

Conservation

High School Special Schedule Peru

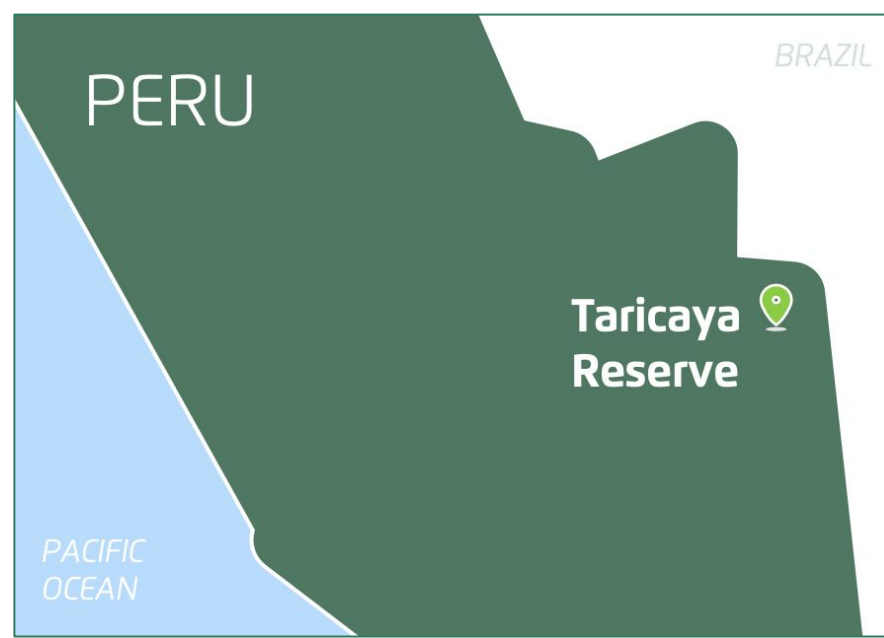
Welcome to our High School Special Conservation Project in Peru! Are you ready for a once-in-a-lifetime experience working in and exploring this beautiful country?

The Amazon rainforest is under constant threat from agriculture, logging, pollution, mining, urbanisation, poaching and smuggling. Not enough is done to protect and preserve the environment. Our Project in Taricaya works to rehabilitate an area previously damaged by human activities.

As our climate continues to shift and further pressure is put on our ecosystems, it is now more important than ever that proper restoration plans are established, and we find alternative practices that enable us to live in harmony with nature while promoting sustainable human development in the region.

Through our conservation efforts, you will have the opportunity to live in the Amazon and work with a community of people on a variety of projects to make a positive impact on rainforest conservation. With a variety of skills, degrees, and experiences; our staff and volunteers combine our knowledge, passion, and dedication to make Taricaya a great place to live and work in direct contact with the nature we are helping to preserve.





Highlights

- ▶ Protect and preserve wildlife in the Amazon Rainforest
- ▶ Help to rehabilitate areas damaged by human activities
- ▶ Conduct surveys to track the rehabilitation of wildlife
- ▶ Restore natural ecosystems and protect freshwater turtles
- ▶ Expand your horizons with a jungle adventure

Accommodation

Volunteer Lodge

Transport

Car, boat, and by foot

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served at the volunteer lodge each day or can be packed to go as needed.

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 volunteering with us you're helping reforestation efforts, protecting existing forests and providing employment to local communities around the world.

Day 1

Sunday

Arrival in Peru

On arrival day, a staff member will be waiting to collect you from Padre Aldamiz International Airport (PEM).

A Projects Abroad staff member will be waiting for you at the exit. They will be easy to spot in their Projects Abroad t-shirt and holding a sign.

You will be taken by boat to Taricaya down the Madre de Dios River and into the Amazon Rainforest. The boat ride takes two hours, but time will fly as you take in the amazing scenery surrounding you.

After you reach your accommodation, you will have time to get settled in, have dinner, and rest after the long journey. During the evening the group will review the tasks for the next day.



Day 2

Monday

On day two, you will be given a cultural awareness training course. 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.

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

Day 3

Tuesday

All Day:

After a nutritious breakfast, get ready to tackle your list of tasks for the day as you help to protect and preserve the Amazon. These can range from animal feeding, cleaning, and maintenance of the animal rescue centre, to fruit and foliage collection for animals.

Afternoon:

Grab a quick lunch at the lodge with your fellow volunteers before resuming tasks such as trail clearing, tending to crops such as bananas, avocados and chillies at the pilot farm on site.

Day 4

Wednesday

Morning:

Climb the tallest canopy walkway in South America to conduct bird surveys and collect data. Conservation staff will teach you different skills and methods to complete the surveys. Enjoy the support of your fellow volunteers as you follow closely the given instructions. You'll get to see macaws, toucans, parakeets and various birds of prey.

Afternoon:

Break for lunch at the lodge alongside your fellow volunteers before continuing your activities. Spend time learning to craft souvenirs or enclosure materials from mahogany. In the late afternoon, help unload sacks of fruit, meat and vegetables from the boat. Most of this will go towards feeding the animals kept in the reserve.

Evening:

Unwind with some fun games or a book before dinner at the lodge.

Day 5

Thursday

Morning:

Enjoy a well-prepared breakfast before assisting staff at the pilot farm. This is vital for preserving native species as well as providing extra food for the animals being rehabilitated at the reserve.

Afternoon:

Support staff with maintenance of enclosures, cage preparations, and butterfly traps.

Evening:

After dinner you will join a night walk in the forest and learn about nocturnal wildlife. You'll set mist traps to survey species such as bats in the forest, and take a boat ride to search for caiman crocodiles on the river. Their eyes will light up orange in your searchlights!

Day 6

Friday

Morning:

Start your day at 5am to put up mist nets along flight paths of birds. Learn to survey and record data of the various birds in the area.

Afternoon:

Join environmental workshops with the reserve staff. Learn new skills and discover the main challenges facing conservation efforts in the area.

Day 7

Saturday

Full Day:

After a hectic week protecting the Amazon, prepare to relax and unwind. Sail down the river in inflatable boats while soaking up the sun's rays.

Surrounded by lush foliage and the symphony of wildlife, it's time to relax. Allow your spirit to be lifted by the freedom of the open water.



Day 8

Sunday

Full Day:

Spend the day beneath the verdant canopy of the Amazon rainforest. Take time to relax or go swimming at the reserve.

If you want, you can continue with tasks to prepare food and feed the animals.

Day 9

Monday

Morning:

Enjoy a quick breakfast, before joining a survey of spider monkeys at a neighboring reserve.

Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch before heading out again with your group to survey wildlife, collect data, or fix enclosures.

Evening:

Return to the accommodation for a delicious dinner before getting some rest.

Day 10

Tuesday

Morning:

Groups in the Summer will arrive during turtle season. In July and August, volunteers help staff to collect, move and bury turtle eggs onto an artificial beach so they are kept in a safe and protected environment - free from poaching and safe from predators. Volunteers will help staff to weigh, measure and release any hatchlings. During other seasons, volunteers will continue feeding and surveying animals in the reserve.

Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch before heading out to secure animal enclosures and team up to optimize cage enrichment or any other assigned task for the day.

Evening:

Dinner will be served at the accommodation.

Day 11

Wednesday

Morning:

After a delicious breakfast, it is time to head out for your assigned tasks. Help clear research trails in the forest to aid survey work.

Afternoon:

Take time to prepare food for animals at the reserve before going to their enclosures to feed them. On some days you will go deeper into the forest to feed animals that have already been released, but still in need of support.

In the late afternoon, join all the volunteers to help unload sacks of fruit, meat and vegetables from a boat as it returns from Puerto Maldonado.

Evening:

Enjoy a dinner and games with the team.



Day 12

Thursday

Morning:

Enjoy a nutritious breakfast as you prepare for an exciting day ahead. Armed with your task list you are ready to complete surveys, collect data, restore and maintain the natural habitats, and identify different species of wildlife while appreciating their role in the ecosystem.

Afternoon:

Monitor wildlife sensors and check camera traps in the surrounding forest.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner before joining a night lecture. You'll learn about nocturnal wildlife, set mist traps to survey species such as bats in the forest, and take a boat ride to search for caiman crocodiles on the river.



Day 13

Friday

Morning:

Rise and shine! Today is a bittersweet day as you wrap up an amazing 2 weeks in the Amazon. There are birds to survey and butterfly traps to check, enclosures to improve, and areas to clean and restore.

Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch as you reflect on the lessons learned and the impact made in collaboration with others.

Evening:

Enjoy a farewell BBQ dinner as you pack and prepare for your last night in the heart of nature.

Day 14

Saturday
Departing Peru

The group members will likely be departing at different times, therefore days 13 and 14 may not be the same for everyone. Your exact departure plan will be communicated to you directly by our local team.

You will return to Puerto Maldonado by boat and then be taken by car to the airport.

You will have the continued support of Projects Abroad staff right until you are safely at the airport.

Want to learn more?

We'd be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. You can call or email our team, or use the 'live chat' feature on the Projects Abroad website.

General inquiries: info@projects-abroad.org

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Personal Achievements



- ▶ Adapted to life in a remote, tropical rainforest setting.
- ▶ Contributed to healthy and sustainable initiatives in the Amazon Rainforest.
- ▶ Increased awareness of the challenges affecting the Amazon rainforest and solutions to preserve biodiversity.



Student Learning Outcomes

Intercultural Competence

Students will be immersed in different cultures, gaining an understanding of their role within our global community and developing a deeper cultural awareness.

Leadership Development

Students will be pushed out of their comfort zones, experiencing new challenges each day. They will build their confidence and resilience through team activities and new life experiences.

Healthy Active Living

Students will be encouraged to prioritise their self-care, enhancing their physical and mental well-being.

Empowerment

Students will be empowered to think for themselves, challenging the "status-quo" and cultivating transformative decision-making mindsets.

Global Citizenship

Students will be exposed to new perspectives, engage with real-world challenges and contribute to sustainable development initiatives.