

Feral Human Expeditions

Presents



Peru: Jungles and Lodges

Amazonas, Peru

Have you ever wanted to experience the awe inspiring Amazon jungle, but prefer not to sleep in a hammock, cook on a fire, and bathe with caiman? If so, this trip is for you. Spend a few nights in the Amazonia Expeditions Tahuayo Lodge named by *Outside Magazine* as one of the top ten wilderness lodges in the world. You'll also spend a couple nights further upriver in the Amazon Research Center (ARC) surrounded by pristine jungle. Spend your days exploring the jungle with your professional guides which include an experienced biologist. Spend your nights comfortable, clean, and dry in your bed.

We'll also spend a night in cabins with our friend Wilder and his family. Staying a night with this Peruvian family will be a memorable experience. Wilder will teach us about some of the medicinal plants he grows, you can swim with his children, or go for a walk.

In addition to your time on the Tahuayo, you'll have a couple days to explore Iquitos, which is the largest city in the world with no road access.



Facts at a Glance

Level of Difficulty

Easy. Pace, distance and activities will be determined by the group. We can accommodate nearly anyone's desired level of physical activity.

Dates

See feralhumanexpeditions.com for dates. The trip is 9-11 days long depending on optional additional days.

Trip Origination

Fly in and out of Iquitos, Peru.

What's Included

Two nights in Iquitos, three nights in the Tahuayo lodge, two nights in the Amazon Research Center (ARC), and one night in Wilder's cabins. Most meals starting with lunch on day 1 and ending with breakfast on day 9, all ground and water transportation including airport pickup and drop off, entry fees, conservation fees, port taxes, city and jungle guides.

What's not Included

Flights, drinks and snacks between meals, alcoholic beverages, laundry, up to 2 meals, unscheduled activities, personal travel insurance, additional days, and anything not listed as included.

Price

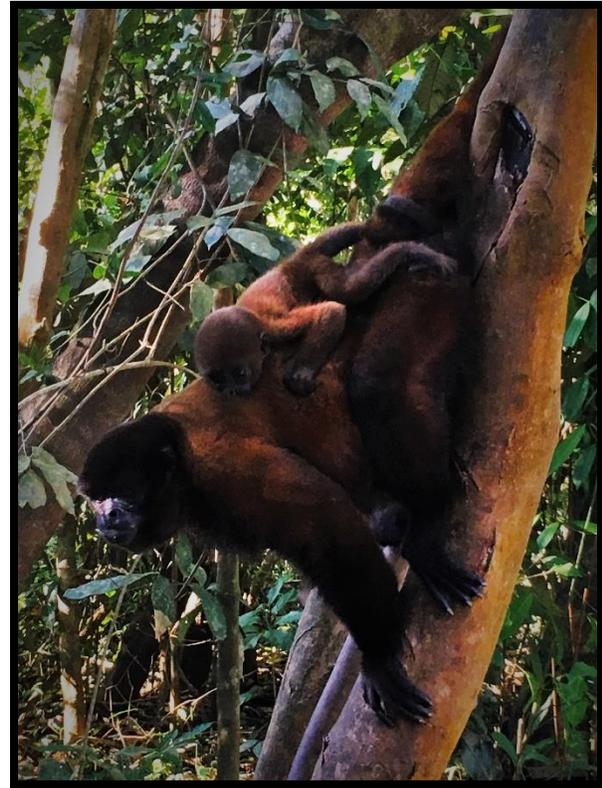
See feralhumanexpeditions.com for pricing. There will be a minimum of four, and a maximum of 10 participants. Optional days are an additional charge.

Optional Days

Days 10 and 11 are optional and will focus on Iquitos and the surrounding area. See itinerary below for details and feralhumanexpeditions.com for pricing.

What You Need to Bring

- Appropriate clothing for being in the sun or jungle all day such as light long sleeve shirts and pants
- Full brim hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent/head net
- Rain gear (poncho)
- Camera
- Small Daypack
- Headlamp
- Dry bag



Rubber boots will be provided by the lodge. We will loan out headlamps and ponchos if needed.



About the Tahuayo Lodge and the Amazon Research Center (ARC)

Ranked among the top ten wilderness lodges in the world by *Outside Magazine* and #1 on TripAdvisor, the Tahuayo Lodge is a great place to go. The conservation efforts of the lodge with the local communities is apparent in the abundance of wildlife in the area. In

addition to exploring the jungle, you can do the zip line canopy tour, visit local communities, fish for piranha, try your hand at spear fishing, or just relax in the lodge with a good book.

Rooms in the lodge are rustic, yet clean and comfortable. Some rooms have private bathrooms while others have shared facilities. Food is delicious and staff is professional. The lodge is equipped with WiFi, has a lounge area with hammocks, a small library, and a dining area that always has coffee and tea available.

The ARC is smaller than the Tahuayo lodge but is a beautiful and comfortable place to spend a couple days. The ARC maintains high standards of good food and comfortable rooms. There are no private bathrooms at the ARC.

No one can guarantee any animal sightings, especially in a place like the Amazon where many animals have evolved to be experts at hiding, but the areas around the lodges are great for spotting animals like sloths, several species of monkey, birds (599 species logged near the lodge), snakes, caiman, poison dart frogs, pink dolphins, and bats. If you are lucky, you might see animals like tapir, giant ant-eaters, peccary, small jungle deer, ocelots, and jaguar.



Our staff will include an experienced jungle guide and biologist. All guides at the lodges are trained and certified by FHE in SOLO Wilderness First Aid.

For more information on the Tahuayo Lodge and the ARC visit perujungle.com



High vs. Low Water

The annual floods in the Amazon basin dramatically change the landscape. As the river swells, the jungle floods and trails have to be explored by wooden canoe rather than by foot. There are few experiences as amazing as paddling through flooded forests, but there is also nothing quite like walking in the jungle either. Even during the flood we can make day trips to *terra firma* or land that never floods for a walk.

High water is roughly from December through May while water levels drop from June to November. This trip can be offered any time of year so be sure to check the dates and whether it's in the flood or dry season if you have a preference.

Below are photos of the Tahuayo Lodge during both high and low water.



Itinerary

Day 1

Fly into Iquitos and explore the city. Walk around the Plaza de Armas and enjoy dinner from one of the areas many restaurants. Tonight we will sleep in a hotel conveniently located near the Plaza de Armas or Central Square.

Day 2

After breakfast we'll take a boat up the Amazon River, then up the Tahuayo River to the lodge where you'll spend the next three nights. Watch for pink dolphins, especially at the convergence of the two rivers. We should be at the lodge in time for lunch and to get settled into your rooms before exploring some of the nearby trails. This is a great place to see some wildlife including pygmy marmosets and other monkeys.

Day 3 and 4

These are full days at and around the Tahuayo lodge. We'll spend one day going to terra firma, or dry land that never floods. Here we can find beautiful poison dart frogs and visit the "bat cave." Calling it a cave is a bit misleading because it's actually a large fallen tree which has rotted out from the inside. It's full of bats and large enough to crouch down in and make your way through from one end to the other. Making your way through the inside of a hollowed out tree full of bats fanning your neck as they fly past is an eerily amazing experience.

Other activities in this area include visiting one of the local communities, exploring nearby lakes, or fishing for piranha. Fifty percent of the jungle is in the dark, so have your headlamps handy. One night we'll do a short walk in the dark to find nocturnal animals and insects. We'll also have a chance to do the zip line canopy tour before we go further upriver to the ARC.



Day 5 and 6

On day 5, we make our way upriver to the ARC where you will spend two nights. The research center has an impressive grid network of trails nearby which we'll be exploring. We will also paddle locally made canoes quietly down the river and to oxbow lakes. The area around the ARC is an excellent place to see a variety of wildlife and beautiful lakes.

Day 7

If the water is high enough, we might choose to paddle the canoes down the river and through a series of oxbow lakes back to the Tahuayo lodge. Even if the river is low, we could paddle down from the Tahuayo lodge and stop at a couple villages along the way. Or maybe we decide we just want to take it easy and travel by motorboat. Whatever route and transportation we choose, we will be spending the night with our friend Wilder and his family in cabins near his house. Meals will be prepared by his wife and we'll spend the evening swimming, learning about medicinal plants, or just visiting with Wilder and his family.

Day 8

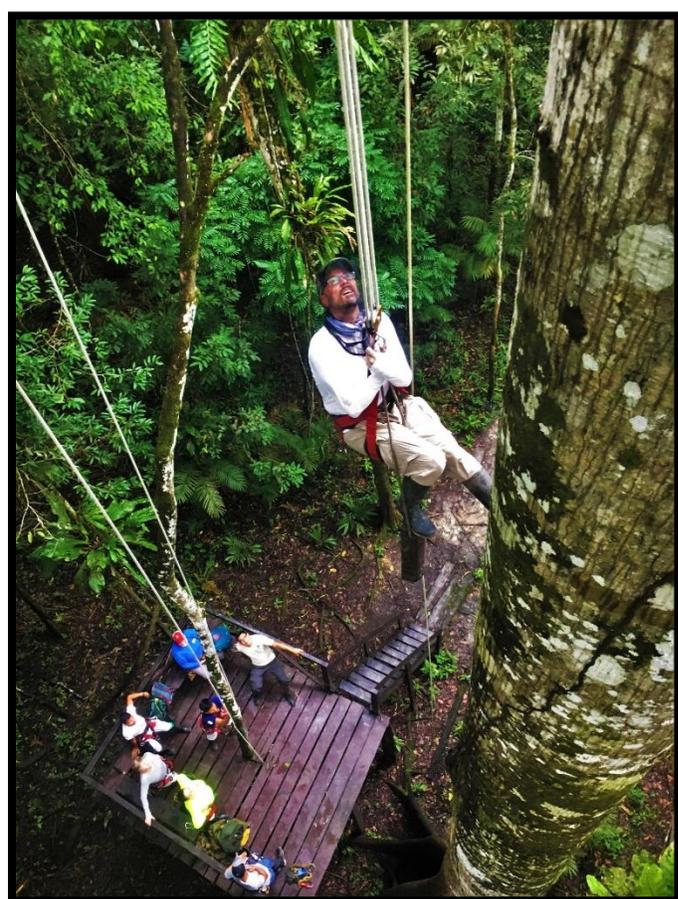
Today we'll go back to Iquitos by motorboat. Unless you stay for the optional additional days this is your last night in Iquitos.

Day 9

Depending on your flight time it is possible to go to the market in the morning, buy souvenirs, or visit a museum before going to the airport.

Day 10 and 11 (optional days)

We highly recommend at least one additional day to appreciate Iquitos. The additional day fees cover three more meals, lodging, transportation, entrance fees, and a local guide.



Visit Belen and the market. During the flood, the lower part of Belen will be underwater, forcing people to use only the second stories of their houses. The market can be an assault on your senses with stimuli coming from everywhere. You will see the witches market complete with many potions, monkey heads, jaguar bones, snake skins and more, as well as strange meats, fish, fruit, and other foods. If you aren't used to this kind of market it can be a little overwhelming for some, but it's an experience which should not be missed.



We also recommend visiting the manatee rescue center, butterfly sanctuary, indigenous museum, or maybe monkey island. There are plenty of options and not enough time to do it all unless you plan on staying for weeks but with at least one extra day you'll be able to see some of the more important places.



*We Hope to See You in the
Amazon!*

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