

PUERTO MALDONADO OPTIONS: (TAMBOPATA LODGES)

There are several Amazon Lodge programmes available in Peru. Below are 3 of our recommendations.

Reserva Amazonica (3 days / 2 nights)

This lodge has the best facilities/rooms in the area; we would recommend it for passengers looking for a comfortable jungle experience.

- Day 1** Reception at Puerto Maldonado airport. Transfer to the river port. Set out on outboard motorboat down the Madre de Dios River to Reserva Amazonica (45min). Welcome, accommodations and lunch at the lodge. Walk through the trails inside the INKATERRA Ecological Reserve. Cruise the Madre de Dios River by night. Dinner at the lodge. Evening - Nature Presentations on Amazonian topics.
- Day 2 :** Visit the Rolin Island and community. Lunch at the lodge. Visit the Canopy Interpretation Canter and walk through treetops and Wetlands. Dinner at the lodge. Evening Nature Presentations on Amazonian topics. Overnight at Reserva Amazonica.
- Day 3:** Return to Puerto Maldonado. On the way to the airport visit a butterfly farm.

Reserva Amazonica (4 days/3 nights)

Day 1 & 2 as above

Day 3 : Tropical breakfast buffet. Walk through the Tambopata National Reserve. Lunch and dinner at the lodge. Evening Nature Presentations about Amazonian topics. Overnight at Reserva Amazónica.

Day 4 : Tropical breakfast buffet. Return to Puerto Maldonado. Visit the Butterfly Farm at Puerto Maldonado. Transportation to the airport.

Sandoval Lake Lodge (3 days/2 nights)

The advantage of this lodge is its location (right in front the Sandoval Lake!!). Good for families and passengers preferring a standard grade lodge.

Day 1 : Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, assistance at the airport and transfer to the pier. Enjoy a twenty-five-minute motor boat ride down the Madre de Dios river to the starting point of a half-an-hour trek. After arriving at a small channel, board a dugout canoe for a short trip to lake Sandoval. Continue the journey on a catamaran. After lunch, board the catamaran again to visit the best side of the lake. Early in the evening, observe the macaws arriving to the place to spend the night. After dinner, canoe expedition in search of the impressive black caiman. Accommodation at Sandoval lake lodge

Day 2 : Wake up at dawn to be at the lake at sunrise for a hopeful encounter with the family of giant otters frequently visiting the lake. Birding good chances to see and photograph the very rare prehistoric looking hoatzin bird. After breakfast, walk through the upper jungle near the lake to see some towering wild Brazil nut trees. Demonstration of natives techniques to collect, open, pack and commercialize this product, very important economical activity in the area. After lunch, visit to the east area of the lake to appreciate some of the five species of monkeys inhabiting the place, especially the most remarkable brown capuchin. After dinner, night walk to observe the nocturnal wildlife.

Day 3 : After breakfast, return trip to Puerto Maldonado and the airport. Assistance on departure flight

Sandoval Lake Lodge (4 days/3 nights)

Day 1 -2 as per above:

Day 3 : Wake up at dawn to board the catamaran to explore the west area of the lake. Possibility to observe giant otters. After breakfast, exploration of the rainforest trails guided by a knowledgeable resident naturalist. After lunch, time at leisure for exploration on your own of some of the nearby trails. Late in the afternoon, board the catamaran to explore the east end of the lake while enjoying a spectacular sunset. After dinner, final chance to look for black caiman on the lake or go for a short night walk through the forest.

Day 4 : After breakfast, return trip to Puerto Maldonado and the airport. Assistance on departure flight.

Posada Amazonas (3 days/2 nights)

Perfect for adventurous people looking for a real jungle experience.

- Day 1 :** Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, assistance at the airport and transfer to the pier. Two-hour motor boat trip up the Tambopata river to the Posada Amazonas lodge, at the Ese'ija native community box lunch on board. During the trip, several bird species typical of the river and forest edge may be spotted. Afternoon arrival dinner and accommodation at the lodge.
- Day 2 :** After an early breakfast, fifteen minute-boat trip followed by a half-an-hour walk to the Tres Chimbadas oxbow lake. Canoe ride along the edge to admire its fauna, especially giant otters, turtles and hoatzin birds. Time to explore the surroundings or swim at the lake. After lunch, visit to a native slash and burn farm to learn how is it that this agriculture system thought to be wasteful can be sustainable over the long term. Return to Posada Amazonas lodge for dinner. Optional night walk to observe the nocturnal wildlife, especially amphibians and insects
- Day 3 :** After early breakfast, return trip to Puerto Maldonado and the airport. Assistance on departure flight.

Posada Amazonas (4 days/3 nights)

- Day 1:** Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, assistance at the airport and transfer to the pier. Two-hour motor boat trip up the Tambopata river to the Posada Amazonas lodge, at the Ese'ija native community box lunch on board. During the trip, several bird species typical of the river and forest edge may be spotted. Afternoon arrival. Dinner and accommodation at the lodge.
- Day 2 :** After an early breakfast, fifteen minute-boat trip followed by a half-an-hour walk to the Tres Chimbadas oxbow lake. Canoe ride along the edge to admire its fauna, especially giant otters, turtles and hoatzin birds. Time to explore the surroundings or swim at the lake. Return to Posada Amazonas lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, hike the nearby trails before dinner. Optional night walk to observe the nocturnal wildlife, especially amphibians and insects.
- Day 3 :** After an early breakfast, ten minute walk to visit another parrot clay lick where parrots, parakeets and large macaws of different species gather to eat clay. Opportunity to spot some other spectacular, wildlife active at that time of the day. After lunch at the lodge, visit to a native slash and burn farm to learn how is it that this agriculture system thought to be wasteful can be sustainable over the long term. Return to Posada Amazonas lodge for dinner.
- Day 4 :** After an early breakfast, return trip to Puerto Maldonado and the airport. Assistance on departure flight.