

Yaku Amazon Lodge 3 Days / 2 Nights

Day 1: Iquitos - Yaku Amazon Lodge (L, D)

On arrival at Iquitos Airport, we are welcomed and transferred to Iquitos or <u>Nauta</u> port.

We then board a motorboat, in order to travel along the mighty Amazon River, and then the smaller **Yanayacu River**, to reach the lodge.

Upon arrival, visitors are greeted with tropical fruit drink, typical of the region, before being shown to their bungalows.



Lunch at the lodge.

In the afternoon, we take a short walk in **seasonally-flooded primary forest**, in the company of our naturalist guide, to learn about the biodiversity of the <u>flora and fauna</u>, that includes medicinal plants, primates, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects.



Dinner at the lodge.

After dinner, we take a **night tour by boat** to

spot bats, birds, tarantulas, caimans, frogs, and more ... while also viewing the Milky Way and the Southern Hemisphere constellations.



Day 2: Yaku Amazon Lodge: Amazon River & Lake Purura (B, L, D)

Before breakfast, we take a motorboat or canoe to explore a blackwater lake, at a time when the birdlife is at its most active.

Breakfast at Yaku Lodge.

This morning, we explore the **Amazon River** by motorboat in search of <u>pink river</u> <u>dolphins</u>, iguanas, sloths, monkeys, and birds such as cormorants, egrets and kingfishers.

Lunch at Yaku Lodge.

This afternoon, we take a short, guided hike around **Lake Purura**, on the lookout for the world's smallest monkey, the **Pygmy Marmoset**.



We enjoy the sunset here, before returning to the lodge.

Dinner at Yaku Lodge.

After dinner, we go on a walk with our guide, in search of nocturnal creatures, such as snakes, birds, frogs and arachnids.



Day 3: Yaku Amazon Lodge - Iquitos (B, L)

After breakfast, we visit the native village of **Ayacucho** to learn about Amazonian culture, folklore and way of life. When school is in session, we pay a visit; and there is also the chance to inspect **handicrafts**, made from rainforest products, such as seeds and palm fibre. Buying these contributes to the local economy and the continuation of traditional skills.

We can then try our hand a **fishing for piranha** - and other species - from our motorboat using basic equipment.

Final, delicious lunch at Yaku Lodge.

We then return by motorboat to Nauta, where we board a private vehicle to make the 90-minute drive to Iquitos, dropping off at either the airport or an Iquitos hotel.



Please note:

- 1. All times and activities in the above itinerary are subject to change, owing to local climatic & logistical conditions.
- 2. You can adjust your activities, according to your interest and ability, in consultation with your guide.



Included:

- 2 nights in private bungalow at Yaku Amazon Lodge
- Transfers from/to Iquitos
- All meals whilst at lodge (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Private, English-speaking guide
- Excursions as described (or similar)
- Water, fruit, tea & coffee 24 hours p/day

Not Included:

- Services not specified in the programme
- Domestic & International flight tickets
- Extras and tips
- Insurance
- Sodas & alcoholic beverages