

Curassow Amazon Lodge 6 Days / 5 Nights Experiential Tour

During this 6 day / 5 night expedition in the deep Amazon rainforest, our jungle specialists take you into pristine jungle in the buffer area between the <u>Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve</u> & the <u>Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Reserve</u>.

We also spend one night camping in the rainforest, for a true appreciation of the life contained within.

Activities included:

- Rainforest hiking
- Bird watching
- Looking for Primates
- Nocturnal Caiman excursion
- Piranha fishing
- Visits to Lagoons
- Canoe rides
- Viewing of <u>Amazon River dolphins</u>
- Fully-supported camping in the jungle.

Accommodation at Curassow Lodge for this jungle tour is in private bungalows with bathroom, shower & running water 24/7.

Day 1: Iquitos - Curassow Amazon Lodge

On arrival at Iquitos Airport, we greet you and transfer you to Iquitos docks. Alternatively, we will pick you up from your Iquitos hotel.

At 9.30 am, we board our speedboat, to make the journey upstream along the Amazon River, and then into the tributary river, where Curassow Lodge is located. The journey takes roughly three and a half hours.

Once settled into our private bungalows, and having had lunch, we make our first excursion into the surrounding jungle, to observe birds, monkeys and sloths in the wild.

We watch the sun set over an Amazonian lake.



Dinner is at the lodge.

After dinner, we take a nocturnal walk on the look-out for snakes, frogs, monkeys, mammals, rodents etc.

Meals provided: Lunch, Dinner

Days 2: Curassow Lodge

Early-morning canoe excursions, listening to the sound of different bird species.

Breakfast at Lodge.

Exploration by boat and jungle trekking to observe medicinal plants.

Lunch at Lodge.

Excursion by boat and foot, fishing for piranhas and observing the hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*), a prehistoric-looking bird.



Dinner at Lodge.

Excursions by boat to observe caiman, nocturnal birds, mammals, etc.

Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 3: Curassow Lodge

Breakfast.

Jungle trekking to 'casha' zone to observe <u>flora and fauna</u>, including **Cat's Claw** (*Uncaria tomentosa*), a woody vine found in tropical jungles and commonly used for medicinal purposes.

Lunch at Lodge.

Lake excursion by boat and canoe in the afternoon. Observation of animals.

Dinner at Lodge.

Night excursions by canoe to hear the sound of different bird species.

Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 4: Curassow Lodge: Camping Trip

Early breakfast.

Today we enjoy a full day out of the lodge. We begin with a trekking expedition, to see flora and fauna ... and hopefully jaguar tracks.

We have a picnic lunch.

We then head to our campsite, where we will spend the night, in the heart of the rainforest.

Dinner is outside, prepared by the camp crew.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Curassow Lodge: Village Visit

This morning, we return to Curassow Lodge, after our camping expedition.

Lunch at Lodge.

In the afternoon, we visit the village of either San Juan de Yanayacu or Ayacucho de Tipishca, where we have the opportunity to buy some of their **distinctive handcrafts**.

Dinner at the Lodge.

Excursion after dark, by canoe, to hear the sound of different bird species.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6: Curassow Lodge - Iquitos

Today we have breakfast on our motorboat, in the middle of the Amazon rainforest.

Swim with - or rather, near - the **dolphins** in the Amazon River.

Observation of **iguanas** and the *Victoria Regia* water lily, the biggest aquatic plant in the world.

Lunch at the Lodge.

After lunch, we take the speedboat back to Iquitos.

We arrive back in <u>lquitos</u> at approximately 6pm, and transfer you to the airport or your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



Included:

- Private transfer (return) from Iquitos airport or hotel to the port.
- Private fast boat down the Amazon River to Curassow Lodge.
- 4 nights in private bungalow with private bathroom and terrace with hammock, overlooking the river or the forest.
- 1 night camping (fully-supported).
- Bilingual guide (English & Spanish).
- Custom excursions in small groups.
- All meals
- Bottled water.
- Fruit, coffee, tea, milk 24 hours a day.
- Printed list of birds that inhabit the Curassow Lodge area.
- First aid kit and antivenom.
- Amenities: shampoo, conditioner & soap.
- Wellington boots
- Limited electricity (for recharging batteries of cameras, laptops etc at set times).

Not included:

- Sodas & alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Tips
- Laundry
- Flights
- Insurance
- Services not mentioned above.