

Packrafting the Amazon

Project Briefing



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The Basics

12 Days // Nov 18th - 29th, 2016

Starting and ending in Puerto Maldonado, Peru

6-9 Travelers

\$2,750 USD per/person

The Mission

Experience the Peruvian Amazon in an extremely immersive way--by packraft. Traveling to the borders of the “Uncontacted Tribes”, the group will return to the Las Piedras Jungle Research Station, exploring the places described in Paul’s book, which are rarely visited by humans. Our goal is to assemble a team of talented and enthusiastic travelers to help raise awareness for this important place.

Qualifications

This adventure is not for the faint of heart. You will be a member of a purposeful expedition, not a guest on a tour. True exploration of the Amazon is both a physical and mental challenge. You’ll be exposed to the elements, paddling/hiking for 6-8 hours a day and wilderness camping in tents at night. This journey will undoubtedly challenge you, but it will also draw from you a sense of pride, curiosity, and wonder. You’ll learn to love the Amazon, by fully immersing yourself in this spectacular place.

The Guide

Paul Rosolie and the team at [Tamandua Expeditions](http://TamanduaExpeditions.com).



Expectations of Participants

Stewards and voice of the Las Piedras region:

Leading up to, throughout and after the project, we hope you will create awareness about the importance of the Peruvian Amazon and its ecotourism potential. This could be through blog posts, video, photography, social media, or word of mouth.

Positive team member & role model on the

expedition: This project is based around a physically and mentally challenging jungle expedition. Collaboration and support by expedition members is necessary for the success of this project.

Team Building: A group of 6-9 people is needed to cover the expenses of the expedition. If we are not able to collectively build a team of this size, the expedition will be cancelled. Everyone involved will be asked to spread awareness of the trip.



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Itinerary

Due to the nature of this trip, itineraries do not predict the actual experience. A large amount of flexibility has been incorporated to account for a wide range of variables, including group preferences and river conditions

Day 1 // Nov 18th

Arrival in Puerto Maldonado. Meet and greet with the rest of team. Final gear prep and logistics. Puerto Maldonado is the largest city in the region and home to the airport where you will arrive for your journey.

Accommodation: not included **Meals:** none

Day 2-8 // Nov 19th-27th

Motorboat up river several days to Monte Salvado, the deepest village on the Las Piedras river. A truly remote outpost, Monte Salvado border the territory of the Mashco Piro tribes, a people who've retreated to this inaccessible corner of the Amazon.

Explore Monte Salvado and return to Tamandua Research station over the course of several days via packrafts (packrafts provided), camping along the way. For those unfamiliar with this unusual watercraft, packrafts are a personal raft/kayak hybrid that can fit into a backpack and be inflated at any time. One of the last true wilderness areas in the world, the Las Piedras watershed is home to a wide range of birds, insects, and borderline mythical beasts, like giant anacondas and river otters.

You'll learn from a team of passionate conservationists, who will explain the significance and context of the conflict in the Madre de Dios region. You'll be personally guided by Paul Rosolie, who has worked and lived from the Amazon for the last decade.

Depending on the progress of the expedition, you'll arrive back at the Las Piedras Research Station with a few days to spare. You'll appreciate the comfortable beds and laid-back vibes after adventuring for close to a week. The station is outfitted with running water, showers, flush toilets, and private rooms with comfortable beds.

Accommodation: Jungle camping (Tents, sleeping pads, and sleeping bags not provided) Other camp supplies provided. Equipment rental available in Cusco (\$15/day, cheaper if shared with others). (50% of the time)

[Las Piedras Research Station](#) (50% of the time)

Meals: All meals provided (B,L,D)

Day 12 // Nov 28th

Travel from research station back to Puerto Maldonado via motorized boat and vehicle.

Accommodation: Hotel in Puerto Maldonado **Meals:** B,L,D

Day 13 // Nov 29th

Depart from Puerto Maldonado. Return to Cusco or continue your adventure elsewhere

Meals: None





Additional Expenses:

- International Flights
- Flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado
- Camping equipment (tent, pad, sleeping bag). Can be rented cheaply in Cusco or brought from home.
- Accommodation for first night in Puerto Maldonado. It is kept flexible to allow people to choose the level of luxury on their final night before embarking into the jungle.
- Travel Insurance (Mandatory). We recommend [World Nomads Insurance](#).
- Incidental Expenses

Booking Terms and Conditions:

Minimum Capacity Deadline: Sep 15th, 2016

Final Payment: October 5, 2016

An \$1750 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot on this trip. Placement of a deposit represents a contractual agreement to pay in full or surrender the deposit at the time of final payment. If minimum group capacity is not reached by Sep 15th, 2016, deposits will be refunded in full and the trip will be considered void.

Visa Requirements:

Citizens from the US and Canada do not need a visa to enter Peru. For all others, please check with local embassy

Vaccinations:

These are only indications, so please visit your doctor before you travel to be 100% sure.

Typhoid	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 2 weeks before travel.
Hepatitis A	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 2 weeks before travel.
Tuberculosis	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 3 months before travel.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 2 months before travel.
Rabies	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 1 month before travel.
Yellow Fever	Recommended for Peru. Ideally 10 days before travel.

Questions:

Please Direct any additional questions to Max Joles - max@madebyadventure.com

