



Global Explorers

WHERE // Amazon Adventure: Peru

Program Highlights

- ☞ Experience the rainforest as toucans and monkeys do – over 100 feet above the forest floor on one of the longest canopy walkways on the planet. Explore this rarely-seen world with field scientists and local guides.
- ☞ Search for pink river dolphins, barter for Yagua handicrafts, fish for piranha and have a mud fight on the mucky banks of a river island.
- ☞ Scour the tree line for boas, monkeys, three-toed sloths and other critters on a silent moonlight float along the Amazon River.

Program Description

Few places on Earth can rival the rich diversity, both culturally and ecologically, of the Amazon rainforest of South America. The vastness of the Amazon captivates the mind and reveals a world full of secrets. Experience the hustle and bustle of Iquitos, one of the largest cities in the Amazon basin, and immerse yourself in the slower lifestyle of rural river communities. Along the way, search for scarlet macaws, poison dart frogs and thousands of other species that call this amazing place home. Through fun, hands-on science activities and meaningful visits to local communities, this program presents a genuine opportunity to understand the importance of conservation in the rainforest. A true living classroom, the Amazon has the power to open the mind like no textbook can. For more details, photos and a downloadable flyer, please visit our website.

“It just made me look at life in a whole different perspective. We all came to a point where we realized that we understood life more for what it was.”

- Vanessa, Student Explorer



Pre-Travel Curriculum

- ☞ Amazon ecology and rainforest conservation.
- ☞ Peruvian history, Yagua culture and Spanish language.
- ☞ Leadership skills, service learning and responsible travel knowledge.



Program Itinerary

Day 1

We depart the U.S. and arrive in Lima, the capital of Peru. Depending on our flight schedule, we may spend the night at a hotel or we may head directly to Iquitos.

Days 2 – 3

A connecting flight brings us to Iquitos, a bustling jungle town on the banks of the Amazon River. From here, we climb aboard a motorized boat for a spectacular ride to Explorama Lodge, our home for the next two nights. Here, we meet our local guides, enjoy open air meals and learn a few skills used to live in this ecosystem. We also have a chance to visit a Yagua community to catch a glimpse of a different rainforest life and barter for handicrafts. The surrounding forest offers many opportunities for guided afternoon hikes and nighttime forest walks by flashlight!

Days 4 – 5

At dawn, we enjoy a short excursion into the forest to look for and identify a few of the hundreds of species of birds in the region. We then travel by boat to ExplorNapó Lodge, a more remote facility where we visit a local shaman. Next, we explore a blackwater lake and spend the evening on a moonlight river float. A short hike on Day 5 brings us to the Amazon Conservatory of Tropical Studies Field Station, home to one of the longest canopy walkways in the world. Here, we watch the sun set over the

rainforest from high above the forest floor and learn about the many uses of local plant life.

Days 6 – 7

A short boat ride brings us back to Explorama where we eat lunch and spend the afternoon fishing, swimming and searching for pink river dolphins. Dr. Linnea Smith, a North American physician who moved to the region and opened a rural health clinic, gives us a presentation and tells us stories this evening. On Day 7, we have an opportunity to give back to this incredible place through a service project alongside local community members. This may very well be the highlight of the week for many participants!

Days 8 – 9

After a morning hike, we head to Ceiba Tops Lodge where we spend the afternoon hiking to a giant ceiba tree and taking a dip in a refreshing swimming pool. This evening, we enjoy a local dance performance and reflect on our experience. On the morning of Day 9, we say goodbye to the rainforest and say hello to the friendly city of Iquitos. We visit a market, do some last-minute shopping and catch a late afternoon flight to Lima, where we depart late at night to return to the U.S.

Day 10

Travel home.

Program Details

Expedition Length: 10 days

Location: Peru – Iquitos, Upper Amazon River, Napo River

What's Included:

All lodging in Peru; all meals and drinking water in Peru; all transportation in Peru; all daily activities and related fees; Global Explorers Expedition Leader; local guides and drivers; all gratuities; basic travel insurance; airport departure fees; preparatory materials and support; t-shirts and journals; carbon offsets for international air travel. Tents, sleeping bags and sleeping pads are provided while trekking.

What's Not Included:

International airfare between your home city and Lima, Peru; passport fees; immunization fees; spending money (for souvenirs and extra snacks); expenses as a result of travel delays or cancellations that fall outside of Global Explorers' control.

Maturity Level:

This program is open to middle school and high school groups.

Group Size:

We require a minimum group size of 10 paying participants and can accommodate significantly larger groups in the Amazon.

Accommodations:

Participants always have access to clean drinking water and their own twin bed with mosquito netting in shared rooms. Students have private bathrooms for roughly half of the time. As students explore deeper into the rain forest, lodges offer clean and sanitary shared bathrooms.