

– *Imagine conducting your next field study in the canopy of the Amazon Rainforest!* –

AMAZON RAINFOREST WORKSHOPS

Join a spirited faculty in JUNE / JULY 2012 or follow the NC Museum of Natural Sciences Model to offset your own scientist and group leader expenses on a Tropical Studies Expedition.



PROGRAM FEATURES

“This is a non-stop workshop full of once-in-a-lifetime experiences.”

Unique, active, and fun! This expedition is an eye-opening introduction to the environmental and cultural aspects of the Amazon Rainforest and river system in the Amazon basin of Northern Peru. The program is safe, comfortable, and accessible, offering the opportunity for many intercultural interactions, plus science and service field experiences:

- ❖ Work side-by-side with scientists on research in one of the most biologically diverse environments on the planet.
- ❖ Ascend over 115 feet on a 1/4-mile Rainforest Canopy Walkway, one of the few of its kind in the New World.
- ❖ Interact with indigenous people and see how they use the forest for medicine, food, and shelter.
- ❖ Contribute to a Community Service Project to benefit people who live in a village along the Amazon River.
- ❖ Use hand lenses, binoculars, maps, taxonomic keys for identification, and simple field equipment with the help of our experienced Naturalist Guides to learn about:

Insect Camouflage & Mimicry • Neotropical Butterflies • Rainforest Canopy Research • Reptiles and Amphibians
Medicinal Plants • Orchids & Bromeliads • Amazon River System • Neotropical Birds & Migration

EXPEDITION AT A GLANCE

Amazon Options Every Day – Birding by Boat or Walking • Night Hike or Boating to see Stars or Night Creatures

Day 1 - USA / Lima

Day 2 - Lima / Iquitos / Explorama Lodge

- A.M. flight to Iquitos, Visit the City Market, Boat to Explorama
- P.M. Exploration hike on the Bushmaster Trail

Day 3 – Explorama Lodge

- A.M. Amazon Culture & Craft Fair
- P.M. Yagua Trading, Library & Clinic Visits

Day 4 – Explorama Lodge / ExplorNapo Lodge

- A.M. Visit ReNuPeRu Ethnobotanical Garden
- P.M. River Explorations and Fishing for Piranha

Day 5 – ExplorNapo Lodge

- Village Service Project Day • Return by boat in search of dolphins

Day 6/7 – Amazon Conservatory of Tropical Studies (ACTS)

- Full day at ACTS Canopy Walkway and in the Rainforest

Day 8 – ACTS / Ceiba Tops Resort

- Visit Canopy Walkway at dawn • A.M. Rainforest Explorations
- P.M. Transfer by Boat to Ceiba Tops Resort • Closing Ceremonies

Day 9 – Ceiba Tops Resort / Lima / U.S.A

- A.M. Visit Monkey Island & Giant Ceiba Tree • P.M. By Boat to Iquitos for Flight to Lima and return home or ext. to Machu Picchu.

(The itinerary and sequence of these activities varies with each expedition program.)



Workshop cost is appx. \$1800 land only, plus in-country air ~ \$300 and int'l air roundtrip Lima ~ \$650- \$1,130.

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