

Muyuna

The *Muyuna Amazon Lodge* is located in the Yanayacu river banks at 140 km southeast from Iquitos city, the capital of the Peruvian department of Loreto, very close to the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, with its 2 080 000 hectares is the biggest in Peru. This is why it is possible to guarantee that the passengers will observe animals in their own habitat.

Yanayacu means «black water» (in quechua, the Inca's language), because of the darkness given by the minerals that it brings from the highlands. The ten lakes that are around Muyuna also have black water, making easier the fishing and bird watching excursions.

The *Muyuna Lodge* can receive up to 48 people in only 11 bungalows of two, three, four or six beds. They have their private bathroom with modern tiles, comfortable big beds and a walk-in-closet. The illumination is made by the use of kerosene lamps. Each bungalow is protected hermetically by a mosquito net and has a terrace with its own hammock, facing the river, where is possible to watch Dolphins as well as fish in the river's flood times. Your passengers can be pleased by colorful sunsets and by the deafening silence of the rainforest at night.

Close to the lodge is San Juan de Yanayacu, a small village, where the time seems to be stopped. This people born and grew up having jungle as their habitat, without fashion mode, electricity, internet or big amounts of money. Our intention is not to change their customs, this is why the visits our tourists make to them are very spontaneous, they are not going to find a «prepared and touristy» show.

Program 1

Three Sunsets

3 days / 2 nights

Day 1:

- Receipt in Muyuna's counter in the Iquitos Airport. Immediately, the guide will take you to the harbor in nice buses while you look at the city of Iquitos. Our speed boats will be waiting for you, ready to travel three hours upriver on the Amazon.
- Muyuna staff will be ready to welcome you with a typical and cold drink after arriving at the lodge.
- After setting in your bungalow and having lunch, finally you will start your trip. The check list with the animals that have been previously seen will be provided. Depending of water level, you will use canoes or walking to the Pungal, this is an

area that has several strangle figs, which is the favorite place of Hoatzin birds, these birds look like a prehistoric ones, because they have three hooks in their wings middle articulation, you will be surprised looking at them.

- Ending the afternoon, you will see the sunset in the Sapote Lake.
- By night, after having a refreshing shower, you will continue with the adventure looking for black and white caimans (jungle alligators) while you look at the stars of south hemisphere.
- (L, D)

Day 2:

- Using canoes you will go to Juanachi Lake, which is hard accessible, because is far and has many aquatics plants that appeared at the entrance, this is the reason why you can appreciate the abundance of fauna and flora. Here you will walk or paddle, depending on the water level, looking the different types of birds like parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc, also sloth and several monkeys like the night, squirrel and dusky titi ones.
- After lunch, you will make a hiking at the back of the lodge where you can observe the variety of flora that region has. In this hiking you can try the water of the «Uncaria Tomentosa» that has inside its vain (it is said that can cure cancer and aids). Also you will be surprised for the giant ceiba trees. You will have the opportunity to see the pygmy marmoset, the smallest monkey in the world, and if you are lucky, howler monkey, which roar it is listened miles away! In this area we also have seen in few opportunities some felines.
- After dinner, you will make a nocturnal hiking to the strangle tree, where live so many species of tarantulas (although their bad fame, they are not dangerous to humans).
- (B, L, D)

Day 3:

- Very early in the morning before breakfast, you will make a very efficient bird watching trip. This is the best hour to look for them because they begin their day feeding themselves in the trees. It will be very easy to see parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc. The check list will help you to identify the different species you see.
- Later, depending on the river level, you will be taken by motorboat to the Amazon River or some of the lakes to experiment the most magical moment of your trip: to see and listen to the pink Amazon River dolphins playing around your boat. Also our boats are equipped with a specialized

headphones system to enjoy this unique experience.

- In the way back to the lodge, you will see the biggest aquatic plant in the world, the famous Victoria Regia. Then visit the Purura Lake where you will find different types of fish, like piranhas, silver hatched fish, etc.
- After lunch, your grateful experience in the jungle comes to an end, you will sail three hours back to Iquitos and be taken to the Airport.
- (B, L)

Program 2

Fresh Water

4 days / 3 nights

Day 1:

- Like Program 1

Day 2:

- After breakfast, you will make a hiking at the back of the lodge where you observe the variety of flora that region has. In this hike you can taste the water of the «Uncaria tomentosa» that has inside its vein (it is said that can cure cancer and aids). Also you will be surprised for the giant ceiba trees. You will have the opportunity to see the pygmy marmoset, the smallest monkey in the world, and if you are lucky, howler monkey, which roar it is listened miles away! Also, is easy to spot some tamarins and black monkeys, different species of birds, and colorful butterflies. In this area we also have seen in few opportunities some felines. This hike can last seven hours, depending on your physical state, you can reach the Tahuayo River.
- In the afternoon, you will enjoy the greenest sunset of your life, fishing piranhas and silver hatched fish in the Purura Lake. After dinner, you will make a nocturnal hiking to the strangle tree, where is the home of many species of tarantulas (although their bad fame, they are not dangerous to humans).
- (B, L, D)

Day 3:

- Using canoes you will go to Juanachi Lake, which is hard accessible, because is far and has many aquatics plants that appeared at the entrance, being the reason why you can appreciated the abundance of fauna and flora. Here you will walk or paddle, depending on the water level, looking the different types of birds like parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks,

etc, also sloth and several monkeys like the night, squirrel and dusky titi ones.

- The lunch will be served outdoors to enjoy more time in this remote place. Here you can walk, depending on the river level, looking for more fauna.
- (B, L, D)

Día 4:

- Very early in the morning, before the breakfast you will make a very efficient bird watching trip. This is the best hour to look for them because they begin their day feeding themselves in the trees. It will be easy to see parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, etc. The check list will help you to identify the species you see. Later, you will be taken by boats to the Amazon River. Here you will experiment the most magical moment of your trip: to see and listen to the pink Amazon River dolphins playing around your boat. Also our boats are equipped with a specialized headphones system to enjoy this unique experience.
- In the way back to the lodge, you will see the biggest aquatic plant in the world, the famous Victoria Regia. Then visit the Purura Lake where you will find different types of fish, like piranhas, silver hatched fish, etc.
- After the lunch, your grateful experience in the jungle comes to the end, you will sail three hours back to Iquitos and be taken to the Airport.
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Program 3

Majestic River

5 days / 4 nights

Day 1:

- Like Program 1

Day 2:

- Very early in the morning before breakfast, you will make a very efficient bird watching trip. This is the best hour to look for them because they begin their day feeding themselves in the trees. It will be very easy to see parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc. The check list will help you to identify the different species you see.
- Using canoes you will go to Juanachi Lake, which is hard accessible, because is far and has many aquatics plants that appeared at the entrance, being the reason why you can appreciated the abundance of fauna and flora.

- The lunch will be served outdoors to enjoy more time in this remote place. Here you will walk or paddle, depending on the water level, looking the different types of birds like parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc, also sloth and several monkeys like the night, squirrel and dusky titi ones. Here you can walk, depending on the river level, looking for more fauna.

- After dinner, you will make a nocturnal hiking to the strangle tree, where is the home of many species of tarantulas (although their bad fame, they are not dangerous to humans).

- (B, L, D)

Day 3:

- After breakfast, you will make a hiking at the back of the lodge where you observe the variety of flora that region has. In this hike you can taste the water of the «Uncaria tomentosa» that has inside its vain (it is said that can cure cancer and aids). Also you will be surprised for the giant ceiba trees. You will have the opportunity to see the pygmy marmoset, the smallest monkey in the world, and if you are lucky, howler monkey, which roar it is listened miles away! Also, is easy to spot some tamarins and black monkeys, different species of birds, and colorful butterflies. In this area we also have seen in few opportunities some felines. This hike can last seven hours, depending on your physical state, you can reach the Tahuayo River.

- In the afternoon, you will enjoy the greenest sunset of your life, fishing piranhas and silver hatched fish in the Purura Lake.

- (B, L, D)

Day 4:

- Very early in the morning before breakfast, you will make another bird watching trip. After breakfast, using small boats we will take you to the other side of the Amazon River to observe the big difference between the high and low jungle, walking in high jungle. When you are finally in the Amazon River, you will experiment the most magical moment of your trip that is to see and listen to the pink Amazon River dolphins playing around your boat. Also our boats are equipped with a specialized headphones system to enjoy this unique experience.

- The lunch will be served outdoors to enjoy more time in this place.

- In the way back to the lodge, you will see the biggest aquatic plant in the world, the famous Victoria Regia.

- Share your afternoon with the friendly people of

the village of San Juan Village. This visit is very spontaneous; sometimes the tourists play soccer with the villagers or just go for a walk around the town. It is possible to buy handicrafts that they make using seeds and vegetal ivory. By night, you and your guide will have a short trek to see tarantulas, enormous frogs and nocturnal birds.

- (B, L, D)

Day 5:

- Use canoes or go walking to the «Pungal», depending on the water level. This is an area that has several strangle figs, which is the favorite place of Hoatzin birds, these birds look like a prehistoric ones, because they have three hooks in their wings middle articulation.

- During lunch, with the help of your guide, you can check all the animals that have been seen after that your grateful jungle experience will come to an end.

- You will sail three hours back to Iquitos and be taken to the Airport.

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Program 4

Full Adventure

6 days / 5 nights

Day 1:

- Like Program 1

Day 2:

- Using canoes you will go to Juanachi Lake, which is hard accessible, because is far and has many aquatics plants that appeared at the entrance, being the reason why you can appreciated the abundance of fauna and flora. Here you will walk or paddle, depending on the water level, looking the different types of birds like parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc, also sloth and several monkeys like the night, squirrel and dusky titi ones.

- The lunch will be served outdoors to enjoy more time in this remote place. Here you can walk, depending on the river level, looking for more fauna.

- After dinner, you will make a nocturnal hiking to the strangle tree, where is the home of many species of tarantulas (although their bad fame, they are not dangerous to humans).

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Day 3:

- After breakfast, you will make a hiking at the back of the lodge where you observe the variety of flora that region has. In this hike you can taste the water of the «Uncaria tomentosa» that has inside its vein (it is said that can cure cancer and aids). Also you will be surprised for the giant ceiba trees. You will have the opportunity to see the pygmy marmoset, the smallest monkey in the world, and if you are lucky, howler monkey, which roar it is listened miles away! Also, is easy to spot some tamarins and black monkeys, different species of birds, and colorful butterflies. This hike can last seven hours, depending on your physical state, you can reach the Tahuayo River.
- In the afternoon, you will enjoy the greenest sunset of your life, fishing piranhas and silver hatched fish in the Purura Lake.
- (B, L, D)

Day 4 and 5:

- This day will be different from the other ones, because you will make camping into the forest. We will take you to the Yarina Lake, where we will establish a camp to make all the different excursions.
- Here the breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the outdoors and you can enjoy the purest place in the Amazonian rainforest where we can guarantee the observation of many species of animals.
- The next day, after breakfast you will return to the lodge to have lunch.

- In the afternoon, you will continue with the adventure going to the Pungal. This is an area that has several strangle figs, which is the favorite place of Hoatzin birds, these birds look like a prehistoric ones, because they have three hooks in their wings middle articulation, you will be surprised looking at them.
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Day 6:

- Very early in the morning before breakfast, you will make a very efficient bird watching trip. This is the best hour to look for them because they begin their day feeding themselves in the trees. It will be very easy to see parrots, macaws, toucans, egrets, hawks, ducks, etc. The check list will help you to identify the different species you see.
- Later, you will be taken by boats to the Amazon River. Here you will experiment the most magical moment of your trip: to see and listen to the Pink Amazon River dolphins playing around your boat. Also our boats are equipped with a specialized headphones system to enjoy this unique experienced. In the way back to the lodge, you will see the biggest aquatic plant in the world, the famous Victoria Regia.
- During lunch, with your guide you can check all the animals that you have seen. Then your grate experience comes to the end, sailing three hours back to Iquitos and we take you to the Airport.
- (B, L)

Note: activities may chance according to climatical conditions, preferences of the visitors and other reasons.