

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Travelling to Tambopata National Reserve offers a rare opportunity to discover a lively biodiversity of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects and trees. Record-setting numbers of animal species are concentrated within small areas, and the variety of plant life is greater than almost anywhere in the world. To help you experience the wonder of this magic place, we have prepared a suggested itinerary for your stay at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica.



### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Welcome to Puerto Maldonado and register at the Butterfly House / Transfer to the boarding wharf / After 45 minutes by boat, arrive at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica / Enjoy the Trail System adventure and the Twilight River excursion or the nature presentation at the Eco Center / Dinner at the main dining room / Overnight / Breakfast starting at 5 a.m. until 10 a.m. / Enjoy the excursion to Lake Sandoval and the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway / The Eco Center nature presentation / Happy Hour / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Gamitana Creek excursion / Lunch at the lodge / Rainforest Garden / Rainforest by Night / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Visit the Hacienda Concepcion excursion and the Wetlands excursion / The Eco Center nature presentation / Dinner / Overnight / Breakfast / Visit Inkaterra Butterfly House / Fly to Lima or Cusco.

# DAY 1

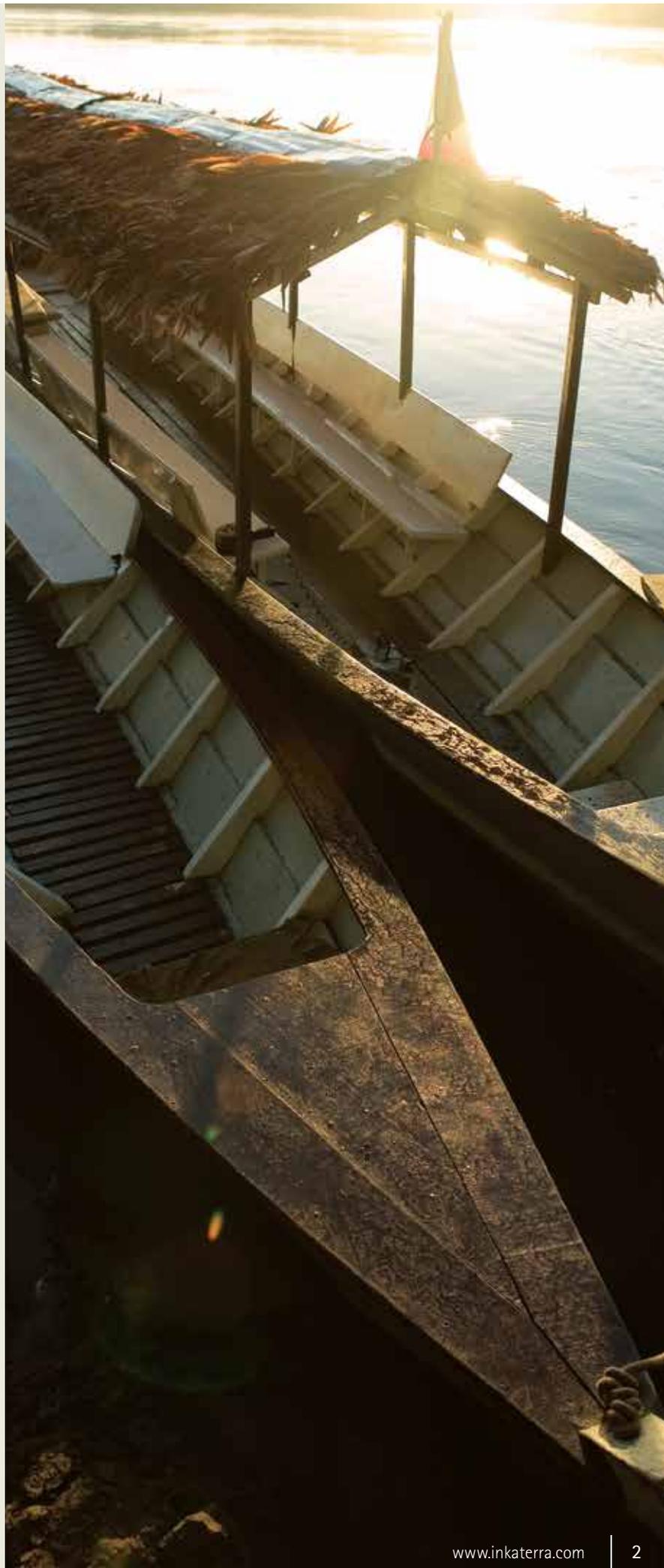
Welcome in Puerto Maldonado. Visit Inkaterra Butterfly House near the airport, conveniently check-in, and then reach the boarding wharf in only 15 minutes. Begin to experience the enchantment of the rainforest, as you take the 45-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River, to arrive at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica lodge. After a short briefing, settle into your beautiful cabaña and enjoy your lunch in the dining room. Take a nap, followed by a refreshing tea time and get ready for the afternoon excursion.

After gathering with your Inkaterra Explorer Guide, choose from the various excursions available at Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica. On your first day, we recommend a guided walk along the Trail system, into the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica natural area, where you will discover the Amazon Basin. This trail offers an excellent introduction to the jungle environment, winding past impressive trees such as the staggeringly tall kapok, and the strangely beautiful strangler fig, offering excellent opportunities for birdwatching and observing exotic insects.

We also recommend on the first night our Twilight River excursion – a guided afternoon boat ride on the Madre de Dios river. Witness the transformation from a diurnal to a nocturnal world: animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the night. As you enjoy their paradise, you will learn about their habits, while you search for nightjars, owls, capybaras and up to three different caiman species.

Enjoy dinner served in the main dining room from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. After dinner, you may retire early to your own cabaña, or share your experience in the rainforest with other guests and interpreters, as you listen to the intriguing sounds of the jungle at night.

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.



## DAY 2



Wake up late or rise early – the choice is yours. Breakfast begins at 5:30 a.m., for those who want to avoid the heat, and enjoy nature at its fullest. A full buffet breakfast is served from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This morning you may visit the Lake Sandoval excursion into the Tambopata National Reserve. Glide in a wooden canoe, across a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Return to the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica for lunch.

After lunch, consider the remarkable Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. Ascending the first tower, 29 meters above the forest ground, you begin your encounter with the treetop realm. For more than a quarter of a mile, you will literally walk through the rainforest canopy on a suspension bridge network linking eight observation platforms. During this hour-and-a-half expedition, be on the lookout for colorful toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys, and sloths. If you wish you may extend your excursion and appreciate the sunset from one of the towers. The excursion finishes by returning to the lodge.

Once at the lodge, enjoy the daily nature presentation in the Eco Center.

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.

## DAY 3

Enjoy a trip to Gamitana Creek, located 25 minutes by boat from the Inkaterra lodge. For one and a half hours, explore the rainforest along the banks of a winding, dark-water creek that is home to many piranha, caiman, turtles and birds, until the Sanipanga landing point. Navigate your way back downstream, observing the abundant flora and Fauna along the way. You will return to Gamitana Farm to do a short guided tour to see how local farmers grow fruits and vegetables. Return to the lodge for lunch.

After lunch, walk along the lodge trails to the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica Rainforest Garden just around the cabanas. This interesting native garden was started by the locals more than ten years ago showcasing native plants, trees and orchids. An in-depth explanation familiarizes you with the traditional use and highly interesting benefits of the plants and trees used for construction including those that were used for building the lodge, as well as native clothing accessories.

Then consider the Rainforest by Night excursion through the Inkaterra Ecological Reserve at night for an approximately 2-hour excursion. Biological activity differs greatly between night and day in the Amazonian ecosystem. Venture into the forest and experience the mystery of the animal activity that awakens in the rainforest after dark, enhancing animal resources to create new adaptation mechanisms. Listen to nocturnal forest sounds and spot species that only emerge at night. Return to the lodge.



## DAY 4

Enjoy the trip to Hacienda Concepcion, built in an old cocoa and rubber plantation on the grounds of a place once known as "Fundo Concepción ", a medical center of the Catholic mission in the 50's. Until 1976, this property also served as a center of ecological research and training for the local community; within 819 ha. of natural forest naturally nestled in an oxbow lake. Hacienda Concepción has diverse ecosystems, tropical plants and wild animals. During this excursion, you will also learn about the history and visit the remains of a ship called Fitzcarrald.

Return to Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica for lunch. After lunch, you may enjoy a visit to the Wetlands, where you will have the opportunity to visit and interesting ecosystem in the 200-meter boardwalk over the Aguajales rainforest swamps. See the transition of the forest ecosystem from dry to marshlands, and observe the various species of amphibians, reptiles, snakes, birds and mammals. Get to know the lush flora and trees, how they adapt to the wetland ecosystem, their benefits and uses. Return to the lodge.

## DAY 5

Enjoy a full breakfast before departure. A 45-minute return trip by boat on the Madre de Dios River takes you to Puerto Maldonado, where you may visit Inkaterra Butterfly House. Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, with 3,700 known species. Many of these can be seen at the Butterfly House, a showcase for the variety, beauty and adaptability of these fascinating insects.

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