



Jaguar on Tambopata River

The Best of Tambopata Wildlife Tour Information

4 days/3 nights - Highlights: Chuncho Clay Lick & Lake Sandoval

Thank you for your interest in Joselo Barazorda Wildlife Tours in Tambopata, Peru. The biodiversity of this rainforest will guarantee you lots of opportunities to observe and photograph a large variety of birds, insects, reptiles, mammals, plants and landscapes. As with any wildlife, we cannot guarantee that you will see all the creatures, but you will see a large variety. Your four day tour will cover two locations, and highlights the best that Tambopata has to offer: The macaws at Chuncho Clay Lick and the Giant River Otters at Lake Sandoval - among many other opportunities for seeing a variety of wildlife.

Day 1:

- You will be met at the bus terminal or airport in Puerto Maldonado, and accompanied by your tour guide throughout the rest of your tour. You will be given the opportunity to arrange your luggage, equipment and personal items for the first part of the tour to the lodge.
- If we need to wait for more passengers who are going to the lodge, you will get a city tour of Puerto Maldonado.
- Lunch along the way.
- Travel by motor vehicle approximately 2 hours to reach the banks of the Tambopata River where you will finish the trip to the Lodge via a short river boat ride. Have your eyes and cameras ready as your guide will start pointing out wildlife as soon as you enter the jungle. Many birds will be flying overhead. Monkeys will be by the roadside and you will have the opportunity to observe small farm lands and maybe to purchase some fruit from the local farmers.
- Light refreshments available when you get to the lodge.
- After settling into the lodge's accommodations, your first jungle walk awaits to introduce you to the Tambopata Rainforest. Learn the names of the trees, search for the monkeys that close by, and spot the birds in the trees.
- Grab your flashlight to experience the first night walk. You will be looking for nocturnal creatures who reveal their secrets only at night! See frogs, night monkeys, kinkajous, olingos, insects, tarantulas and snakes.
- Supper at 7:30 pm. Time to learn more about Tambopata National Reserve and the plants and creatures that live there.

Day 2:

- Early morning wake-up to go to the world's best macaw clay lick! Boat leaves the lodge at 5:00 am. The sun will rise as you make your way up the Tambopata River to the clay lick, a trip of 1.5 hours.
- Along the river you will have incredible opportunity to see capybaras, tapirs and hopefully the jaguars! At the clay lick be prepared for one of the most beautiful natural show of birds in the world. Up to 16 different types of macaws, parrots and parakeets, will be arriving by the hundreds to eat at the clay banks. Our stay at the clay lick includes breakfast and we will stay until the bird action subsides.
- On return trip to lodge there are more opportunities to see wildlife along the banks of the river.
- Lunch at the lodge at 1:00 pm.
- Afternoon - optional activities until 4:00 pm. Options include a rainforest walk, farm tour, swim, fishing or canopy tower visit with Joselo.
- Nightwalk activity as the sun sets.
- Supper at 7:30
- Free time or arrange another night walk around the lodge area.

Day 3:

- Optional: Morning trip to the canopy tower to observe the sunrise and listen to the jungle wake up.
- Breakfast at lodge. Time TBA.
- Transfer back to Puerto Maldonado and then on to the famous and beautiful Lake Sandoval via river boat. You will have an opportunity to repack your luggage, equipment and personal items for the Lake Sandoval tour.
- Lake Sandoval is a protected area in the Tambopata National Reserve. This oxbow lake portrays the history of the Amazon in it's flora, fauna and wildlife. Here, you will see plenty of animals, birds, reptiles, insects, flowers and fauna to fill up your camera with great photos!
- The 3 kilometer hike into the lake offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy the biodiversity of the area. Look up to see several species of monkeys: red howler, brown capuchins, squirrel, dusky titi and saddleback.
- At the lake, your canoe ride will take you out of the canal onto the lake - have your camera ready for those first stunning views!
- Lunch at your designated lodge. Settle into your accommodations. Note: Accomodations at Lake Sandoval are basic, but comfortable. Power may not available so be prepared with flashlight, extra batteries, battery chargers, etc. to run your electronic equipment.
- Afternoon to explore the area around the lodge and then onto the lake to catch sight of the most endangered mammal in the Amazon - the Giant River Otter. Keep your eyes open for the many birds that are hiding along the shore.
- As the sun sets you can catch the stunning sunset and then on to searching for the black caimans in the dark. Now that it is night, you can enjoy the stars - weather permitting.
- Supper at the lodge.



Parrots @ Chunchu Clay Lick

Day 4:

- Early morning wake-up to observe the sunrise and Giant River Otters. There will be plenty of opportunities to see the birds along the shore of the lake - herons, cormorants, wood-rails, hoatzin, among several other types. Great photo opportunities.
- Breakfast at the lodge.
- Canoe ride across the lake to enjoy the 30 meter high aguajales palms, with their beautiful reflections leaving you with a lasting memory of this beautiful lake. 3 kilometer walk back to Madre de Dios River. Keep your ears and eyes open for the red howler monkeys!
- Boat tour back to Puerto Maldonado. Here you have the chance to see wildlife along the shore and to enjoy the beauty of an Amazon river.
- Transfer back to office area to reclaim your items and be escorted to your next destination (bus station, airport, hotel). End of tour.



Hoatzin @ Lake Sandoval

Note: Order and or type of activities may be changed to accommodate weather or unforeseen conditions that may impact your safety.

Included in your tour:

- Private tour with experienced and knowledgeable guide
- English/Spanish speaking guide
- Transportation from Puerto Maldonado to respective lodges.
- Entrance fees to Tambopata National Reserve
- Meals as indicated (3 breakfast, 3 lunch, 3 dinner)
- Lodging
- Any special requests that were confirmed prior to your arrival (including special dietary requirements).

Not included in your tour:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Bottled water
- Optional tips for guides, drivers, lodge staff, etc. (Bring cash in small denominations)
- Additional nights due to transportation cancellations/delays.
- Insurance of any kind
- Airfares/transportation costs to Puerto Maldonado
- Phone calls or messages
- Photo equipment
- Visa fees



Please consider the following to make your trip more enjoyable:

- DEET Insect Repellent is toxic to the environment we are trying to protect. It also deteriorates the rubber materials on photography and optical equipment.
- To protect yourself from insects use repellent that doesn't contain DEET.
- Wear light colored (not black), loose fitting clothing to protect your arms and legs. **DO NOT WEAR TIGHT LEGGINGS.** (The bugs bite right through them.)
- Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen to protect you from the sun.
- Raincoat.
- Flashlight, headlamps, extra camera batteries and a portable battery charger for recharging batteries when power is not available.
- Water bottle
- Small personal first aid kit to deal with insect bites (itch and infection), stomach upsets, aches and pains, diarrhea, prescribed medications.

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