



TRIP ITINERARY

DISCOVERING EL DORADO AND ITS PROTECTORS

(8 days/ 7 nights)
With speed boat

The Amazon rainforest occupies 60% of the entire territory of Peru. The Amazon River begins its course towards the Atlantic Ocean a bit south of the city of Iquitos. Guided by a group of local fisherman, we will explore one of the most extensive and bio-diverse protected areas in Latin America, the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. On this journey, we will begin to understand the fragile equilibrium that marks the lives of a fishing community that dwells immersed in the magic of this unique natural environment.

Day 1 Lima - Iquitos

You will arrive in Iquitos, the largest city in the world only reachable by air or boat: an island in the heart of the Amazon jungle, where the Amazon River is born. Time of arrival depends on current flight schedules from Lima.

Reception in the airport, assistance as you transfer to your hotel

City tour of Iquitos, which was the administrative and economic capital of South America during the rubber boom. Orientation and preparation for the following day's journey. Dinner in a typical regional restaurant (not included)

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: None

Day 2 Iquitos - Manco Capac

After breakfast, we will head to the city of Nauta by bus (2 hours) ; from Nauta we'll board a speed boat (motor is 200 hp) to arrive at the community of Manco Capac, the entryway to El Dorado. We will be met by the fishing partners of the Yacu Tayta community group, "fathers of the waters." You'll get settled in your quarters, and we will take a walk to become acquainted with the community. After dinner, meeting with the Yacu Tayta guides, who will be accompanying us into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve.

From this time on, all meals will be included in the program (breakfast, lunch, dinner) while you are in the interior of the jungle.

Overnight: Manco Capac

Meals: B, L, D



Day 3 Manco Capac - Cocha El Dorado

After breakfast, we will take a walk to the dock of Achong, an historical road cleared by the rubber extractors, from where we can observe the biodiversity in this incredibly beautiful corner of the Amazon, including birds and monkeys. We will also see a variety of plants and trees.

After two hours, we will arrive at the Community Vigilance Point of Achong. We have now entered the second largest protected area in Peru, which, thanks to the efforts of the local populace, is now a region rich in bio-diversity that boasts abundant flora and fauna.

At lunchtime, we will arrive at El Dorado Lake, which we will explore further by boat, observing the local animal and birds thriving in an area of amazing natural beauty.

We'll get settled into the refuge, and at night, meet to coordinate with our guides for the activities of the following day.

Overnight; El Dorado refuge

Meals; B, L, D

Day 4 El Dorado, Getting to Know the Lake and its Guardians

Excursion in canoe or motor boat (15 hp) to explore "El Dorado" and its channels: it's a lake that covers an area of over 300 hectares, and is populated by pink and grey dolphins (*Inia geoffrensis* and *Sotalia fluviatilis*), alligators, turtles, fish, an incredible variety of birds, and other protected species.

First thing in the morning, we will go fishing with the Yacu Tayta group members, and in the afternoon we will visit the

Community Vigilance Point of Cantagallo, where we will learn about the activities the group engages in to promote the protection and conservation of the area's resources.

At night we will explore the area by motorboat or canoe, to look for nocturnal creatures.

Overnight; El Dorado refuge

Meals; B, L, D

Day 5 El Dorado, the Paiche (Arapaima Gigas), the Arahuanas (Dragon Fish) and the Taricaya Turtle (Pseudemys unifilis)

First thing in the morning, we will explore "Las Chontillas," two small, mysterious islands that float in the middle of the lake. They are populated by numerous species of birds. There are many intriguing legends about the islands, which are related among the local fishermen.



The rest of the day is dedicated to learning about and participating in the activities for protection and sustainable use of this area (program will vary depending on the season).

We will learn how and why a group of local fisherman began a project dedicated to protecting the Amazon jungle 15 years ago.

Overnight: El Dorado refuge

Meals: B,L,D

Day 6 El Dorado - Manco Capac.

After breakfast we will take our leave of El Dorado and return to Manco Capac. Along the journey we will stop to visit Concha Mauca, an eco-system distinct from its surroundings, which offers spectacular vistas replete with unique flora and numerous animal species.

Box lunch at the Achong Vigilance Point and return to the community of Manco Capac.

Overnight: Manco Capac

Meals: B, L, D

Day 7 Manco Capac- Requena - Iquitos

After breakfast, we will board a speedboat and head for Nauta. We will have a box lunch while on board. From Nauta, we will continue to Iquitos by public or private bus, depending on the number of participants.

Overnight: Hotel in Iquitos

Meals: B, L

Day 8 Iquitos - Lima

We will return to the airport in time for your flight to Lima.

If you are able to stay for another night, you will have the opportunity to visit other interesting and lesser-known areas near the city, among them the San Juan Artisan's Market.



Note:

This program is designed for groups of up to 8 people. Flexibility and travel experience are required, due to the transportation on public launch, and the length of the boat trips between Requena and Manco Capac.

**PRICES ARE ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.
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Price includes:

- Transfers from airport/hotel/ airport in Iquitos.
- Boat transport from Nauta to Manco Capac and (motor 200hp or 150 hp) as indicated in the program.
- Transfers to the interior of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve (by motorboat 15 hp or “peke peke” or canoe) as indicated in the program.
- 5 nights in Amazon refuge (2 nights in Manco Capac and 3 nights in El Dorado.
- 2 nights in the city of Iquitos.
- 14 meals (B,L,D) in the interior of the reserve (Manco Capac and El Dorado).
- Excursions as mentioned in the program.
- Staff during the entire trip (driver, navigator, local guides from Iquitos, administrators, cooks, and equipment porters).
- Entry permits for the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve.
- Information packet (sent upon booking of the trip).
- Bilingual/ cultural mediator.

Not Included:

- International Flight
- Roundtrip Domestic Flight Lima Iquitos Lima
- Travel Insurance
- Transfers not specified in program
- Airport Taxes
- Laundry Services
- Alcoholic or non -alcoholic beverages
- Tips
- Everything not specified in the program



Useful Information for Travelers

Responsibility:

We are not responsible for lateness, losses or other inconveniences caused by external events (such as strikes, natural events, civil disturbances)
Hours and programs may be changed depending on climatic and seasonal conditions.
Activities indicated in the program vary by season.

Form of Payment

In Euros or USD, 50% of total upon confirmation of the reservation, non-reimbursable in case of cancellation. Balance must be paid before trip begins.

Suggested Equipment List

Comfortable clothing

Hiking shoes and rubber boots (which can be purchased in a market in Iquitos), sandals

High socks, long, comfortable pants (thick-weave)

Short and long-sleeved t-shirts or blouses

Swimsuit

Headscarf or kerchief

Towel for your stay in Manco Capac

We recommend you bring a backpack instead of a suitcase

Medications

Basic first aid kit (personal medications, pain-relief medicine, band aids, etc)

Sunscreen

Insect repellent (The pharmacies in Iquitos carry good insect repellents, however, the best protection against mosquitoes is proper clothing (see above) We recommend you also bring products to alleviate pain and itching from bites and stings; in Peru, we use Camphorated Alcohol (ask for *alcohol alcanforado* in the pharmacies)

Anti-mite lotion, also available in Iquitos' pharmacies.

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