



Treehouse Lodge Excursions

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Please Note: All the excursions last from 2 to 3 hours and are dependent upon the water levels and weather conditions. All excursions are included in the cost of your stay, excluding the visit to the Amazon community which costs \$30 per person.

DAYTIME EXCURSIONS

1. Sunrise & Birdwatching

The best way to witness wildlife is by waking up early to the sound of hundreds of birds and monkeys. The suspension bridges are built to bring you closer to all the wildlife that exists around Treehouse Lodge. You will see many species of tanagers, toucans, parrots, parakeets, antbirds, antwrens, woodpeckers, and monkeys that come to feed on the fruit and insects found on the trees. This is the perfect way to start your day in the Peruvian Amazon!

After, you will boat along the Yarapa or Curraceba rivers to enjoy sunrise over the skyline of the Amazon rain forest. As with all excursions, there is always a chance that you catch a glimpse of other types of wildlife such as sloths, monkeys and iguanas in addition to birds along the edges of the river. In only one early morning, you could observe at least 50 species of birds, 20 of which are uncommon. The variety of wildlife in this type of Igapo forest is outstanding. The more appreciation we can gain of these species and the more research we can perform to find new species, the more likely they are to be preserved for future generations.

2. Swim in the Amazon River

You've traveled across the planet to see the world's greatest river: the mighty Amazon. This is your opportunity to knock out a bucket list item by going for a swim. You will travel down the tributaries to the main Amazon river with your private guide and navigator. Take as little or as long as you want to enjoy a refreshing dip. If you're lucky a dolphin or two might appear. When you're done enjoying a swim you will travel back towards Treehouse Lodge while observing any interesting flora and fauna along the way.

3. Dugout Canoe Trip

For centuries, River people have moved along the Amazonian rivers on dugout canoes. Even today, this mode of transportation is the best way to explore the creeks: navigating slow, listening to the sounds of the jungle, and observing nature, attempting to imitate the exact way ribereño people see the forest. If you are a bird watcher from the canoes, you can observe and take pictures of many species of birds that feed and make nests close to the river shores.

Many species of primates such as brown capuchins, squirrel monkeys, and saddle backed tamarins are easy to spot. You may even be able to observe rare and elusive creatures such as

the river otters from the dugout canoes. At some point we will stop and fish for piranha! We will carry aboard wooden poles, with string and meat. When the piranha bites, you lift up the pole and voila. Not to worry, we will retrieve the fish for you.

4. Fish for Piranhas

One of our most popular excursions, this will be one of the great adventures you have while visiting Treehouse Lodge. Travel by boat to one of the many great piranha fishing spots in the area. Armed with a wooden pole, string, hook, and meat, you will lower the bait into the water. When the piranhas strike (and they will!), simply lift up the pole. Don't worry, we will retrieve the fish for you. We have yet to have a guest that hasn't succeeded. Once you're done you can choose to catch-and-release, or, if you prefer, the chefs at Treehouse Lodge will prepare the piranha as a side dish to your nightly meal.

5. Treehouse Canopy Walk

Treehouse Lodge is one of the most unique hotels in the world. Featured by National Geographic as one of the Top 10 Most Unusual Hotels in the World, Treehouse offers the incomparable experience of observing the Amazon rain forest from the treetop canopies. On this excursion, you will explore all of the canopy walkways and viewing platforms that dot the area of the Lodge. Learn about the history and architecture of the lodge while you observe wildlife from 30 - 70 feet above the jungle floor.

6. Visit an Amazon Community

Experience the Peruvian Amazon by visiting a native river community. Explore their wooden and palm homes, see how they live and cook, and learn how they use rainforest resources to survive. Discover their skillful crafts and communal life, and browse hand-made items created from Amazon materials.

7. Kayak on the Amazon River

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8. Mud Bath *in the Amazon*

Dare to try a mud bath and exfoliation in the Amazon? Enjoy this new excursion from Treehouse Lodge available only during the summer season (Dec - Feb). This season is perfect to enjoy the Amazon jungle. In addition to enjoying the vegetation and the magic of the jungle, we invite you to a unique experience.

9. Blow Dart Gun Workshop

For centuries, Amazon natives have relied on blowguns —called pucuna in Peru — for hunting, with skilled users hitting targets from 60-90 feet. On this excursion, a local villager will guide you in crafting your own blowgun, after which you're free to practice during your stay and on your adventures.

10. Jungle Walk: Medicinal Plants *of the Amazon*

The rainforest is a green pharmacy filled with plants used to treat everything from headaches and stomachaches to rheumatism and diabetes. On this Amazon excursion, you'll explore the jungle in search of medicinal plants, learning how each tree and leaf connects people to Mother Nature. Amazonian communities have passed this knowledge down for generations, and many medicine men still ask the forest's permission before harvesting—a tradition that keeps nature's healing forces in balance.

11. Jungle Walk: The Giant Water Lilies *of Oxbow Lagoon*

Take a jungle walk to an isolated oxbow lagoon, once part of the river. Here you'll find giant water lilies up to six feet wide and encounter unique birds like the hoatzin, which feeds on poisonous plants, and the horned screamer, a goose relative that eats water lettuce and hyacinth. You may also spot the wattled jacana —nicknamed Jesus Christ for its ability to walk on floating plants. These are just a few of the creatures that thrive in this varzea forest.

12. Jungle Walk: Night Monkeys, Sloths, Hoatzins & More

Take a jungle walk to spot the only nocturnal monkey visible by day. These curious primates live in tree holes, peeking out to observe. Along the trail, you may also see other species like owl monkeys, pygmy marmosets, monk sakis, squirrel monkeys, red howlers, dusky titis, woolly monkeys, and tamarins.

NIGHTTIME EXCURSIONS

13. Sunset on the Amazon with Dolphins

This excursion is a guest favorite. We will often recommend that you enjoy this excursion on the day of your arrival at Treehouse Lodge. It's the perfect kick-off to an incredible time in your Amazon travel. Just before dusk you will boat along the Yarapa and Ucayali rivers until you reach the Amazon proper.

The world famous Pink and Gray river dolphins will start to appear near your boat while the sunset gives the perfect backdrop. Take a moment to breathe the freshest air on the planet. Listen to the sounds of the Peruvian Amazon as you start to welcome nightfall. Just after sunset you will head back to the Lodge and prepare for an evening and night of Amazonian adventures.

14. Nighttime Jungle Cruise

If you enjoy the river by day, just imagine the life that awakens at night. On our night excursion, you will travel along the river, looking for wildlife with flashlights. The chances of spotting wildlife are good. You will see creatures like beautifully colored frogs resting on the floating plants on the edges of the creeks. You will see fishing bats that catch their prey using their talons like hawks, detected by sophisticated sonar.

By the light of your flashlight, you will see potoos, owls, and caimans (located through their red eyes) that venture through the dark to catch their prey. At night you will also find creatures such as kinkajous that feed on fruits and berries. They are easy to see while jumping from branch to branch on trees along the river. Even the opossum that feeds on birds can be spotted primarily at night. These are just a few of the many creatures that love to come out at night.

15. Night Walk to See Insects

Night time is a prime time for feeding. Once the sun sets, many creatures come out, some are the predators and others the prey. On this night excursion, you will see exotic beetles (rhinoceros and elephant species) and moths (sphinx and roschildia species). You will also find some lizards sleeping on the leaves. On our walk, you can see diverse species of frogs like the famous owl frog that makes holes in the ground and weighs over $\frac{1}{2}$ pound. Amazonian people use the skin of this interesting anuran to make drums, but the owl frog protects itself

from its predator by releasing a milky liquid from its skin. There is also a frog called gladiator tree frog that makes its nest close to the water to keep it from potential rivals and attract females for mating.

At some point on the walk we will ask you to turn off your flashlight and stay quiet to let your senses adapt to the darkness, listening to the sounds of the rainforest in order to identify what they are and where they come from. At this moment, you will truly be able to appreciate the vastness of the Amazon Jungle with all its countless secrets.

16. Stargazing in the Amazon

The Amazon rainforest has no distracting city lights, and the sky is wide open. A popular excursion for astronomy enthusiasts, it's breathtaking to gaze up at millions upon millions of twinkling stars. Enjoy the serenity of cruising along the Amazon's tributaries as you search for the Southern Cross. As you can imagine, this experience depends on the weather, so coordinate with your private guide to choose an ideal night for this activity.

17. Nighttime Caiman Spotting

Depart the Treehouse Hotel for a thrilling nighttime encounter by motorized canoe along the Yarapa and Cumaceba rivers, listening to the jungle's mysterious nighttime sounds. Caimans, relatives of alligators, are common along Amazon waterways. The smaller juveniles are easier to spot, and under the beam of a bright light, your guide may carefully lift one from the water for viewing before releasing it unharmed.