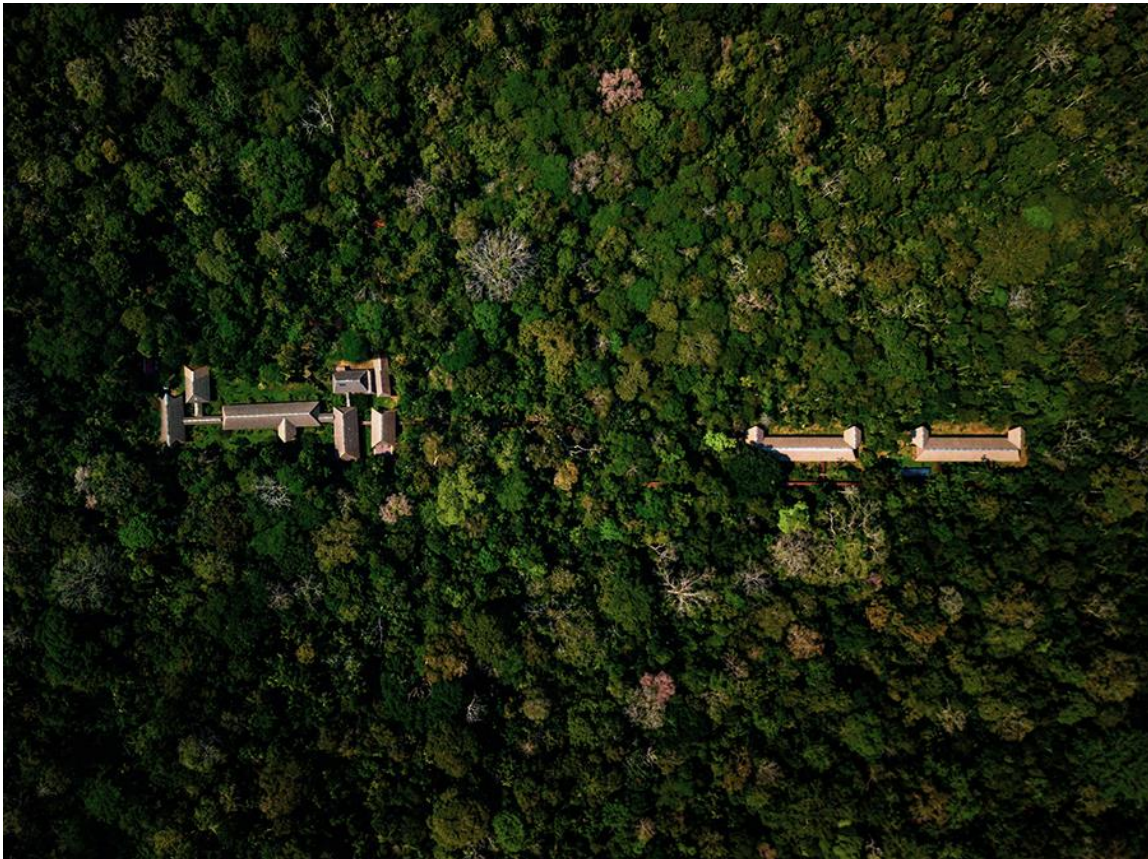


TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER – CONCEPT, LOCATION AND ACCESS



Tambopata Research Center (TRC) is a comfortable 24-room lodge which was built with the object of lodging tourists and researchers alike and of protecting the adjacent macaw clay lick. Because of its remote location in uninhabited wilderness housing stable populations of endangered wildlife, the small scale of its infrastructure and operations and the presence of researchers and naturalist guides, the Tambopata Research Center (TRC) is an excellent headquarters for in depth explorations of Amazonian nature and wildlife. Jaguars are seen by 30-45% of visitors.

TRC is located in a clearing in the middle of the uninhabited portion of the Tambopata National Reserve, adjacent to the Bahuaja National Park and 500 meters from the world's largest macaw clay lick.

The trip to the lodge involves a one-hour bus ride to the community port followed by a 2.5-hour boat trip. Arriving in Puerto Maldonado from Lima or Cusco on one of the daily commercial flights lasting 30 or 90 minutes respectively, you are transported by bus to our offices where you have time to refresh and repack if necessary. The maximum baggage allowance per person is 15kg and we provide smaller duffle-bags for repacking if required. Your remaining luggage is left in safekeeping at our offices.

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER – WHO IS IT FOR?

For those passionate about nature and biodiversity this is the place to visit as it offers by far the best wildlife viewing and wilderness experience in the Peruvian Amazonian rainforest. We recommend at least 3 nights to be able to enjoy a good range of the activities included, as your first and last days are spent travelling to and from the lodge. The TRC is the ideal option for in depth explorations of the rain forest lasting three or more nights because:

- The trip upriver drive takes you deep into the uninhabited heart of the Tambopata National Reserve, where the surrounding wilderness is untouched. The largest known macaw clay lick is five hundred yards from the lodge. Dusky headed titi, squirrel, brown capuchin, howler and spider monkeys, as well as capybara, caiman, and agouti are seen frequently. Although very difficult to see, herds of peccary, tapir and jaguar are all at their carrying capacity.
- Two state of the art, long term research projects are based out of TRC: the macaw project and the areas project (see Conservation Impact Sheets).

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES.

Accommodation

Tambopata Research Center 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 24 rooms connected by raised boardwalks, all with private bathrooms and hot-water showers, the research quarters and a dining room. The dining room is an open building that doubles as a bar. The lodge features 300 metres of raised walkways.

Four room categories are available. The side 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. Rooms are not soundproof. Each room has beds, mosquito nets, bedside tables and a rack of clothes hangers.

The research quarters is a two story building usually full of scientists and their assistants on the macaw project.

Meals

We provide self-serve three course meals at Tambopata Research Center. 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

Tambopata Research Center is in daily contact with our offices in Puerto Maldonado and Lima from where we are able to communicate by email phone with the rest of the world.

Lighting and electricity

Tambopata Research Center offers electricity 3 times a day in common areas and all day in Comfort-level and above room types.

