



Western Michigan Educators & Parents
Tambopata: Peruvian Amazon 2011



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Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Preliminary questions?
- Why Travel? Why Peru? Why Global Explorers?
- Tambopata details / itinerary
- Costs and fundraising
- Questions and Answers



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Why International Travel?



- Reflect – put things in perspective

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- Discover new cultures

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- Explore new ecosystems

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■ Have FUN!!!
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Global Explorers Why Global Explorers?



- We are a mission-driven, nonprofit organization
- Nationally respected programs have been featured on ABC Nightline, ABC World News Tonight, CBS Sunday Morning and the Travel Channel
- We take the notion of "Let's visit this place" to the next level
- You won't find a more authentic experience from which you will learn from better guides and educators

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The Global Explorers Program

Preparatory Curriculum



International Field Workshop



Follow-Up Service

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Preparatory Curriculum



• Science • Culture • Service • Leadership

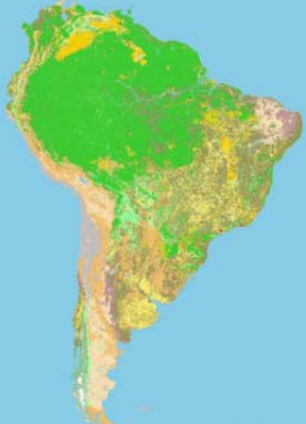
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Why Peru?




- Specifically, why the Tambopata-Madidi region?
- Areas nature reserves combined protect a region 2/3 the size of Costa Rica
- Healthy forest is home to the top-five predators of the Amazon: jaguar, anaconda, harpy eagle, black caiman and giant river otter
- World famous macaw clay licks – one with up to 260 large macaws in a day
- Good examples of ecotourism; opportunities for service learning
- Safe & well-Traveled, yet remote and rustic

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The International Field Workshop



10 Days in Peru!!!

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Amazon Itinerary: Day 1

Fly from USA to Lima, Peru

Amazon Itinerary: Day 2

Fly from Lima to Iquitos

A Typical Amazon Day

- 6:00 – 7:30am Sunrise forest hike to search for wildlife
- 7:30 – 9:00am Breakfast – fresh fruit and local fare!
- 9:00 – 12:00pm Morning Workshop Session – local school visit
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch – freshly caught fish, rice and plantains
- 1:00 – 2:30pm Journaling, Reflection and Free Time
- 2:30 – 5:30pm Fish for piranha, search for river otters!
- 5:30 – 6:30pm Journaling, Reflection and Roundtables
- 6:30 – 7:30pm Dinner – something local and delicious!
- 7:30 – 9:30pm Evening Program – moonlight river float
- 9:30 – 10:00pm Wind down and free time, lay in the hammocks!
- 10:00 – 6:00am SLEEP!

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Who Travels With You?

- Group Sponsors: Blake Mazurek, Sally Van Eck, Teresa Snoop
- Educators and parents of students from Western Michigan
- A Global Explorers Expedition Leader
- At least one local guide
- Various other scientists, guides and educators will join you

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Your Rainforest Lodging

- Simple
- Environmentally Sound
- Safe

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Amazon Itinerary: Day 2

Introduction to the Amazon Basin

- Morning flight to Puerto Maldonado
- Travel to Posada Amazonas by boat
- Settle in to your new surroundings
- Intro hike with guide

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Amazon Itinerary: Day 3

Community Visit

- Visit Infierno riverside community
- Community service project
- Dance performance
- Ethnobotany hike
- Search for giant river otters

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 **Service and Leadership**



"My favorite part was the service project!"
Sara – 15 yrs old
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 **Amazon Itinerary: Day 4**

Posada Amazonas to Tambopata Research Center:
Further into the Rainforest!



- Boat ride to TRC with spectacular wildlife viewing
- TRC – the most remote of the rainforest lodges we visit
- Enjoy an afternoon at TRC taking in the breathtaking surroundings

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 **Amazon Itinerary: Days 5-6**

Exploring the TRC

- Discover the rainforest and experience the unparalleled biodiversity with expert local guides
- Search for mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects
- Visit a spectacular display of macaws at a nearby clay lick



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 **Amazon Itinerary: Days 7-8**

Refugio Amazonas



- Boat ride to our new lodge – Refugio Amazonas
- Explore rainforest canopy and practice tree climbing skills
- Visit river canals and tributaries
- Evening boat-based search for caimen and other critters

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 **Amazon Itinerary: Day 9**

- Boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado
- Flight to Lima
- ¡Hasta Luego! Depart Lima for the US



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 **Amazon Itinerary: Day 10**



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Follow-Up Service Project



"Going away from home makes home more important!"

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Share The Experience!

- Global Explorers' mission is to inspire responsible global citizenship by sharing life-changing travel with as many people as we can!
- Teachers – organize a group of your students to travel
- Parents – encourage your children to travel
- Global Explorers will offer \$100 off of 2012 travel to students or children of any adult who travels in 2011



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Share The Experience!

- One group scheduled to travel to this destination in 2012 – participating students will each receive \$100 off
- Other teachers may choose to travel to any of Global Explorers' other destinations
- Contact Global Explorers to discuss different options



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Fundraising

- We have had groups raise every single penny through community efforts!
- With our fundraising strategies, you can expect to raise around 30 – 35%
- We are a nonprofit organization – your group can receive tax-deductible donations!
- You have our full support and resources




\$25,000 Raised!

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The 1/3rd Rule

- 1/3 School Fundraising
- 1/3 Student Savings
- 1/3 Family Support




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Costs and Fundraising

Program Cost	= \$2,950
Estimated Flight	= \$1,000**
Total Est. Cost	= \$3,950

Minus Fundraising	= \$1,316
Total Cost	= \$2,634

** Estimated cost - Airfare could change in either direction.



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 **What does this include?**

- All food, lodging and travel
- Guides, staff and tips
- Preparatory books and curriculum
- T-shirts, journals and travel guides
- Staff support for logistics of preparing
- Basic travel insurance
- **THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!!!!**



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 **What does this NOT include?**



- Spending money for souvenirs
- Immunizations costs
- Passport fees
- Personal travel items (e.g. clothes)

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 **Next Steps**



- \$200 nonrefundable deposits due June 1, 2010
- Submit deposits to Blake Mazurek, Sally Van Eck, or Teresa Snoop
- OR send checks to:

Sally Van Eck
3437 Tomahawk Dr. SW
Grandville, MI 49418
- Make checks payable to "Amazon Western Michigan"

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