

SERVICE LEARNING PERU

RAINFOREST,
BIRDS, AND
ECOLOGY

(9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS)

*Fields of study: biology, animal science,
forestry, and sustainable tourism*

Peru

Puerto Maldonado > Amazon Field Station

Located near Puerto Maldonado, the Amazon Field Station has breathtaking landscapes as well as incredible biodiversity. It is part of the 678,774-acre Tambopata Nature Reserve.

During the service learning experience, students will learn about the tropical rain forest and the importance of the rain forest ecosystem and conservation through hand-on learning and selected lectures.



INKATERRA
AUTHENTIC NATURE TRAVEL IN PERU
SINCE 1975

Inkaterra is a 100% carbon-neutral organization dedicated to sustainable tourism and sharing Peru's nature and traditions with the world. Inkaterra was established in 1975 by José Koechlin von Stein and has since been at the forefront of ecotourism and sustainable development in Peru. The Amazon Field Station is a hub for scientific research, exchange, and learning opportunities.



CEPA is committed to positively impacting climate and social sustainability and strives to be a leader in environmental sustainability within international education. As part of this commitment, we offset the carbon footprint of our company's operations and the footprint created on-site by our study abroad programs in Europe. Additionally, we go the extra mile by funding environmental projects that plant native trees for each program participant.



SERVICE LEARNING IN PERU

Day 1 >> Lima

Stay 1 night in Lima

- Flight to Lima, Peru (group airfare can be booked separately)
- Arrival at Lima Jorge Chávez Airport (LIM)
- Check-in and orientation session by your on-site coordinator
- Welcome dinner at a Peruvian restaurant

Day 2 >> Lima - Amazon Field Station

Stay 7 nights at an eco lodge in Tambopata

- Early morning flight to Puerto Maldonado (group airfare can be booked separately)
- Transportation by bus and boat from Puerto Maldonado to Amazon Field Station
- Check-in and orientation session with an introduction to the AFS's research and conservation activities by your on-site coordinator
- Night river cruise

Day 3 >> Amazon Field Station

- Visit to a model farm to learn about agro-ecological management techniques and experience working with seedbeds
- Visit the bio-orchard to learn about edible and medicinal amazonian plants and participate in planting and harvesting (hands on service learning activity)
- Night excursion to observe nocturnal animals

Day 4 >> Amazon Field Station

- Bird watching from a canopy tower where you will learn how to identify amazonian bird species
- Night walk focusing on amphibians like frogs and toads

Day 5 >> Amazon Field Station

- Visit to the nearby Lake Sandoval to see one of the biodiverse protected areas in the world
- Learn about animal conservation through the use of camera traps and how to track and identify animal footprints

Day 6 >> Amazon Field Station

- Visit to a cocoa plantation
- Lecture on identifying insects and their natural defence mechanisms

Day 7 >> Lake Valencia

- Transfer to Lake Valencia
- Meeting with the local community to hear about their customs, traditions and crafts
- Learn about fish species and their ecological and economical importance to the community

Day 8 >> Amazon Field Station

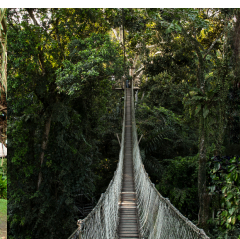
- Workshop on the use of natural dyes, temporary tattoos to see the dyes in action
- Presentation project: each student will choose an animal and create information sheet and short presentation
- Closing Event

Day 9 >> Amazon Field Station - Lima

- Transfer to Puerto Maldonado Airport
- Flight to Lima, Peru (group airfare can be booked separately)
- Departure from Lima Jorge Chávez Airport in the late afternoon (group airfare can be booked separately, depending on your international flight time, an additional night in Lima can be booked at extra cost)

Optional Add-on:

- A 3-day/2 night excursion to Machu Picchu can be arranged for an additional fee



Example of local cabana at Amazon Field Station



Included in this sample itinerary:

- Lectures and hands-on service learning experience as described
- Cultural excursions and field trips with local, bilingual guides
- Accommodation in a hotel in Lima and Cabana's at the Amazon Field Station (Quadruple room occupancy)
- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Special welcome and farewell dinner
- Local transportation by private coach bus and boat as needed
- On-site coordinator during all planned activities
- Orientation sessions
- Time to instruct, study, discuss, reflect, and explore
- Offsetting the emissions created on-site during the program

Program Price:

\$ 2,350 per person

(based on a minimum number of 10 participants)

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Not included in the price: airfare, tuition/credit hours, insurances, passport/visa, gratuities, personal expenses

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