AMAZON ODYSSEY 5/4 PROGRAM

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

1. Pick up and Drop off to Airport, bus or Hotel.
2. River transfers to and from the Lodge (1h to 1.5h motorboat ride).
3. 04 Nights' accommodation in independent cabins with private bathroom and terrace.
4. All meals included, starting with lunch on the first day of arrival and ending with breakfast on the last day.
5. Guides for tours (no more than 8-10 per group).
6. SAFE TRAVEL. ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES ANTI COVID
7. All reserve entrance fees
8. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:
   a) Day and night jungle walks
   b) Deep Excursion into Taricaya Ecological Reserve
   c) Canopy walkways and Platforms on tree top including highest in nature.
   d) Tour of the Taricaya rescue center and conservation projects
   e) Night river cruise in search of caimans and other nocturnal animals. Star gaze.
   f) River adventure on inflatable boats.
   g) Visit to Lake Sandoval inside the Tambopata National Reserve
   f) Visit to indigenous family of the native Ese-Eja tribe

DAY 1

Arrival to Puerto Maldonado.

Pick up from Padre Aldamis Airport in Puerto Maldonado, bus station or hotel in the city. Transfer to our office to repack only the necessary for your jungle stay. Make sure you have all the elements you will need for your stay. Check the travel guide where you will find a list of what to bring to the jungle to prepare beforehand for your trip HERE

Travel down the Madre de Dios river through the heart of the jungle surrounded by the flora, fauna and breathtaking scenery of the Amazon jungle before arriving at Amazon Planet Lodge (Approx. 1 hour).

12:00 Transfer IN: When all guests on that day arrive before 11am. Arrive to Amazon Planet at 13:00 for registration at the main house and enjoy a refreshing fruit water to start lunch. After lunch, settle in to your private bungalow (Your bags will be taken to your bungalow by our staff) and take a rest before your first activity.

14:15 Transfer IN: When some guests arrive after 12:00. Arrive to Amazon Planet at 15:15 for quick registration at the main house and enjoy a refreshing fruit water to start your first activity (Your bags will be taken to your bungalow by our staff). You will settle into your cabin after the activity.

15:45 - Begin your first activity with an introduction walk of the surrounding Jungle with your guide and group (Approx. 1hour). Meet your guide at the main house to watch a video of the Taricaya Ecoreserve and the different projects developed over the years. Time for questions and sharing moments.

18:30 - Take a night walk with your guide and experience the jungle as it transforms from day into night making way for nocturnal animals especially adapted for the dark (1 hour)

19:30 – Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of day.

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DAY 2

7am - Breakfast is served.
8am –Begin by going on a deep excursion into Taricaya Ecoreserve along an original primary protected forest surrounded by 300+ year old trees while your guide explains the history and biology of the ¬flora and fauna by sight and sound. Arrive at our first platform located 15 meters high to access the canopy walkway, a 90-meter long suspension bridge, that takes you to the Canopy platform, the highest tree platform in South America. Located 45 meters high up in the crown of an ancient Kapok tree, it is not for the faint hearted and a great challenge for adventure seekers. Catch a glimpse of flying Macaws, parrots or Toucans; the view of the forest from above on this platform is truly unforgettable!
Come down from the platform and continue exploring the forest in search of wild animals, expanding your senses and feeling the energy of pure nature (Approx. 3 hours)

Back to the Lodge for rest, relax on our hammocks area or enjoy a fresh jungle juice at the bar.
13:00 - Lunch is served.
After lunch relax in the hammock area, enjoy a cocktail from the Tunche bar or have a rest in the comfort of your private bungalow.

15:30 - Meet your guide for the afternoon excursion along the forest parallel to the river until you reach the Taricaya Volunteers Lodge and Research Center. You will visit one of the lead conservation projects in the Reserve, the Taricaya Wildlife Rescue Center. Encounter many different wild animals including macaws, toucans, spider monkeys, howler monkeys, jaguarondi, bush dog, river turtles and tortoises, the Andean Spectacled bears (rescued from a circus) and more. The animals you visit are in enclosures which is the necessary first step in their rehabilitation process to be released back into the wild if possible. Some animals are residents who cannot be released for human or their own wellbeing and are given a good quality of life at the center.

PLEASE BE AWARE THIS IS A RESCUE CENTRE NOT A ZOO!!!! (we cannot stress this enough)
These animals are in the process of rehabilitation before being released back into the wild, we do not support or condone animals in captivity for purposes of tourist attractions! Taricaya has single handedly repopulated these parts of the jungle with animals that have been able to return to the wild including the black spider monkey who was extinct in this area, through the first Reintroduction Program for Wildlife in Peru.
You will also see the artificial beaches of the Taricaya turtle project (between July, August and September you will see the ¬flags
pointing out the turtle nests in the sand, relocated to be kept safe from poachers until they hatch and are released back to the beach the eggs were collected in November). Enjoy the sun setting from the tower close to the river and then walk back to the Lodge along the forest (2 hours).

Back at the lodge for well-deserved rest or cocktail in the bar.
18:30 - Prepare yourself for a night river cruise on the motorboat to go along the river. We will search for the spectacled caimans as they lay along the river banks at night, might jars, capybaras (biggest rodent in the world) if we are luck. On an open night you will enjoy the amazing sky filled with stars and look for constellations as we float downriver enjoying the quite energy of the night in the jungle.
19:30 – Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of day.
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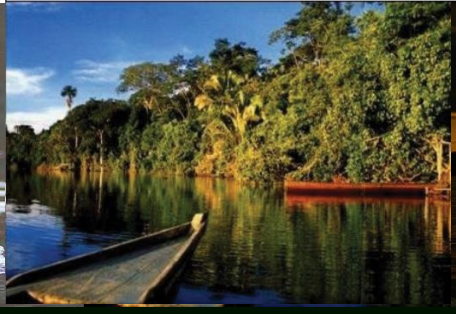

DAY 3

4:30h – A very early wake before the sunrise, a cup of coffee and a to-go breakfast before heading upriver for 1h travel on the motorboat to the entrance of the Tambopata National Reserve. *(Why so early? 2 main reasons: first, because the earlier we go, the best chances to see wildlife. Second, because the lake is an open area and the heat during the paddle gets very strong and overwhelming from 10am onward).*

6:00h - Start your 3 km trek to Lake Sandoval. Upon the way enjoy the diverse ecosystem spotting wildlife on the way like squirrel monkeys, howler monkey, blue and yellow macaw and more.
Arrive to the mouth of the lake and hop on a rowboat, your guide will paddle your group around the pristine mirror like lake to
enjoy the beautiful scenery with the opportunity to encounter the impressive large black caiman. Continue on your search for
the family of the endangered giant river otter that calls this lake home (Approx. 5 hours)
Take your snack by the water´s edge.
11am - After enjoying the amazing nature of the lake we leave we return via the 3km hike back to our motorboat and travel downriver back to the Lodge.

12:00h – Return to the lodge for a well-deserved rest.
13:00h – Lunch is served.
14:00h – Relax in the hammocks area, enjoy a cocktail at the bar or rest in the comfort of your private bungalow.

16:00 - A favorite of all tourists this activity gives you the chance to separate yourself from the group and enjoy a self-toured ¬boat down the River on an inflatable boat with guides close on hand but far enough to let you soak in the sunset in silence. Of course the opportunity to see turtles, monkeys, herons and other birds that are along the river side may distract you for a while with a beautiful backdrop of the sunset over the river, you can even enjoy a refreshing swim in the river. (Approx. 1.5h)

17:30h - Return to the Lodge for well-deserved rest or cocktail in the bar.
18:30 – Conservation Talk. Join your guide at the main house for a talk about the conservation work we are part of in the area and watch some videos of the projects saving the Amazon.
19:30 – Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of day.

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DAY 4

7:00h - Breakfast.
8:30h - Travel upriver for 15 minutes to visit a small island, home to a local native family of the Ese-Eja tribe. We are welcomed by Enrique and his wife Teresa. Listen how they swap between their native language and Spanish as your guide translates their stories, beliefs and history. Learn about their ancestral customs, heritage and the true story of how Enrique's grandfather and his tribe were forced out of the forest by missionaries. (Approx. 1hour)
Finally, you can have a one to one talk with Enrique and Teresa (your guide will translate). Check out their handcrafts and native jewelry on display, an important economic activity Esa Eja women maintain until today.
We encourage you bring some soles and buy some of their work to support them and as a true native gift for you or loved one.
We go back on the motorboat and enjoy floating downriver as we look for wildlife on the river banks and the energy of the river.

11:00h: Return to the Lodge for a rest and to enjoy a fresh jungle juice at the bar.
13:00h – Lunch is served.
15:00h – Relax in a hammock, have a game of football (soccer), have a cold drink at the bar or sit on your terrace with nature for a relaxing afternoon. You can take an auto photo tour around the lodge facilities to capture the beautiful nature.
If you want to test river fishing you can rent a fishing rod and see if you catch a piranha, catfish, or other river fish.
19:30 – Dinner and enjoy delicious Amazonian cocktails at the bar. Rest and end of day.

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DAY 5

7:00 - Check out from your bungalow. (Leave your bags packed and ready for our HK staff to carry them to the boat and PLEASE don't forget anything in your room)
Breakfast is served
The boat is ready to leave at 8:00
8:00 - Say goodbye to the jungle as we head back up river until we reach our port at the house/office.
Pick up any stored luggage or repack.

Transfer out and drop off to the airport, bus or hotel depending on your ¬flight schedule, late departures are welcome to stay in our lounge area to reconnect with the world via free WiFI or ask about the city tour options (Taxis and tours have an extra cost).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE BE AWARE:

- This is a tentative itinerary. Order of activities may vary without notice depending on weather or ¬Flight delays.
- Established schedules can be modified in coordination with the guide but in agreement with all guests.
- In the case you do not want, or are not able to participate on an excursion, you may choose to stay at the lodge.

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