

Refugio Amazonas

A HIDDEN GEM IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON



A la Carta
Experience

Canopy Tower



Early Morning
(before breakfast)



2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★ ★



Canopy Tower

Let's get to the top and have an eagle's view of the forest. A thirty-minute hike from Refugio Amazonas leads to a 34-meter scaffolding canopy tower. A banister staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above, and the tower has been built upon high ground, therefore increasing your horizon of continuous primary forest that extends towards the Tambopata National Reserve.

From here, views of mixed species canopy flocks as well as toucans, macaws, and raptors are likely.

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Chuncho Claylick



Early morning
(Breakfast onsite)



Half Day

Difficulty Level ★



Chuncho Macaw Claylick

Since Tambopata is the world's best hot spot for macaws, this is a "must-do" on every itinerary. Take a morning trip into the Tambopata national reserve to one of the famous macaw clay licks. The two-hour boat ride from the lodge and into the national reserve also offers outstanding opportunities for seeing wildlife. This clay lick is often visited by three species of large colorful macaws, and many other parrots, and parakeets.

Your guide will help you identify the birds seen at the clay lick, as well as other wildlife there and along the river. Binoculars and a provided spotting scope will take you that much closer to wildlife.

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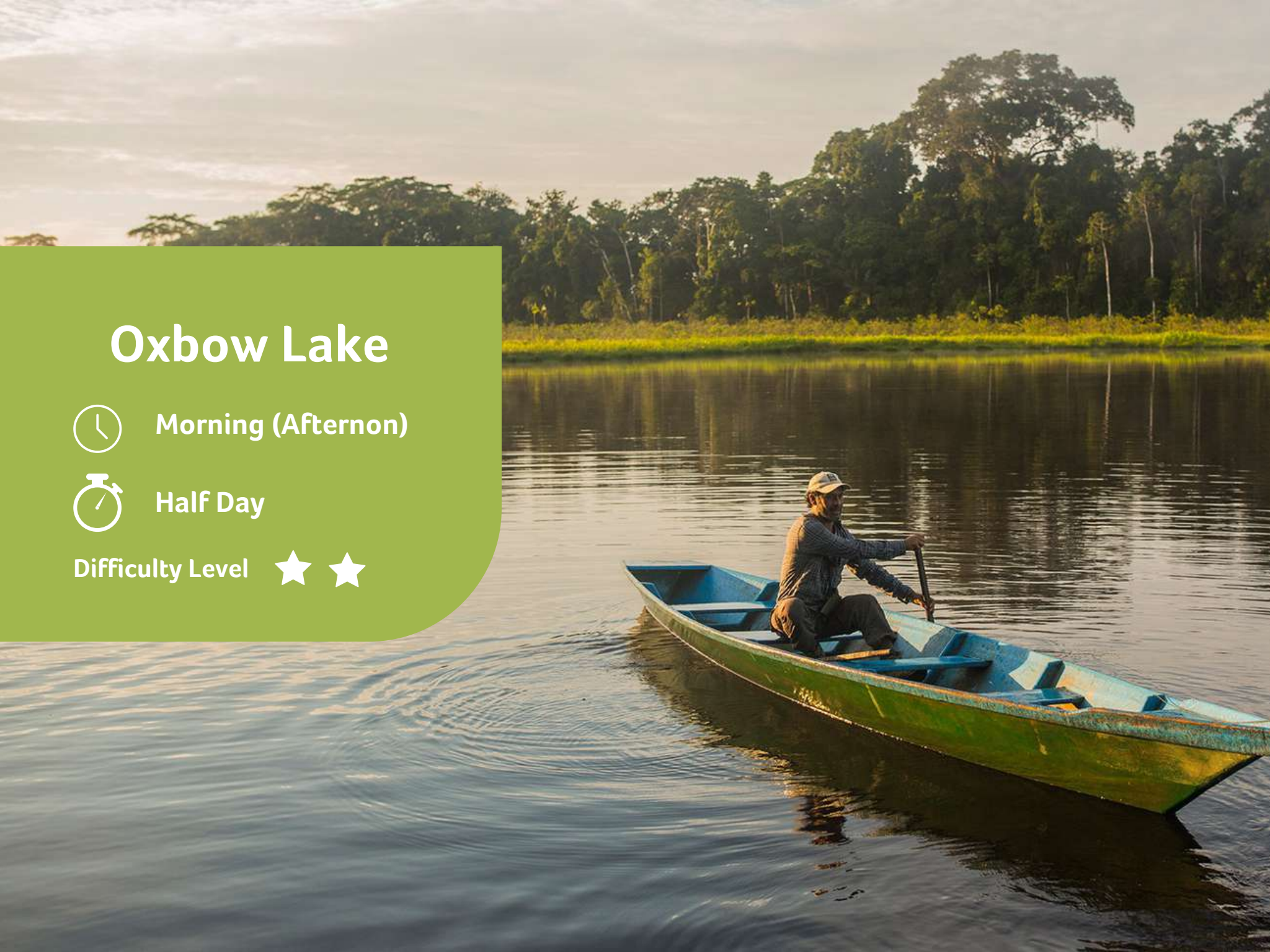
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Oxbow Lake

 Morning (Afternoon)

 Half Day

Difficulty Level ★ ★



Oxbow Lake

A 45-minute hike through terra firme rainforest brings us to an aguaje palm swamp and the Condénado oxbow lake. Oxbow lakes are amazing habitats, and we'll have the opportunity to experience one while paddling a traditional canoe on Condénado Lake. We will look for lakeside wildlife such as big fish, lots of birds, colorful butterflies, and more, while also hoping to see rare Giant Otters.

You will also be rewarded with overhead sightings of macaws and beautiful jungle skies.

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Mammal Claylick

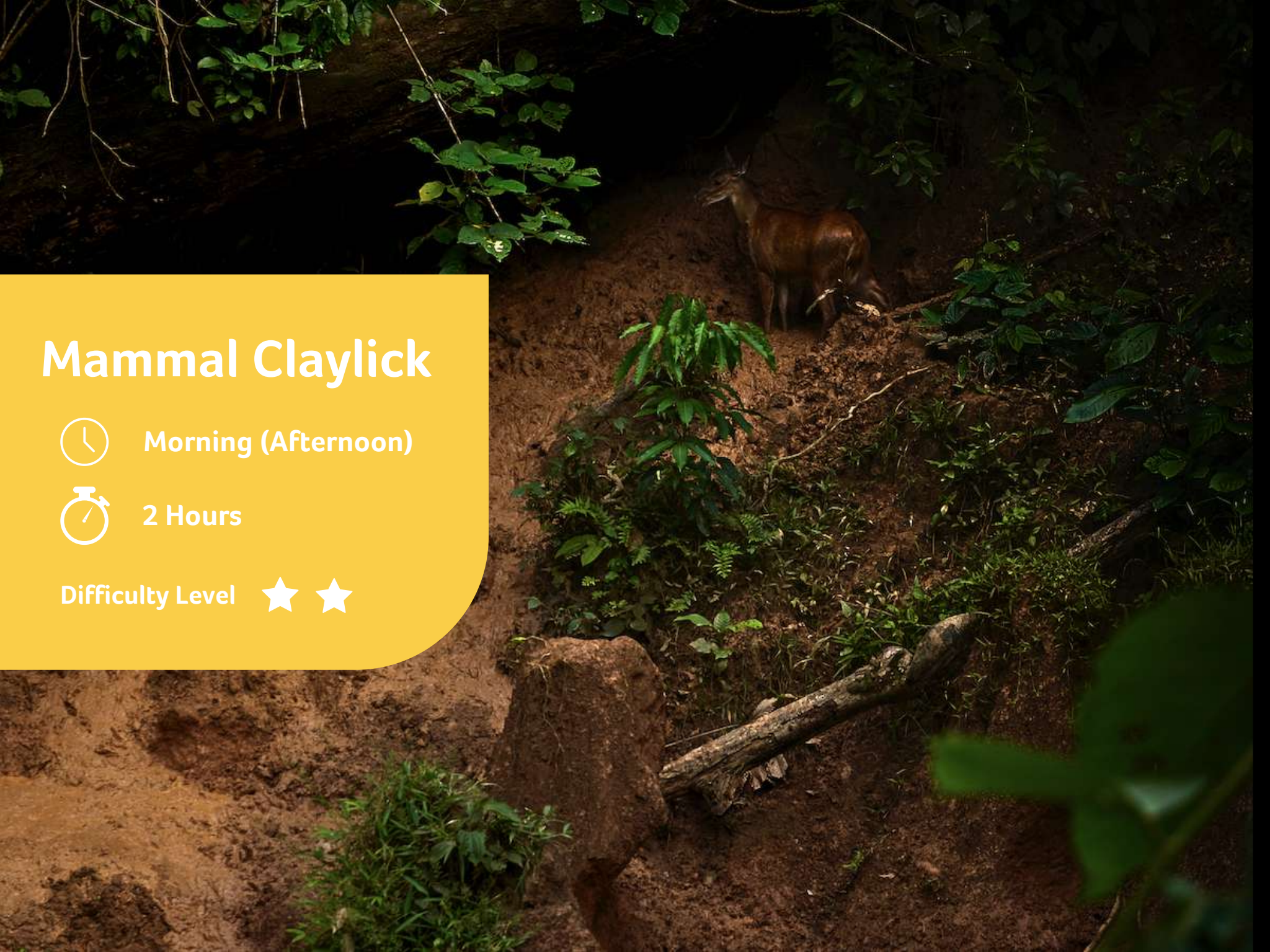


Morning (Afternoon)



2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★ ★



Mammal Claylick

Mammals feed on clay too and a peccary clay lick is just 20 minutes on foot from Refugio Amazonas. These wild rainforest pigs show up in herds of five to twenty individuals to eat clay in the late morning.

The chances of spotting them are rare but well worth the short hike.

Other wildlife also shows up sometimes, including deer, guans, and parakeets. This area has also sometimes featured the nest of the rare Harpy Eagle.

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Parakeet Claylick



Early morning
(Breakfast onsite)



Half Day

Difficulty Level ★ ★ ★



Parakeet Claylick

A fifteen minutes boat ride and sixty minutes hike from Refugio Amazonas will take us to a completely different clay lick used both by parrots and parakeets. We will watch from a blind as parrots and parakeets descend to ingest the clay on a bank. Species such as Dusky headed and Cobalt winged Parakeets come to this clay lick. With luck we will also see some or all the following species in the early morning rush: Mealy and Yellow-crowned Amazons, Blue-headed Pionus, Chestnut-fronted (Severa's) Macaw, and Orange-cheeked (Barraband's) Parrot.

We visit the lick at dawn, when parrots are most active, or in midmorning or early afternoon.

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Jungle Farm Visit

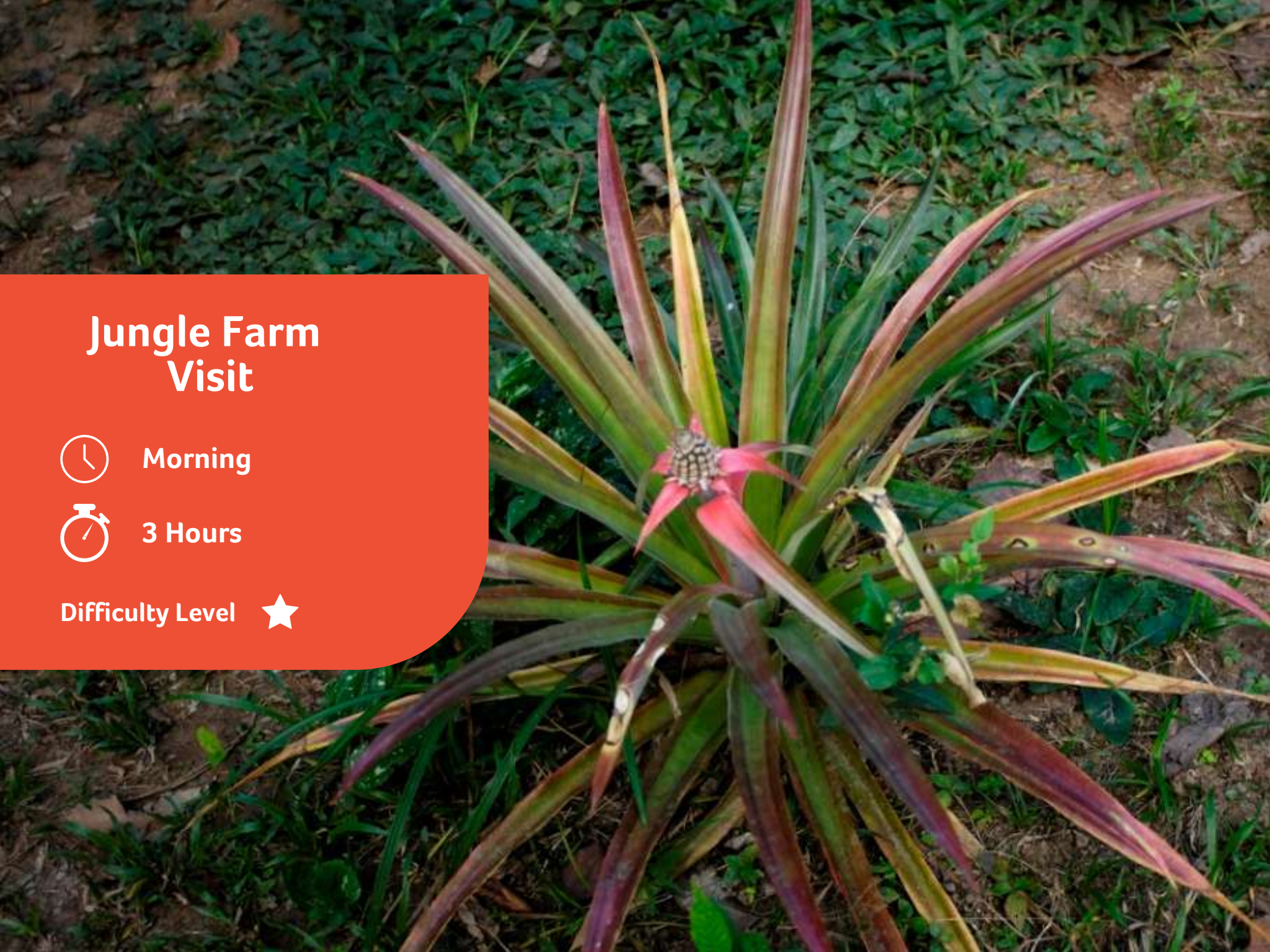


Morning



3 Hours

Difficulty Level ★



Jungle Farm Visit

On the other side of the river from the lodge, we visit a family owned farm managed by charismatic Don Manuel from the neighboring community of Condenado.

He grows a variety of popular and little-known Amazonian crops – just about every plant and tree you see has a story and serves a purpose.

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Overlook Trail



Morning (Afternoon)



2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★ ★

Overlook Trail

This 2 km trail will take us along the Tambopata River for a great overview. We will show you the differences between a terra firme forest and a secondary forest after passing through both habitats.

We will also take breaks at benches that help us witness the Tambopata on its journey through the Amazonian lowlands.

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A photograph of a forest floor covered with Brazil nuts. Some are whole, while others are cracked open, showing the dark, oily nuts inside. In the background, a person's legs and black boots are visible, suggesting a trail or campsite. The ground is covered in dry leaves and twigs.

Brazil Nut Trail & Camp



Morning (Afternoon)



2 Hours

Difficulty Level



Brazil Nut Trail & Camp

Refugio Amazonas is in a Brazil Nut forest. This hike is a beautiful old growth patch of Brazil Nut forest that has been harvested for decades (if not centuries) where the remains of a camp used two months a year by Brazil Nut gatherers can still be experienced.

We will demonstrate the whole process of the rainforest's only sustainably harvested product from collection through transportation, drying, and on to the products we consume.

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Jungle Mountain Biking



Morning (Afternoon)



1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level



Jungle Mountain Biking

If you like action, this is a great way to explore and experience the beauty and excitement of the rainforest along ten kilometers of trails.

We provide a GT mountain bike, helmet and cycling gear, water bottle, and your very own mountain bike guide

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Children's Trail



Morning (Afternoon)



2 Hours

Difficulty Level ★



Children's Trail

As a prelude to the Children's trail activity that will take place with our child specialist guide, we head towards the circle of fire. A series of lights will lead us on a path that goes through the forest and ends at the circle of fire. This is where, the ancient healer, is located. The house is filled with magic potions and extracts prepared from plants of the forest.

There, we learn about the stories of the forest, as we sit and listen to our guide. This is also the starting point for the adventure that awaits us in our next child activity.

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Medicinal Plants Trails



Morning (Afternoon)



2.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★

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Medicinal Plants Trail

Most medicines come from a medicinal plant in the Amazon, along this trail, we will find a diversity of plants and trees that are used by the local people for a variety of purposes.

We 'll learn about the medicinal (and other) uses of Ayahuasca, Ajo-Sacha, Yuca de Venado, Uña de Gato, Charcot-Sacha, and Para-Para among several others.

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A close-up photograph of a person's arm being tattooed. The tattoo artist is using a blue-handled tattoo needle to apply purple ink to a lotus flower design on the person's forearm. The person receiving the tattoo is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark blue pants. The artist is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a colorful beaded bracelet. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Rainforest Tattoo



Morning (Afternoon)



1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★

Rainforest Tattoo

Getting tattooed in the Rainforest? No worries, we´ll prepare a paste from a fruit called “Huito”, and achiote or other natural dyes to draw tattoos on ourselves. We can draw different shapes of animals or other patterns associated with the forest. They only last a few days.

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Tambopata Aerobotany



Afternoon



Half Day

Difficulty Level



Tambopata Aerobotany

Why point to the stars when you can reach the canopy! Experience the incredible diversity of Amazon Trees and Plants from the Air! Throw a Drone from a 34-meter-tall scaffolding tower and get an incomparable view of the canopy, feel like a star!

This canopy tower experience is a quick 20-minute walk from the lodge and provides access to the tops of huge rainforest trees. We will get the chance to observe the researchers programming the drones for their daily route, and we will get unique and amazing pictures and videos of the canopy from the air!

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AmazonCam Tambopata

 Afternoon

 1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level 



AmazonCam Tambopata

We are building a Big Grid to answer Big Questions. Become a researcher and explore the world of camera traps and the amazing wildlife they reveal' it's a Big Neighborhood!

We will walk for about 20 minutes near the mammal clay lick, a favorite spot for many animals! We will help researchers collect the data from the camera traps and install some new ones! We will try them and make sure they are working correctly, and on the way back to the lodge, will get to see what we got on the cameras!

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Tambopata Sunset Cruise



Afternoon



1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level



Tambopata Sunset Cruise

Sunsets in the jungle are one of nature's most beautiful spectacles, and one of the best places to enjoy them is from a boat on the Tambopata River. In the afternoon, your guide will take you to a boat for an easy-going, two-hour ride on the Tambopata.

Your guide will talk about the dynamics of this Amazonian river as you watch for rainforest wildlife and see macaws fly overhead before enjoying the jungle sunset

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Circle of Fire



Night



1 Hour

Difficulty Level ★



Circle of Fire

As the guide's story begins, children gather around the Circle of Fire. Finally, by the end of the evening, their love for the environment and their knowledge of the rainforest will be forever heightened.

From ancient times the wisdom of the forest have been inherited by the Ese'ejas on these lands, they used to live completely apart from the rest of the world, and everything they learned came from observing the interactions of every single habitant in the wilderness

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Night Walk

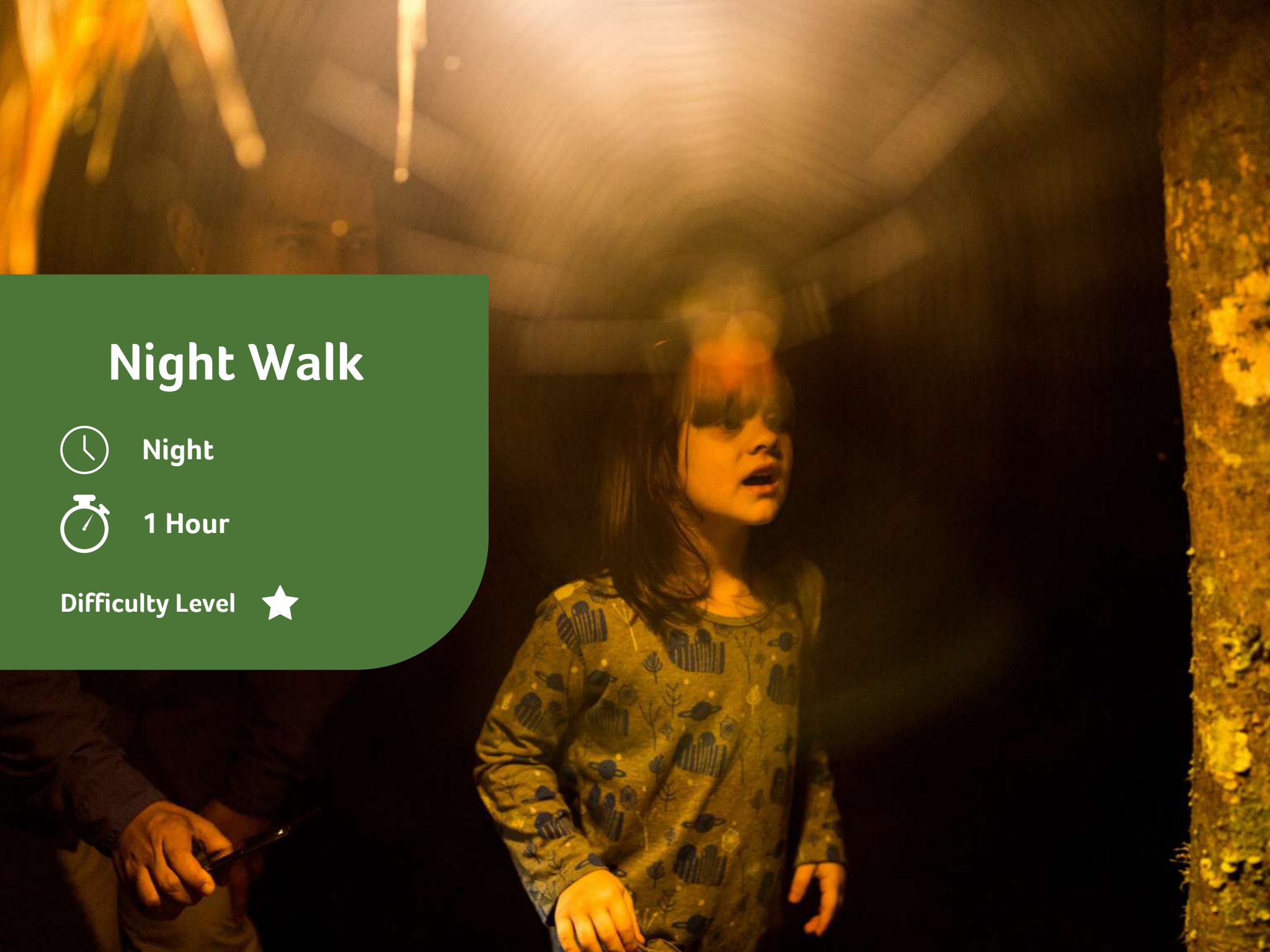


Night



1 Hour

Difficulty Level ★



Night Walk

The rainforest comes alive again at night. This is the best time to see a bizarre and beautiful world of sounds, frogs, insects, night skies, and other nocturnal animals.

Your guide will take you on a trail near the lodge for an hour and a half exciting hike into the night of the Amazon rainforest.

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Discovering New Species



Night



1.5 Hours

Difficulty Level ★



Discovering New Species

Help us reveal nature's wonders, become a scientist and get the chance to discover a new species! There is an amazing world of diversity awaiting exploration! We will meet the resident researcher team at the lobby for a brief explanation on the types of specimens we will be looking for, and how to identify them.

They will give us tools needed for collecting, and we will walk around 15 minutes from the lodge to the light trap where an incredible variety of insects will be waiting for us. We will look for and collect certain types of insects, and, if we are lucky, we may even discover a new species!

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Night Lectures



Night



1 Hour

Difficulty Level



Night Lectures

After a day spent exploring the Amazon jungle's incredible beauty, we do something a little different during the evening. As you relax at the lodge, our guides give you a taste of our rainforest initiatives. These Night Lectures enrich your experience and immerse you in fun, engaging stories and experiences.

Nightly lectures prepared by the staff of Refugio Amazonas cover conservation threats, opportunities, and projects in the Tambopata National Reserve.

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