



# YOUR AMAZON PLANET EXPERIENCE



Thank you for choosing Amazon Planet EcoLodge to experience the rainforest based on a unique jungle experience with the best quality service and a vision of social, cultural and ecological responsibility.

We are here to preserve this important ecosystem with your help as a visitor (true ecotourism).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR JUNGLE TRIP

**LOCATION.** Tambopata, Madre de Dios, Peru. Arrive to Puerto Maldonado city (Padre Aldamis airport). Lodge is 1h downriver (28km) only by motorboat from the city. Next to TARICAYA ECORESERVE, within the buffer zone of the Tambopata National Reserve, one of the most biodiverse areas on Mother Earth. Between us and Taricaya we protect 550 ha of pristine original rainforest to explore and be one with nature.

**OUR CAUSE. TARICAYA ECORESERVE.** Eco-touristic concession with biodiversity conservation projects to protect and restore the Amazon rainforest of Madre de Dios since 2001. **Part of our revenue supports Taricaya. As our guest you explore the reserve, visit and learn up close about the projects, helping in the conservation of the rainforest through your stay.**



**SANDRA'S HOUSE/OFFICE.** 20min by car from airport/bus station across the Billinghurst bridge, just 5min from the Main plaza, **YOUR FIRST STOP** to get ready for our river transfer to the Lodge.

**REPACKING:** Please prepare just a backpack or small suitcase for the Lodge with the necessary things for your stay. You can borrow a travel bag for your use. Secure storage area for what you leave behind.

**CAR TRANSFERS. INCLUDED.** Pick up and drop off (airport, bus station or hotel). Our trusted car service with the Amazon Planet sign and your name will be expecting you.

**RIVER TRANSFERS. INCLUDED NOT PRIVATE. River transfer into the Lodge is 11:45h OR 14h (only one per day).** Journey downriver is 1h. **Only one transfer out from the Lodge ONLY at 8:00h.** Journey upriver is 1h30m. CONSIDER the long wait in the city when arriving on earlier flights or bus and when departing on late flights or bus. You have Sandra's house as a base to store your things safe and explore the city freely on your own. We give you tips for city tour of Puerto Maldonado. Private river transfer can be booked for extra cost in advance.

## THE ECOLODGE.

**CHECK IN & CHECK OUT.** Registration upon arrival at the Main House and Intro Talk (House Rules) before accommodation in your cabin. Check out from cabin is before breakfast. Make sure you do not leave anything behind.

**MAIN HOUSE** - Dining room, sofa area with board games, books. El Tunche Bar to enjoy drinks and snacks, gift shop, terrace to rest on layback chairs. **HAMMOCKS AREA** - Outside the Main house lie down on the hammocks and relax outdoors. **CABINS (accommodation)** - 18 comfortable wood cabins, with main room, private restroom and terrace. Double, twin share, triple or family occupancy. Single occupancy has extra cost. Forest view. Upgrade to river view for extra cost. Fan in the room and warm water (NOT hot) in the shower. Amenities: sheets and towels (changed only upon request), shampoo and soap, toilet paper. To repel mosquitos, raid plug and coil, candles, incense, mosquito nets on bed.

**ENERGY.** No city power in the middle of the jungle. Since 2021 **WE USE CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY** for power. Solar panel and battery systems give us energy 24h/day. However, energy is not unlimited. We must use it with care and caution to assure the wellbeing of the equipment and not run out of power. During a sunny day you can use power more freely. During cloudy/rainy day and at night energy is more limited so make sure you turn off lights and fan when not in use. At night is fresh so turn off your fan before falling asleep. Energy is 220V, bring adapter for 110V devices. **DO NOT** use electric devices like hair dryer, iron, etc. **SAVE ENERGY AND USE IT WISELY.**



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**WATER.** River water is pumped to sedimentation tanks and purified. Avoid drinking tap water. For **DRINKING WATER**, a pitcher of water in your room upon arrival. Refill your own bottle free of charge in the main house. Reuse your bottle. Avoid single use plastic.

**WARM WATER.** Gas heater outside your bungalow for warm water in the shower. Do not manipulate the equipment. Please notify the staff if it is not working or if you prefer to switch it to cold water and vice versa.

**SHEETS AND TOWELS.** We only change sheets and towels upon guest's request. Please notify the staff to change your sheets or towels only if it is really necessary.

**SAVE WATER AND USE IT WISELY.**

**MEALS.** **We are moving towards a more sustainable, fair, conscious food.** We serve 3 course daily set-menus (no service a la cart) accompanied with a jar of tropical fruit or fresh fruit water, following amazing flavors of Peruvian Amazonian fusion cuisine, **mainly with plant-based local products.** Breakfast is served at 7:00h. Lunch at 13:00h. Dinner at 19:30h. We cater for vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, diabetics, etc. Also kids menu. Please notify in advance any food restriction. When river transfer is at 14h on day 1, you get a lunch box to enjoy before arrival to the Lodge.

**BAR & GIFT SHOP.** Buy snacks, cookies, cold drinks, cocktails with tropical fruits, Pisco Sour and more. Personal hygiene products and items for your excursions like flashlight, repellent, raincoat. Take a souvenir of your Amazon Planet jungle experience. **ONLY CASH PAYMENTS IN SOLES OR US DOLLARS ACCEPTED INSIDE THE LODGE.**

**DIGITAL DETOX.** Happy to say there is **NO SIGNAL NOR WIFI** at the Lodge to disconnect from routine, cleanse from virtual life and radiation, and reconnect with nature. There is a signal spot in case of emergencies. Ask about the service if you need to communicate urgently during your stay.

**SECURITY.** Guard your belongings. Losing your room key will incur in a cost for the guest (US\$10). Request safety service if necessary. We are not responsible for the loss of money or valuables in our facilities.

**FOOT WEAR.** During rainy season rubber boots are available to borrow for free during your stay. Please send your shoe size in US in advance so we can confirm availability of your size. NOTE: for sizes 14 (45) and up bring your own pair. Inside the Lodge facilities take off your shoes or boots, use sandals or be barefoot.

**TOURS AND EXCURSIONS.** Not private. Activities guided by our bilingual naturalist experts in Spanish and English. One guide can take 8-10 guests per activity/tour. For private guide or in French/German, book in advance for extra cost. **Groups with children under 11 and seniors 70+ must hire a private guide. Order of activities in itinerary may vary without notice. Cancellation due to weather conditions and other external factors is possible.**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT. Follow the 3Rs.** Reduce, reuse, and recycle. DO NOT mix organic with inorganic waste, separate your waste in the designated bins. Toilet paper goes into the bin NOT in the toilet.

**LAUNDRY.** Service in the city for clothes you will not need in the jungle. Ask upon arrival. Cost US\$4 the kilo.

**CLIMATE.** Tropical and humid with high temperatures throughout the year, especially August/September. Thermal sensation of the combined heat and high humidity sometimes feels near 40-45°C. Rains all year long, especially abundant November to March. Average annual T° in Puerto Maldonado is 25.4°C. Cold air masses from Antarctica drop T° below 10°C. These weather phenomena, locally called "friaaje", may occur April to September.

**OBSERVATION OF FAUNA.** We are in the middle of a pristine protected rainforest connected to the Tambopata National Reserve so there is high probability to observe all kinds of wildlife. Follow your guide's instructions and open your senses as you walk along our trails. Keep in mind that we do not manipulate wildlife so it is possible that by the very nature of the animals being wild, some animals are very hard to see.



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**TIPS FOR STAFF.** Recognition of our hard work as a team is much appreciated. Tip your guide or any staff directly if his/her efforts stood out. Also, a tip box in the dining area if you wish to leave something for the entire team.

**PENDING OR ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS:** Cash is recommended to avoid transaction costs. Only in the city payment by Paypal (4.9% additional) and by credit card (4.7% additional) are available. **We do not cover the transaction cost of the chosen payment channel.**

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL.** Basic first aid kit at the Lodge in case of minor injuries. Local clinic in the city in case of major emergencies. **Yellow fever:** Vaccine is recommended but not mandatory here. No case of yellow fever in the area for almost 15 years. **Malaria:** Not present here. Never a case of Malaria in the region. Medication is not necessary and can cause terrible side effects.

## CHECK LIST OF WHAT YOU MUST BRING FOR YOUR STAY IN THE JUNGLE

- ☑ Hiking shoes or boots, sandals, comfortable footwear
- ☑ Comfortable, thin clothing: long pants, shorts, long sleeve shirts, short sleeve shirts, summer clothing, some winter clothing in case of friaje
- ☑ Rain jacket or poncho (you can also purchase one at the gift shop) and wind jacket
- ☑ Mosquito repellent (spray and lotion), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- ☑ Good flashlight and batteries (important for night jungle walk)
- ☑ Camera, charger, binoculars
- ☑ Small backpack for excursions
- ☑ Water bottle for refill (Avoid single use plastic) & snacks for hikes.
- ☑ First aid kit (traveler sized): We have a policy of not administering drugs
- ☑ Cash (soles or US dollars): for personal expenses and extra services during your stay

## SAFETY MEASURES TO KEEP IN MIND FOR YOUR JUNGLE EXPERIENCE

- ☑ Make sure you please read the recommended check list above.
- ☑ Follow our GREEN CODE to be a responsible conscious tourist caring for the Amazon jungle and our planet.
- ☑ We do not offer medical insurance. We firmly recommend coming to Peru with a travel medical insurance.
- ☑ Follow your guide's instructions at all times, keep quiet during excursions, and do not throw garbage into nature. When walking on the trails, stay at your group's reach, do not touch anything without your guide's consent, watch your step constantly for any holes, logs or roots on the path.
- ☑ Respect the wildlife around you.
- ☑ Do not come close, touch or feed the animals sheltered at the rescue center.
- ☑ Respect silence during resting hours (cabins are not sound proof) and enjoy the sounds of the forest.
- ☑ DO NOT wander the trails without a guide and at night. This is to avoid disorientation or the bite of wild animals.
- ☑ Lifejackets must be used during river transfers and river activities.
- ☑ Swimming in the river is allowed with your guide's permission and supervision.
- ☑ ONLY smoking in outdoor areas around the Lodge facilities. DO NOT smoke in your room, in the main house, on the boat or during activities in the rainforest.
- ☑ Bring a flashlight or torch with good power for the night.
- ☑ Apply repellent constantly to avoid bites. Long sleeve shirts and pants for excursions are recommended.
- ☑ Close the door of your bungalow behind you every time you come in and out to avoid bugs coming in.
- ☑ Turn off your lights when leaving the bungalow to not attract bugs and to save energy.
- ☑ Notify our staff if something is not working properly or if you have any issue during your stay. We will resolve it right away within our possibilities.

**THANK YOU FOR READING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU WITH US SOON!**



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