

- *Imagine yourself overlooking the canopy of the Rainforest!* -

AMAZON RAINFOREST WORKSHOP

Specially Designed for Travelers Interested in Natural History, Canopy Research, and Ethnobotany

DEPARTURE DATE: JUNE 24 – JULY 2, 2008

Group Leader – DR. MEG LOWMAN

Unique, active, and fun! This expedition is an eye-opening introduction to the environmental and cultural aspects of the Amazon Rainforest and River System. The program is a third world experience that is safe, comfortable, and accessible. The itinerary offers travelers a window on scientific discovery. Intercultural interactions are coordinated to be engaging and meaningful.

PROGRAM FEATURES

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

You'll be immersed in field experiences at four rainforest lodge facilities in the Amazon basin of Northern Peru:

- ❖ Ascend over 115 feet on a 1/4-mile Rainforest Canopy Walkway, one of the few of its kind in the New World.
- ❖ Visit indigenous communities and contribute to the well being of people who live on the Amazon River.
- ❖ Identify the many ecosystem partnerships of one of the most biologically diverse environments on our earth
- ❖ Engage all of your senses to observe the unique flora and fauna of the Amazon Rainforest.
- ❖ Use hand lenses, binoculars, maps, taxonomic keys for identification, and simple field equipment with the help of Dr. Lowman and our experienced Naturalist Guides to learn about:

Insect Camouflage & Mimicry • Neotropical Butterflies • Rainforest Canopy Research
Rainforest Conservation • Neotropical Birds & Migration • Ethnobotany
Rainforest Ecosystem Comparisons • Amazon River System, Geology and Soils
Medicinal Plants • Orchids & Bromeliads

EXPEDITION AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - USA / Lima, Peru

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 / ACTS

- A.M. Amazon Culture & Crafts • Yagua Trading.
- P.M. Boat to ACTS • Explorations for River Dolphin.

Day 4 - Amazon Conservatory of Tropical Studies (ACTS)

- Visit Canopy Walkway at dawn • A.M. Rainforest Explorations.
- P.M. Explore ACTS' Medicinal Plant Trail.

Day 5 - Amazon Conservatory of Tropical Studies (ACTS)

- Full day in the Rainforest/Canopy • Learn Rainforest Research techniques • See Giant Leaf Cutting Ant Colony, Bioluminescent Fungus.

Day 6 - ACTS / ExplorNapo

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

Day 7 - ExplorNapo / Ceiba Tops Resort

- Boat to Visit Sustainable Development Projects • Wrap-up.

Day 8/9 - Ceiba Tops Resort / Lima / U.S.A

- A.M. Visit Monkey Island & Giant Ceiba Tree • Flight to Lima

Everyday Options: • Morning Birding by Boat or Walking • Night Hike or Boating to see Stars or Night Creatures



The 2008 land cost for this workshop is \$1898 and the international flight roundtrip Lima ~ \$950- \$1050.

Space is limited, so reserve your place early! Contact: Dr. Frances Gatz,

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