



## Heliconia Amazon Lodge 4 Days / 3 Night Amazon Sport Fishing Tour

*The Amazon River and its tributaries is home to about 2,000 freshwater fish species, creating the richest freshwater sport fishery in the World.*

*This four-day Heliconia Amazon River Lodge itinerary offers more than just sport fishing: it is about connecting with nature and the local host community, enjoying the local resources and knowledge, without damaging them.*

*Sustainable catch-and-release fishing practices are followed throughout.*

NB. Recommended Fishing Season: July to November

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Iquitos - Heliconia 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.

After a briefing at the Heliconia office, we board a speedboat, to make the 90-minute journey downstream to Heliconia Lodge.

During the boat ride, we see the convergence of the brown waters of the Amazon River with the darker waters of the Nanay River; and enjoy impressive jungle landscapes, interspersed with rustic dwellings.

We make a short stop at **Monkey Island**, a social enterprise aiming to protect endangered monkey species of the northern Amazon.

On arrival at the Lodge, the staff welcome us with an exotic fruit cocktail.

Once settled into our bungalows, it's time for lunch.

In the afternoon, we have our first excursion: a guided jungle hike into the **Yanamono Community Reserve**, an area of primary rainforest full of [flora & fauna](#), such as Heliconia flowers, Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes Aura*), Black-Fronted Nanbirds (*Monasa-Atia*),

Marmosets (*Saguinus fuscicollis*), Titi Monkeys (*Callicebus Mollock Mollock*) and Squirrel Monkeys (*Saimiri Boliviense*).

After approximately two hours' on the trail, we return to the lodge for our first Amazon sunset, followed by dinner.

After dinner, we take a nocturnal boat ride with our guide, listening to the magical sound of the jungle at night, and trying to spot the fauna that comes out at this time of the day, using a spotlight.

On a clear night, the constellations of the stars can be seen vividly.

Return to the lodge for overnight.

*Meals provided: Lunch, Dinner*

## **Day 2: Fishing at Atun Creek**

This morning, we have an early breakfast, and then go downriver by motorboat to the village of Santa Rosa, located on the banks of the *Atun Caño Reserve*.

Here we watch the magnificent sunrise over the oxbow lake, as our guide offers a prayer: locals believe that every lake in the Amazon jungle has its own god that protects them and assists fishermen to catch a bountiful haul.

We then start fishing, hoping to catch some of the following species:

- **Largemouth Peacock Bass** (*Cichla monoculus*): known locally as *tucunare*, this aggressive fish gets its English name from its beautiful colouring and a big dot, resembling an eye, found on its tail. Specimens weighing as much as 8kg (18 lbs) have been caught here.
- **Dragonfish** (*Arowana*)
- **Paiche** (*Arapaima Gigas*): NB. this fish cannot be caught with game fishing bait.
- **Smallmouth Bass** (*Crenicichla Sp.*)
- **Red-bellied Piranha** (*Serraselmus nattereri*)

As we fish, we can enjoy the tranquility, scenery and nature of the lake.

At lunchtime, we go to a jungle hut in Santa Rosa where our cook has prepared a nourishing lunch.

We return to the lake after lunch to continue fishing.

Before it gets dark, we go back to Heliconia Amazon River Lodge for dinner and overnight.

*Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### **Day 3: Fishing at Atun Creek**

Another day's fishing at Atun Caño, as above.

This evening, at the end of the day, we may like to reward ourselves with a cocktail from the Heliconia Lodge bar.

Dinner & overnight at Heliconia Amazon River Lodge.

*Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### **Day 4: Fishing at Isana Lake; Return to Iquitos**

Again, we start the day with an early breakfast, before returning to Santa Rosa for a morning's fishing on Isana Lake.

Here you may like to try fishing in the traditional Amazon way, with a rod made from bark; or continue with modern equipment. The choice is yours.

Lunch - which may or may not consist of piranha! - is back at the lodge.

After checking out, we take the speedboat back to Iquitos, arriving back in [Iquitos](#) at approximately 3pm, and transfer you to the airport or your hotel.

*NB. An earlier transfer is available for earlier flights.*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch*

**NB. Please note that the above itinerary is subject to change according to operational considerations, such as weather and river levels, at the discretion of the guide.**

**Included:**

- Private transfer (return) from Iquitos airport or hotel to the port.
- Private fast boat up the Amazon River to Heliconia Lodge and back.
- Private bungalow with private bathroom & terrace.
- Bilingual fishing guide (English & Spanish).
- All meals stated in itinerary.
- Tea & coffee 24 hours a day.
- Wellington boots.
- Electricity: 5.30 - 8am; 12 - 1pm & 5.30 - 10pm.

**Not included:**

- Fishing equipment *NB. This can be rented from Heliconia Lodge*
- Sodas & alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Tips
- Laundry
- Flights
- Insurance
- Services not mentioned above.