

A photograph of the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción lodge at night. The lodge is a large, multi-story building with a thatched roof and warm interior lighting visible through the windows. It is surrounded by lush tropical vegetation and large trees. The text 'INKATERRA' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font, with 'HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN' and 'TAMBOPATA - PERU' below it.

INKATERRA

HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN

TAMBOPATA - PERU

PROGRAMMED ITINERARY 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

TRAVELLING TO TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AN UNSPOILT WORLD OF UNFAMILIAR FLORA AND FAUNA. RECORD-SETTING NUMBERS OF ANIMAL SPECIES ARE CONCENTRATED WITHIN A SMALL AREA, WITH A VARIETY OF PLANT LIFE GREATER THAN ALMOST ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET. SPOT BIRDLIFE, CAIMANS AND MONKEYS AS YOU EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE AMAZON WITH SKILLED NATURALIST EXPLORER GUIDES ON THIS FIVE-DAY RAINFOREST ADVENTURE, BASED AT THE RAINFOREST LODGE INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCION.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1 – Arrive into Puerto Maldonado Airport. Enjoy a 25-minute boat ride to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion lodge. Plunge into the depths of the rainforest with the Concepcion Trails jungle walk and take a Twilight River cruise as nocturnal creatures awake.

DAY 2 – Hike through rainforest and glide across Lake Sandoval. Scale the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway for panoramic views and observe wildlife activity under darkness exploring the Rainforest by Night..

DAY 3 – Discover many of the rainforest's tropical plants up-close at our organic bio-orchard followed by a visit to Palmetum, where you will see a collection of Amazonian palms. Paddle on an ox-bow lake, and test your fishing skills on the look out for piranhas.

DAY 4 – Learn about Brazil nut harvesting and see chocolate evolve from fruit to dessert with a hands-on excursion. In the afternoon visit an inland clay-lick in search of animal activity.

DAY 5 – Set off by boat from your lodge until you arrive at the airport in Puerto Maldonado to take your departure flight.

ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

Arrive into Puerto Maldonado, coined the Capital of Biodiversity. Begin your Amazon adventure with a 25-minute boat ride navigating the clay-coloured Madre de Dios River to reach Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion lodge. Settle into your stylish stilted wooden *cabaña* or room on our private eco-reserve and then head to the palm-thatched Casa Grande dining room for a buffet lunch before exploring the rainforest on foot, starting from the Eco Center.

Take a walk along the Concepcion Trails, winding through the property's nature trails for an immersive introduction to the intricate ecosystems of the Amazon basin. Backed by the protected Tambopata National Reserve and built on the grounds of a former cacao and rubber plantation, Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion harbours primary and secondary rainforest inhabited with exotic wildlife and tropical plants.

At dusk witness the enchanting transformation of the rainforest from a diurnal to a nocturnal environment on a guided Twilight River boat ride, as animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the shadows of the night. See if you can spot caimans lurking on the riverbanks and stars of the southern hemisphere.

In the evening enjoy à-la-carte dining, drawing on local Amazon ingredients for inspiration. Retreat to your *cabaña* or room to listen to the curious calls and croaks of the rainforest at night.





DAY 2

Optionally join us in the early hours, with buffet breakfast served from 05:30. Visit Lake Sandoval, a glassy, ox-bow lake located inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve, reached via a sun-dappled rainforest trail. Board a dug-out wooden canoe to quietly paddle through a stream and glide onto Lake Sandoval, flanked by picture-perfect palms. This lake is home to many species of birds, the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles, black caimans amongst others. Return to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion in time for lunch.

In the afternoon we recommend climbing the exhilarating Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. The Canopy Walkway is a sophisticated and safe 344 metre (1,135 feet) network of seven ecologically constructed hanging suspension bridges, strung between eight treetop observation platforms above the forest floor. This is an unforgettable opportunity to observe the rainforest from the rooftop and gain a sense of its size. Ascend the first vertiginous tower 38 metres (124 feet) above ground, keeping an eye out for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth. It's possible to extend your elevated stay with sunset drinks from atop a tower – or spend a once-in-a-lifetime night in a specially-designed treehouse cabin with surprising comforts (additional cost applies).

Back at the lodge, you can venture out onto the Hidden Forest excursion. Armed with flashlights, as your senses heighten to the movements and sounds in the undergrowth of the forest, keep an eye for species that only emerge during night time.

On the other hand if you wish to rest, book yourself an indulgent therapy at our Nua spa, built in the middle of the rainforest .

À-la-carte dinner is served from 19:00.

DAY 3

After breakfast in the lodge, discover the rainforest's tropical plants and their intriguing medicinal uses by local communities by visiting our organic bio-orchard. Later, continue to our 30-hectare Palmetum; a collection of Amazonian palms in a plot reserved for rainforest restoration and conservation.

After lunch in the Casa Grande dining room, enjoy a relaxing paddle boat ride in a dugout canoe on Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion's oxbow shaped lagoon, or cocha. Row out onto the clay-coloured water to enjoy the scenery and spot hoatzins, fly catchers and graynecked

woodrails, perhaps with the sounds of red howler monkeys bellowing in the distance. Get close to the remains of a semi-submerged steamboat in waters that also hide caimans and piranhas. Using the practice of catch-and-release, you can put your fishing skills to the test in the look out for piranhas like the local indigenous communities do by using a simple wooden rod.

DAY 4

This morning walk within the lodge's grounds to learn all about the Brazil nut tree (*Bertholletia excelsa*) - which can live up to 500 years - and its importance to the local economy. Brazil nut harvesting is demanding work and you will also learn the steps to produce and collect Brazil nuts with traditional tools and techniques.

After lunch, learn about another local product of the Amazon with a hands-on chocolate making activity to see first-hand how cacao is transformed from fruit to dessert. Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion sits on the site of former rubber and cacao plantations, where you can pick fresh cacao fruit (depending on the season) before rolling up your sleeves to peel and grind toasted cacao nibs, rounded off with a selection of homemade chocolate treats.

Before dinner, visit one of the lodge's inland collpas, meaning 'salty area' in Quechua. Though wildlife watching is tricky in practice, learn how these clay walls attract fascinating mammal behaviour hidden right beside the lodge.

DAY 5

Enjoy your last morning waking to the sounds of the rainforest as parakeets chatter away in the trees and monkeys swing through the treetops.

Breakfast is served in Casa Grande with check-out at 10:00. Depending on the time of your departure flight, lunch can also be arranged (additional cost applies). Embark your ready-waiting motorized wooden boat for the 25-minute return trip along the Madre de Dios River until arriving at the airport.

Please note that activities and excursions are subject to change depending on weather conditions at the time of your visit.