

Peru

Rainforest Conservation

1 Week

You will live and work in the impressive Amazon Rainforest, with cicadas, howler monkeys, and frogs with our Rainforest Conservation Programme.

Working in one of the world's most biodiverse locations, volunteers on this project will support a range of conservation activities.

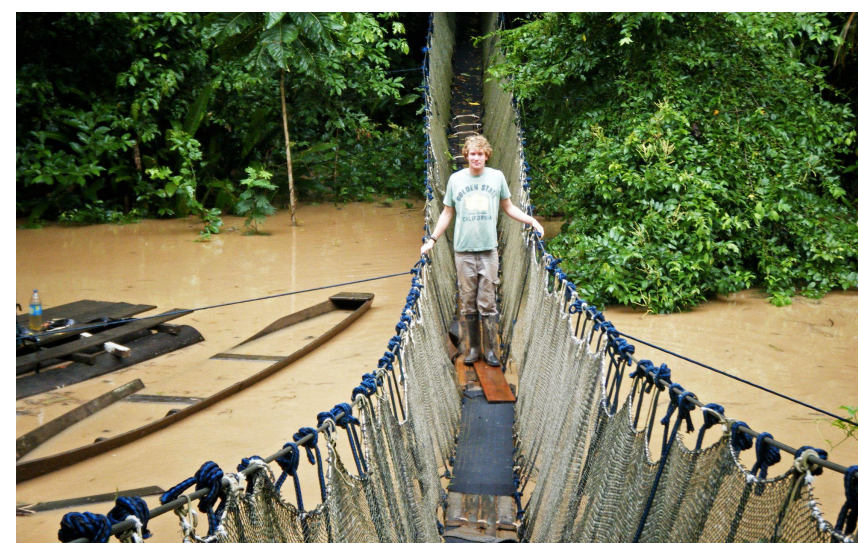
The Amazon Rainforest has been damaged by human activities, such as logging, gold mining, and farming. So, our activities are all aimed at protecting the biodiversity of the Amazon while teaching volunteers about conservation and climate change.

The Impact

By working with the experts at the Taricaya Ecological Reserve, volunteers have made a huge contribution to local wildlife and research. They have:

- ▶ Rescued over 1000 turtle eggs
- ▶ Recorded 18 mammal species in camera trap research!

Come and take part in this amazing programme and help us continue to make a positive, lasting impact on the Amazon Rainforest.



Highlights

- ▶ Work at the Taricaya Ecological Reserve.
- ▶ Live at a camp in the heart of the jungle.
- ▶ Care for animals at the rescue centre.
- ▶ Help preserve and protect freshwater turtles.
- ▶ Expand your horizons with a jungle adventure.

Accommodation

Shared bungalow

Transport

Boat, private bus, foot

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. We're committed to being fully climate-positive by 2024!

By travelling with us, you're making a positive contribution to the economies of communities around the world and supporting local jobs.



Day 1

Welcome to Peru

On arrival day, a Projects Abroad staff member will be waiting to collect you from Puerto Maldonado International Airport (PEM).

You walk through the airport to find a Projects Abroad staff member waiting for them. The staff member is easy to spot because they're by the airport exit holding a sign.

You will then be taken by boat to the Taricaya Ecological Reserve where you will be both living and working for the next week. The boat ride is two hours long but time will fly by as you take in the amazing scenery surrounding you.

Day 2

Orientation and Conservation

On day two, after you have settled into your accommodation, you are given culture awareness training. This gives volunteers insight into Peruvian culture, customs and the traditions of this beautiful country.

You will also be shown the facilities available to you during your stay and have the chance to discuss what the week will look like with local staff.

Soon you will get to work helping around the reserve. You may start with lighter jobs such as cleaning and feeding the animals to get used to your new environment.



Days 3 - 6

Conservation Work

Now you have spent a few days here, you are feeling more comfortable and wake up each day ready to get to work. Depending on the needs of the reserve at the time of your visit, you will take part in activities such as:

- ▶ Collecting data from camera traps.
- ▶ Scouring the river banks for turtle nests.
- ▶ Cleaning and preparing artificial beaches for baby turtles to safely hatch.
- ▶ Feeding the animals.
- ▶ Conducting wildlife surveys of the area.
- ▶ Assisting with the animal rescue, rehabilitation and release programme.
- ▶ Tending crops like bananas, avocados and chillies on a pilot farm.
- ▶ Feeding and caring for animals at the rescue and rehabilitation centre.
- ▶ Exploring the rainforest by foot, on the river, or the highest canopy walkway in South America.
- ▶ Clearing research trails in the forest

Social Activities

In the evening, you will be able to relax and enjoy living in the biggest rainforest on Earth. Volunteers can take in the scenery by swimming at the reserve, or relaxing and listening to the sound of the wildlife that surrounds them.

On the final night, the staff will put on a farewell barbeque to celebrate the group's hard work and thank them for their efforts. This is a great way to round off the trip and make some final memories.

Day 7

Saying Goodbye to Peru

After an amazing week of learning, sightseeing and new experiences, it's time to leave Peru.

You will be taken back to Puerto Maldonado International Airport (PEM) to head back home, or maybe you've got another exciting journey to go on!

You will be missed as you leave the reservation, but you are always welcome back.



Wildlife

Peru is a paradise for animals and the whole country is teeming with biodiversity. Staying at the Taricaya Ecological Reserve, you will live amongst cicadas, howler monkeys, frogs and so much more!

Much of this wildlife needs protection and that's why volunteers are in high demand.



Food

With a tropical climate, Peru is home to many fresh foods that aren't easily found elsewhere. Staples include corn, potatoes, and legumes. When the Spanish arrived, Peruvian food became more varied, with the population consuming more chicken and rice.

A diverse climate means that different food is available depending on the region visited.

Get in Touch!

We've designed our trips to maximise your impact and experience. If you have any questions or specific requests, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We have Project Experts available 9:00-17:30 Monday-Friday to help you with anything you might need.



Culture

Peru has a diverse range of cultures, from the uncontacted native tribes to the immigrants living in the big cities. There is a carefully balanced harmony between indigenous peoples and the descendants of Spanish colonialists.

The majority of Peruvians identify as Catholic and religion play an important role in the lives of many local people.



Community

A sacred concept passed down the generations from the ancient Incas, community is highly valued by the Peruvian people. This is often expressed through family units or religious gatherings.

While in Peru, volunteers are expected to engage with this community, learning from it while leaving a positive impact.

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