



Pacaya-Samiria Amazon EcoLodge 4D/3N Birding Itinerary

- 4 day - 3 night guided programme expressly designed to facilitate understanding of [Pacaya Samiria National Reserve](#) habitat and avifauna for **non-professional bird enthusiasts**.
- Acquisition of basic birdwatching and species identification **skills**.
- **Online, pre-visit tutorial** sent in advance to prepare for Peruvian Amazon birding.

Please note that the below itinerary can be subject to change, according to climatic conditions, and other operational considerations beyond the control of PeruNorth.

DAY 1: IQUITOS - ECOLODGE

On arrival at Iquitos Airport (*before 9am*), we welcome you and transfer you to our vehicle. Alternatively, we will pick you up from your Iquitos hotel.

We plan to depart Iquitos at 9am, in order to make the 90-minute drive to [Nauta](#), which is 97 km (60 miles) away, on the banks of the **Marañon River** - a major tributary of the Amazon.

We then board our speedboat and visit the meeting point of the Ucayali and Marañon Rivers, before heading upstream the towards the lodge.

On the way we should see herons, birds of prey and black scrapers.

Finally we arrive at the EcoLodge where we will receive a welcome in the *Kukama-Kukamiria* language and a seasonal fruit cocktail.

During the afternoon we will trek in the primary forest that surrounds our EcoLodge and climb up to our “Mirador” an ideal place to observe a wide variety of birds in the treetops

We then check in to our bungalows and have our first, tasty lunch at the lodge.





After lunch, our guides will lead us through the lodge's **Private Reserve**, which covers 130 hectares, of which 96% is primary rainforest. The hike ends at the lodge's **Tsetso Lookout** which stands 6 m (20 ft) high, giving spectacular views of the surrounding rainforest canopy and river. 'Tsetso' means 'star' in *Kukuma*, and is a great place to enjoy the Amazon sunset.

Overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Snack, Lunch & Dinner.

Possible bird sightings: *Paradise Tanager, Hooded Tanager, Opal-Crowned Tanager, Masked Tanager, Purple-throated Cotinga, several species of mosquera birds; Yellow-winged Parakeet, Short-tailed Parrot; and macaws.*

DAY 2: PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE: Birdwatching

After an early breakfast, we take the speedboat across the Marañón River to the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, which we will explore for the next two days.

Throughout the tour, the guides will pass on birding tips, such as the various ways to identify species and understand their behaviour patterns.



We begin in the Yanayacu River basin, an area that is extremely rich in avifauna with roughly 400 different species identified amongst the diverse flora and fauna.

While the focus is on the birdlife, we are certain to see [Amazon River Dolphins](#), as well as various primates and sloths, in the course of our adventure.

Dinner & overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 3: PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE: Birdwatching

Another day spent exploring the waterways of Pacaya Samiria Reserve by launch, enjoying the [flora and fauna](#), with the focus being on the avifauna.

At the end of the day, we return to the lodge.

Dinner & overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Possible bird sightings in Pacaya-Samiria:

Amazon Kingfisher, Great Kingfisher, Green & Rufous Kingfisher, Pygmy Kingfisher, Tanagers, Chestnut-Eared Aracari, Red-crested Woodpecker, Spangled Cotingas, Lemon-throated Barbets, White-eared Jacamar, Black-capped Donacobios, Horned Screamers, Marsh Sparrow Hawk, Jabirus, Storks, Pink Spoonbills, Pinta Lapwing, Black-tailed Antbird, Blacknecked Red Cotinga, Grey-cheeked Nunlet, Bar-breasted Piculet, Ivory-Peaked Arasari, Chest-Striped Woodpecker, Rufous-Hat Antthrush, Yellow-billed Jacamar; and many more.



DAY 4: ECO-LODGE - IQUITOS

After breakfast, we will get ready to return to the city of Iquitos.

Depending on the flight departure time, we will either have lunch at the Lodge or go to a local restaurant in Iquitos, prior to going to the airport.

NB. If there is no time for lunch, there will be no discount or reimbursement.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch