

REFUGIO AMAZONAS – CONCEPT, LOCATION AND ACCESS



Refugio Amazonas is our newest 32-bedroom lodge, opened in 2005. Its location two hours from Puerto Maldonado is ideal for three-night experiences.

Refugio Amazonas is built on a 200-hectare private reserve on the buffer zone of the Tambopata National Reserve. It is becoming integrated into the communities of Brazil nut extractors that surround it, attempting to extend the benefits of ecotourism to the families that commit to the sustainable use of the forest within this buffer zone.

To get here you must fly to Puerto Maldonado from Lima or Cusco on daily commercial flights lasting 30 or 90 minutes respectively. From the airport you are transported to our offices with time to refresh and repack if necessary. The maximum luggage allowance per person is 15kg and we provide smaller duffel-bags if required. Your remaining luggage stored in safekeeping at our offices. From the offices it is a one-hour bus trip to the community river port where you board our boats for one-hour trip to Refugio Amazonas. Refugio Amazonas is located a few minutes walking from the river.

REFUGIO AMAZONAS – WHO IS IT FOR?

Refugio Amazonas is ideal for three-night visits, nature-lovers or families because:

- It offers an a-la-carte activities program with some activities specifically designed for children. The citizen science program offers a chance to become directly involved in research and conservation.
- It is located in a 200-hectare private reserve.
- The new shorter travel times are ideal for smaller children and also mean you get to the lodge quickly.
- A good mix of nature, adventure and cultural activities is included.

REFUGIO AMAZONAS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Accommodation

Refugio Amazonas is built using a combination of traditional native materials (wood, palm fronds, wild cane and clay) and architecture and modern-day eco-lodge technology. The lodge consists of four wings of 8 rooms connected by raised boardwalks to a central, two story, twenty-foot tall common area. This area has distinct ambiances serving as lobby, dining room, bar, shop and lounge. This structure is the heart of Refugio's atmosphere: it provides great canopy views of the surrounding forest - from a hammock ... and a whistle away from a drink!

The entire roof of the lodge is constructed using high quality crisneja palm fronds, whereas the floors are of tropical mahogany.

Accommodation is in the form of 32 rooms with two levels of room types – Comfort and Suite. The side of each room that looks out to the forest does not have a wall or screening of any kind, acting as a large window facing the forest. The reason we have been able to incorporate this "luxurious" design into our lodge is because mosquitoes are not really a problem around the lodge clearing and the open section allows for an intimate contact with the rain forest. A second small window on the opposite side, set up very high, keeps the rooms well ventilated. Rooms are not soundproof.

Each room has a private bathroom with a hot water shower. Each room has bed/s, mosquito nets, bedside tables and hammocks or lounge chairs.

Meals

We provide self-serve three course meals at Refugio Amazonas. Meals consist of soup or appetisers, salad, main course, and desserts combining Peruvian and international cuisine. All fresh fruits and salads are thoroughly disinfected before serving. We also provide at all times unlimited amounts of boiled, filtered, cooled drinking water, coffee or tea and we provide fruit-based cooldrinks during the meals. If any visitor has special dietary requirements, we are happy to make individual arrangements, but please notify us.

Communication

Refugio Amazonas is in daily contact with our offices in Puerto Maldonado and Lima from where we are able to communicate by email or phone with the rest of the world. Wi-fi is available three times per day.

Lighting and electricity

Electricity and lighting is available three times a day in common areas and rooms.



