



Explorama Lodge

The first Explorama lodge was originally built in 1964 and was the first real jungle lodge anywhere in Peru. Since then, it's undergone a series of modernisations and is unrecognisable from its former self. What hasn't changed is the location in deep primary rainforest, or the peaceful romantic feel the lodge still maintains.

Time hasn't stood still in terms of activities and facilities either, with a huge new canopy walkway just one of the reasons to make this the jungle lodge in Peru to add to your holiday itinerary. You can also combine a stay at the Explorama lodge with a couple of days relaxation at the nearby Ceiba Tops for a slice of luxury!



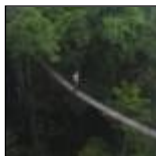
Day One - Into the jungle

This morning we will meet you at your hotel and take you to the Explorama dock for a fifty mile journey down the Amazon River to the Yanamono Stream where our lodge is located. We will have an afternoon hike along the "Lake trail" through lowland rainforest which is seasonally flooded. During the high water season, this excursion is done by open boat! In the evening, we will have a night walk or open boat ride to enjoy the sounds of the rainforest and stars of the Southern sky.



Day Two - Explorama Lodge

We will get up early this morning for a birding excursion. Then, after breakfast, we will walk along the "Bushmaster Trail", where scientific studies by the Missouri Botanical Gardens have found the world's highest biodiversity of trees per square hectare. Continuing on, we will visit a small village of Yagua Indians where your guide will explain their culture and how it has been affected by the passing of time. There will be an opportunity to trade for or purchase some of their local crafts and for a demonstration of the use of the blowgun which some of the Yagua elders still use for hunting. In the afternoon we will head out by boat in search of sloths, found in Cecropia trees at the water's edge, and the two species of freshwater river dolphin, pink and grey, found in Amazonian waters.



Day Three - Canopy Walkway

An early morning departure from the Lodge by boat will take us to the mouth of the Napo River where in 1542, the intrepid explorer Francisco de Orellano, became the first European to discover the Amazon River. After stopping for breakfast, we will have a short hike to the spectacular Canopy Walkway spanning over 500 meters (one-third of a mile), connected by tree platforms, and reaching a height of over 35 meters (115 feet) but accessible without any type of climbing skill or equipment. After this amazing birds-eye view of the jungle, we will visit the "ReNuPeRu" Ethnobotanical Garden where over 240 medicinal plants are cultivated by a local shaman who will explain the nature of Amazonian natural healing and the uses of some of the plants. We will then return to our Lodge in time to relax in the hammock house or at the Tahuampa Bar before dinner.



Day Three - Last Day in the Jungle

We will have a final morning walk along a local Amazon River trail for a last look at the area's amazing wildlife, before we head back to Iquitos and on to the airport or hotel.