

YOUR AMAZON PLANET EXPERIENCE

Thank you for choosing Amazon Planet Lodge to experience the rainforest through a responsible tourism based on the best quality service and unique jungle experience with a vision of social, cultural and ecological responsibility as we preserve this important ecosystem with your help as a visitor.

Follow this guide to be well informed about and prepare for your jungle experience with us.

LOCATION. Tambopata, Madre de Dios, Peru. Arrive to Puerto Maldonado city. Our office is at 20min from the airport on the left bank of Madre de Dios river across the bridge just 5min from the Main plaza by car.

Our Lodge is on the right bank of Madre de Dios river at 1h downriver (28km) only by motorboat from the city. Next to TARICAYA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, inside the buffer zone of the Tambopata National Reserve, one of the most biodiverse areas in the world. Between us and Taricaya we protect 550 ha of well-preserved rainforest to explore and look for the fauna and flora typical of the region.

OUR CAUSE: TARICAYA RESERVA ECOLOGICA. Eco-touristic concession and nonprofit association dedicated to biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of natural resources in the Amazon rainforest of Madre de Dios. Staff and volunteers work daily on the different projects developed there. We develop the responsible tourism inside the reserve and contribute to its labor. **Part of our revenue supports Taricaya's projects. As our guest you visit and learn up close about them, helping in the conservation of the rainforest through your stay.**



OUR FACILITIES

THE OFFICE: First stop from airport or bus station for registration and repacking. Lounge area, terrace with beautiful river view, WiFi, restroom, changing room and storage area for your free use. Walk down to our port to take the motorboat for the Lodge. **ONLY CASH PAYMENT IN SOLES OR DOLLARS FOR ANY BALANCE OR FEES.**

REPACKING: Please prepare just a backpack or small suitcase for the Lodge with the necessary things for your stay. We lend travel bags for your use. Secure storage area for what you leave behind.

OUR LODGE

MAIN HOUSE: Main dining room, sofa area with board games, books and pool table, El Tunche Bar to enjoy drinks and snacks, and gift shop, terrace to rest on layback chairs.

HAMMOCKS AREA: Outside the Main house lie down on the hammocks and relax outdoors.

CABINS (accommodation): 20 comfortable wood cabins, with main room, private bathroom and terrace. Double, twin share, triple or quadruple occupancy. Single occupancy has extra cost. Forest view. Upgrade to river view for extra cost.

Fan in the room and warm water in the shower. Amenities: body and hand towel (changed only upon request), organic shampoo and soap, tissues and toilet paper. To repel mosquitos, raid plug and coil, candles and incense, mosquito nets on bed.

OUR SERVICES

TRANFERS: Pick up and drop off (airport, bus station or hotel), car and river transfers are included.

CHECK IN & CHECK OUT: **Transfer into the Lodge is 11:30h or 14h.** Journey downriver is 1h. **Transfer out from the Lodge ONLY at 7:30h.** Journey upriver is 1h30m. NOTICE the long wait in the city when arriving on earlier flights or bus and when departing on late flights or bus. Late private transfer out for extra cost.

ENERGY: No city power in the middle of the jungle so we use a gasoline generator. To reduce our emission of Greenhouse gases we only turn it on for periods of the day: for 1h before breakfast time, from 12:30h to 15h and from 17:45h to 22h.

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During these times you can turn on lights, fan and charge batteries. Power is 220V. Bring adapter for 110V devices. Electric current is low so **do not use hair dryer or iron**, which can cause an electric shortcut.

During your stay please **SAVE ENERGY AND USE IT WISELY following our GREEN CODE.**

WATER: River water is pumped to sedimentation tanks and purified. Avoid drinking tap water. For **DRINKING WATER**, a pitcher of water in your room is refilled every morning and refill your own bottle free of charge in the main house. At the bar bottled water. **WARM WATER:** Gas heater outside your bungalow for warm water in the shower. 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: To reduce our water use 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.

During your stay please **SAVE WATER AND USE IT WISELY following our GREEN CODE.**

FOOD: Daily set-menus (no service a la cart). Variety of typical regional and national cuisine using local products. Breakfast 7:00h (eggs, bread, fruits, jam, natural juice, tea, coffee. Lake Tour 5:00h is a to-go breakfast. Lunch 13:00h (first course salad, second course, dessert and natural fruit juice). Dinner 20h (first course soup, second course, dessert and natural fruit juice). Cater for vegetarian, vegan, gluten free. Also kids menu. Please notify in advance any food restriction.

First lunch is a special lunch box to enjoy during the journey when arrival into PEM is after 11:30h and later.

BAR AND 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.**

NO WIFI: Happy to say there is NO SIGNAL at the Lodge to disconnect from routine and get in touch with nature. A spot for signal in case of emergencies. Ask manager if you need to communicate urgently during your stay.

SECURITY BOX: Each room has a security box to guard your valuables in the room. Losing the security key will incur in a cost for the guest (US\$20). **We are not responsible for the loss of money or valuables in our facilities.**

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

FOOT WEAR: During rainy season rubber boots are available for excursions. Please send your shoe size in US in advance so we can confirm availability of your size. NOTE: for sizes 12 (43) 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 naturalist experts in Spanish or English. One guide can take 8-10 guests per activity. For private guide or in French/German, book in advance for extra cost. **Groups with children 11- and seniors 70+ must hire a private guide. Order of activities in itinerary may vary without notice and cancellation due to weather conditions and other external factors is possible.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT: Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Separate your waste in the designated bins. During your stay please **SEPARATE YOUR WASTE AND FOLLOW THE 3RS following our Green Code.**

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR JUNGLE TRIP

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 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 "friaje", may occur April to September.

OBSERVATION OF FAUNA: We are in the middle of a very pristine 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 all



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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 animals being wild, some animals cannot be seen.

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

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 10 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
- ✓ Mosquitoes repellent (spray and lotion), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- ✓ Good flashlight and batteries (important for night jungle walk and when generator is off at night)
- ✓ Camera, charger, binoculars
- ✓ Small backpack for excursions
- ✓ Water bottle for refill
- ✓ 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

- ✓ Follow our GREEN CODE to be a responsible 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 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 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!