



Tambopata River Day by day description

Day 1 - PUNO/CUYO-CUYO/PUTINAPUNCO (Sunday)

We depart from Puno very early heading on the main road to Cusco past Juliaca and Pucyura. From here we take the detour towards Azangaro passing other villages of Saman, Arapa and Munani to finally reach Cuyo Cuyo in the afternoon at 3,000 m.a.s.l. During the bus ride we will have views of the surrounding puna country side (highland savannah) and the andean communities of herders and weavers. Leaving Cuyo Cuyo we descend into the cloud forest passing through Sandia and San Juan del Oro to finally reach our put-in point at Putinapunco at 2,400 m.a.s.l. Here we unload the gear, pack the rafts strap everything on the boats and set up camp.

Day 2/11 - ON THE TAMBOPATA (Monday)

The daily routine will include about 5-6 hours of rafting with an hour for lunch stops en route, setting up camps on exposed beaches along the river. We will scout the most important rapids as a safety precaution. Since the Tambopata river is a large drainage that starts in the Peru-Bolivian border, when it rains in the mountains the river can rise in very little time and from one day to another the river's volume of water can change. It is one of the most inaccessible and fascinating rivers of South America. This unspoiled region has an abundance and variety of flora and fauna including rare and endangered species.

As this region is more remote than the Manu National park we will not be exposed to the sights of mankind (e.g. miners, scientist, tourists lodges or even other tourists). The Tambopata river is a paradise for giant butterflies, river otters, various species of monkeys and bird-life, as well as jaguars, tapirs, caimans and capybaras. Fish are abundant and if you enjoy fishing you are welcome to bring your gear, but take into considerations our space limitations.

Our journey is accompanied by an experienced river guide who will explain about the interesting habitats, lifestyles and the incredible world of the forest, and will always be answering your personal questions. We also include half day treks into the surrounding wilderness. This is a great time to photograph. All of these beautiful scenes and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities only complement the adrenaline thrill of running class 3-4 rapids.

Paddle power is more logical than the motorized canoes, as the wildlife is disturbed by the unnatural noise. The river slows down towards the last few days and the terrain opens. The last day on the river we will be met by a motorized canoe at the confluence of the Rio Tabara and it will take us to Puerto Maldonado but if time permits we will make a last camp just before the Tambopata Macaw Lick (Collpa de Guacamayos), so at dawn the next morning we can observe the magnificent bird-life. Then the motorized canoe trip will bring us past some of the lodges on the lower Tambopata river until we reach Puerto Maldonado on the afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Overnight at hotel and a chance to relax in the afternoon. Dinner on your own.

Day 12- PUERTO MALDONADO/OUT (Wednesday)

Transfer to the airport for your ongoing airline connections or travel plans.

Note: Extra nights in Puno prior to program can be arranged. Please let us know if you want a pre-trip extension.



SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of river trip to your city of departure, hotel night at the end, two-man tents including sleeping pads, kitchen and commissary gear with all meals included as well as a bilingual captain on the river. All river rafts, paddles, frames, oars, life-jackets and helmets, dry bags as well as safety gear and first aid kit. Motorized canoe on last day of river excursion.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals in the cities, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, taxes, laundry service, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets (where applicable), special personal gear like sandals, river knives, paddle jackets, sleeping bags.