

Posada Amazonas

Posada Amazonas is ideal for those looking for an introductory experience. The travel time required to get to Posada Amazonas from Puerto Maldonado is less than two hours, therefore you have time to explore the forest from the same afternoon you arrive. It offers enough quality natural and cultural resources to keep your agenda full for your two night stay: giant river otters at an oxbow lake, parrots at a clay lick, a canopy tower and an ethnobotanical trail.

Program 1:

Posada Amazonas, lake Tres Chimbadas and ethnobotanical Center

3 days/ 2 nights

Day 1

- Upon arrival from Lima or Cusco, we will welcome you at the airport and drive you ten minutes to our Puerto Maldonado headquarters. While enjoying your first taste of the forest in our gardens we will ask you to pack only the necessary gear for your next few days, and leave the rest at our safe deposit. This helps us keep the boats and cargo light.

- *Puerto Maldonado to Tambopata River Port.* Skirting Puerto Maldonado, we drive 20 kilometers to the Tambopata River Port, entering the Native Community of Infierno. The port is a communal business.

- *Boxed Lunch.*

- *Tambopata River Port to Posada Amazonas.* The forty five minute boat ride from the Tambopata Port to Posada Amazonas will take us into the Community's Primary Forest Private Reserve.

- *Orientation.* Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you with important navigation and security tips.



- *Canopy tower:* A twenty minute walk from Posada

Amazonas leads to the 30 meter scaffolding canopy tower. A bannistered staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. From atop you obtain spectacular views of the vast expanses of standing forest cut by the Tambopata River winding through the middle. Now and then toucans, parrots or macaws are seen flying against the horizon, or mixed species canopy flocks land in the treetop next to you.

- *Dinner.*

- *Ecotourism Lecture.* A daily presentation on the Infierno ecotourism project is available every night from a staff member.

- *Overnight in Posada Amazonas.*

Day 2

- *Breakfast.*

- *Tres Chimbadas Oxbow Lake:* Tres Chimbadas is thirty minutes by boat and forty five minutes hiking from Posada Amazonas. Once there you will paddle around the lake in a catamaran, searching for the resident family of nine giant river otters (seen by 60% of our lake visitors) and other lakeside wildlife such as caiman, hoatzin and horned screamers.



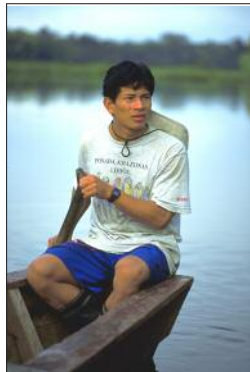
- *Parrot clay lick:* This clay lick is only a twenty minute walk from Posada Amazonas. From a blind located about twenty meters away you will see dozens of parrots and parakeets descend on most clear mornings to ingest the clay on a river bank. Species such as Mealy and Yellow-headed Amazon, Blue-headed Parrot and Dusky headed Parakeet descend at this clay lick. The clay lick is most active at dawn and during the late mornings and mid-afternoons.

- *Lunch.*

- *Ethnobotanical Tour:* A twenty minute boat drive downriver leads you to a trail designed by the staff of the Centro Ñape. The Centro Ñape is a communal organization that produces medicines out of forest plants and administers them to patients who choose their little clinic. They have produced a trail which explains the different medicinal (and other) uses of selected plants.



- *Dinner.*
- *Night walk.* You will have the option of hiking out at night, when most of the mammals are active but rarely seen. Much easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.
- *Overnight in Posada Amazonas*



Day 3

- *Breakfast.*
- *Transfer to Pto Maldonado and the airport.*

Program 2:

Posada Amazonas, lake Tres Chimbatas, ethnobotanical Center and Parrot clay lick

4 days / nights

Day 1

Like Program 1.

Day 2

Like Program 1.

Day 3

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- *Breakfast.*
- *Ceiba Trail Hike:* We leave from the lobby at Posada Amazonas and embark on a two hour hike crowned by the largest tree in the vicinity: a giant ceiba tree. During the hike we will focus on the



natural history of the rain forest and its principal taxonomic groups.

- *Lunch.*
- *Farm Visit.* A thirty minute boat drive downriver takes us to the most complete farm in the

community of Infierno. The owner grows a diverse variety of popular and unknown Amazon crops. In his garden, just about every plant and tree serves a purpose.

- *Dinner.*
- *Overnight in Posada Amazonas*

Day 4

- *Breakfast.*
- *Transfer to Pto Maldonado and the airport.*