



Consultor de Viajes y Turismo

## LA TIERRA DE LOS INCAS

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### Turismo Convencional > MADRE DE DIOS

Puerto Maldonado is the capital of the department of Madre de Dios and is located in the south-eastern part of Peru at 183 meters of altitude. It was founded in 1902 and is one of the most important cities of the Southern jungle in the country. It is a young and bustling frontier city with forestry and gold panning as their main economic activities, although farming and the ecological tourism are being developed.

Its climate is tropical, calid humid and rainy between November and April, with an average temperature during the year between 26°C and 35°C. Puerto Maldonado is the scenary of adventure in a wild and marvelous jungle located next to the Manu National Park and the Tambopata-Candamo National Reserve.

#### PAT 0207 -EXOTIC CAPIBARA (3 DAYS 2 NIGHT) L.T. L.

##### Day 1: FLIGHT TO PUERTO MALDONADO.

Arrival to Puerto Maldonado. You will be meet with your naturalist guide and transfer to the lodge. On the journey, the vegetation changes from colonized deforested areas to virgin rainforest. A box-lunch is provided on board. On arrival you will have a welcome drink and meet the rest of the staff. In the late afternoon, you set off for an introductory walk into the "terra firma" forest behind the lodge (Trail 2), dominated by giant Brazil-nut and Dipteryx trees.

Frequently seen mammals on this trail are Saddle-back Tamarinds, Brown Capuchins, Agoutis, Pacas, Blue-Morpho butterflies, Trogons, Toucans and many other species of birds. After dinner a night walk to find nocturnal animals or insects by their eye-shine, a specialization for increasing light and seeing better. About 50% of the animals are nocturnal in the rainforest. (L,D)

##### Day 2: HIKE TO CONDENADO LAKE.

After an early breakfast, your nature guide and you will board the motorized canoe once again for the short journey to the trail head to begin a morning's exploration by foot and paddle canoe of the lake system of Condenado, rich in bird and aquatic life. A family of giant otters lives in the vicinity of the lake and are often observed.

Birds around, especially Rufescent Tiger-herons, Great Egrets, Wattled Jacanas, Hoatzin, the noisy Donacobius and many others. Remember to bring your hat and sun cream for there is no shade out on the water. You will return to the lodge in time for lunch. The afternoon is for exploring the forest close to the lodge (with or without your guide), relaxing and bathing in the Gallucunca, a cool clear stream beside the lodge, or visiting our tree platforms, going up with ropes and harnesses for a bird's eye view of the forest and for close-ups of arboreal orchids and the many other species of plants and animals that are never seen near the ground (extra cost).



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After dark, you will go searching for cayman (alligators) and other nocturnal animals by motorized canoe along the Tambopata River. (B,L,D)

### **Day 3: LODGE PUERTO MALDONADO**

Departure. At dawn, start a canoe trip back to Puerto Maldonado, giving memorable views of the sunrise over the river. Look out for the early morning wildlife, which is particularly active at this time. Howler monkeys are frequently heard, as they stake out their territories. Your guide will take care of you on arrival to Puerto Maldonado and will deal with all the necessities at the airport for your departure. (B)