

Maniti Eco-Lodge Anaconda Expedition 6 Days / 5 Nights

Please note that the below itinerary is intended as a guideline only.

The Maniti Lodge staff reserve the right to amend the itinerary in accordance with climatic and river conditions ... and other operational considerations.

DAY 1

- Morning departure from Iquitos City by car to the port of Nanay (Bellavista) ...
 where the Nanay River meets the Amazon River.
- After departing by boat, we will travel downriver for 70 km (43 miles), a journey of about 2 hours.
- During the riverboat trip we will have a great possibility of seeing caimans, turtles, herons, pink river dolphins, snakes, and many other species of flora and fauna along the riverbank.
- Monkey Island a small island about 15 minutes from Maniti Lodge, which shelters a large number of monkeys in their natural habitat.
- During our visit on the island we have the unique opportunity to observe and interact with a wide variety of monkeys that include: Goeldi's monkey, Tamarin monkey, Capuchin monkey, Yellow-Handed Titi monkey, Masked Titi monkey, Cebidae monkey, Wooly monkey, Squirrel monkey, Spider monkey, South American Coati monkey.
- Along with the various species of monkeys you will have the opportunity to hold very large Anacondas, Boas ... and interact with the unique and rare Amazonian mata-mata turtle.
- At Monkey Island we will also see sloths, alligators, turtles, toucans, macaws, parrots etc.
- Dolphin watching session at the camp where we will have the unique opportunity to see the <u>pink freshwater dolphin</u>.
- If we are lucky we will also have the chance to swim near them in the Amazon River.
- In the evening we will go on a **nocturnal nature hike** to see what types of species we can find (lizards, snakes, spiders, monkeys).
- Overnight at Maniti Eco-Lodge
- Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2

- We will begin our day early, waking up in time to see the sunrise over the Amazon River
- After breakfast, we go on an animal observation excursion (by boat) during which we will have the opportunity to see various types of flora and fauna.
- Afternoon fishing excursion by boat with opportunity to catch piranha, catfish
 & other species of fish.
- Viewing of Victoria Regia water lilies the largest freshwater aquatic plant in the world.
- After sunset, we will go on a canoe excursion to spot and catch caiman. We will have the opportunity to take photos of the caiman.
- Overnight at Maniti Eco-Lodge.
- o Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3

- Morning jungle hike (30-45 minutes) to Palo Alto.
- Palo Alto Mirador is a lookout point that has three different observation deck levels. Here guests have a **bird's-eye view** of the lowland Peruvian Amazon from 5, 10 and 15 m (16, 33 & 49 ft) above ground.
- We can spend the night here (optional), whilst enjoying excellent opportunities to observe various species in their natural habitat.
- Daytime exploration of the area that includes hiking, canoe ride in lagoon, fishing (depending on passenger preference).
- In the evening we will go on a night time nature walk to see what types of species can be seen (reptiles, spiders, monkeys).
- Overnight on the top observation deck of Palo Alto (in a tent or in hammocks).
- o Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4

- Morning bird watching session from Palo Alto.
- Today we will visit some **beautiful lagoons** that are located close to Maniti Camp Lodge, near the *Napo River*. They are surrounded by a wide variety of trees, including numerous palm species.
- There are a number of activities available here: trekking, canoe rides, fishing, bird watching or maybe just relaxing with a nice cool swim in one of the lagoons.

- In the late afternoon we will return to Maniti Lodge to have dinner.
- After dark we will go on an excursion by boat in search of white and black caiman as well as various night birds and other reptiles; this also gives us the enjoyable opportunity to hear the symphony of sounds that comes from the forest at night.
- Overnight at Maniti Eco-Lodge
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5

- Morning visit to a **local village** to learn and observe the riverside people's daily life and customs.
- In the afternoon, we will visit lagoons and tributaries in close proximity to the Maniti Lodge.
- Here, we have a choice of activities: jungle hiking, canoe rides, fishing, plant education, animal observation or a nice cooling swim in one of the lagoons or in the Amazon River!
- In the evening we will go on a **nocturnal nature hike** to see what types of species can be seen (eg. lizards, snakes, spiders, monkeys).
- o Overnight at Maniti Eco-Lodge.
- o Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6

- Early morning jungle hike where we will have the unique opportunity to see a
 vast number of monkeys, birds, and many other wildlife in their natural habitat.
 We will also see and learn about various types of Amazonian plants.
- Departure from Maniti Lodge by motorboat to **Iquitos**.
- On the way, we visit a <u>Yagua</u> village to learn and observe about their history and customs.
- o Transfer to Iquitos airport or hotel.
- o End of service.
- Meals included: Breakfast