



Pacaya-Samiria Amazon EcoLodge 5D/3N Itinerary with Optional Camping

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 - PACAYA-SAMIRIA ECO-LODGE

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](#). Here we pay a short visit to **Sapi Sapi Lagoon**, a man-made lake in the middle of town.

We then board our speedboat and head up the **Marañon River** - a major tributary of the Amazon - towards the lodge.

On the way, we stop at **Fundo Casual**, a tropical forest run by local residents, where we will see different species of local fauna.

Arrival at Pacaya-Samiria EcoLodge, where we are greeted by a member of the **Kukama-Kukamiria** ethnic group. We are invited to participate in a welcome ritual channelling the energy and strength of nature.

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

In the afternoon, our guide takes us to the lodge's **Tsetso Lookout** which stands 6 m (20 ft) high, giving spectacular views of the surrounding rainforest and river. 'Tsetso' means 'star' in the *Kukuma* language.

After dinner at the lodge, the guides will explain some of the legends of Amazon mythology.

Overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Snack, Lunch & Dinner.



DAY 2: ECOLODGE & PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

This morning our guides will lead us through the lodge's **Private Reserve**, which covers 130 hectares, of which 96% is primary rainforest. We will follow the Primate Path, enjoying the [flora and fauna](#).

Interpretative and adventure treks through the primary forest of our EcoLodge following the route of the primates.

After lunch, we take the speedboats to the *Nauta Caño* area of [Pacaya Samiria National Reserve](#). Here we will see the iconic [Amazon River dolphins](#), in their natural habitat.

We slowly navigate through flooded forest - which is known as **The Jungle of Mirrors**, on account of the striking reflections on the black water - spotting a wide variety of local [flora and fauna](#).

We return to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 3: PACAYA-SAMIRIA ECOLODGE: EXPERIENTIAL ADVENTURE

This morning, we go to the village of San Jorge to meet the locals, and understand their way of life and ancestral customs.

Here we visit the *Pua Kamatawara Center for Kukama Women's Crafts*, a project developed by Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

From October to November, we offer a real treat: to be part of the conservation of endangered **Yellow-Spotted Amazon River Turtles**. This involves collecting the baby turtles as they hatch in the river beaches - where the turtle eggs were buried in July or August - and then releasing them into the river.

Other possible activities include climbing an [aguaje](#) tree, visiting a botanical garden or taking an informative walk in the flooded forest.

Lunch at the lodge.



In the afternoon, we make a **fishing trip** on the Marañon River, either to *Cocha Shiryacu* lake or downriver, depending on the season and fishing conditions.

Once in situ, we try two sustainable, local fishing techniques: using a homemade rod and setting traps.

We return to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight at Pacaya Samiria EcoLodge.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 4: BIRDWATCHING; ADVENTURE BOOTCAMP; (OPTIONAL) CAMPING

In the morning, we check the fishing traps we left yesterday, to see what we have caught. Breakfast consists of the contents of the traps, cooked and served as fresh as can be!

We then spend time birding along the river banks and amongst the flooded forest (*restinga*).

We return to the Lodge for lunch.

In the afternoon, we set off to our campsite, located within the lodge's private reserve.

Once set up, our guides will show us **jungle survival and orientation** techniques.

We have dinner at the campsite, and then go on a night excursion in the surrounding rainforest to spot nocturnal mammals and listen to the jungle sounds after nightfall.

Overnight in tents. *NB. If you prefer to sleep at the Lodge, this is no problem.*

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 5: RETURN TO IQUITOS

We return to the lodge in order to have breakfast.

The rest of the morning is free for packing, relaxation and enjoying the Lodge's amenities.



Lunch at the Lodge.

NB. Lunch depends on the departure flight time. If there is no time for lunch, there will be no discount or reimbursement.

After lunch, we take the speedboat back to Nauta, and then by private vehicle to Iquitos.

We arrive back in [Iquitos](#) at approximately 5pm, and transfer you to the airport or your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Included:

- Transfers
- Lodging in room with fan & private bathroom
- 1 night's fully-supported **camping** (optional)
- Meals, as stated
- Water, tea & coffee 24/7
- English-speaking guide
- Excursions
- Wellington boots
- Entrance fees
- Port taxes

Not included:

- Sodas & alcoholic drinks.
- Souvenirs.
- Tips.
- Laundry.
- Flights.
- Insurance.
- Accommodation in Iquitos.
- Services not mentioned above.
- **Canopy Walkway Excursion** *NB. This can be added at additional cost.*