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Ringed Woodpecker at ExplorNapo lodge

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General

This trip to Iquitos and suroundings in northeast Peru was a private trip to get to know the lodges and the birds in the lowlands. It turned out to be a very successful trip, mainly due to the good guides provided by the lodges and also to my traveling partner, Tim Perkins, who, incidentially, happened to have exactly the same itinery as me. Both of us have birded extensively in Peru and we have also visited lodges in Ecuador so we had pretty much the same targets for this trip.

We visited two lodges, Tahuayo and ExplorNapo and also two days at the Allpuhayo-Mishana reserve. The idea of visiting these lodges were that they are situated on either side of the mighty Amazon river and there are several species that goes either north to the river or south to the river. The Allpuhayo-Mishana reserve is just 45 minutes from Iquitos and can be visited on daytrips from there or, as we did, stay at the biological station. This reserve has produced no less than four new species to science during the last decade. The habitat with white sand forest and the special varillal forest is where the new species can be found alongside with some other rare birds known only from around here in Peru.

We spent four nights (three full days) at the Tahuayo lodge and the same time at ExplorNapo lodge including one night at ACTS biological station where the famous canopy walkway is, the longest in the world. We felt that the time we spent at Tahuayo was enough but one more night at ACTS would have been better. Also the Explorama company runs Explorama lodge and the luxurous Ceiba Tops lodges that we didn't visit but would probably have boasted the total list even more. Two days and one night was spent at the Allpuahyo-Mishana reserve where we stayed at the biological station at km 27.

When planning a trip to the Iquitos area one should bear in mind that there are lots of species restricted to river islands and you will need to visit different islands. This takes at least one full day. We visited two islands on the way back from the Tahuayo lodge and two more one morning from the ExplorNapo lodge. We picked up nearly all of the island specialists although we had rain for most of the day when visiting the islands from Tahuayo lodge.

It is important for birdwatchers to tell the lodges in advance that you are intrested just in birds and nothing else and that you want a guide that knows the birds. Most people that visit the lodges are general tourists that just want a jungle experience including visits to local communities, forest walks and boatrides along the rivers. As a birdwatcher you want to spend your time birding and therefore you need to tell that that is your objective otherwise it may not turn out the way you want it.

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Itinery

15 July - I meet Tim Perkins at Lima airport and at 9.30 we landed at Iquitos and were met by staff from the Tahuayo lodge. A quick transfer to the port and three hours later we were installed at the nice lodge for lunch. As we were rather keen on going out birding we didn't have the usual siesta but instead birded around the lodge clearing and picked up several good birds. Later our guide Ivonne took us on a walk in the igapó forest behind the lodge.

I6 July - A pre-dawn start on the same trail as yesterday but longer to a blackwater lake. Birding was a bit slow but we picked up several good birds like Black-tailed antbird and two species of Jacamars. After lunch and a siesta we went with boat up the river and transferred to canoes. A relaxing way of birding.

17 July - Another pre-dawn start with a boatride to the San Pedro community up a side river. We walked a trail in nice terra firme forest. Birding was rather slow but we picked up some good birds like Saturnine antshrike. Afternoon was spent near another community, Chino. Again rather slow but we had good views of Short-tailed parrots which was one of our targets.

18 July - This morning we went to San Pedro again but this time walked to Chino along a good trail and birding was better today. We picked up some really good birds today like two Rufous-necked Puffbirds, Brown Nunlet and a pair of Rufous-capped Nunlets. In the afternoon we walked from another community, Buena Vista, along the river to Chino. As always in the afternoon birding was slow but we saw Black-throated Hermit among others.

19 July - Today was traveling back to Iquitos with birding river islands en route. Unfortunately it was raining. We waited a while at the lodge before setting off. At the mouth of river Tahuayo in the Amazonas we went ashore on a big island. We saw some birds in the light drizzle. Best was a pair of Bay Hornero walking about in a swamp. We tried another island with lower vegetation and saw more island species. After lunch we got fed up with the rain and headed back to Iquitos.

20 July - It was nice with a lazy morning as we didn't have to be at the Explorama office until 9.30. When we got there we were met by Lucio who was to be our guide for our stay at ExplorNapo. We talked to him and he assured us all sorts of things and we were getting excited. The boatride to the lodge was rather eventless. After lunch we tried to walk a bit on a trail but soon gave up as it was dead silence in the woods. We boarded a boat and drove a short bit upstream until Lucio stopped and told us to play White-chinned jacamar and soon a bird came in giving gripping views. A little bit later Lucio told us to play Black-chinned antbird and soon we had had good looks at that one too. Last stop and after some playbacking we finally located a Spotted puffbird. Not bad for quiet afternoon.

21 July - An early start for what was to be a good day. We walked a trail behind the lodge in terra firme forest and soon we saw a male Black-necked Red-cotinga. A little while further on we heard a Lined forest-falcon. It came in nicely to playback but surprisingly another forest-falcon started to call and we recorded it and taped it in. It turned out to be a Slaty-backed forest-falcon. Soon Lucio found another bird close to the trail, a Rusty-breasted nunlet! This bird gave us nice views for more than five minutes. We picked up a few more things before coming back to the lodge at 10.30. I decided to spend the time before lunch at the dock trying to take some pictures. I found a female Purple-throated cotinga and soon located the male. Tim came by and got good looks too. One of the staff pointed at a woodpecker and I thought that it might be the Yellow-throated that I saw earlier. It turned out to be the much desired Ringed woodpecker! It spend some time on a small trunk making sure that we could look as much as we wanted and that I could take as many pictures that I wanted.

After lunch we drove up a side river to a lake where Lucio had seen Zig-zag heron before, a species Tim and I were keen to see. We didn't find the heron but Lucio pointed at a spot and told us to play Black bushbird which we did and soon a male responded and came in. A little further up we flushed an Agami heron to Tims delight. The bird was kind enough to perch so we all could get good looks.

22 July - A pre-dawn start for birding river islands. No clouds in the sky so it was bound to be hot and we had to work fast. First island gave Lesser wagtail-tyrant among others. Then on to a bigger island where a Zimmer's woodcreeper came in to playback. We also taped in Leaded antwren and Ash-breasted Antbird. We heard a piculet but could not locate it but on the way back we heard it again and found a pair of Plain-breasted piculets. We were nearly finished with island birds so we drifted slowly along the river downstream hoping for the Black-tyrants but no luck. Lucio took us up a side river to a village and told us to play Black-banded crake. On the second spot we got a response. Tim got a brief view although we heard it close. Further up the river I spotted two big birds soaring and we stopped the boat. They turned out to be Crested eagles! Soon a Band-tailed oropendola flew by and we had had a pretty good morning! In the afternoon Tim and I birded on our own. We walked a bit on a trail but it was a pin-drop silence so we spent some time in the medical garden clearing but didn't see anything special.

23 July - Today we started birding around the lodge and had a late breakfast before walking to the ACTS biological station. After lunch and some birding around there we entrerred the famous canopy walkway, the longest of it's kind in the world. We soon picked up a Dugand's antwren and also saw a Paradise jacamar. After dinner we sat off for the Nocturnal currasow. People were out scouting for us but hadn't heard anything. We continued to walk the trails and played the tape and suddenly one started to call - and what a call!!!! We spent some time trying to see it high up in the canopies but just heard the wingbeats when it flew off. It didn't matter, the sound was just increadible!

24 July - A morning at the canopy walkay and this time we spent the whole morning on platform nr 6 which has a great view over the forest. Pretty good activity with a Crested eagle being the highlight. At the lodge we made another try for Black-and-white tody-tyrant and this time we saw a male. We then had an early lunch and walked back to ExplorNapo lodge and boarded the boat back to Iquitos. However, we took a detour and soon found a Red-and-white spinetail.

In the afternoon Tim and I went out to buy food for our stay at Allpahuayo-Mishana.

25 July - Our taxi came at 5 am and picked us up. It took 45 minutes to the reserve and we called in at the biological station at km 27 and dumped our stuff and hit the trails. We had some trouble finding our way to km 25 where the most extensive varillal forest is. A Great tinamou walked on the trail ahead of us near the station. The map in Tomas Valqui's book is rather confusing but we tried one trail where I had seen the Allpahuayo antbird two years earlier. It was very quite in the forest and we didn't see much. We met a park guard that walked with us and that was lucky because there are a maze of trails and it is easy to get lost. We picked up goodies like Saffron-crested tyrant-manakin, Zimmer's antbird and I was lucky to find a rare Brown-banded puffbird. After lunch and siesta we tried walking the trail to km 28 but it was very poor. Once at the guard station at km 28 suddenly Juan Diaz showed up. We had an appointment with him but he never showed up for today. We made an arrangement with him for tomorrow and suddenly the prospect of seeing more good birds increased significantly. After dinner we tried for Rufous potoo near the station but in vain.

26 July - Again we tried in the early morning for the potoo but no joy. Juan Diaz showed up 45 minutes late and we sat off for km 25. We saw a female Pompadour cotinga and started to work the trails. Not many birds but we picked up Orange-crested manakin, Allpahuayo antbird, Pearly antshrike and some of the birds from yesterday. Juan took us to a spot for the form of Fuscous flycatcher that lives in a very special habitat here and probably represents a new species. We saw it well and got good recordings. When we came back we had an over-flying male Pompadour cotinga. Satisfied with what we had seen we headed back to the station and cooked lunch and went back to Iquitos. Tim went back to Lima the same evening while I stayed for another day mainly resting in Iquitos before flying back to Lima.

The lodges

Tahuayo lodge www.perujungle.com/lodge

This lodge is situated along the river Tahuayo which is a tributary to the Amazon on the south side. The lodge is rustic but adecuate and food is good and plentiful. It took almost three hours to get to the lodge from Iquitos in speedboat. The lodge looks a bit funny as it is built on poles but the waterlevel can rise very high so it probably fills it's purpose. As usual in the lowlands there are only cold water in the showers and the toilets are good enough. Drinking water is provided and they have several boats for trips up or down the river and also canoes. They have a canopy zip-line which we didn't try but could potentially give good views of the canopy. The trails are unmarked so a guide is needed.



ExplorNapo www.explorama.com

The ExplorNapo lodge is part of the Explorama company which also runs the Explorama lodge and the luxuriously Ceiba Tops. They also run the ACTS biological station where the famous canopy walkway is, the longest of it's kind in the world.

The ExplorNapo was pretty much like the Tahuayo lodge, also built on poles and rather rustic. Food was however slightly better. They have a good trail system behind the lodge but all trails are unmarked so you need a guide. It is situated along a tributary to the rio Napo which is on the north side of the Amazon river. We visited two river islands from here, Greater and Lesser Tamango islands.



The dock at ExplorNapo lodge. Good birding from here.

ACTS biological station

This is just about half an hour from ExplorNapo and the lodge looks just the same. The canopy walkway is only some ten minutes from the lodge and offers great views of the canopies. The walkway is 5-600 meters and there are platforms in the trees from where you can view the canopy for birds. Platform number 6 is the highest and from here you have a good view. Note that a telescope is almost essential if you want to identify birds far away. People who are affraid of hights may not like this walkway, I am not to happy with walking up there but the view from the platforms is great and worth to sweat a bit for.





Left: The canopy walkway Right: View from platform nr 6

Our guides

lvonne

Ivonne has worked for the Tahuayo lodge for 8 years and knows the birds and their calls very well around here. She is also very nice (and beautiful!) and made our stay very enjoyable. Anyone visiting the Tahuayo lodge should require her as your guide. She speaks good english.

Lucio

Lucio has worked for Explorama for 25 years and knows the birds to perfection. It is all thanks to him that our stay was so successful. He knows many stake-outs but you need to bring taperecorder and all recordings. He will tell you what to play and where. Lucio should be required by visiting birdwatchers. He speaks good english.

Juan Diaz Alvan

Juan Diaz was to guide us at Allpahuayo-Mishana but didn't show up as agreed which was disappointing. I had an arrangement with him two years ago but he also failed to show up. We ran into him in the evening the first day and made arrangements for day two. He was however 45 minutes late. We paid him 100 soles for one day.

He knows the place and the birds inside out and thanks to him we found most of the specialities. He speaks good english. Contact at j.diazalvan@lycos.com





Ivonne



Lucio



The trail from San Pedro to Chino goes through terra firme forest to more varzea like forest, partly also through secondary forest. The trail between Buena Vista and Chino goes entirely through secondary forest. The forest behind the lodge is mainly of igapó type.

The islands we visited from the Tahuayo lodge was at the mouth of rio Tahuayo in the Amazonas. I think the bigger is called Riena Victoria.

Varzea = seasonally flooded forest, igapó = seasonally flooded forest with blackwater, terra firme = more hilly forest that is never flooded.



This is a brief overview of the Allpahuayo-Mishana reserve. Note that there are many more trails than shown here and also many more trails than shown in Tomas Valqui's book. To walk the varillal area you must have a guide as there are a maze of trails there. The trailhead at km 25 is a bit obscure and there are several trails going right from this trail into varillal. There is more varillal between km 27-28 but of dry type.

Cost for staying at the Biological station is 25\$ per person and night. You need to bring food. Cooking facilities are available as are showers and beds.

Species list

White-throated Tinamou 3 heard at ExplorNapo

Cinereous Tinamou Heard at all sites

Undulated Tinamou Several heard at Tahuayo Crypturellus undulatus

Crypturellus variegatus

Crypturellus cinereus

Tinamus guttatus

Great Tinamou Tinamus major 1 seen near the biological station at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Variegated Tinamou 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Capped Heron 1 seen at Tahuayo Pilherodius pileatus

Cocoi HeronArdea cocoi1 seen at river island at Tahuayo and 1 seen at river island at ExplorNapo

Great Egret Singles along the rivers Ardea alba

Snowy Egret Singles along the rivers

Cattle Egret 10 seen at Tahuayo

Bubulcus ibis

Egretta thula

Striated HeronButorides striatusSingles along the rivers but 25 at river island at ExplorNapo

Agami Heron 1 imm at ExplorNapo Agamia agami

Black-crowned Night-HeronNycticorax nycticorax25 seen on a river island on the way to Iquitos from Tahuayo, 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Tigrisoma lineatum

Cairina moschata

Coragyps atratus

Rufescent Tiger-Heron 1 seen at Tahuayo

Muscovy Duck 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Black Vulture Common

Turkey Vulture Common Cathartes aura

Lesser Yellow-headed VultureCathartes burrovianus1 seen on river island at Tahuayo and 1 seen at river island at ExplorNapo

Hook-billed Kite Chondrohierax uncinatus 1 seen at a village near ExplorNapo

Swallow-tailed KiteElanoides forficatus1 seen at Tahuayo and fairly common at ExplorNapo

Double-toothed Kite 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Harpagus bidentatus

Plumbeous KiteIctinia plumbeaSingles at Tahuayo, common at ExplorNapo

Bicolored Hawk 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Accipiter bicolor

Crane Hawk 1 seen at the Canopy walkway Geranospiza caerulescens

Slate-colored HawkLeucopternis schistaceus5 seen at Tahuayo and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Great Black-Hawk 4 seen at Tahuayo

Buteogallus urubitinga

Black-collared HawkBusarellus nigricollis2 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Roadside Hawk Fairly common

Short-tailed hawk 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Zone-tailed Hawk 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana Buteo albonotatus

Buteo magnirostris

Buteo brachyurus



A Crested Eagle surveying it's territory from the Canopy walkway

Crested Eagle Morphnus guianensis the C 2 along rio Napo at ExplorNapo and 1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Black Hawk-Eagle 1 seen at Tahuayo Spizaetus tyrannus

Black Caracara 12 seen at ExplorNapo Daptrius ater

Red-throated CaracaraIbycter americanus1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Yellow-headed Caracara Milvago chimachima Fairly common along the rivers, 3 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Laughing FalconHerpetotheres cachinnans1 seen at the Canopy walkway and 1 heard at allpahuayo-Mishana

Barred Forest-Falcon 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana Micrastur ruficollis

Lined Forest-Falcon Micrastur gilvicollis 1 seen and heard at ExplorNapo

Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon Micrastur mirandollei 1 seen and heard at ExplorNapo

Speckled Chachalaca 2 seen at Tahuayo

Spix's Guan 1 seen at Tahuayo

Blue-throated Piping-Guan Pipile cumanensis 2 seen from the Canopy walkway

Nocturnal Curassow Nothocrax urumutum 2 heard at ACTS. Fantastic sound!

Marbled Wood-Quail heard at ACTS Odontophorus gujanensis

Ortalis guttata

Penelope jacquacu

Black-banded Crake Anurolumnas fasciatus 1 heard at a village near ExplorNapo

Gray-necked Wood-Rail Aramides cajanea Heard on a river island near ExplorNapo

Sungrebe 1 seen at Tahuayo Heliornis fulica

SunbitternEurypyga helias1 seen on nest at ExplorNapo, 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana



Sunbittern at nest near the ExplorNapo lodge

Wattled JacanaJacana jacana2 seen at Tahuayo, 50 seen on a river island near ExplorNapo, 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes 8 seen on a river island near ExplorNapo Yellow-billed Tern Sterna superciliaris Fairly common in the bigger rivers

Large-billed TernPhaetusa simplexSingles in the Amazon river

Black SkimmerRynchops niger2 seen on a river island near Tahuayo

Pale-vented PigeonColumba cayennensisSingles seen and heard at Tahuayo

Plumbeous Pigeon Columba plumbea Singles seen and heard at all sites

Ruddy Pigeon Columba subvinacea Singles heard and seen at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo

Ruddy Ground-DoveColumbina talpacoti2 seen at Chino, Tahuayo

White-tipped Dove 1 heard at Tahuayo

Leptotila verreauxi

Gray-fronted Dove 1 heard at ExplorNapo Leptotila rufaxilla

Ara ararauna

Ara chloroptera

Orthopsittica manilata

Aratinga weddellii

Pyrrhura peruviana

Ruddy Quail-Dove Geotrygon montana Singles seen and heard at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo

Blue-and-yellow Macaw 3 seen at Tahuayo

Red-and-green Macaw 4 seen at tha Canopy walkwy

Red-bellied Macaw 6 seen at Tahuayo

Dusky-headed Parakeet 4 seen at Tahuayo

Wavy-breasted Parakeet 2 seen at Tahuayo

Maroon-tailed Parakeet A flock heard at ExplorNapo

Blue-winged Parrotlet 4 seen at Tahuayo

Forpus xanthopterygius

Pyrrhura melanura melanura

Canary-winged Parakeet Brotogeris versicolurus Fairly common at the river islands

Cobalt-winged ParakeetBrotogeris cyanopteraFairly common at Tahuayo and singles at ExplorNapo

Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet Touit purpurata Heard on two occasions at ExplorNapo

White-bellied Parrot 2 seen near Chino, Tahuayo

Short-tailed Parrot Graydidascalus brachyurus About 10 seen near Chino, Tahuayo

Pionites leucogaster

Pionus menstruus

Amazona festiva

Amazona farinosa

Piaya cayana

Piaya minuta

Crotophaga major

Crotophaga ani

Blue-headed Parrot 2 seen at Tahuayo

Festive Parrot 2 seen at Tahuayo

Mealy Parrot Fairly common at Tahuayo

Squirrel Cuckoo Singles seen and heard

Little Cuckoo 1 seen at Tahuayo

Greater Ani 3 seen at Tahuayo

Smooth-billed Ani Singles along the rivers

Pheasant Cuckoo Heard at Tahuayo lodge Dromococcyx phasianellus

Tropical Screech-OwlMegascops cholibaheard at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo lodges

Tawny-bellied Screech-OwlMegascops watsonii1 seen at ExplorNapo and 1 heard at ACTS

Crested Owl 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Spectacled Owl 1 heard at ACTS Pulsatrix perspicillata

Lophostrix cristata

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl Singles heard at all sites Glaucidium brasilianum

Great Potoo 1 heard at Tahuayo lodge Nyctibius grandis

Common Potoo Nyctibius griseus Heard at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo lodges

Short-tailed NighthawkLurocalis semitorquatus5 seen at dusk at ACTS, 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Sand-colored Nighthawk Chordeiles rupestris 25 on a river island at Tahuayo

Band-tailed Nighthawk 1 seen at Tahuayo Nyctiprogne leucopyga

PauraqueNyctidromus albicollis1 seen at Tahuayo and commonly heard at all sites

Ladder-tailed NightjarHydropsalis climacocerca1 flushed on a river island at ExplorNapo

Short-tailed Swift Failry common at all sites Chaetura brachyura

Phaethornis hispidus

Phaethornis malaris

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift Tachornis squamata Common at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo

White-bearded Hermit 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Great-billed Hermit 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Needle-billed Hermit 3 seen at Tahuayo Phaethornis philippii

Phaethornis bourcieri

Phaethornis atrimentalis

Straight-billed Hermit 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Reddish HermitPhaethornis ruber3 seen at Tahuayo, 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Black-throated Hermit 1 seen at Chino, Tahuayo

White-necked Jacobin 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Florisuga mellivora

Chlorostilbon notatus

Blue-tailed Emerald Chlorostilbon mellisugus 1 male seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Fork-tailed Woodnymph Singles seen at all sites

Blue-chinned Sapphire

Thalurania furcata

[White-chinned Sapphire Hylocharis cyanus] 1 bird, probably this species, at ExplorNapo

Olive-spotted Hummingbird Leucippus chlorocercus 5 on river islands near ExplorNapo

Glittering-throated Emerald 3 seen at Tahuayo

Polyerata fimbriata



Possible White-chinned Sapphire. Note the red bill with black tip which rules out most hummers. Also some white is visible on the chin. The crown was blue. Tail is forked but looks brown rather than blue.

Black-eared Fairy 1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Amazonian White-tailed Trogon Singles at all sites

Amazonian Violaceous Trogon 1 at Tahuayo

Collared Trogon Trogon collaris Singles seen and heard at Tahuayo, 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Blue-crowned Trogon 1 seen at Tahuayo

Black-tailed Trogon 1 male seen at ExplorNapo

Ringed Kingfisher Common along the rivers

Amazon Kingfisher Singles along the rivers Chloroceryle amazona

Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis

Heliothryx aurita

Trogon viridis

Trogon violaceus

Trogon curucui

Trogon melanurus

Ceryle torquatus

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher Chloroceryle inda 1 seen at Reina Victoria island, Tahuayo, 2 seen at ExplorNapo

American Pygmy KingfisherChloroceryle aenea1 seen at Riena Victoria island, Tahuayo

Blue-crowned/Rufous Motmot Momotus momota/Baryphthengus martii Unidentified motmots heard at ExplorNapo

White-eared Jacamar 5 seen at Tahuayo

Yellow-billed Jacamar 1 seen at each site

Blue-cheeked Jacamar 4 seen at Tahuayo

White-chinned Jacamar 2 seen at ExplorNapo Galbula tombacea

Galbula cyanicollis

Galbula albirostris

Paradise JacamarGalbula dea1 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo inclthe Canopy walkway

Great Jacamar Jacamerops aurea 1 seen and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

White-necked PuffbirdNotharchus macrorhynchos3 seen at the Canopy walkway, 2 heard at ExplorNapo



Male Amazonian White-tailed Trogon

Paradise jacamar at the Canopy walkway

Brown-banded Puffbird Notharchus ordii 1 seen on both visits at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Spotted Puffbird Bucco tamatia 1 seen and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Rufous-necked PuffbirdMalacoptila rufa2 seen between San Pedro and Chino, Tahuayo

Rusty-breasted Nunlet 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Brown Nunlet Nonnula brunnea 1 seen between San Pedro and Chino, Tahuayo

Rufous-capped NunletNonnula ruficapilla1 pair seen between San Pedro and Chino

Black-fronted Nunbird Common at the lodges

Swallow-wing Fairly common at all sites

Scarlet-crowned Barbet 3 seen at Tahuayo

Gilded Barbet Singles seen and heard at all sites

Lettered Aracari 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Brown-mandibled Aracari

Pteroglossus inscriptus

Nonnula rubecula

Monasa nigrifrons

Capito aurovirens

Capito auratus

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

Pteroglossus mariae

1 seen at the Canopy walkway. This species should not occur north of the Amazon river but we saw this bird in the telescope in good light at about 40 m and it clearly had brown smuggging on the lower mandible.

Chestnut-eared AracariPteroglossus castanotis1 seen at Tahuayo and 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Many-banded AracariPteroglossus pluricinctus1 seen at ExplorNapo and 8+5 at the Canopy walkway

Golden-collared Toucanet 2 heard at ExplorNapo

Selenidera reinwardtii

Channel-billed ToucanRamphastos culminatusSingles heard at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo

White-throated (Cuvier's) Toucan Ramphastus cuvieri Singles seen and heard at all sites. Several toucans seen from the Canopy walkway.

Bar-breasted Piculet 2 seen at Tahuayo Picumnus aurifrons



White-necked Puffbird at the Canopy walkway

Black-fronted Nunbird, common and likes to pose in front of cameras

Plain-breasted Piculet	Picumnus castelnau
2 seen on a river island near Expl	lorNapo

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker singles seen at all sites

Little Woodpecker 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Red-stained Woodpecker 1 seen at ExplorNapo

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Melanerpes cruentatus

Veniliornis passerinus

Veniliornis affinis

Celeus torquatus

Dryocopus lineatus

Campephilus rubricollis

Campephilus melanoleucos

Yellow-throated WoodpeckerPiculus flavigula1 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Scaly-breasted WoodpeckerCeleus grammicus1 seen at Tahuayo and 2 heard at ExplorNapo

Chestnut WoodpeckerCeleus elegans4 seen at Tahuayo and 3 seen at ExplorNapo

Cream-colored Woodpecker Celeus flavus 1 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Ringed Woodpecker 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Lineated Woodpecker 1 seen at Tahuayo

Red-necked Woodpecker 2 seen at Tahuayo

Crimson-crested Woodpecker 2 seen at Tahuayo

Lesser Hornero Furnarius minor 1 seen on a river island at Tahuayo

Many-banded Aracari at the Canopy walkway



This Ringed Woodpecker at the ExplorNapo dock put in a prolonged appearance to our delight!

Pale-legged HorneroFurnarius leucopusHeard at Tahuayo and 5 seen on a river island near ExplorNapo

Bay HorneroFurnarius torridus2 seen on Reina Victoria island, Tahuayo. Walking on the floor in a swamp in old forest.

Dark-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis albigularis Singles heard on river islnds and near Chino

White-bellied SpinetailSynallaxis propinquaSingles seen and heard on the river islands with lower vegetation

Ruddy Spinetail 5 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana Synallaxis rutilans

Parker's SpinetailCranioleuca vulpeculaSingles seen and heard on river islands with lower vegetation

Speckled SpinetailCranioleuca gutturata1 seen at Tahuayo and 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Red-and-white SpinetailCerthiaxis mustelina1 seen on a river island with low vegetaion near ExplorNapo

Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner Philydor pyrrhodes 2 seen at Tahuayo

Buff-throated Foliage-gleanerAutomolus ochrolaemus3 heard at Tahuayo and 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Plain-brown WoodcreeperDendrocincla fuliginosa2 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Wedge-billed WoodcreeperGlyphorynchus spirurus1 seen at all sites

Long-billed WoodcreeperNasica longirostris1 seen at Tahuayo and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Amazonian Barred-WoodcreeperDendrocolaptes certhia2 seen at Tahuayo and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Straight-billed WoodcreeperXiphorhynchus picus2 seen at Tahuayo and 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Zimmer's WoodcreeperXiphorhynchus necopinus1 seen after playback on a river island at ExplorNapo

Striped Woodcreeper 4 seen at Tahuayo

Xiphorhynchus obsoletus

Ocellated Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus ocellatus 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Buff-throated WoodcreeperXiphorhynchus guttatusFairly common at ExplorNapo

More Woodcreepers were seen but not possitively identified.

Fasciated Antshrike 1 female seen at Tahuayo Cymbilaimus lineatus

Great Antshrike Taraba major 2 seen at Tahuayo and 1 heard on a river island at Tahuayo

Barred AntshrikeThamnophilus doliatus2 seen at Tahuayo and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Castelnau's Antshrike Thamnophilus cryptoleucu 2 seen at a river island with high cane at Tahuayo, 1 heard on a river island at ExplorNapo

Plain-winged AntshrikeThamnophilus schistaceusSingles seen and heard at Tahuayo and 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Mouse-colored AntshrikeThamnophilus murinus2 heard at Tahuayo, singles seen and heard at ExplorNapo, 4 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Amazonian Antshrike 5 seen at Tahuayo Thamnophilus amazonicus amazonicus

Spot-winged AntshrikePygiptila stellaris2 seen and 2 heard at Tahuayo, 1 male seen at ExplorNapo

Pearly Antshrike Megastictus margaritatus 1 pair seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Black BushbirdNeoctantes niger1 male seen after playback at ExplorNapo

Saturnine AntshrikeThamnomanes saturninus5+3 seen and heard near San Pedro, Tahuayo

Cinereous AntshrikeThamnomanes caesius2 seen at Tahuayo and 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Bluish-slate Antshrike 5 seen at Tahuayo

Myrmotherula brachyura

Thamnomanes schistogynus

Pygmy Antwren 3 seen at Tahuayo

Short-billed AntwrenMyrmotherula obscura1 seen and 2 heard at ExplorNapo

Amazonian Streaked-AntwrenMyrmotherula multostriata5 seen at Tahuayo, 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Plain-throated Antwren 1 seen at Tahuayo

Myrmotherula hauxwelli

Stipple-throated AntwrenMyrmotherula haematonota1 seen between San Pedro and Chino, Tahuayo

White-flanked Antwren Fairly common at all sites Myrmotherula axillaris

Long-winged Antwren 1 seen at Tahuayo Myrmotherula longipennis

Gray Antwren Myrmotherula menetriesii 1 seen at Tahuayo and ExplorNapo each

Leaden AntwrenMyrmotherula assimilis1 pair seen on a river island with higher vegetation near ExplorNapo

Dugand's AntwrenHerpsilochmus dugandi1 heard at ExplorNapo and 1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Ancient Antwren Herpsilochmus gentryi 1 seen and 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana Dot-winged Antwren 1 seen at Tahuayo

Gray Antbird

Cercomacra cinerascens Commonly heard at both lodges

Blackish Antbird Singles heard at Tahuayo

Cercomacra nigrescens

Black Antbird Cercomacra serva 2 seen and heard near San Pedro, Tahuayo

Ash-breasted Antbird Myrmoborus lugubris 1 pair seen after playback on a river island with higher vegetation near ExplorNapo

Black-faced Antbird Myrmoborus myotherinus 4 seen and heard at ExplorNapo, 5 seen and hearde at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Black-tailed Antbird 3 seen at Tahuayo

Myrmoborus melanurus

Warbling Antbird Hypocnemis cantator peruviana Coomonly heard and singles seen at both lodges

Yellow-browed Antbird Hypocnemis hypoxantha 1 seenn at ExplorNapo and 3 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Black-chinned Antbird 2 males seen at ExplorNapo Hypocnemoides melanopogon

Band-tailed Antbird 2 seen at Tahuayo

Hypocnemis maculicauda

Black-and-white Antbird Myrmochanes hemileucus 1 pair seen on a river island with low vegetation and cane near Tahuayo

Silvered Antbird Sclateria naevia Singles seen and heard near water at both lodges

Allpahuayo Antbird Percnostola arenarum 1 pari seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana after playback

Slate-colored Antbird Percnostola schistacea 1 pair seen at ExplorNapo

Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird Myrmeciza castanea 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana. Also called Zimmer's Antbird.

Plumbeous Antbird Myrmeciza hyperythra Common at Tahuayo, 5 seen at ExplorNapo

White-shouldered Antbird Myrmeciza melanoceps Fairly commonly heard at both lodges

Sooty Antbird Myrmeciza fortis 1 seen at Tahuayo, 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Black-throated Antbird 2 heard at Tahuayo	Myrmeciza atrothorax
White-plumed Antbird 1 seen at ExplorNapo	Pithys albifrons
Bicolored Antbird 2 seen at ExplorNapo	Gymnopithys leucaspis
White-throated Antbird 3 seen near San Pedro, Tahuayo	Gymnopithys salvini
Dot-backed Antbird 1 seen at Tahuayo and 1 seen on R	Hylophylax punctulata Ceina Victoria island in big forest near Tahuayo
Scale-backed Antbird 1 heard at Tahuayo, 2 seen at Exp	Hylophylax poecilonota lorNapo, 4 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana
Black-spotted Bare-Eye 1 heard and 2 seen at Tahuayo, 1 l	Phlegopsis nigromaculata neard at ExplorNapo
Reddish-winged Bare-Eye 1 pair seen at ExplorNapo, 1 heard	Phlegospis erythroptera d at Allpahuayo-Mishana
Black-faced Antthrush Singles heard at Tahuayo	Formicarius analis
Striated Antthrush 2 heard near ACTS	Chamaeza nobilis
Thrush-like Antpitta 1 heard at Tahuayo, 3 heard at Ex	Myrmothera campanisona plorNapo
Rusty-belted Tapaculo 1 heard at ExplorNapo	Liosceles thoracicus
Black-necked Red-Cotinga 1 male seen at ExplorNapo, 1 hear	Phoenicircus nigricollis rd at ACTS
Cinereous Mourner 1 heard at ExplorNapo	Laniocera hypopyrra
Screaming Piha Commonly heard at all sites	Lipaugus vociferans
Purple-throated Cotinga 1 pair seen at the ExplorNapo doc	Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema k
Plum-throated Cotinga 1 male seen near Chino, Tahuayo	Cotinga maynana
Spangled Cotinga 3 seen at Tahuayo, 3 seen at Explo	Cotinga cayana orNapo, 3 seen at the Canopy walkway

Pompadour CotingaXipholena punicea1 male and 1 female seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana



Female and male Purple-throated Cotingas at the ExplorNapo dock. High on out hit-list!

Bare-necked FruitcrowGymnoderus foetidusFairly common at Tahuayo, singles at ExplorNapo and 10 at the Canopy walkway

Purple-throated Fruitcrow Querula purpurata heard at Tahuayo and Allpahuayo-Mishana

White-bearded Manakin Singles seen at both lodges

Blue-backed Manakin 1 heard at ExplorNapo Chiroxiphia pareola

Manacus manacus

Wire-tailed ManakinPipra filicauda5 seen at Tahuayo and 1 seen at ExplorNapo

White-crowned ManakinDixiphia pipra2 seen at Tahuayo, 1 female seen at ExplorNapo, 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Golden-headed Manakin 1 male seen at ExplorNapo

Red-headed Manakin 1 female seen at Tahuayo

Pipra rubrocapilla

Pipra erythrocephala

Orange-crowned Manakin 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana Heterocercus aurantiivertex

Saffron-crested Tyrant-ManakinNeopelma chrysocephalum1 seen at 2 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Dwarf Tyrant-ManakinTyranneutes stolzmanniSingles heard at both lodges

Wing-barred Piprites 1 heard at each lodge Piprites chloris

Yellow TyrannuletCapsiempis flaveola1 seen near Chino, Tahuayo, 1 seen on Reina Victoria island, Tahuayo

Tyrannulus elatus

Myiopagis gaimardii

Myiopagis caniceps

Myiopagis flavivertex

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Forest Elaenia 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Gray Elaenia 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Yellow-crowned Elaenia 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Brownish Elaenia Elaenia pelzelni 1 seen and heard on Reina Victoria island, Tahuayo

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher Mionectes oleagineus Singles seen at ExplorNapo

Slender-footed Tyrannulet 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Zimmerius gracilipes

Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant Stigmatura napensis 1 pair seen on a river island with low vegetation near ExplorNapo and heard on another nearby.

Short-tailed Pygmy-TyrantMyiornis ecaudatus1 seen between San Pedro and Chino, Tahuayo

Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant Lophotriccus vitiosus Singles heard daily at both lodges with singles seen

Black-and-white Tody-TyrantPoecilotriccus capitalis1 male seen at ACTS behind the kitchen

Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus minimus 2 heard and tape-recorded at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Johannes´ Tody-Tyrant 4 seen at Tahuayo Hemitriccus iohannis

Rusty-fronted Tody-FlycatcherPoecilotriccus latirostris2 seen at Tahuayo, 2 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

- Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Ringed Antpipit 1 seen at Tahuayo Corythopis torquata

Brownish Flycatcher (Twistwing) Cnipodectes subbrunneus 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Rufous-tailed Flatbill 8 seen and heard at Tahuayo	Ramphotrigon ruficauda
Zimmer's Flycatcher 1 hearde at Tahuayo	Tolmomyias assimilis
Gray-crowned Flycatcher Singles seen and heard at both loo	
Olive-faced Flycatcher 1 seen at Tahuayo, 2 seen at Expl	Tolmomyias viridiceps orNapo
Golden-crowned Spadebill 2 seen at Tahuayo	Platyrinchus coronatus
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher 4 seen at Tahuayo, 1 seen at Expl	Terenotriccus erythrurus orNapo
Fuscous Flycatcher 1 seen on a river island near Expl	Cnemotriccus fuscatus orNapo
'Chamizal' Fuscous Flycatcher 1 seen and heard at Allpahuayo-M Looks like a Fuscous Flycatcher b rillal forest also called Chamizal.	
Vermilion Flycatcher 3 seen at Tahuayo	Pyrocephalus rubinus
Drab Water-Tyrant Singles along the rivers	Ochthornis littoralis
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant Singles along the rivers	Arundinicola leucocephala
Citron-bellied Attila 4 seen and heard at Allpahuayo-M	Attila citriniventris Iishana
Bright-rumped Attila Singles heard at all sites	Attila spadiceus
Grayish Mourner Singles heard at all sites	Rhytipterna simplex
Short-crested Flycatcher 2 seen at Tahuayo, 4 seen at Expl	Myiarchus ferox orNapo, 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana
Lesser Kiskadee Singles along the rivers	Philohydor lictor
Great Kiskadee Singles	Pitangus sulphuratus
Boat-billed Flycatcher Singles at all sites	Megarynchus pitangua

Social Flycatcher Fairly common at all sites

Myiozetetes similis

Gray-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis 1 seen along the river near ExplorNapo

Dusky-chested Flycatcher 1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Myiozetetes luteiventris

Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus 2 seen at Tahuayo, 4 seen at ExplorNapo

Variegated Flycatcher 2 seen at Chino, Tahuayo

Empidonomus varius

Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher Singles seen at both lodges Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus

White-throated Kingbird Tyrannopsis albogularis 2 seen with Tropical Kingbirds at a river island near Tahuayo

Tropical Kingbird Seen

Tyrannopsis melancholicus

Greater (Varzea) Schiffornis Schiffornis major Fairly common at Tahuayo, 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Thrush-like Schiffornis 2 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Chestnut-crowned Becard Pachyramphus castaneus 1-2 seen in the medical plant graden, ExplorNapo

White-winged Becard 1 male seen at the above site

Black-capped Becard 1 female seen at ExplorNapo

Masked Tityra 1 seen at the Canopy walkway

Brown-chested Martin Singles seen along the rivers

White-winged Swallow Common along the rivers

White-banded Swallow Atticora fasciata Singles along the rivers at ExplorNapo

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Common

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Black-capped Donacobius Donacobius atricapillus 1 seen on a river island near Tahuayo



Dusky-chested Flycatcher at the Canopy walkway

Schifornis turdinus

Pachyramphus marginatus

Tityra semifasciata

Progne tapera

Pachyramphus polychopterus

Tachycineta albiventer

Thrush-like Wren Heard at both lodges

Coraya Wren Thryothorus coraya Singles seen and heard at ExplorNapo

Buff-breasted Wren Common at Tahuayo

Southern House Wren 2 seen at Tahuayo

Troglodytes musculus

Thryothorus leucotis

Scaly-breasted WrenMicrocerculus marginatus1 heard at ExplorNapo, 1 heard at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Black-billed Thrush Common at Tahuayo

Hauxwell's Thrush 1 seen at Tahuayo

Collared Gnatwren 1 seen at ExplorNapo Microbates collaris

Turdus ignobilis

Turdus hauxwelli

Long-billed Gnatwren 7 seen and heard at Tahuayo Ramphocaenus melanurus

Red-eyed VireoVireo olivaceus3 seen at Tahuayo, 1 seen at Allpahuayo-Mishana

Gray-chested Greenlet Hylophilus semicinereus 1 seen and singles heard at Tahuayo

Rufous-browed PeppershrikeCyclarhis gujanensis3 seen at Tahuayo, 1 heard at ExplorNapo

Buff-rumped Warbler 2 seen near Chino, Tahuayo Basileuterus fulvicauda

Chestnut-vented Conebill 1 seen at ExplorNapo

Conirostrum speciosum

Pearly-breasted ConebillConirostrum margaritae2 seen on a river island with Cecropia near ExplorNapo

Orange-headed Tanager Thlypopsis sordida 3 seen on a river island near ExplorNapo

Hooded TanagerNemosia pileata2 males seen at Tahuayo lodge

Gray-headed Tanager Fairly common at Tahuayo Eucometis penicillata

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Lanio fulvus

White-winged Shrike-Tanager 1 seen at Tahuayo

Above is an example of two species where one reaches south to the Amazon river and the other reaches north to the Amazon river.

Ramphocelus nigrogularis

Masked Crimson Tanager Singles at both lodges

Silver-beaked Tanager Common at all sites

Blue-gray Tanager Singles at all sites

Ramphocelus carbo

Thraupis episcopus

Palm TanagerThraupis palmarum3 seen at Tahuayo, 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Thick-billed EuphoniaEuphonia laniirostris2 seen at Tahuayo, fairly common at ExplorNapo

White-lored Euphonia 2 seen at ExplorNapo

Blue-gray Tanager

White-vented Euphonia 2 seen at Tahuayo

Orange-bellied Euphonia Euphonia xanthogaster 1 seen at Tahuayo, 6 seen at ExplorNapo

Rufous-bellied Euphonia 3 seen at ExplorNapo Euphonia rufiventris

Turquoise TanagerTangara mexicana1 seen at Tahuayo, singles at ExplorNapo

Paradise Tanager Common at all sites Tangara chilensis



White-lored Euphonia

Euphonia minuta

Green honeycreeper

Euphonia chrysopasta

Green-and-gold Tanager Fairly common at both lodges	Tangara schrankii
Yellow-bellied Tanager 1 seen at ExplorNapo	Tangara xanthogastra
Bay-headed Tanager 1 seen at the Canopy walkway	Tangara gyrola
Opal-rumped Tanager 4+2 seen at ExplorNapo	Tangara velia
Opal-crowned Tanager 2+2 seen at ExplorNapo	Tangara callophrys
Black-faced Dacnis 1 seen at Tahuayo, 2 seen at Explo	Dacnis lineata rNapo
Yellow-bellied Dacnis 9 seen at Tahuayo	Dacnis flaviventer
Blue Dacnis 3 seen at ExplorNapo	Dacnis cayana
Green Honeycreeper 2 seen at Tahuayo, 8 seen at Explo	Chlorophanes spiza orNapo
Short-billed Honeycreeper 3 seen at the Canopy walkway	Cyanerpes nitidus
Purple Honeycreeper 3 seen at Tahuayo and 5 at Explor	Cyanerpes caeruleus Napo
Red-legged Honeycreeper 1 female seen at Tahuayo	Cyanerpes cyaneus
Caqueta Seedeater 1 male seen near Chino, Tahuayo	Sporophila murallae
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater Locally common	Sporophila castaneiventris
Red-capped Cardinal 5 seen along the rivers at Tahuayo	Paroaria gularis and 1 at ExplorNapo
Yellow-browed Sparrow Fairly common	Ammodramus aurifrons
Grayish Saltator 3 seen at Chino, Tahuayo	Saltator coerulescens
Buff-throated Saltator 1 seen at ACTS	Saltator maximus
Slate-colored Grosbeak 2 seen at ACTS	Saltator grossus

Yellow-hooded BlackbirdChrysomus icterocephalus100 on a river islnd near Tahuayo and 10 on a river island near ExplorNapo

Orange-backed Troupial Icterus croconotus 2 seen on a river island near Tahuayo, 1 heard on a river island near ExplorNapo

Cacicus cela

Yellow-rumped Cacique Common

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus 50 on a river island near ExplorNapo

Russet-backed Oropendola Psarocolius angustifrons Common

Band-tailed OropendolaOcyalus latirostris2+1 seen on river islands and edge near ExplorNapo

Oriole Blackbird Gymnomystax mexicanus 10 seen on a river island near Tahuayo and 10 seen on a river island near ExplorNapo

Velvet-fronted GrackleLampropsar tanagrinus10 seen at Tahuayo and 5 seen at ExplorNapo

Mammals

Gray River Dolphin Two seen near iquitos en route to Tahuayo lodge

Pink River Dolphin Two seen near iquitos en route to Tahuayo lodge

Three-toed Sloth 1 seen at Tahuayo lodge and 1 seen at ExplorNapo lodge

White-moustached Tamarin Seen at Tahuayo lodge

Black-mantled Tamarin Several groups seen at ExplorNapo

Nocturnal Monkey 1 seen in a hole along the Canopy walkway

At last a travelling advise: You don't really need a birdguide from a tour company to visit these places if you get the guides mentioned here and if you are well-equipped with tape-recorder and pre-recordings. If you lack these or can't get good local guides, you will benefit from having a birdguide from a tour company. Logistically it is also very simple as the lodges pick you up at the airport and they take care of the rest as well, like boking a hotel in Iquitos or take you back to the airport.