

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a massive tree trunk in a lush tropical forest. The tree's trunk is covered in a dense network of thick, gnarled buttress roots that spread out from the base. The surrounding foliage is vibrant green, with various types of leaves and ferns visible against a bright, slightly overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is one of a dense, ancient jungle.

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Chuncho Clay lick



Early morning
(Breakfast onsite)



Half Day

Difficulty Level ★



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Chuncho Macaw Claylick

Since Tambopata is the world's best hot spot for macaws, this is a "must-do" on every itinerary. Take a morning trip into the Tambopata national reserve to one of the famous macaw clay licks. The two-hour boat ride from the lodge and into the national reserve also offers outstanding opportunities for seeing wildlife. This clay lick is often visited by three species of large colorful macaws, and many other parrots, and parakeets.

Your guide will help you identify the birds seen at the clay lick, as well as other wildlife there and along the river. Binoculars and a provided spotting scope will take you that much closer to wildlife.

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Overlook Trail



Morning or afternoon



2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★ ★

Overlook Trail

This 2 km trail will take us along the Tambopata River for a great overview. We will show you the differences between a terra firme forest and a secondary forest after passing through both habitats.

We will also take breaks at benches that help us witness the Tambopata on its journey through the Amazonian lowlands.

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Brazil Nut Trail & Camp



Morning or afternoon



2 Hours

Difficulty Level



Brazil Nut Trail & Camp

Refugio Amazonas is in a Brazil Nut forest. This hike is a beautiful old growth patch of Brazil Nut forest that has been harvested for decades (if not centuries) where the remains of a camp used two months a year by Brazil Nut gatherers can still be experienced.

We will demonstrate the whole process of the rainforest's only sustainably harvested product from collection through transportation, drying, and on to the products we consume.

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Jungle Farm Visit



Morning or afternoon



3 Hours

Difficulty Level ★



Jungle Farm Visit

On the other side of the river from the lodge, we will visit the local farm. When traveling, the best way to learn more about the locals is through their market. Here it will be their local farms. You will be able to see and taste various tropical fruits and learn about all the variety of crops grown by the local people.

Our host will show you the local techniques for agriculture and you will get a better understanding of one of the main economic activities of the region.

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Oxbow Lake



Morning or afternoon



Half Day

Difficulty Level



Oxbow Lake

A 45-minute hike through terra firme rainforest brings us to an aguaje palm swamp and the Condénado lake. Oxbow lakes are amazing habitats, and we'll have the opportunity to experience one while paddling a traditional canoe on the Lake. We will look for lakeside wildlife such as big fish, lots of birds, colorful butterflies, and more.

You will also be rewarded with overhead sightings of macaws and beautiful jungle skies.

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Night Lectures



Night (18:30 hrs)



1 Hour

Difficulty Level



Night Lectures

After spending the day exploring the incredible beauty of the Amazon rainforest, we do something a little different in the evening. While you relax at the lodge, our field researchers give you a taste of our jungle initiatives. These evening lectures enrich your experience and immerse you in fun and engaging stories and experiences.

Evening lectures prepared by Wired Amazon's team of researchers at Refugio Amazonas to cover threats, opportunities and conservation projects in the Tambopata National Reserve.

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Discovering New Species

 Night

 1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★

Discovering New Species

Live a unique experience in the Peruvian Amazon by joining our researchers in their search for moths and other insects. At the light trap, you'll witness the astonishing diversity of the rainforest and learn how scientists identify new species.

Each specimen collected by the researcher follows a strict process that culminates in DNA analysis. If the discovery turns out to be a new species for science, you may have the chance to leave your mark on biodiversity by contributing to its name.

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Tambopata Sunset Cruise

 Afternoon

 1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level 



Tambopata Sunset Cruise

Sunsets in the jungle are one of nature's most beautiful spectacles, and one of the best places to enjoy them is from a boat on the Tambopata River. In the afternoon, your guide will take you to a boat for an easy-going, two-hour ride on the Tambopata.

Your guide will talk about the dynamics of this Amazonian river as you watch for rainforest wildlife and see macaws fly overhead before enjoying the jungle sunset

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Canopy Tower

 Morning or afternoon

 2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★ ★



Canopy Tower

Let's get to the top and have an eagle's view of the forest. A thirty-minute hike from Refugio Amazonas leads to a 40-meter scaffolding canopy tower. A banister staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above, and the tower has been built upon high ground, therefore increasing your horizon of continuous primary forest that extends towards the Tambopata National Reserve.

From here, views of mixed species canopy flocks as well as toucans, macaws, and raptors are likely.

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River Edge Tower

 Morning or afternoon

 1 Hour

Difficulty Level 

Photo by Carlos Gonzales



River Edge Tower

Just a 15-minute walk from Refugio Amazonas, this 10-meter observation tower offers a breathtaking view of the Tambopata River. It's the perfect spot to disconnect and enjoy the natural show that unfolds every afternoon—riverside birds calling, the wind rustling through the canopy, and the vastness of the Amazon stretching out before you.

Located near a majestic Brazil nut tree, the experience lasts about an hour and is ideal for anyone who loves quiet moments, birdwatching, and golden-hour views. As the sun sets over the river, every visit becomes something unforgettable.

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Ceiba Tower

 Morning or afternoon

 2 Hours

Difficulty Level 




Ceiba Tower

A tranquil climb beside a giant of the Amazon Rainforest. Set off on a 35-minute scenic walk through lush jungle trails until you reach one of Tambopata's natural giants—the majestic Ceiba tree. Nestled right beside it stands a 10-meter observation tower, offering an intimate, elevated view of the surrounding mid-canopy forest. Ideal for both morning and afternoon outings, this activity is perfect for those who enjoy slow, mindful exploration. Along the way, keep your eyes peeled for forest birds and other wildlife that call this part of the jungle home. Whether you're an early riser or an afternoon wanderer, Ceiba Tower invites you to see the forest from a new, peaceful perspective.

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The Hidden Tower

 Morning or afternoon

 2 Hours

Difficulty Level  

The Hidden tower

Ready to uncover one of the best-kept secrets of the rainforest? The journey to the Hidden Tower is more than just a hike — it's a living lesson in how the forest transforms. From dense bamboo groves to the majestic Renaco tree (*Ficus trigona*), the landscape shifts as you walk, drawing you deeper into its magic.

You can reach it by biking as part of the jungle biking activity, which takes about 45 minutes, or follow a direct forest trail on foot for a quicker route. Once there, you'll find a 10-meter-tall tower tucked away in the trees — perfect for spotting curious capuchin monkeys, especially in the cool morning hours.

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Tambopata Aerobotany



Morning



1 Hour

Difficulty Level



Tambopata Aerobotany

Have you ever dreamed of flying above the towering trees of the Amazon like a scarlet macaw, with a 360-degree view of untouched rainforest below? With Aerobotany's immersive FPV drone experience, that dream becomes reality. Strap on your goggles, relax, and soar above the canopy alongside our researchers as they observe Brazilian nut tree life cycles up close, using cutting-edge technology to deepen our understanding of the Amazon's complex ecology. Experience the thrill of exploring the rainforest canopy in real time. Watch and learn while marveling at panoramic views of the Tambopata River and National Reserve views that were once only available to harpy eagles and king vultures. Science has never been so exciting!

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Amazon Birdwatching

 Morning

 From 2 hours to half-day

Difficulty Level ★ ★



Amazon Birdwatching

With over 600 bird species recorded in the region, Tambopata is one of the top birding hotspots on the planet. Whether you're spotting a Collared Puffbird in the early morning light or tracking the call of a hidden Trogon, every outing is a chance to witness nature's most colorful performers.

From easy walks for beginners to intense birding sessions for experts, our guides tailor each experience to your level. Surrounded by rich and varied habitats, you'll move through bamboo forests, river edges, and canopy towers—each revealing its own cast of feathered wonders. Grab your binoculars—your next lifer might be just a flutter away.

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AmazonCam Tambopata

 Afternoon

 1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★

AmazonCam Tambopata

We are building a Big Grid to answer Big Questions. Become a researcher and explore the world of camera traps and the amazing wildlife they reveal' it's a Big Neighborhood!

We will walk for about 20 minutes near the mammal clay lick, a favorite spot for many animals! We will help researchers collect the data from the camera traps and install some new ones! We will try them and make sure they are working correctly, and on the way back to the lodge, will get to see what we got on the cameras!

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Ceiba Walk

 Morning or afternoon

 2 Hours

Difficulty Level 

Ceiba Walk

Step by step, this trail leads you deeper into the heart of the Amazon, where towering trees silently guard the stories of centuries. Along the way, your guide will introduce you to rainforest icons like the Brazil Nut and Ironwood trees, but nothing compares to the final reward: the mighty Ceiba.

Rising over 50 meters, the Ceiba tree is a sacred symbol of strength and resilience in the jungle. Its immense trunk and vast roots seem to defy scale, and its presence is as spiritual as it is spectacular. This hike is more than just a walk—it's a journey into the living legends of the forest.

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Mammal Claylick



Morning or afternoon



2 Hours

Difficulty Level



Mammal Claylick

Mammals feed on clay too and a peccary clay lick is just 45 minutes on foot from Refugio Amazonas. These wild rainforest pigs show up in herds of five to twenty individuals to eat clay in the late morning.

The chances of spotting them are rare but well worth the short hike.

Other wildlife also shows up sometimes, including deer, guans, and parakeets. This area has also sometimes featured the nest of the rare Harpy Eagle.

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Rainforest Tattoo

 Morning or afternoon

 1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level 

Rainforest Tattoo

Getting tattooed in the Rainforest? No worries, we´ll prepare a paste from a fruit called “Huito”, and achiote or other natural dyes to draw tattoos on ourselves. We can draw different shapes of animals or other patterns associated with the forest. They only last a few days.

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Jungle Mountain Biking



Morning or afternoon



1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level



Jungle Mountain Biking

If you like action, this is a great way to explore and experience the beauty and excitement of the rainforest along ten kilometers of trails.

We provide a GT mountain bike, helmet and cycling gear. Don't forget your water bottle, this activity is with your very own mountain bike guide

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Night Walk



Night



1 Hour

Difficulty Level ★



Night Walk

The rainforest comes alive again at night. This is the best time to see a bizarre and beautiful world of sounds, frogs, insects, night skies, and other nocturnal animals.

Your guide will take you on a trail near the lodge for an hour and a half exciting hike into the night of the Amazon rainforest.

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Medicinal Plants Trails



Morning or afternoon



2.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★



Medicinal Plants Trail

Most medicines come from a medicinal plant in the Amazon, along this trail, we will find a diversity of plants and trees that are used by the local people for a variety of purposes.

We 'll learn about the medicinal (and other) uses of Ayahuasca, Ajo-Sacha, Yuca de Venado, Uña de Gato, Charcot-Sacha, and Para-Para among several others.

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