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Contract for the In Situ Ecosystems 2024 Peruvian jungle tour

Date of arrival to tour: April 3rd, 2024

Date of departure from tour: April 13th, 2024

Number of days of accommodation: 10 days

April 3rd, - Arrival - Tingo María

All clients must arrive to Tingo María by April 3rd in order to be ready for day 1 of the tour starting tomorrow. We will be staying the Madera Verde lodge, a very luxurious lodge.

April 4th, Day 1 - Tingo María - Cordillera Azul

Breakfast will be had at the Madera Verde lodge after which we start a short, 1 hour drive to the cloud forests of the Cordillera Azul mountains. Here, we will search the mossy forests and hillsides for the emblematic "Sapo Peruano" or "Peruvian toad" as the locals like to call them because the colors resemble that of the Peruvian flag. We better know them as *Ameerega silverstonei*. After spending a few hours with the frogs, we can either head down to the Boqueron de Padre Abad to look for *Ameerega rubriventris* (weather permitting) or head back to Tingo María and check out the oil bird caves nearby. For anyone interested in tropical fish, there is a very nice killifish species found here called *Rivulus derhami* that we could look for.

April 5th, Day 2 - Tingo María - Tingo María National Park or Carpish Cloud Forest Reserve

Our last day in Tingo María will be spent exploring either the Tingo María National Park or the Carpish Cloud Forest Reserve. In either of these two majestic protected areas, we stand a great chance at finding amazing plant species as well as animal species. The possibility of finding a new species here is a real thing. At the end of the day, we head back to Madera Verde Lodge and have a nice dinner. Tomorrow, we fly to Tarapoto!

April 6th, Day 3 - Travel day - Tarapoto

Today, we will hang around the lodge until the afternoon, when we will fly to Tarapoto from Tingo María.

April 7th, Day 4 - Tarapoto - Cordillera Escalera

Our first day in Tarapoto, we will be traversing the lush Cordillera Escalera mountains. After breakfast, we will start in the Alto Shilcayo sector of the mountain where we can potentially see up to 9 species of poison frogs. Our target species here are *Ranitomeya summersi* 'white banded' and *Ranitomeya imitator* 'Tarapoto'. Other highlights are *Ameerega bassleri*, *trivittata*, *Hyloxalus nexipus* and several more. By mid day, we will have lunch and then shift our focus to the highlands of the Cordillera Escalera, hiking up to a ridgeline with a most incredible view of the Cainarache Valley. Here, we will see magnificent high jungle habitat adorned with thick carpets of moss, bromeliads, orchids and many other fascinating plants. This mossy landscape is home to a very healthy population of *Ranitomeya variabilis* 'highland'. In the late afternoon, we will start our descent toward Tarapoto, where we will stay at the Understory House just outside of the city.

April 8th, Day 5 - Yurimaguas - Micaela

Our quest for today will be focused on *Ranitomeya fantastica*. And as always, there are always other highlights to be found. We will make our first stop at a patch of forest in the foothills of the Cordillera Escalera close to Pongo de Caynarache. Here, we will look for the famous *Ranitomeya fantastica* 'highland' as well as *Ameerega pongoensis* 'green'. Continuing along our route, we will find ourselves in the low, flat expanses of the amazon basin. For the next hour, we will be driving through palm plantations, cattle fields and very small patches of disturbed forest before reaching our destination of Micaela. In Micaela, we will have the opportunity to see the emblematic *Ranitomeya fantastica* 'nominal' within its last remaining forests. We will also see *Ranitomeya imitator* 'lowland striped' and a couple *Ameerega*. We will spend the rest of the day here before heading to Yurimaguas to get settled into our hotel for the night. Tomorrow, we have a very early start.

April 9th, Day 6 - Cuíparillo - Lago Cuípari

Our day starts with a 1 hour boat ride to Cuíparillo and then a short drive to Lago Cuípari. From here, we start our roughly 1.5 to 2 hour hike to our forest destination. Here, we will hopefully be blessed with the presence of the blessed poison frog, *Ranitomeya benedicta* 'Shucushyacu'. It is a very common frog here and shouldn't be too hard to find a few of them. We may also be 'blessed' with the presence of the blue morph of *Ameerega pongoensis*, a truly beautiful representation of the species. In the mid afternoon, we will make our way back to town to catch a ride back to Cuíparillo and then a boat ride to Yurimaguas where we

April 10th, Day 7 - Lagunas - Pacaya Samiria - Gloria

Our day starts at 4am as we have to be at the boat dock at 4:30am in order to catch our boat to Lagunas. Our arrival to Lagunas will be around 10:30am where we will be met with our team who will be accompanying us into the national park. After breakfast, we will take a 20 minute ride to the border of the park. For the next 3 days, our only mode of transportation will be paddling in wooden canoes deep within the flooded varzea forests of Pacaya Samiria National Park. Our destination for today is Gloria Lodge. On our way, we will see monkeys, macaws, parrots, sloths, fishing eagles and if we are lucky, river dolphins, giant river otters and anacondas. An optional night excursion to look for caimans, snakes and go spear fishing is an option.

April 11th, Day 8 - Pacaya Samiria - Gloria

Today, our day will be spent exploring the river around Gloria looking for the wide variety of wildlife that Pacaya Samiria has to offer. At some point in the day, we will go to a section of forest that is not flooded and will be able to stretch our legs and take a short hike on dry land. On our way back to Gloria, we will stop and do some piranha fishing. Upon arriving back to Gloria, we will eat a nice lunch before relaxing, taking a swim in the river for the next few hours. Come night fall, we head back on the water to look for caimans, snakes and frogs.

April 12th, Day 9 - Pacaya Samiria - Lagunas

Our last day within Pacaya Samiria National Park. We will start our journey back to Lagunas after breakfast. Of course, we will be looking for wildlife along the way. We will arrive to Lagunas in the late afternoon and get settled into a hotel, get cleaned up and then take a walk or just relax until dinner time. Tomorrow, we head back to Yurimaguas and then make the drive to Tarapoto.

April 13th, Day 10 - Tarapoto

We will arrive to Yurimaguas from Lagunas by boat at around mid day. From here, we make the two hour drive back to Tarapoto where we will relax for the rest of the evening. For those of you who leave tomorrow, have a safe trip home! For those of you who choose the 1 day extension trip to Tununtunumba waterfall, We will see you bright and early tomorrow!

April 14th, - Departure - Lima

Today, for those of you who go, you catch your flights to Lima and then back home! Safe travels and thank you for a wonderful experience!

Chazuta - Tununtunumba Waterfall (Optional extension day)

We must get an early start in order to beat the heat as we have a pretty good hike ahead of us. After our 1 hour drive to Chazuta, we will embark on a 1.5 to 2 hour hike into the Cordillera Escalera, this time further to the southeast. On our way up, we will stop at a couple small patches of forest where we can see *Ranitomeya imitator* 'Chazuta' and if we are lucky, *Ranitomeya summersi* 'Chazuta'. This is also a great place to see *Ameerega cainarache*. Upon arriving to the river far in the hills, a very much needed swim in the crystal clear waters full of tropical fish will be a much needed refreshment. By mid afternoon, we will start our journey back to Chazuta and then back to the Understory House to get cleaned up and head out for dinner. A packed lunch will be necessary for this day. Tomorrow, you fly home!

This Package price presented to you by Andes to Amazon Expeditions and Adventures and InSitu Ecosystems and comes with inclusions and exclusions that you, the customer, need to be aware of. Please read on to know what to expect when agreeing to this contract.

What is included in this package

This package includes the following services, activities, etc starting from time of reception by Andes to Amazon.

- Full guide and translation services by Josh Allen/Reed Ebbinghaus
- National flights required for trip
- Transportation and rental vehicles
- Hotel and lodging
- Food (up to 3 meals a day)
- Any entry fees and extra guide fees

What is not included in this package

This package does not include the following services, activities, etc.

- Souvenirs, gifts and other personal purchases
- Extra water, drinks and snacks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Laundry services
- Medical services or medical transport
- Extra baggage fees
- International flights
- Unexpected tour changes, interruption costs or anything not included in the itinerary

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Terms of payment

- This quote is given with the understanding that a 50% deposit is payable when the contract is signed no later than the 1st of January, and is non refundable.

- The remaining 50% is to be paid before, or upon arrival in Peru, April 3rd, 2024

- This quote is valid until the 1st of January, 2024, by when the contract must be signed and the 50% deposit paid in full. Should the contract not be signed, returned and deposit paid before or upon the above date, the above accommodation will no longer be held and the quoted contract becomes void and no longer binding.

Please sign the acceptance of this quoted contract, scan and email to: bill@insituecosystems.com

I, _____, hereby accept the quote in its entirety for the deducted amount of

\$2500 USD

I agree to make the payments as stipulated on or before, but no later than the quoted date above. I further agree that should I change any of the agreements once I have signed and returned the contract to InSitu Ecosystems, there may be implied extra costs in which I, the client, will be liable and will pay in full upon receiving the updated invoice with new costs.

Signed on the day of _____ of the month of _____ of the year _____

Signature: _____

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