



## PERU:

### TAMBOPATA AMAZON WILDLIFE Best Introduction to Amazonia

DURATION	:	8 days / 7 nights
SEASON	:	April through November
DEPARTURES	:	Guaranteed with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 12 participants
TRIP RATING	:	Moderate rainforest adventure, Grade (II) - This active hotel & lodge-based educational journey features river travel in covered motorized canoes (up to 4 hours/outing) as well as moderately strenuous guided nature hikes of up to 4 hours duration on rugged, sometimes muddy or overgrown jungle trails.
2011 DATES	:	On request any week during the season

#### INTRODUCTION :

The forests of southeastern Peru represent some of the most pristine sections of western Amazonia. Here, primary lowland rainforests and savannahs meet cloud and elfin forests, and natural forces such as rocky rapids and lofty glacier peaks protect the region from incursions by man. This amazing juxtaposition of climates creates an astounding array of natural habitats, unsurpassed in the world in terms of biodiversity as well as scenic beauty. The Tambopata Macaw Research Center (TRC) is located in the heart of this incredible region. Created to help protect and provide valuable knowledge about the area's macaws, the TRC is situated adjacent to one of the world's largest known clay licks, or *collpas*. Participants are able to observe and photograph what many consider the Amazon's greatest avian spectacle—the morning gathering of parrots at the *collpa*. With ongoing research projects and resident scientists, visitors to the TRC can enjoy one of the best learning experiences available in the Amazon! In addition, there is a chance to spot more than 500 bird species, 11 species of monkeys, and wildlife rarely seen at other facilities such as the giant river otter, capybara, tayra, white-lipped peccary, agouti, ocelot, tapir and, with luck, the elusive jaguar.

We catch a morning flight from Lima to cross the eastern range of the Andes and arrive to Puerto Maldonado, a jungle frontier town located at the confluence of the Madre de Dios and Tambopata Rivers. Here we board a covered, motorized canoe for the journey upriver to the Posada or Refugio Amazonas, charming jungle lodges operated by the native community of Ese'ejá, where we spend the night. The next day we continue to the research center's facility where we dedicate 3 days to observing the activity at the clay lick, exploring the various trails near the lodge, and possibly watching the tree canopy or macaw nesting sites from special scaffolding towers. Led by resident biologists or naturalist researchers we learn about the complex symbiotic relationships that exist in a primary rainforest, as well as study and observe a variety of plant and wildlife species. We return by river to Puerto Maldonado and then fly to Lima.

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

### DAY 01 (SAT): USA/LIMA

We depart the USA and arrive in the evening to **Lima**, Peru's coastal capital. Our local staff meets us at the airport and assists us checking-in to the Costa del Sol Hotel located near the International Terminal.

### DAY 02 (SUN): LIMA/PUERTO MALDONADO/POSADA AMAZONAS

Travelers at the airport hotel in Lima are picked up early this morning to check-in for the spectacular flight across the Andes to the booming, frontier town of **Puerto Maldonado**, situated at the confluence of the Madre de Dios and Tambopata rivers. We're met upon arrival and board a private vehicle for the 13-mile drive to the boat docks. As we pass through town, we learn a little about the industries that support people in the rainforest, including gold mining, Brazil nut collecting, timber extraction, agriculture and eco-tourism. At the docks, we load our gear into a 45-foot long, covered, motorized canoe to begin the 1-hour journey up the Tambopata River to the **Posada Amazonas**, a unique jungle lodge on the outskirts of a 3.7 million-acre conservation unit. The lodge is unusual in that it is a joint venture between the native community of Ese'ejá and the TRC, and its location is superb for bird and wildlife observation. There are several nests in the nearby territory including two harpy eagle nests, one crested eagle nest, two ornate hawk eagle nests and one king vulture nest! The nearby oxbow lakes are visited by giant river otters and there are four mammal clay licks (the nearest is situated just 15 minutes from the lodge) where nocturnal creatures such as pacarana (a capybara-like rodent) and red brocket deer have been spotted. Lunch and dinner are served at the lodge.

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### DAY 03 (MON): POSADA AMAZONAS/TAMBOPATA CENTER

At dawn we continue navigating up the Tambopata River for 4 hours to arrive to the **Tambopata Research Center** (TRC). We leave the final traces of human habitation behind as we cross the northern boundary of the Tambopata National Reserve, established in 2000, and the difference in wildlife abundance can be noted immediately: we begin to sight macaws, herons, kingfishers and cormorants frequently and may encounter capybara, caiman, storks, ducks and other wildlife. Drawing closer to the confluence with the Molinowski River, we might experience a few small rapids (according to water levels). In periods of very low waters we have to get out of the boat and push it through shallow sections. Upon arrival to the TRC in the late morning we look for a greeting from the *chicos*, or kids—the young, semi-wild, scarlet and red & green macaws that were rescued and raised by the Research Center as part of its "macaw project." Reared from eggs that were the second and third in a clutch (taken from the nests, incubated, hatched and raised to adulthood), these macaws are being gradually released back into the wild. While still immature, they return to the facility for daily treats of banana and nutritionally balanced formula, providing us with an excellent opportunity to observe and photograph these beautiful birds up-close. Over lunch we hold an orientation session, and afterwards hike the 1.5-mile **Bamboo Trail**, concentrating on birds of southwestern Amazonia. Bamboo forests are famous for the rare antbirds and ovenbirds that live exclusively within this type of habitat. We frequently observe howler and dusky-headed titi monkeys here as well. As we walk, we learn about the more than 500 bird species on the Tambopata list. We study the evolution of bird behavior and the relationships between birds and plants or other animals. We take a quick look at intra-tropical migrations and learn about the natural history of the most interesting bird families we come across during our excursion. Our hike ends at the overlooks, which are excellent for viewing canopy birds such as tanagers, white-throated jacamar, scarlet-headed barbet, elaenias, common piping, spix's guans, and oropendolas. After dinner at the lodge, we enjoy a briefing on the TRC's projects before capping off a fulfilling day with a short walk along the beach to look for caiman and watch the stars.

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### DAY 04 (TUE): MACAW RESEARCH CENTER

Up before the sun, we head across the river in our boat. Here on a wide, sandy beach 300 feet across from the *collpa*, or **clay lick**, we set up our scopes and cameras as we await the arrival of the first pairs of blue-headed parrots. We watch from a distance as these medium-sized parrots and smaller parakeets arrive pair by pair until there are dozens in the treetops above the lick. Occasionally the screeching birds take off and circle, preparing to descend to the river bank and eat their fill of the mineral rich clay soil. Each group surveys the area for eagles, bat falcons and other potential predators, calling and searching back and forth, before a few bold parrots swoop down and land on the clay. Shortly afterwards, green, blue and red parrots swarm over the wall and jostle for space in a depression that can accommodate several hundred birds. As the smaller parrots eat, we have a panoramic view as the macaws arrive from all directions and congregate on the branches above the lick, preening themselves and surveying the area before descending to join in the spectacle. Up to 12 species of parrots, including red-and-green, scarlet, blue-and-gold, red-bellied, chestnut-fronted and blue-headed macaws have been observed in a single morning at the lick! We return to the lodge for a late breakfast, then enjoy a hike along the 1.5-mile **Ocelot Trail** to become familiar with the low, middle and

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upper floodplain forest. The focus of our walk is general rainforest ecology because birds and mammals are not as active at this time of the day. The forest in this area is estimated to be 200-300 years old and contains some truly gigantic ceiba and strangler fig trees! Pointing out real-life examples of tropical ecology principles and theories, we discuss tropical climates and the geological history of the Amazon rainforest. We look at soil structure, nutrient cycling, river dynamics and tree fall gaps, and learn about the different habitats around the TRC—keeping our eyes open for agouti, saddleback tamarin, squirrel monkeys or tayra as we walk. We also listen for the distinct grunts and snorts that indicate the collared peccaries are near! We visit the **Amazonian Biodiversity Project Plot**, a 5-acre section of forest where every plant species larger than 4 inches in diameter has been tagged and identified. Here, we gain insight into neotropical botany and the taxonomic characteristics of rainforest trees before returning to the lodge.

Following a late lunch and a short *siesta*, we take a 5-minute boat ride to a small, drying oxbow lake to observe rainforest fish and the ecology of seasonal bodies of water in the Amazon. Using different sampling techniques such as cast nets and seines, we learn about the natural histories of the fish we catch. Some are superbly well-adapted to life in seasonal ponds; they can survive without water for several hours at a time and can move overland for short distances! We look for some of the lake's other wildlife including: hoatzin, Muscovy duck, green ibis, greater kiskadee, tropical kingbird, black-tailed tityra, green kingfisher, ringed woodpecker, speckled chachalaca, dusky-headed and white-eyed parakeets, yellow-tufted woodpeckers, yellow-rumped caciques and crested and green oropendolas. After dinner at the lodge, we are introduced to the conservation problems facing the Tambopata National Reserve & the Bahuaja-Sonene National Park, and then embark on one of our most fascinating night hikes—focusing on amphibians! As we look for frogs, we learn about different families, their specialization in different ecological niches and their surprising reproductive strategies. (B,L,D)

### DAY 05 (WED): MACAW RESEARCH CENTER

At dawn, we return to the clay lick, but this time we view it from a closer & different perspective. We use the upper **Bamboo Trail** to access blinds which directly overlook the 130-foot high *collpa*. As we settle in and camouflage our presence, we enjoy superb views of the snow-capped peaks in the distant Carabaya range near the Altiplano highlands of southeastern Peru. As we wait, we may observe caiman coming out on the sandy river bank to sun themselves or perhaps a jaguar lapping water (there's a 10% chance of seeing the latter). The lighting is outstanding as the birds begin to arrive—some perching noisily in the bamboo directly above our heads! The iridescent blues and greens of the parrots' wings glisten in the sunlight, making them appear like giant, opalescent butterflies, while the cacophony of cries rises and falls as the birds circle out over the forest, away from the lick, and then approach the river bank, always keeping an eye out for predators. After watching and photographing as the parrots eat their fill, we return to the lodge for breakfast. We then head out on the 1.5 mile-long **Toucan Trail**, hiking through terra firme forest and palm swamps to experience a variety of transitional habitats. We concentrate on mammals during this walk, looking for dusky-headed titi monkeys, spider monkeys, brown capuchins and the white-lipped peccary, who roots through the undergrowth near the water. We investigate the Sherman traps that have been set for rodents, identifying and releasing any species that have been captured. Interesting birds found along the trail include: white-crested spadebill, white-eyed tody-tyrant, collared puffbird, and the golden-collared toucanet. The trail's bamboo forests are good for striated antwren, Ihering's antwren and dot-winged antwren. The palm swamp houses a few species that are hard or impossible to spot in other habitats, such as striped woodcreeper, dull-rumped Attila, and the point-tailed palmcreeper. Upon returning to the lodge, we enjoy lunch and rest before our afternoon outing. We head out on a different trail that leads to the **scaffolding tower** located in the palm swamp. Here we can observe a colony of nesting blue & yellow and red-bellied macaws. Adventurous group members may climb to the top, (about 50 feet above the forest floor) protected by ropes and a belay system. From this vantage point we have spectacular views out over the forest and the chance to observe activity in the nearby treetops. We discuss the biodiversity of the canopy versus that of the forest floor, and as we relax atop the platform, a mixed flock of birds may stream into the treetops allowing excellent close-up views of colorful little tanagers, dacnises, honeycreepers and euphonias. We may spot plain brown woodcreepers, Cuvier's toucan, band-tailed manakins, blue-crowned trogons, purple-throated fruit crows, paradise tanagers, dot-winged antwrens, and others either from the scaffolding or during our walks to/from the swamp! After dinner at the lodge, a talk on the Tambopata Macaw Project is followed by another night walk—this time focusing on mammals and their adaptations for nocturnal activity. We set mist nets to capture bats and after our walk, return to check them, then identify and release those entrapped. (B,L,D)

### DAY 06 (THU): MACAW RESEARCH CENTER /POSADA AMAZONAS

At dawn, there are three optional activities: a final view of the clay lick from the beach, a visit to the blinds above the *collpa*, or a hike down any of the TRC trails. We return to the lodge for breakfast, then board our covered canoe to begin the 4-hour downriver journey back to the **Posada Amazonas**. After 3-days of exploring the rainforests and rivers,

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we are much better at spotting wildlife and birds. Near the lodge, we hike 30 minutes to the Tres Chimbadas oxbow lake and board dugout canoes or a small catamaran to paddle around. Here we may spot caiman, turtles, hoatzin, piranhas, rufescent tiger herons, purple gallinule, sungrebe, osprey, kingfishers, sunbitterns and, possibly, giant river otters—one of the rarest Amazonian mammals which can reach up to 6 feet in length. Afterwards, if there is activity at any of the nesting sites, we can climb a scaffolding tower for a better look. (B,L,D)

DAY 07 (FRI): POSADA AMAZONAS/PUERTO MALDONADO/LIMA (OR CUSCO)

After an early breakfast, we continue by boat down the Tambopata River to our docks near Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the airport to catch our flight back to **Lima**. We are met upon arrival and driven to Miraflores. Lunch is on your own. In the afternoon we join a local guide for a private tour of Colonial Lima and the fascinating Larco Herrera Museum, with an extensive collection of pre-Columbian artifacts. This evening we enjoy a special *criollo* farewell dinner. Participants leaving tonight will have a return transfer to the airport. Those extending to Machu Picchu fly to **Cusco** from Puerto Maldonado, are met upon arrival and then follow the itinerary indicated on page 6.

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DAY 08 (SAT): USA

Arrive in the US this morning and make onward connections home.

**NOTES ON THE ITINERARY:** Due to ever-changing conditions in the rainforest, day-by-day activities on this trip are subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control including weather, group condition/pace, trail/lake/river conditions, and flight schedules, cancellations or delays. The wildlife inhabiting these forests are not confined in any way. Wildlife viewing will be carefully pursued but, observation of particular species or certain numbers of birds and animals cannot be guaranteed. **The peak month for viewing macaws at the clay lick is September** while the fewest number are observed at the *collpa* in May. On occasion Posada Amazonas lodge may be substituted for the equally comfortable Refugio Amazonas, depending on availability. This program is suitable for physically fit participants accustomed to outdoor activities age 7 and up, and some departures may include families with children. Driving/navigating/hiking distances and altitudes are approximate, and times indicated are NET and do not include lunch breaks, rest stops, time to explore the forest, visit villages, etc.

**2011 LAND COST:**           \$2,465 p.p.d. (2-3 participants)  
                                      \$2,265 p.p.d. (4-6 participants)  
                                      \$2,165 p.p.d. (7-12 participants)  
                                      \$ 470 Single Supplement

p.p.d.=per person based on double occupancy

### SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Comprehensive **pre-departure planning packet** and expert travel advice.
- All **in-country transfers** as scheduled (transfers on different days are additional). Ground transportation in spacious and comfortable private vehicles with professional drivers. Occasionally, other Southwind travelers may share the same vehicle, particularly for transfers or tours in Lima.
- Local and return flight reconfirmation, **in-country airport check-in and luggage assistance**.
- Transfers to/from Posada or Refugio Amazonas & TRC lodges by covered, motorized, modified canoes.
- All **accommodations in first-class (4 star) hotels** as listed (or at similar hotels) on a shared basis with private bath. Note: Double beds for couples (primarily queen or king-sized) can be requested in advance, but cannot be guaranteed, as most hotels offer few rooms with double beds.
- **Accommodations at the Posada or Refugio Amazonas & the TRC lodges** as listed in double, twin-bedded rooms. Bathroom/shower facilities at the TRC are shared, while bathrooms and showers at the Posada and Refugio Amazonas are private, both with cold water showers.
- Single Supplement includes single rooms in the hotels & lodges. Due to the small size of the lodges & hotels in Cusco, the number of singles available per group is limited to 2. If you require single accommodations, making reservations well in advance is recommended. Single accommodations at the TRC cannot be guaranteed, but if available will be provided for those who request it.
- All **meals** indicated on the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner); **Vegetarian diets accommodated** on request (advance notification required).
- All **guided jungle excursions** as listed, or similar, conducted on a private basis (i.e., only the SWA group will hike

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together even though there will be other travelers at the facility) by English-speaking, naturalist/biologist guides. The guides reside at the facility and have different specialties, such as ornithology, botany, etc. and the group could be led on different excursions by different guides in order to have the richest, most varied learning experience possible.

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- US domestic, international flights, nor local flights within Peru.
- Peruvian airport departure taxes (approx. \$50 per person).
- Tours or other services not listed on the itinerary.
- Tips to the local staff.
- Alcoholic beverages nor items of a personal nature; such as clothing, equipment, laundry & phone calls.
- Expenses incurred in preparing for this program such as, but not limited to, non-refundable airline tickets or traveler's insurance, nor additional expenses resulting from flight delays, schedule changes, cancellations, or missed connections.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend purchasing a plan to protect your trip investment. Travel insurance helps to cover unexpected events prior to departure causing the need to cancel or change your dates. Weather, geologic events, local strikes, a personal injury/illness to you, family member or your traveling companion could cause interruption or changes to your itinerary, missed connections, delayed arrival, lost/delayed baggage or need for medical attention on the trip or evacuation which is why coverage is important. We recommend the *Worldwide Trip Protector (WTP)* plan offered by Travel Insured International (TII). **Kids 17 and under are free with related adult on the WTP plan.** Information and an application are sent upon receipt of your deposit (sooner if requested). Policies can be purchased securely online at: [www.southwindadventures.com/insurance.html](http://www.southwindadventures.com/insurance.html). If you, your traveling companion or a family member has a pre-existing medical condition, you should purchase the WTP policy within 21 days of your deposit in order to be reimbursed for non-refundable costs if a recurrence of the condition forces you to cancel your trip (some restrictions apply). Please call our office or visit our website for more information.

**POSADA AMAZONAS:** The lodge was built using the same traditional materials and architectural techniques that native communities throughout the Amazon use for constructing their homes: wood, palm fronds, wild cane and clay. The lodge itself consists of an interconnected complex of four sections: bedrooms, dining area and kitchen, a lounge/relaxation area, and internal support facilities. The entire roof of the facility is constructed using *crisneja* palm fronds and the floors are of tropical mahogany. Passageways are also roofed. The bedroom complex is built from four adjoined 30-foot x 78-foot structures with five or six rooms per facility, for a total of 30 double bedrooms. The walls are built of cane and clay, and extend from the floor to the roof, making each room private. Each room has a large window facing the forest, and a second small window on the opposite side, set very high up, to keep the rooms well-ventilated. The twin beds have mosquito netting and each room has a private bathroom with the following facilities: cold water in the shower and sink and a flush toilet. The open-air dining room accommodates up to 80 guests. The lounge is also designed for up to 80 guests with a bar and fireplace, several low tables with chairs for games or cards, and hammocks for resting.

**REFUGIO AMAZONAS:** The newest in this trio of lodges, located in a 120 hectare private reserve surrounded by the community of Condenado, 2.5 hours by boat from the dock near Puerto Maldonado. The 24-room lodge has been built using a combination of traditional native materials (wood, palm fronds, wild cane and clay) and modern day eco-lodge technology. Similar to Posada Amazonas, the lodge itself consists of different sections; rooms, dining area & kitchen and relaxation area. Beds have mosquito nets and each room has a private bathroom (cool water only). Rooms and bathrooms are separated by drapes. The dining room/lounge is spacious and offers ample area for resting and socializing.

**TAMBOPATA MACAW CENTER:** The lodge is located about 10 minutes inland from the river following a dirt trail. The main facility consists of a large, elevated structure (with open sides and thatched roof) that contains the dining room and kitchen as well as sleeping facilities for guests. The 18 private, twin-bed guestrooms are rustic but comfortable, with front & side walls and a 3-foot high wall facing the jungle (the remaining distance to the thatched roof is open to allow for cool breezes as well as the chance to observe birds and wildlife from your quarters). Cool water showers and flush toilets are shared and are located in a separate, raised, wooden building connected by elevated walkway. Boots and muddy shoes are not allowed in the buildings, so Texas™ or sneakers are advised if you prefer

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not to walk around in socks. Researchers and resident guides sleep in a separate elevated building a short distance behind the kitchen. In keeping with their philosophy of eco-tourism and conservation, a generator is not used at the facility and lighting is provided by candles and lanterns at night (solar panels provide energy to operate the radio for emergency use as well as the slide projector for orientation lectures).

### OPTIONAL CUSCO/MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION (4 days/3 nights):

#### DAY 07 (FRI): PUERTO MALDONADO/CUSCO

From Posada Amazonas, we ride a boat to town and continue to the airport for the spectacular flight over the Andes to Cusco (11,150'), the former capital of the Incan Empire, where we're met at the airport and transferred to the historic Libertador Hotel near the main plaza. This afternoon we enjoy a guided orientation tour, by foot and van, of the city's colonial and Incan sites, including the nearby ruins of Sacsayhuaman and Tambo Machay. (B)

#### DAY 08 (SAT): CUSCO/MACHU PICCHU

After an early breakfast, we transfer to the train station to catch the tourist train for the 3.5-hour ride to the village of Machu Picchu (formerly Aguas Calientes) located just below the famous *Lost City of the Incas*. After checking into the charming Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel in town, we join our guide for a tour of the main sections of the ruins including the Sun Temple, Royal Tomb, the ceremonial water fountains and baths and the Sacred Plaza. Dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 09 (SUN): MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

The day is at leisure for further personal explorations of this magnificent citadel. There are several optional guided hikes available for more active group members. A one-hour climb along a very steep and exposed trail ends at **Huayna Picchu**, or Young Peak (8,860'), providing an excellent, panoramic view of the sanctuary. An hour-and-a-half downhill hike ends at the *Temple of the Moon*; or an easy 30 minute walk will take you to the Inca Drawbridge. As the day is flexible, those who prefer can relax or explore their favorite spots at their own pace. After lunch at the Inkaterra Hotel we catch the early afternoon train for the return to Ollantaytambo, we continue by private vehicle to Cusco and the Libertador Hotel. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

#### DAY 10 (MON): CUSCO/LIMA/USA

We transfer to the airport late-morning for the flight to Lima where we're met upon arrival by our guide and driven into the city for a private tour of colonial Lima and the renowned Larco Herrera Museum, with an extensive collection of Pre-Columbian artifacts. Lunch and dinner are on your own. Those leaving tonight will have a transfer to the airport included. (B)

#### DAY 11 (TUE): USA

Arrive in the US this morning and make onward connections home.

<b>2011 EXTENSION LAND COST:</b>	\$1,595 p.p.d. (2 participants)
	\$1,495 p.p.d. (3 participants)
	\$1,395 p.p.d. (4-6 participants)
	\$ 505 Single Supplement

p.p.d.=per person based on double occupancy

**NOTES ON EXTENSION SERVICES:** Services are as per the full program with accommodations in First-Class (4-5 star) hotels as listed (or similar hotels), on a shared basis. All meals, transfers and tours as indicated above conducted on a private basis by local English-speaking guides. An additional deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve services on this extension.

**WEATHER:** The jungles of southeastern Peru surrounding the Madre de Dios and Tambopata rivers experience distinctive wet and dry periods. The rainy season stretches from December through February and is the time in which

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most of the area's 6.5 feet of annual rainfall occurs. During this "wet" season the rivers are frequently swollen and treacherous, with lots of fallen trees and floating debris. **The "dry season" (March- November)**, is often marked by rainless periods that can last several weeks, although downpours should be anticipated at any time of the year. Typically, rain showers during the dry season are quite heavy but short lived, and they can sometimes cause the rivers to swell unexpectedly. Due to the area's proximity to the mountains, any rain fall at the higher elevations can also tremendously affect the water levels in the river even though it may not be raining locally. The months of August, September, and October are usually the driest. **Heat and humidity** are probably the most consistent elements encountered in the Amazon. Daytime temperatures in the dry season range from 85°-92°F with the nights averaging between 68°-76°F. A unique phenomenon of the southern jungles occurs when unexpected cold fronts called *friajes* blow in from the Andes or Antarctica. These can happen any month of the year, but are more likely from June to September. A *friaje* can bring 2-4 days of rain and cooler temperatures, with daytime highs around 50°F and nighttime lows around 40°-45°F. These low temperatures, combined with the high humidity of the region, can make it quite cool. Wildlife viewing is typically low during these periods but, immediately afterwards, animals and birds become very active as they have been holed up for a few days.

**ESTIMATED AIRFARE:** The Land Cost for this trip DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FLIGHTS. Round-trip **international** air from US gateways (New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Atlanta) is approximately \$800-\$1,000 per person. **Local flights** are estimated at \$350 per person (add \$100 if extending to Cusco). Upon receipt of your deposit, Southwind will send you more information about booking your flights to match your land itinerary.

✉ Southwind will need your flight schedule within 45 days of departure to arrange your transfers. We recommended that you **DO NOT** purchase any airline tickets until your trip is guaranteed to operate. Southwind sends out a trip confirmation letter once a trip is guaranteed or you may call to check the status of your departure.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** Submit Southwind's Trip Reservation Form along with a \$1,000 per person per trip deposit (payable by check or credit card). The form and deposit can be completed securely online at [www.southwindadventures.com](http://www.southwindadventures.com) by clicking on "Book a Trip" at the top of our homepage. If you prefer, you can print the Trip Reservation Form and mail/fax it to our office with your deposit. You can also call us at 1-800-377-9463 to make payment arrangements (**your deposit will be charged and your reservation confirmed once we receive your Trip Reservation Form**).

Due to the popularity of the Peruvian rainforest, we recommend making reservations at least 4 months in advance. Once your trip is guaranteed to operate, you will receive a comprehensive pre-departure planning packet.

**Land Balance:** Final payment is due at 90 days by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express or check. You will receive a trip invoice indicating your balance due. Provided services and space are available, reservations can be accepted up to 21 days before departure.

Cancellation Fees and other policies are outlined under the 2011 Terms & Conditions on Southwind's website (click [Book a Trip](#)>2011 Terms & Conditions).

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