



Yaku Amazon Lodge **7 Days / 6 Nights** **(Option: 1 night's camping)**

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

On arrival at Iquitos Airport, we are welcomed and transferred to Iquitos or [Nauta](#) 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 [flora and fauna](#), 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 [pink river dolphins](#), 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.





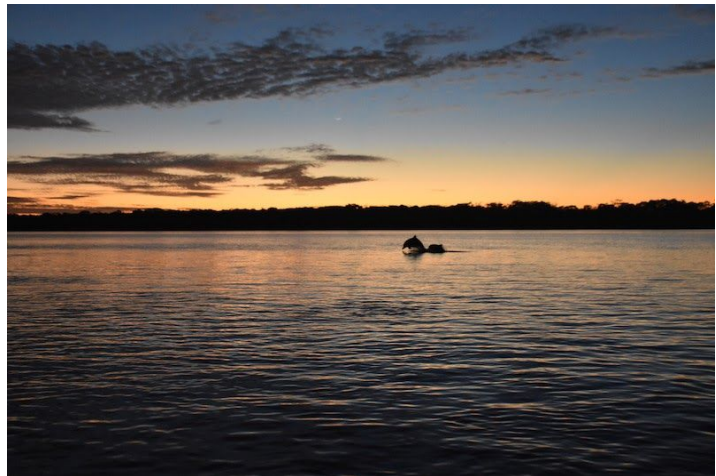
Day 3: Yaku Amazon Lodge: Pink River Dolphins (B, L, D)

Breakfast at Yaku Lodge.

After breakfast, we set off for a full day in the [Amazon rainforest](#), in search of poison dart frogs, iguanas, birds ... in fact any of the countless species of plant and animal life that can be found in Amazonia.

Our lunch today is either in a riverside village, with a **local family**; or during low-water season, we have a **barbecue** on an Amazon river beach.

After lunch, we should have the opportunity to observe - and even, swim near - the **pink river dolphins**.



Dinner at Yaku Lodge.

After dinner, there is the option of a nighttime boat ride or short hike.



Day 4: Yaku Amazon Lodge: Ayacucho Village & Lake Oje (B, L, D)

We have the chance for some more pre-breakfast **bird-watching**.

Breakfast at Yaku Lodge.

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.

After an Amazon-style lunch, we take a canoe ride around the blackwater **Lake Oje**. During the high-water season, pink dolphin and their young can be seen.

And throughout the year, there is plenty of birdlife, including **Horned Screamers** and **Jacanas**, and primates.



Dinner at Yaku Lodge.

After dinner, there is the option of a nighttime boat ride or short hike.



Day 5: Yaku Amazon Lodge: Jungle Camping (B, L, D)

This morning, before breakfast, we go for a short nature walk or take the motorboats to look for wildlife.

Breakfast at Yaku Amazon Lodge

After breakfast, we go fishing for the most aggressive fish in the Amazon - the piranha!



Lunch at Yaku Amazon Lodge.

This afternoon and evening, we have the option to spend a night under canvas surrounded by the rainforest, with all the sights and sounds that this entails.

NB. If you prefer to sleep at the Lodge, this is no problem.

Camp dinner prepared by our guides.

Day 6: Yaku Amazon Lodge: Return to Lodge; Yanayacu River (B, L, D)

We have breakfast at the campsite, and then set off back to the lodge.

Lunch at Yaku Amazon Lodge.

After lunch, we explore the blackwater **Yanayacu River**, in search of primates, birds, reptiles and more.

When we return after dark, the fauna we expect to see includes arachnids, bats, frogs and nocturnal birds.

Dinner at Yaku Amazon Lodge



Day 7: Yaku Amazon Lodge - Iquitos (B, L)

Today we have breakfast on board our motorboat, as we look for Amazon River Dolphins.

Final, barbecue lunch at Yaku Lodge.

NB. Vegetarian options available.

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.*
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Included:

- 5 nights in private bungalow at Yaku Amazon Lodge
- 1 night fully-supported camping (Optional)
- 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