, especially from *Inga* genus; using barbasco (*Lonchocarpus* species) sap to stun fish; canabrava (*Gynerium sagittatum*) to build fish trap; tamshi vine (*Carludovica devergens*) to make animal snare

5. Raft construction

Recognition of balsa wood, tied together with tamshi vine, oar from *remo caspii* (*Styrax acuminatum*)

6. Mosquito repellent

Made from *Nasutitermes* termites

7. Weapons

Fishing spear from *cumaceba* (*Cesalpina echinata*); bow from *cashapona* (*Iriartea exorrhiza*), string from *chambira* (*Astrocaryum chambira*), arrowshafts from bamboo and arrowheads from *cumaceba*.

8. Survival Medicines

Venomous snakebite—piripiri leaves (*Cyperus articulatus*)

Venomous insect—curarina bark (*Potalia amara*)

Fever—sanango root (*Sanango durum*)

Disinfectant—pichirina sap (*Vismia angusta*)

Field dressing—fiber inside bark of *machimango* (*Ceiba* species)

Antiparasitical—oje sap (*Ficus antihelmintica*)

Dysentery or gastrointestinal distress—hierba luisa leaves (*Cymbopogon citratus*)

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.