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HACIENDA CONCEPCIÓN

TAMBOPATA - PERU



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Inkaterra *Hacienda Concepción*, is built in a former cacao and rubber plantation, on the grounds of what was back in the 50's "*Fundo Concepción*", an Amazonian medical catholic mission center. In 1979 the ownership was passed to Inkaterra; and in 2003, the NGO Inkaterra *Asociación* (ITA) jointly with ACEER (Amazon Center for Education and Environmental Research) formed an alliance with the aim of promoting the conservation of ecosystems and natural resources in Tambopata. The National Geographic Society supported the restoration of the station.

The projection onwards was to bring all interested travelers an opportunity to learn about nature and biodiversity first hand through unforgettable experiences in a comfortable rainforest immersion.

Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción, comprises 819 hectares of mostly primary rainforest, with a natural *cocha* or oxbow lake. It is home to diverse ecosystems, tropical plants and wildlife. The lodge acts as a buffer zone between the Tambopata National Reserve and the shores of the vast *Madre de Dios* River, making the location of *Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción* a privileged one.

This family-friendly lodge will introduce you to the biodiversity of the rainforest through the wide range of land and river fixed excursions in its surroundings; as you may have the opportunity to observe giant river otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), blue and yellow macaws (*Ara ararauna*), dusky titi monkeys (*Callicebus moloch*), paiches (*Arapaima gigas*), agoutis (*Dasyprocta variegata*), two-toed sloths (*Bradypus variegatus*), peccaries (*Tayassu tajacu*), hoatzins (*Opisthocomus hoazin*), fly catchers, black caimans (*Melanosuchus niger*), ladder-tailed nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*), among others.

TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE

THE RAINFOREST

A rainforest, or tropical forest, is a vast territory with high annual rainfall, very dense plant growth, and relatively constant warm temperature. Two-thirds of the world's plant and animal species make their home in these immense rainforest regions, and many are believed to be yet scientifically unnamed. Tropical rainforests are called "jewels of the Earth" and the "Earth's lungs" since they are essential to sequester carbon dioxide and to release oxygen. Rainforests are also known as the "world's largest pharmacy", because of the many natural medicines discovered there. *Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción* has a medicinal botanical garden with some 200 indigenous vascular plant species.

WEATHER

Tropical (hot and humid). Day time average temperature: 89°F (32°C). At night it tends to get chilly. Varies from 77°F (25°C) to 107°F (42°C)

December – March: hottest season, with frequent afternoon rains.

June – September: occasional *friaje* (Patagonia Cold Fronts) can bring the temperature down to 50°F (10°C).

Note: Itineraries might be adjusted without prior notice due to changing weather conditions.

FAUNA & FLORA

Wildlife in the Tambopata Reserve is remarkable. Giant colorful parrots, toucans, and macaws share the forest with tamarins (*Saguinus fuscicollis*), peccaries (*Tayassu tajacu*), black caimans (*Melanusuchus niger*), and anacondas (*Eunectes murinus*). Our region is home to hundreds of butterfly species and a large variety of monkeys, southern river otters (*Lutra longicaudis*), four feline species, and much more. Numerous world records for biodiversity have been broken here, and many species are still undiscovered. Tambopata Reserve holds the world record for ant species, 365 species (*Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica*); and for butterflies, 1200 species (Explorer's Inn).

Note: The Amazon Rainforest has abundant wildlife, although many animals like to hide in the dense vegetation. Be aware that you may not actually see them.

Africa promotes its "Big Five", their largest animals; the Amazonia could be said to be home of "The Tiniest Five Thousand Creatures".

ACCESS

Daily flights connect Puerto Maldonado to Lima (2.15 hrs.) via Cusco (35 min.). The lodge is 5.5 mi. (8 km.) from Puerto Maldonado, about 25 min. by outboard motorized canoe, downstream on the Madre de Dios River.

FACILITIES

Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción was rebuilt in the wooden Amazonian *hacienda*-style, providing a fresh but stylish environment with 19 independent cabañas in the property, and 6 rooms in the *Casa Grande*, which was originally built in the fifties. Guests will live an Amazonian experience surrounded by an array of wildlife and native flora.

The design combines wooden rainforest classic *hacienda*-looks and furniture with modern, casual features as to enjoy a comfortable, fresh but stylish environment. The *Casa Grande* boasts high ceilings with traditional hand-woven *crisneja* (*Geonoma deversa*), a fishtail palm leaf, thatched roofing and a spacious dining area decked out with locally-crafted, warm natural colored furnishings made of reclaimed lumber.

19 INDEPENDENT CABAÑAS

Equipped with 2 twin beds / 1 king bed, mosquito nets and curtains, 100% cotton sheets, 2 hypoallergenic pillows per guest, hypoallergenic comforters, hot water, natural essence toiletries, flashlight, limited electricity, ceiling ventilator, and a sitting area that includes a hammock. Every cabaña has a view to the forest and some of them face the *cocha*, oxbow lake.

6 ROOMS IN THE CASA GRANDE

Equipped with 2 twin beds / 1 king bed, 100% cotton sheets, 2 hypoallergenic pillows per guest, hypoallergenic comforters, hot water, natural essence toiletries, reading light, limited electricity, and a ceiling ventilator. Every room has a view to the forest with a sitting area on the immediate porch.

DINING ROOM & BAR

Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción has 2 main social areas in the *Casa Grande*. The first floor has 16 dining tables and a bar. The second floor has a scenic lounge.

The nutritious meals are mainly prepared with organic and local farm products with special regional seasoning. Meals include vegetarian options.

Buffet Breakfast	5:30 am - 9:00 am
Buffet Lunch	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tea Time	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Cocktail Hour	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
À la carte Dinner	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Bar	12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

ECOCENTER

The Ecocenter, located near the "*Casa Grande*", is the meeting point of all excursions and provides complete information about hotel projects, wildlife, and activities that the lodge offers.

SERVICES

INCLUDED:

- Round trip transportation by land and river (Airport/Lodge/Airport)
- Check-in
- Luggage storage room
- Personalized Wake up calls
- 24/7 Reception
- Full board
- Welcome drink
- Complimentary "Pisco Sour"
- Turndown service between 6 pm – 8 pm
- Excursions with an Inkaterra Explorer Guide in Spanish or English
- Entrance Fee to Lake Sandoval
- Express Check-out

ADDITIONAL SERVICES (at extra charge)

- Bar
- Snack to go
- Private transportation
- Binoculars for rent
- Private Explorer Guide
- Excursions with an Inkaterra Explorer Guide in languages other than Spanish and English.
- Tambopata Explorer Kit: Belt pouch, compass, cap, colored pencils, paper block and flashlight.
- Treasure Hunt: Activity designed for children from 5 to 12. It consists on the accomplishment of fun and educative tasks such as riddles, handicrafts, drawings and research taking as a reference the fauna, flora, and the hotel experiences.

Special Services:

- Musical group: a variety of live regional music for 1 hour.
- Flowering Ceremony: Ideal for recharging energies.
- Private dining: Candles, cava/wine, butler service and a la carte dinner
- Cooking classes: Recipe, cooking, wine pairing, tasting.
- Celebration: Cake, special souvenir, bottle of champagne, and a special greeting card in Ese´Eja (maximum for 4 guests)
- Drinks on the River: Rest with the flow of the *Madre de Dios* River while enjoying cocktails and starters, listening to the wildlife sounds, waiting for the sunset with your friends or partner and celebrate the beauty of nature.
- Bonfire Stories: Relax with the flow of the Madre de Dios river at dusk while enjoying cocktails as well as the rainforest ever changing wildlife sounds.

CHILDREN & FAMILY SPECIALS

Inkaterra *Hacienda Concepción* is a family-oriented lodge that offers: additional beds or bed railings; highchairs; child-friendly Explorer Guides; a children's menu; and a child's explorer kit that comes with a belt pouch, compass, cap, colored pencils, paper block and flash light. (Prior reservation and subject to availability).

The lodge recommends the following excursions and additional services with special activities for children between the ages of five and twelve: *Concepción* Trails, Twilight River, Botanical Garden, Native Farm, Cacao, Brazil Nut, Cocha (natural pond), Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk, Treasure Hunt, and Lake Sandoval (in dry season May- Oct.)

EXCURSIONS

Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción offers a selection of 13 excursions distributed in fixed itineraries according to the length of stay. The excursions vary in difficulty, duration, and attractions.

Excursions are leaded by an Inkaterra Explorer Guide in Spanish or English, as requested upon reservation; some of these are specifically recommended for children.

*All activities and excursions are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

CONCEPCIÓN TRAILS

Take a walk inside Inkaterra *Hacienda Concepción* nature trails. Learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components, uses and transformations by the humans, and its relevance for the world. See the cacao plantation, bread fruit trees, rubber trees, etc.

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Footprints / Birds / Ants / Medicinal plants / Native skills

Recommended for children

TWILIGHT RIVER

At dusk, take a ride by outboard motorized canoe on the *Madre de Dios* River. Learn about the river ecosystems, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior, and the southern constellations.

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Astronomy / Photography

Recommended for children

RAINFOREST BY NIGHT

Explore the Amazon rainforest at night and encounter nocturnal animals with intriguing behaviour patterns and enhanced senses. Observe the nocturnal sounds of the rainforest, and get a first-hand look inside this hidden world.

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Footprints / Birds / Frogs / Astronomy

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Walk to our botanical garden within our hotel grounds and discover the immense variety of medicinal plants that can be found in the Amazon region. Compare the medicinal uses of local plants with traditional remedies.

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Medicinal Plants / Native Food / Photography

Recommended for children

NATIVE FARM

A short boat ride takes you to a local farm, where its inhabitants use ancient methods to grow their crops. Learn about local techniques of cultivation and taste some of the local products

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Medicinal plants / Native Food

Recommended for children

INLAND COLLPA

Walk 15 to 20 min. toward one of the four clay licks at Hacienda Concepcion and observe the wildlife inside the "blinds" strategically located and especially designed to observe the normal routine of the fauna without disrupting the environment. Learn about this mammal inland collpa activity and the difference between collpas according to their location. Look for footprints and traces of animal activity on the clay lick salted walls, such as agoutis, monkeys, and peccaries among others.

Duration: 1/4 day

Difficulty Level: II

Attractions: Footprints

GAMITANA FARM

Navigate towards Gamitana Creek and walk through the Model Farm. Learn about the community projects of ITA-Inkaterra *Asociación* (NGO) and the importance of farm work in *Madre de Dios*, one of the primary economic activities. Taste seasonal fruits and crops, either on site or later on with your meals.

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Birds / Native skills / Native Food / Canoe

CACAO

Visit the cacao plantation at *Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción* and take part of the chocolate making process. Learn how to select the fresh cacao fruits and discover how the seeds are fermented and sundried. After peeling the toasted cacao seeds and grinding them into an aromatic paste, end the excursion with a selection of treats made from our organic chocolate.

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Medicinal Plants / Native Food / Native skills

Recommended for children

BRAZIL NUT

Take a walk within the hotel grounds to a small hut where our Explorer Guides will teach you about the importance of the Brazil Nut Tree in the local economy of *Madre de Dios*. Learn how the Brazil nut is collected using traditional tools and techniques, to finally enjoy a fresh Brazil nut.

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: II

Attractions: Medicinal Plants / Native Food / Photography

Recommended for children

COCHA (natural pond)

Take a rowing canoe ride on the Inkaterra *Hacienda Concepción* oxbow shaped lake. Fish native style using the "catch and release" technique as you enjoy the scenery, observing hoatzins (*Opisthocomus hoazin*), a diversity of fly catchers, and gray-necked woodrails (*Aramides cajanea*). Appreciate the remains of the renowned Fitzcarrald steam boat. Learn about its history and how it inspired Inkaterra to ask Werner Herzog to film the award-winning "*Fitzcarraldo*" (Best Foreign Director at Cannes, 1982).

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: II

Attractions: Birds / Fishing / Ants / Canoe / Photography

Recommended for children

INKATERRA CANOPY WALKWAY & ANACONDA WALK

A 25-minute ride by motorized canoe takes you to the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway Interpretation Center. After ascending the first tower, at 95 feet (29 mts.) above the forest floor, you will literally walk through the treetops for one-and-a-half hours along suspension bridges that link eight observation platforms. Enjoy landscapes and vistas that would be unimaginable from below, while on the look-out for giant strangler fig trees, orchids, toucans, woodpeckers, trogons and –with luck- birds of prey, monkeys or sloths. After your descent from the Canopy, experience the Anaconda Walk for about 15 minutes along the 200-meter wooden bridge over the wetland. In this lush ecosystem, you may observe the various species of amphibians, birds, mammals and abundant flora and trees of this seasonal flooded marshland.

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty level: II

Attractions: Birds / Photography / Astronomy / Frogs / Ants

Recommended for children

LAKE SANDOVAL

Walk into the Tambopata National Reserve through *terra firma* forest, towards Lake Sandoval. Then navigate by rowing canoe around this beautiful oxbow lake. Learn about the reserves conservation efforts, the lake formation, the *aguaje* palms (*Mauritia flexuosa*) and the animals that inhabit this lake such as the endangered giant river otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), blue and yellow macaws (*Ara ararauna*), red howler monkeys (*Alouatta seniculus*), black caimans (*Melanosuchus niger*), and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, paiches (*Arapaima gigas*). (Access to discretion during months of rain)

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: II

Attractions: Birds / Ants / Canoe / Photography

Recommended for children (Except during months of rain)

ADDITIONAL EXCURSION (at extra charge)

BIRDLIFE

After a 1 hour boat ride towards the Madre de Dios River, visit the Cachuela clay lick. Enjoy birding while having breakfast on board. Bird diversity and clay-lick activity are explained by Inkaterra Explorer Guides. Return to lodge by boat.

Duration: 1/2 day

Difficulty Level: I

Attractions: Birds / Photography

PROGRAMMED ITINERARIES

NOTE: Changes in the itineraries may be subject to additional costs.

3 Days / 2 Nights

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
AM		Sandoval Lake	Return to Puerto Maldonado
			Visit to Butterfly House*
PM		Inkaterra Canopy Walkway	
	Concepcion Trails		
NIGHT	Twilight River	Rainforest by night	
*Subject to changes			

4 Days / 3 Nights

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
AM		Sandoval Lake	Native Farm	Return to Puerto Maldonado
			Botanical Garden	Visit to Butterfly House*
PM		Inkaterra Canopy Walkway	Cocha	
	Concepcion Trails			
NIGHT	Twilight River	Rainforest by night	Inland Collpa	
*Subject to changes				

5 Days / 4 Nights

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
AM		Sandoval Lake	Native Farm	Brasil Nut	Return to Puerto Maldonado
			Botanical Garden		Visit to Butterfly House*
PM		Inkaterra Canopy Walkway	Cocha	Cacao	
	Concepcion Trails				
NIGHT	Twilight River	Rainforest by night		Inland Collpa	
*Subject to changes					