







DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY®



AMAZON RAINFOREST
Conservation Expeditions
Trip I: April 9-18, 2016
Trip II: April 16-25, 2016

# Celebrating 25 years of preserving the rainforest, one child at a time.

The Detroit Zoological Society and Peruvian partner, CONAPAC (Conservacion de la Naturaleza Amazonica del Peru, A.C.), work together with Amazon Explorama Lodges to facilitate the Adopt-A-School program. Over the years, the program has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of Amazon River students, teachers and classrooms. Each year, we are excited to invite volunteers to help with the delivery of school supplies and to assist in community service projects. Join us to celebrate 25 years of supporting this incredibly diverse and beautiful part of the world.

This program is truly making a difference in the lives of the rural community members who call the rainforest home, one child at a time.



# **School Supply Deliveries Trip I: April 9-18, 2016**

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	OVERNIGHT	MEALS
1	April 9	Arrive in Iquitos (7 a.m.)	Supply Preperation	ExplorNapo	L, D
2	April 10	ExplorNapo	Canopy Walkway	ExplorNapo	B, L, D
3	April 11	Local Communities	School Deliveries	ExplorNapo	B, L, D
4	April 12	Local Communities	School Deliveries	ExplorNapo	B, L, D
5	April 13	Local Communities	School Deliveries	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
6	April 14	Local Communities	School Deliveries	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
7	April 15	Local Communities	School Deliveries	Ceiba Tops	B, L, D
8	April 16	Ceiba Tops	Donor Packets	Ceiba Tops	B, L, D
9	April 17	Ceiba Tops	Fundo Neiser	Ceiba Tops	B, L, D
10	April 18	Ceiba Tops	Transport to Iquitos	Depart to Iquitos Airport (5 p.m.)	B, L

B - Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

Cost of the trip= \$1,250 per person.

Itinerary subject to change.





# **School Supply Deliveries**

Join us as we travel the Amazon and Napo Rivers, in the heart of the Peruvian Rainforest, to deliver school supplies to children in remote, rural villages. These school supplies will provide them the opportunity to earn a basic education and better understand how valuable the rainforest ecosystem is to the world.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit at least a dozen communities over the course of the week, partaking in celebrations, songs, dances and countless smiles as a year's worth of supplies are hand-delivered to each child.

We will also experience the rainforest through excursions such as the Canopy Walkway, Fundo Neiser Wildlife Reserve, traditional Yagua Community visit, rainforest walks, ReNuPeRu Ethnobotanical Garden, night boat rides, and much more. An incredible experience that's not to be missed.

# **For More Information**

# Community Service Project Trip II: April 16-25, 2016

DAY	DATE	ROUTING	ACTIVITIES	ACCOMMODATIONS	MEAL PLAN
1	April 16	Arrive in Iquitos	Rainforest Excursion	Ceiba Tops	L, D
2	April 17	Ceiba Tops	Fundo Neiser	Ceiba Tops	B, L, D
3	April 18	Local Communities	School Deliveries	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
4	April 19	Local Community	Conservation Project	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
5	April 20	Local Community	Conservation Project	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
6	April 21	Local Community	Conservation Project	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
7	April 22	Local Community	Conservation Project	Explorama Lodge	B, L, D
8	April 23	ExplorNapo	Canopy Walkway	ExplorNapo Lodge	B, L, D
9	April 24	Ceiba Tops	Excursions	Ceiba Tops	B, L, D
10	April 25	Ceiba Tops	Transport to Iquitos	Depart to Iquitos Airport	B, L

B - Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

Cost of the trip= \$1,250 per person

Itinerary subject to change.







# **Community Service Project**

If you've ever wanted to give back or make a difference in the world, this is the opportunity. Participants will spend a day delivering school supplies to children in remote, rural villages. These school supplies will provide them the opportunity to earn a basic education and better understand how valuable the rainforest ecosystem is to the world.

The next several days will be spent in a community, working alongside the community members, as we build, repair or improve structures, install clean drinking water systems, or provide other support as needed. This is a hands-on trip that has been deemed as a life-changing experience by those that participate.

We will also experience the rainforest through excursions such as the Canopy Walkway, Fundo Neiser Wildlife Reserve, traditional Yagua Community visit, rainforest walks, ReNuPeRu Ethnobotanical Garden, night boat rides, and much more.

# For More Information

# DETAILED ITINERARY - Trip I

# Saturday, DAY 1 - Arrival in Iquitos/ExplorNapo

Explorama guides will greet us at the Iquitos Airport or local hotels and transport us to their office on the Amazon River by bus through the city of Iquitos. From the office, we will travel by boat to ExplorNapo, a rustic lodge on the Napo River surrounded by the beauty of the rainforest. During the afternoon, we will sort and package teacher supplies for the week's deliveries.

Overnight - ExplorNapo

Rooms - Rustic, community river water showers and no flush toilets. Mosquito netting on beds.



# Sunday, DAY 2 - Canopy Walkway/Medicinal Garden

Originally designed for research in the rainforest canopy, the Canopy Walkway gives a bird's eye view of the Amazon for guests and scientists. We will complete the morning with a visit to the medicinal gardens to meet the resident shaman and see traditional healing methods of the rainforest people. At the end of the day, we will meet with the education team from Iquitos to plan for the school deliveries.

Overnight - ExplorNapo

# Monday, DAY 3 - School Supply Deliveries

After breakfast, we will divide into small groups and board our assigned boats filled with school supplies. Most groups will deliver supplies to three communities, two before lunch and one after lunch. After the community celebrations and organized distribution of supplies, we will return to ExplorNapo for time to relax and enjoy the hammock house. Depending on the weather, we may head out for evening stargazing on the Napo River.

Overnight - ExplorNapo

# Tuesday, DAY 4 - School Supply Deliveries

Following breakfast, we will board our assigned boats for another day of community celebrations and supply deliveries. Activities upon returning to the lodge may include relaxing in the hammock house, piranha fishing or a night boat excursion to search for jungle wildlife.

Overnight - ExplorNapo



# Wednesday, DAY 5 - School Supply Deliveries

An early breakfast will be followed by packing up our belongings as we head out for our third day of school supply deliveries. Over the course of our day delivering supplies, we will journey back to the Amazon River and arrive at Explorama Lodge. Following a small tributary off the Amazon, we'll pass by the Rotary Clinic.

Overnight - Explorama Lodge

Rooms - Rustic, each room has a river-water shower and flush toilet. Mosquito netting on beds. Most rooms have electric lights.



# Thursday, DAY 6 - School Supply Deliveries/Amazon Jungle Library

Wake up to the macaws calling; there's no need for an alarm clock at this lodge! A breakfast of fresh rainforest fruits and baked goods will prepare us for our fourth day of school supply deliveries and celebrations. Following breakfast, we'll head out to deliver to some larger communities on the Amazon River. We'll complete the afternoon with a visit to the local CONAPAC Amazon Library. Overnight - Explorama Lodge

# Friday, DAY 7 - School Supply Deliveries

Our final day of school supply deliveries will start just after we have breakfast and pack. We will visit the remaining communities as we travel to our last lodge, Ceiba Tops. Named after the massive Ceiba tree within easy walking distance, this is the most luxurious lodge and includes a pool with water slide and beautiful views of the sun setting and rising on the Amazon River.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops Lodge

Rooms - Climate-controlled rooms each with flush toilet, warm shower and sink. Electric lights and outlets in rooms.

# Saturday, DAY 8 - Donor Packets/Rainforest Excursions

Wake up to a great breakfast in the Ceiba Tops dining room. We'll choose from a variety of activities for the morning, including a short jungle walk to the Ceiba Tree. The second group of travelers will join us during the afternoon. Together, the teams will create the personalized donor thank you packets to be mailed to our incredible donor base who make the program possible. Everyone can enjoy looking through delivery photos, letters and artwork created by the children and teachers from the communities.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops

# Sunday, DAY 9 - Monkey Island/Rainforest Excursions

During the cooler morning hours, both teams will travel by boat to Fundo Neiser. This small island is home to a variety of monkey species that are easily photographed. During the afternoon, both groups will have the option to explore the rainforest with Explorama's guides or simply relax near the pool. A special presentation will be given by one of our rainforest experts will provide more insight and information about the ecology of the rainforest and the people that call it home.



Overnight - Ceiba Tops

# Monday, DAY 10 - Transport to Iquitos

Our last day in the rainforest will start with breakfast at Ceiba Tops. The morning will be available for activities close to the lodge or simply to relax and reflect on the incredible experience. We'll enjoy a final rainforest luch before heading up the river to Iquitos by boat. Please note, scheduled flights need to depart the Iquitos airport after 5 p.m.

# Cost of the trip= \$1,250 per person



# **DETAILED ITINERARY - Trip II**

# Saturday, DAY 1 - Arrival in Iquitos/Ceiba Tops

Explorama guides will greet us at the Iquitos Airport and transport us to their office on the Amazon River by bus through the city of Iquitos. From the office, we will travel by boat to Ceiba Tops, a lodge on the Amazon River. We will meet with the first group of travelers and choose from a variety of activities including visiting a Yagua Village, seeing the giant Victoria Regia lily pads or a jungle walk to the Ceiba tree.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops

Rooms - Climate-controlled rooms each with flush toilet, warm shower and sink. Electric lights and outlets in rooms.

### Sunday, DAY 2 - Monkey Island/Rainforest Excursions

During the cooler morning hours, both teams will travel by boat to Monkey Island. This small island is home to a variety of monkey species that are easily photographed. During the afternoon, both groups will have the option to explore the rainforest with Explorama's guides or simply relax near the pool. A special presentation will be given by one of our rainforest experts will provide more insight and information about the ecology of the rainforest and the people that call it home.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops

# Monday, DAY 3 - School Supply Deliveries



After breakfast, we will board our assigned boats filled with school supplies to deliver to the remaining river communities as we travel from Ceiba Tops to ExplorNapo. After the community celebrations and the organized distribution of supplies, we will have time to relax and enjoy the hammock house. Depending on the weather, we may head out for evening stargazing on the Rio Napo.

Overnight - ExplorNapo

Rooms - Rustic, community river water showers and no-flush toilets. Mosquito netting on beds.

# Tuesday, DAY 4 - Canopy Walkway/Medicinal Garden

Originally designed for research in the rainforest canopy, the Canopy Walkway gives a bird's eye view of the Amazon for guests and scientists. After lunch, we will visit the medicinal gardens to meet the resident shaman and see traditional healing methods of the natives.

Overnight - ExplorNapo



# Wednesday - Friday DAYS 5 - 7 - Community Service Projects



CONAPAC staff will choose a special village or villages to work in and provide community improvements, along with craft projects for the kids and moms. We will spend three full days assisting and be provided with a boxed lunch. Projects may include building playgrounds, painting classrooms, refurbishing desks and chairs, planting trees, laying cement or building mini water treatment systems for classrooms. Time working together in a community is a unique and memorable cross-cultural event

Day 5 - 6 - Overnight - ExplorNapo

Day 7 - Overnight - Explorama Lodge

Rooms - Rustic, each room has a river-water shower and flush toilet. Mosquito netting on beds.

# Saturday, DAY 8 - Service Project Celebration/Rainforest Excursions

We will finish our service project in the morning and celebrate with the entire community. In the afternoon, we will visit the CONAPAC Amazon Jungle Library on the Amazon River. Afterwards, we will travel by boat back to Ceiba Tops where we will spend the evening.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops



# Sunday, DAY 9 - Rainforest Excursions/Special Projects



In the morning, we will have a choice of rainforest excursions, such as visiting a Yagua Village, seeing the giant Victoria Regia lily pads or a jungle walk to the Ceiba tree. After lunch, the group will meet to complete a special project or just relax by the pool.

Overnight - Ceiba Tops

# Monday, DAY 10 - Transport to Iquitos

Our last day in the rainforest will start with breakfast at Ceiba Tops, followed by a boat trip down the Amazon to the city of Iquitos. After lunch at a local Peruvian restaurant, we will gather our belongings from the Explorama office, clean up and depart for the Iquitos Airport. \*This day's itinerary is subject to change, depending on participant flight schedules.

# Cost of the trip= \$1,250 per person

Itinerary subject to change.

# **For More Information**

# Participant Testimonials (2013 Trip)



Paul R. from Arizona (first trip) - I have travelled around the world, as a volunteer, since 2007. The 2013 Amazon Project was the most satisfying trip of all; exceptional people coming together to provide clean water, school supplies and education on preserving the rainforest to the native people of Peru. I will never forget seeing children drink clean water for the first time and the response of their family. That being said, this trip was also a lot of fun – I highly recommend it to anyone interested in travel and making a difference.



Bev L. from Michigan (ninth trip) - The joy just keeps on coming. Nine trips to the Amazon with Adopt-A-School and looking forward to number ten, in 2014. The kids, teachers, parents and AAS volunteers are some of the warmest people you'll ever meet. And, the rainforest is absolutely fabulous.



Yan L. from New York (second trip) - Participating in the Amazon Rainforest Adopt-A-School Expeditions for me is akin to receiving a gift of instant gratification and reward for meeting like-minded people who want to support the local educational system in the jungle, to improve the quality of life for the communities with various projects such as the Clean Water Filtration System, and to help save the rainforest through the maintenance of growing and vibrant communities by their inhabitants. In addition, the sight-seeing adventures conducted by the experienced guides from Explorama are unique and unforgettable and an opportunity not to be missed.



Lundie S. from South Carolina (first trip) - I loved meeting the local teachers, principals, parents and village leaders and feeling their passion for students' education and achievement. The contract between CONAPAC, education officials and villages reinforces the accountability and high quality of the program.



Herb (a.k.a Geoman) from Nevada (first AAS trip) - I'm proud to have been even a small part or CONAPAC's efforts. I'll remember this [trip] for... its potential to change lives.



Jef L. from Illinois (first trip) - What an incredible way to experience life on the Amazon and to make such a difference in the lives of local students. This was my first visit to the Amazon through it will not be my last. One of the most rewarding and enriching trips I have ever taken. I look forward to working with CONAPAC and Detroit Zoological Society in future years.



Todd B. from Michigan (first trip) - This was my first overseas trip and it was great. I had such a great experience from all aspects of the travel, the people and the activities. The zoo and Peru staff did a wonderful job with the organization and management. The Peruvian people were welcoming and very friendly. The environment was amazing. I would join the trip again in future years for sure.



Tisha A. from Hawaii (second trip) - Taking part in this project for a second year was even more rewarding than the first. While the work and the contribution we get to make leaves one feeling accomplished, it's the relationships that are forged with other volunteers, staff and villagers that make it worthwhile. Getting to directly interact with people benefiting from the project leaves such a unique imprint on one's heart. I hope to be able to keep participating in this great project, it seems to only get better.



Therese S. from Michigan (second trip) - This was my second trip with the Amazon Adopt-a-School/CONAPAC program. With the generosity and the hard work of my fellow volunteers, we were able to accomplish the task of completing the "Water Filtration Systems" in many homes and to experience the look on the villagers faces when the took a drink of clean filtered water was truly amazing. The sight-seeing was great. We saw nature at its best due to the experience of the guides. I will definitely be going back.

# **CONSERVATION IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON**

# Adopt-A-School Program



Since its inception in 1990, CONAPAC (Conservacion de la Naturaleza Amazonica del Peru, A.C.) has continually evolved to meet new challenges from the purchase and protection of primary rainforests to the implementation of mini-water treatment plants for clean drinking water to Amazon and Napo River

communities. Beginning in 1993, CONAPAC's primary focus and commitment has been the Adopt-A-School (AAS) Program. The program started in just 10 schools, providing books and school supplies to rural student populations. During our 2014 delivery, we served 106 schools in 56 different communities. Approximately 3,500 students and teachers benefitted from the supplies. In order to facilitate these deliveries and provide accommodations for volunteers, drivers and guides, Amazon

Explorama Lodges provides logistical support and donates lodging and meals for all participants. Without their support, the Adopt-A-School program would not be possible. Over the years, many friends have been made through the Adopt-A-School Program, and thousands of young people have been given the opportunity to learn more about the world around them.

# Teacher and Community Leader Workshops

One of the programs we are most proud of is our ongoing teacher and community leader workshops. The ability to bring teachers and community leaders together for an opportunity to learn new techniques and teaching strategies focused on environmental education is essential to broaden our goals of environmental awareness. Each year, four three-day workshops are hosted by various river communities. Attendance is required for all schools in the AAS program.

# **Community Water Treatment Plants**

CONAPAC has initiated a number of pilot programs in an effort to improve the lives of the river community residents. This has been accomplished through the generosity of our international donor base. Since the inception of the clean water program in 2008, CONAPAC has built community water plants in 28 villages along the Amazon and Napo Rivers. Usage rates have increased each year as awareness is raised through water education programs and consistent monitoring by CONAPAC staff members and volunteers. In addition, a partnership has been formed with the University of Colorado graduate program. Each summer, graduate students and professors conduct an annual audit of the systems. They provide invaluable support and expertise in maintaining the highest level of service to jungle residents as they transform their lives from dependence on unsafe river water to reliable access to clean, safe, purified drinking water. In 2013, Sawyer Water Filtration Systems were installed in small communities that don't need the volume of water produced by a large system. These two bucket systems require minimal maintenance and are installed in individual homes and school buildings.













# **For More Information**

# **CONSERVATION IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON**

# **CONAPAC** Amazon Library

In 2011, CONAPAC received the gift of two jungle libraries to better serve students and teachers in the Adopt-A-School program. Created more than 12 years ago by Dr. Nancy Dunn from Chicago, IL, the libraries have grown to house over 5,000 book titles along with games, videos, puzzles, computers, resource materials and other teaching tools. The libraries are open daily during the school year in the afternoon. Kids come to improve their reading skills and global connections. When school is out for vacation, the library is open all day. An annual spelling bee is hosted, along with computer classes, music and art. A visit to the library is a must during your visit to the Amazon rainforest!







# Canopy Walkway

The Canopy Walkway is an experience unequaled in the rainforest! At a height of over 35 meters (115 feet) and extending for 500 meters (one-third of a mile), the Canopy Walkway provides the best vantage point for observing Amazon wildlife and vegetation above the treetops. The Canopy Walkway requires no special skills or equipment. The suspended walkway is spread between 14 of the area's largest rainforest trees and is one of the longest canopy walkways in the world. Regularly maintained by Explorama Lodges for the exclusive use of its guests and scientists, the Canopy Walkway has extended research into an area where little is known and much is left to be discovered.







# THE QUOTED RATES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

### Accommodations

Accommodations vary from rustic to comfortable.

**ExplorNapo** features filtered river water, communal toilets and showers, rooms with mosquito netting around twin-sized beds, thatched roofs and lamp light at night. Free Wi-Fi is available in the dining room and a single power strip is available at the bar for common use to charge electronics while the generator is running.

**Explorama Lodge** features private bathrooms for each room with a river water shower, sink and flush toilet. Rooms have twin-sized beds with mosquito netting, thatched roofs and lamp light at night. Free Wi-Fi is available in the dining room and a power strip is available for common use to charge electronics.

Ceiba Tops has climate-controlled rooms, private bathrooms with warm water showers, sink and a traditional flush toilet. All rooms have electric lights and outlets. Free Wi-Fi is available in the dining area as well as in select rooms. A pool and hot tub are available for guest use.

### Meals

The meals indicated on the trip itinerary are served buffet style to all Explorama guests in a common dining room. Expedition volunteers will sit at tables reserved for our group. Fresh fruits and vegetables native to the area, as well as baked goods, freshly caught fish, grains and meats will be served. The meals are well-balanced and options are available to suit most dietary needs. Any special dietary needs or allergies should be communicated to Detroit Zoo staff upon registering for the expedition.

### **Transportation**

Explorama guides will greet us at the Iquitos Airport and provide all transportation during the trip. They will transport us back to the Iquitos Airport for our Monday afternoon departure from Peru and stay with us until we enter the boarding area at the airport. We will be transported primarily by boat with some bus and motokar rides.

# **NOT INCLUDED IN THE RATES:**

# Airfare

It is the participant's responsibility to arrange flights to arrive in Iquitos on the first morning of the trip. For a sample flight itinerary, please see page 11. Once in Iquitos, transportation will be provided by Explorama guides and their contracted agents.

### Luggage

International flights limit travelers on the amount of luggage allowed. Please check with your airline for additional costs and restrictions. Pack lightly as you will be responsible for moving your luggage on and off boats, up stairs and across boardwalks. We ask that you dedicate some space in a large piece of luggage or an entire small piece of luggage to help carry program-related supplies. Supplies will be distributed at a pre-travel night meeting or mailed to out-of-town participants.

### Extra Expenses

Extra expenses include costs associated with obtaining passports, excess baggage and personal items such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, excursions or deviations from the program. There will be opportunities to purchase souvenirs and gifts during the trip, however these costs are incurred on an individual basis.

# Medical Services/Vaccinations

We are traveling to remote locations with few or no options for rapid transportation. There is a Rotary clinic near Explorama Lodge and a hospital in the city of Iquitos. Transportation to a hospital in Lima may be arranged for extreme emergencies. Bring all prescription and over-the-counter medicines with you in water-tight containers. Vaccinations are at the discretion of the participant. The CDC offers suggestions for visiting Peru. www.cdc.gov. Please consult with your primary care physician or a travel physician.

# **RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING:**

Clothing	
☐ Sun hat or visor	
☐ Pair of sandals for the lodge and showering	
☐ Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes for jumping in and out of boats and walking on uneven, damp or flooded gr	cound
☐ Tall rubber boots	
☐ Shorts or other comfortable hot weather clothing for the lodge	
☐ Light, quick-dry long pants, such as convertible/zip-off pants for excursions and visiting the communities (one pair	for every 2-3 days of
the trip should suffice)	
☐ Light, long-sleeve shirts or jacket for sun protection	
☐ T-shirts or tank tops, plan on one for each day of the trip	
☐ At least one pair of socks for each day of the trip	
☐ Bandanna(s) for sun/insect protection	2 140
☐ Light rain jacket or poncho with hood	
☐ Night (bed) attire (anticipate very warm sleeping conditions)	
□ Swimsuit	
Accessories	
☐ Small, strong flashlight/head lamp	
□ Sunscreen	
□ Sunglasses	
☐ DEET or strong insect repellent	
☐ Binoculars	
□ Camera	
☐ Extra digital camera memory cards and batteries	
☐ Personal care items - look for environmentally-friendly soaps and shampoos	
☐ Medications (pack in your carry-on in water-tight containers)	
☐ Powdered, hydrating drink packets	
☐ Reusable water bottle	
☐ Mesh bags for dirty laundry	
☐ Resealable, water-tight bags for keeping items dry	
☐ Work gloves and disposable protective masks if you're participating on the second trip	
☐ Basic first aid kit	

# **Sample Flight Itinerary for 2016**

April 8 or April 15 - Depart Detroit, MI (DTW) mid-afternoon

Layover in Miami/Houston/Atlanta/etc.

Fly to Lima, Peru (LIM) arriving late evening

Layover in Lima, Peru (pre-arranged hotel stay or airport waiting areas available)

April 9 or April 16 - Depart Lima for Iquitos, (IQT) early in the morning

Land in Iquitos in the morning by 7 a.m.

April 18 or April 25 - Depart Iquitos after 5 p.m.

Short layover in Lima, Peru

Fly to Miami/Houston/Atlanta/etc.

April 19 or April 26 - Layover - be sure to give yourself at least 2-3 hours for customs/immigration on the way home Fly to Detroit, arriving late morning/early afternoon

For extended trips, please contact Detroit Zoo staff for availability and recommendations. clannoyehall@dzs.org

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# How much baggage can one carry?

You are allowed to bring as much baggage as the international flight will allow. We ask that you reserve space in a large piece of luggage or an entire small piece of luggage to assist with transporting program materials down to Peru with us.

# What is the local currency?

The Peruvian sole is the national currency. One dollar is equivalent to approximately 2.8 soles. Many street vendors will not accept U.S. currency. Most large airports in the States will have opportunities to exchange cash or you can order ahead from your local bank. There are also kiosks in the Lima airport for currency exchange. If you bring US money, bring fresh bills, with no rips, tears, folds, marks or writing of any kind. New bills are best.

# Are credit cards acceptable?

VISA, MASTERCARD and AMERICAN EXPRESS are accepted at all Explorama Lodges and some businesses in Iquitos. Debit cards are not accepted at Explorama Lodges and many other locations, credit cards are best.

### What is the basic health information?

The Center for Disease Control offers suggestions on vaccines and medical preparations before a trip to Peru. Please check with your primary physician and a travel clinic for personalized care suggestions.

# Is there clean drinking water?

Drinking or using water from the tap should be absolutely avoided. Only drink bottled water. The lodges will provide each participant with a bottle to use for the trip that can be filled regularly from buckets of filtered water throughout your stay at Explorama Lodges. We reommending bringing 1-2 reusable water bottles with you to fill from the lodges each morning.

# What are the major security concerns?

As in any other destination worldwide, normal precautions should be taken. Visitors are advised not to leave cash and valuables in their rooms at the lodges. One should never carry large sums of cash and should keep handbags or other belongings close in crowds or on busy streets. Each lodge has a secure safe in the manager's office that can be used free of charge.

### What is the local voltage?

Electricity and generated supplies in lodges provide 220-240 Volts AC 50 cycles. Each lodge should have power strips with 110V 50 cycles. Sockets are similar to ours.

# Which is the local language?

Spanish is the official language. In addition, some communities that we will visit will also have their own language. Our guides will all speak fluent English, as will many of the Explorama Lodge staff and boat drivers. You will usually have access to someone who can translate for you.

# What is the weather like?

During our visit, we will experience temperatures in the high 80s to mid 90s each day. The sun is very strong as we are only 3 degrees south of the equator. It will likely rain several times during our stay, including heavy downpours and possibly thunder. The humidity is very high, 80 to 100 percent each day. Evenings are only slightly cooler, in the mid 80s range. The sun rises at 6 a.m. and sets at 6 p.m. year-round.

### How are the bugs?

There are many insects, including mosquitos. With appropriate care, including long sleeves, long pants and insect repellent, most people are protected from a variety of insect irritations. The rainforest is home to a variety of insects, many of them larger than we are familiar with. Most are harmless and there will be guides (who are rainforest experts) and staff available to answer questions and provide assistance.

# **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

The Detroit Zoological Society (the "Society") shall accept a booking subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The person making the booking warrants that he/she has the authority to make it on behalf of all other persons included in the booking so as to make such persons parties thereto and to bind them to the terms of these conditions.
- 2. The full expedition deposit or reservation fee must be paid, but the acceptance of the same does not imply acceptance of the booking. The Society shall not be liable to/for any loss or damage incurred by client as a result of non-acceptance of the booking. Upon acceptance the deposit shall be taken as part of the total price and the balance shall become due 90 days before departure.

Deposits are <u>not refundable</u> in the event of cancellation by client. A \$500 deposit is requested during booking time of reservation. If the client has not paid the final balance by the due date, the Society reserves the right to regard the booking as cancelled. Cancellation charges will, at the discretion of the company, be levied as follows:

Cancellation more than 60 days prior to departure: 50%

If a client fails to join a tour, or joins it after departure, or leaves it prior to completion, no refund can be made.

All cancellations shall be effective only on the date on which the company receives the notice of cancellation.

- 3. All travel arrangements made by the Society are subjected to the booking conditions and cancellation provisions of the travel organizer or agency concerned.
- 4. The Society reserves the right to alter timetables and itineraries for any reason it considers desirable and shall not be liable to the client for any damage, loss, expense or inconvenience so caused. The Society reserves the right to withdraw any expedition without notice, and in this event all monies received by the Society, less the cost of any services already provided, will be refunded, and upon tendering same all liability of the company to the client shall cease.
- 5. If the fulfillment of any expedition is impossible, illegal or, in the Society's opinion, inadvisable by weather conditions, flood, strikes, war, government interference or any other cause and not arising from the Society negligence, the Society may at any time cancel such expedition or remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details thereof it thinks fit, and any losses or expenses resulting from such cancellation or alteration shall be borne by the client.
- 6. The Society shall be entitled to, without giving reason (or in the event of the scheduled vehicle becoming unserviceable), but shall not be obliged to substitute, another vehicle not described in the brochure hereto, and to change the number of persons carried in any vehicle.
- 7. It is recommended that ALL CLIENTS INSURE THEMSELVES against sickness, loss of baggage and personal effects, cancellation or curtailment of the expedition. The Society shall not be liable for any curtailment of expedition or loss of personal effects, however caused. In the event of sickness or accident interrupting the expedition, the Society shall not be liable for any cost or expense arising therefrom, save only to the extent that such sickness or accident was caused by the Society's negligence.
- 8. Clients must inform the Society of pre-existing medical condition(s) they may suffer from.
- 9. The Society reserves the right to refuse carriage to any person at any time prior to or during the expedition if in its opinion the applicant or expedition member is not compatible with the general enjoyment and well-being of the other members of the expedition. The final decision on the itinerary, accommodation and conduct of the expedition will be taken by the expedition leader appointed by the Society/ Company.
- 10. Clients will accept the authority and decisions of the expedition leader appointed by the Company/Society.
- 11. The Society reserves the right to use any photograph or film taken during expedition by any appointed representative of the Society, for use in the Society's advertising or publicity without obtaining further consent from the client, unless the Society receives the written refusal of the client's booking, prior to departure of the client's appointed expedition.

# RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

### AMAZON RAINFOREST ADOPT-A-SCHOOL CONSERVATION EXPEDITION

In consideration of my participation in the Amazon Rainforest Adopt-A-School Conservation Expedition and related events and activities (collectively, the "Activity") arranged by the Detroit Zoological Society (the "Society") and with the understanding that my participation in the Activity is only on the condition that I enter into this agreement for myself, my heirs and assigns, I hereby assume the inherent and extraordinary risks involved in the Activity in which I may participate. I expressly assume the risk of and accept full responsibility for any and all injuries (including death), property damage and accidents which may occur as a result of my participation in the Activity and release from liability the Society, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees and affiliates. I hereby waive any and all claims I may hereafter have as a result of any and all injuries, disease or sickness (including death) to my person or property as a result of my participation in the Activity. I hereby agree to indemnify all of the above named persons for any and all claims, including attorneys' fees and costs, which may be brought against any of them by anyone claiming to have been injured as a result of any injury, sickness or disease (including death) to me or my property which may occur as a result of or during the Activity. I understand that the Activity may be inherently dangerous and that physical injury, property damage or death may result. I certify that I have read and fully understand this release. I am of lawful age and legally competent to make this agreement. I understand that I am waiving any and all claims I may have against the Society, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees and affiliates as the result of my participation in the Activity.

THIS IS A RELEASE. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Sign Name:	Witness Sign:		
Print Name:	Print Name:		
RESERVAT	ION FORM		
Please reserve space for me/us on your  Adopt-A-School Conservation Expedition  Arriving April 9 in Iquitos, departing April 18, 2016.  Arriving April 16 in Iquitos, departing April 25, 2016.	Donation Acknowledgment  Trip fees are used to support the Adopt-A-School program:  Mail my donation acknowledgement.  E-mail my donation acknowledgement.		
Enclosed is my/our non-refundable deposit of \$ (\$500 per person).  I understand that the total cost is \$1,250 and is due 90 days prior to departure.	Deposit Information  Check enclosed, made payable to (Detroit Zoological Society)  Wisa MasterCard Discover		
Name:(Name as it appears or will appear on the passport)  Name:(Name as it appears or will appear on the passport)	Credit Card #: Expiration Date:		
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