



## Heath River Wildlife Center

### Day 1:

Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado you will be met by a representative of **Inkanatura Travel/Tapir Tours -- 84-961-2347** and transferred to the port to begin the river journey. **Due to low water levels on the river, the journey is taking 6 to 8 hours.**

After boarding motorized canoes, we travel downriver to the mighty Madre de Dios, which we follow to the Heath River. We then travel up this wild and intimate river, which forms the wilderness border between Peru and Bolivia, and arrive at the Heath River Wildlife Center.

Note that the Lodge is located on the Bolivian side of the Heath River so passports are required to clear Bolivian passport control.

After dinner we explore the forest by flashlight, including a visit to a small mammal clay lick if it is active. **Heath River Wildlife Center. Box lunch and dinner included.**

### Day 2:

We rise early in the morning to board a motorized canoe for the 10-minute journey up the Heath River to the macaw and parrot clay lick. Brightly colored parrots and macaws fly in by the hundreds to feed on the clay that detoxifies certain seeds and nuts they eat. Marvel at the cacophony of sound and color as Red-and-green macaws vie for the best clay-eating position. A specially designed floating blind allows for proximity and complete concealment -- so you can even have breakfast and coffee while the birds are performing their morning ritual.

When we return to the lodge, the guide leads us on an ethno-botanical walk through the forest, pointing out flora used in the daily lives of rainforest people. The guide explains how certain plants are used for medicinal or healing purposes, which ones can be made into the best bows and arrows, and how to select trees and leaves for home construction.

After lunch and a short rest, we hike through the rainforest to the Pampas del Heath, the largest remaining undisturbed savanna in the Amazon. The contrast is striking as we emerge from the mature rainforest onto the grassland plain of the Pampas. **Heath River Wildlife Center. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.**

### Day 3:

We breakfast in the floating blind at the macaw and parrot clay lick for a last round of looks and photos. Then we return to the lodge to explore some trails. After lunch we could visit the Ese'Eja native community of Sonene, where there will be an opportunity to interact with the community



and purchase local handicrafts or explore the trails. After dinner we'll explore the forest by flashlight, including a visit to a small mammal clay lick if it is active. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.**

**Day 4:**

During the morning we explore different trails searching birds and monkeys. At the end we will visit a mammal lick. After lunch we travel upriver to explore different areas close to the Madidi National Park. You have the choice to participate in an optional night walk through the forest. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.**

**Day 5:**

We breakfast in the floating blind at the macaw and parrot clay lick for a last round of looks and photos. We return to the lodge to pack, and then it's back on the Madre de Dios River for the trip to Puerto Maldonado to catch Lan Peru flight 72 departing at 1:10 pm. End of services. **Breakfast included.**

Price includes all accommodations, meals as indicated, applicable hotel/restaurant taxes; all ground transport and guided services as indicated, as well as the Tambopata Park entrance fee.

Price does not include items of a personal nature, international airfare, or airport departure taxes in Peru (\$30.25 international, \$6 to 7 domestic at this time).