

# TREKKING AND RAFTING IN THE APOLOBAMBA AND MADIDI NATIONAL PARK



## FROM THE HIGH ALTITUDE TO THE LOWER AMAZON

Rafting down the  
Rio Tuichi



This trek and rafting will take us through the heart of the Madidi national Park, following old Inca trails. The first part of our trip will start with a drive through the Altiplano before we cross the Apolobamba mountain range to drop down to the village of Pelechuco. We then head down through thick cloud forest to the Rio Tuichi. In the second part we raft through dry forest and rain forest. On this trip we have the chance to see wildlife e.g. monkeys, Jaguars, bears etc. At the end of the trip we end up in the town of Rurrenabaque from where we take a flight back to La Paz.



# PROGRAM DETAILS

**Type of activity:** Trekking up to 4700m, Rafting

**Difficulty:** 3 – medium fitness required

**Experience required:** 2 – basic trekking skills

**Grade of trek:** moderate, class 3 to 4 rafting

**Number of days:** 15 days, 14 night's

**Tour starts in** La Paz

**Tour ends in** La Paz

**Best time of year:** May to September

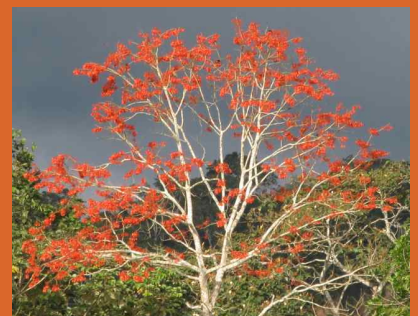
**Season:** Dry season: days are mild and nights are cold

**Highlights:** Trekking in a remote part of Bolivia, rafting the infamous Rio Tuichi, chance to stop wildlife Llamas, Vicuñas, spectacle bear, monkeys, other wildlife in the amazon Views of the Cordillera Apolobamba, visiting small and remote villages of Pelechuco, Mojos and Rurrenabaque, visiting Quechua spoken part of Bolivia



Enjoy the river

## PHOTOS FROM THE AREA



# PROGRAM

## Day 1: La Paz (3600m) – Pelechuco (3600m)

We will leave early in the morning for the drive out to Apolobamba. Along the way we drive through the scenic Altiplano and pass by Lake Titicaca. Later we pass through the Area Protegida Apolobamba and the Reserva Nacional de Funa Ulla Ulla a large Vicuna reserve. We then cross a pass just after Lake Cololo (4700m) before arriving in the colonial village of Pelechuco, where the main economic is gold mining. We will spend the night in Pelechuco.  
8 – 9 hours driving (LD) Hostel

Dropping  
down into the  
cloud forest



## Day 2: Pelechuco – Queara (3440m)

Today we leave Pelechuco to drive up to the Paso de Sanches (4840m). Once at the pass we make our way down to where we meet the mules. From here we start our walk, say good by to our drivers and begin making our way down the valley following the old Inca trail. At first we pass through alpine landscape before entering the forest. We camp near a small river.  
1 – 2 hours driving, 3 – 4 hours trekking (BLD) camping

## Day 3: Queara – Chachimaya

Today we start our trekking in the forest. We still have a few long climbs and we stay above the river. The trail here has good stone paving, an excellent example of the solid roads for which the Incas were renowned.  
6 – 7 hours trekking (BLD) camping

## Day 4: Chachimayu – Casiquebrado

We keep following the winding Inca trail. We still stay around 3000m mark. Looking back to the Apolobamba mountain range we have views of Chuapi Orco (6044m) the highest in the Apolobamba Mountain range. We camp near an old Inca Tambo (road house), structures which were used to host Inca dignitaries and officials on business who would have been traveling on the ancient road network  
6 – 7 hours trekking (BLD) camping



### Day 5: Casiquebrado – Chunkani

Today we drop into cloud forest, a dense mass of trees and thick vegetation. The trail in places becomes a tunnel carved out of the solid rock. In this area we may be lucky enough to spot the rare Andean spectacle bear. The trail continues along the top of a ridge and is quite steep in places. We set up camp in a forest clearing.

6 – 7 hours trekking (BLD) camping

Fish for dinner



### Day 6: Chunkani – Mojos (1600m)

We continue along the forested ridge, passing through occasional clearings in the trees. Here the trail gets muddy in places and the mules find it hard going. We cross a small bridge and pass by pineapple plantations on the approach to the village of Mojos. We make camp in the village.

6 – 7 hours trekking (BLD) camping

### Day 7: Mojos – Chaquisapa

In Mojos we change mules and have a long day following the river below. This trail is used more regularly and the walking is a little easier. After a long day we come to a clearing where we set up camp.

7 – 8 hours trekking (BLD) camping

### Day 8: Chaquisapa – Virgen Del Rosario (Rio Tuichi)

We have a short day. We have a climb up to a great view point where we can see the Rio Tuichi. Another hour and we reach the community of Virgen Del Rosario. Once in VDR we meet our guides for the rafting section. They will have come the day before, with all the equipment and extra food supplies.

4 – 5 hours trekking (BLD) camping

### Day 9: Virgen Del Rosario – Asariamas, Rio Tuichi (1300m)

Today will be our first day of rafting. The first part here is open and the water is calm. Our camp will be near the start of the canyon section near a small community called Asariamas.

**NOTE:** In the morning the 4x4 transport heads back to La Paz. People can do this part only and head back to La Paz which is a 2 day drive

5 – 6 hours (BLD) camping



**Day 10 – 13: Rafting the Rio Tuichi – San Jose de Chupiamonas (600m)**

We will flow downriver through the pristine and wildlife rich rainforest, making occasional side hikes into the jungle and to swimming holes. We will fish for our dinner and camp on the beaches along the river. During the 5 days on the river we will have the opportunity to see an incredible variety of plant life and wildlife

4 – 6 hours on the raft a day (BLD) every day, camping along the river

**Day 14: San Jose de Chupiamonas – Rurrenabaque (400m)**

Today we meet our motor boat which will take us to Rurrenabaque.

4 – 5 hours on the motor boat (BLD) Hotel

**Day 15: Rurrenabaque – Airport – La Paz**

In the morning we can take a walk around town, before we take our flight back to La Paz. Transfer to hotel. Farewell dinner in La Paz.

1 hour flight, 40 minutes transfer (BLD)

END of SERVICES



# PRICES

## Prices include:

Professional English speaking guide  
Meals as mentioned, including drinks at camp meals and restaurant meals  
(B – Breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner)  
All private transport, to start of trek and airport transfers  
Motorized canon (boat) to Rurrenabaque  
Tents and cooking equipment  
Cook  
Mules for all day on trekking part  
1 night hostel (Pelechuco)  
1 night's (Rurrenabaque)  
Flight from Rurrenabaque to La Paz  
Rafts, life jackets

## Not include:

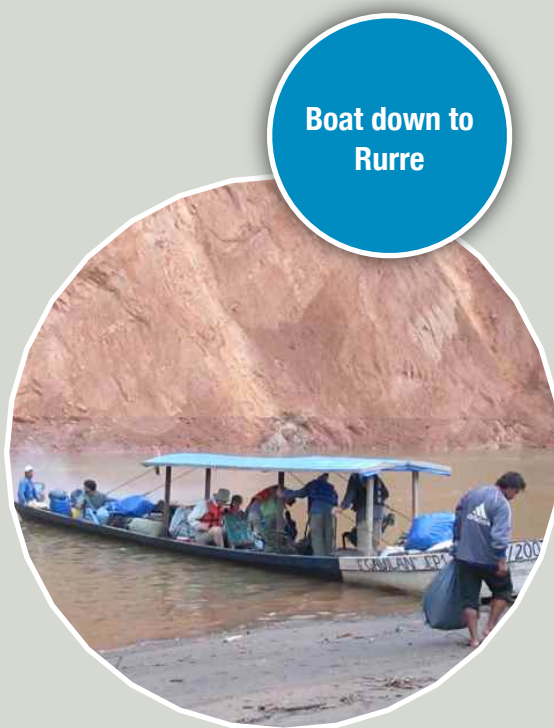
Personal clothing  
Personal insurance  
Extra services not mentioned in the program  
Tips

## Prices:

2 people \$4440 US each  
3 people \$3220 US each  
4 people \$2915 US each

## Prices with spanish speaking guide:

2 people \$4040 US each  
3 people \$2955 US each  
4 people \$2715 US each



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