

Full week combination

7 days / 6 nights – start: every day

Day 1: from Iquitos to Explorama Lodge

Reception at your hotel or airport and transfer to the Explorama dock. Fifty mile journey down the Amazon River to Yanamono Stream where Explorama Lodge is located. Afternoon hike along the "Lake Trail" through lowland rainforest which is seasonally flooded. This trail is traversed by open boat during high water months!

Day 2: Explorama Lodge

Morning hike along the *Bushmaster Trail* where scientific studies by the Missouri Botanical Gardens have found one of the world's highest biodiversity of trees per square hectare. Your guide will point out many examples of native plants used as remedies by local people. Afternoon canoe trip



along the Amazon in search of either of the two species of freshwater dolphin found in the river.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, overnight)

Day 3: from Explorama Lodge to ExplorNapó Lodge

After breakfast, a boat ride down the Amazon and up the Napo River to the ExplorNapó Reserve and ExplorNapó Lodge. Afternoon hike through primary, terra firme rainforest. Evening excursion by open boat along the Sucusari Stream in search of caiman and to enjoy the night sounds and stars of the Southern sky.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, overnight)

Day 4: Canopy Walkway

Morning hike to the Canopy Walkway, a suspended bridge spanning 500 meters (one-third of a mile), connected by tree platforms and reaching a height of over 35 meters (115 feet) above the forest floor. Here there is time to observe a part of the rainforest rarely seen by man but accessible without any type of climbing skill or equipment. Afternoon excursion to a black



water oxbow lake formed when water from the Napo River became separated from the main flow of the river. These lakes are often covered with giant *Victoria Regia* water lilies and can offer a view of the elusive Hoatzin bird.



(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, overnight)



Day 5: from ExplorNapó Lodge to Ceiba Tops

Morning boating excursion along one of the Napo tributaries spotting for sloth, birding and fishing for piranha. Also a chance to visit some of the local

river people called *riberños* whose houses are seen along the river. Afternoon boat trip back to Ceiba Tops where private rooms with electricity and air conditioning begin your return to *civilization*. On the return trip you will pass the town of Francisco de Orellana, where a statue is erected to the intrepid explorer who in 1542 at the mouth of the Napo River became the first European to see the Amazon River.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, overnight)

Day 6: Ceiba Tops

Morning visit to the neighboring Yagua Indian Community, an explanation of their native culture, blow gun

demonstration and

a chance to purchase or trade for their crafts.

Afternoon hike in the beautiful primary rainforest reserve surrounding Ceiba Tops where many huge trees are festooned in epiphytes.

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner, overnight)



Day 7: from Ceiba Tops to Iquitos

Your choice of open boat ride or hike for the morning or a chance to relax in a hammock and enjoy the sounds of the surrounding rainforest. Transfer to Iquitos by boat and bus to the airport for your departure to Lima.

(Breakfast, lunch)