

The Amazon rainforest is unlike any other region in the world. Its unparalleled diversity and incredible size make it a spectacular classroom for the learning adventure of a lifetime. From toucans to howler monkeys, piranhas to three-toed sloths, from the bustling jungle town of Iquitos to the quieter life of remote communities, this workshop will open your eyes to a new world of experiences. Through hands-on science explorations, meaningful visits to local communities and time to soak in the beauty and magic of the rainforest, participants have the opportunity to learn about the many characteristics that make this region unique.



The International Experience

The Amazon Adventure offers participants a personal, first-hand experience in the world's most famous tropical rainforest. We will learn from a variety of teachers including experts such as ornithologists, cultural anthropologists or botanists and very knowledgeable local guides.

Our base of operations is a complex of four very different lodges each with its own distinct features. Explorama Lodge will provide us with several cultural opportunities including a visit to a local Yagua community for a day of learning about life in a small river-side community. Visiting students will also join Peruvian students in activities that help both cultures understand the lifestyles of the other.

At the cozy and rustic Explornapo Lodge, nestled among the trees, we will learn about rainforest ecology, medicinal plants and study the great diversity of plant and animal life in the forest.

The world famous canopy walkway is a highlight at the third lodge: the Amazon Conservatory of Tropical Studies Field Station (ACTS). The canopy of the rainforest is believed by scientists to be one of the most diverse and unstudied areas left in the world. The forest is incredible from this vantage point!

Finally, the workshop concludes with a stay in the city of Iquitos where we conduct a service project with local students and explore the marketplace.

Please check our website for sample day-by-day itineraries and photos!



The Curriculum

Our Discover Classroom Earth Curriculum helps prepare students for their international experience *before they travel* with a series of ten hands-on, age-appropriate and user-friendly lessons. The two-hour lessons explore everything from ecology and conservation to culture and language to travel tips and leadership skills. Your workshop fee includes this curriculum as well as staff support in implementing it with participants. The focus of the Amazon curriculum is the cultures of the Peruvian Amazon, the remarkable biodiversity of this region, and the importance and challenges of tropical rainforest conservation.



The Service Learning Project

Following the international workshop, we work with students back in their home communities to develop student-designed service projects that bring personal and community meaning to their international experience. Some students focus their energy on making a difference in their own home community. Projects may include initiating a recycling program at school, participating in an on-going stream clean-up project, supporting disadvantaged members of the community, or educating others about local conservation issues. Other students focus their attention on the region they visited. Projects may include raising funds to support the school they visited, educating others at home about conservation issues abroad, or supporting conservation organizations working in the region visited.



Peruvian Amazon Adventure

Recommended Age and Maturity Level

This program is specifically designed for middle and high school students. However workshop activities can be modified for college or adult participants. Maturity level should be considered when determining whether students are appropriate candidates for this program.

Group Sponsors and Group Size

Global Explorers includes one complimentary spot for every 10 full-paying participants. The complimentary spots are generally reserved for the educators who organize the group locally with Global Explorers' support; they are referred to as Group Sponsors. Our minimum group size is 10 paying participants. Please contact us to discuss possibilities if you have a smaller group.

Included

All travel expenses within Peru, all meals, all lodging, all ground transfers, airport departure taxes, basic level of tips for guides and other services, a program t-shirt, workshop journal, textbook(s), curriculum and service project materials (for Group Sponsor), travel insurance, year-long support, guidance and mentoring for local Group Sponsor, and an on-site Global Explorers Representative during workshop.

Not Included

Airfare between your home city and Lima, Peru, passport, immunizations (and any other medications recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, your county health department, and/or your family physician) and any personal items.

Accommodations

Accommodations are rustic, cozy and comfortable. Rooms are equipped with mosquito nets, linens, and lanterns. There is no electricity or hot water at Explorama, but there is plenty of water for washing and abundant purified water for drinking. Food is fresh, healthy and delicious.

Flexibility

We do everything we can to ensure a positive workshop experience. Because we can not control all aspects of our workshops (like when monkeys will choose to cross our path), we may need to slightly alter the workshop itinerary on-site. We reserve the right to make these changes in the interest of enjoyment, education, logistics or safety. In order to make these changes smooth, we rely on your cooperation and flexibility.

Safety

We take this topic seriously and ask that all workshop participants do the same. We take an enormous amount of care in preparing our workshops to minimize safety risks and we have created rules and regulations accordingly. It is very important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by Group Sponsors, on-site Global Explorers staff, guides and lodge managers.

Physical Fitness Level

All of our workshops are designed for adventurous participants! We suggest participants prepare both physically and mentally for their workshops in order to get the most out of the experience. While the hikes and excursions at Explorama are not strenuous, the heat and humidity may be taxing for some travelers. Please call us for more details and discuss any concerns with your physician.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Nonrefundable \$200 deposit. Withdrawal 46-90 days prior to date of departure is 50% of program costs. Withdrawal 45 days or less prior to date of departure is 100%. We regret having to strictly adhere to these policies but we begin sending non-refundable payments for lodging and transportation and incur other costs long before the workshop.

2007 Price: \$2,240* ☆ Includes 1 free teacher! ☆

*Please contact us if you have fewer than 10 students and we will adjust the price accordingly.

Come Discover Classroom Earth!

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