

Research and Study Abroad in the Peruvian Amazon



Where the Andes Mountains meet the Amazon rainforest in Peru, the Earth's richest biological communities thrive. This is where the Amazon Conservation Association (ACA) concentrates its work to protect biodiversity.

ACA believes the world's most diverse forests should also be its best known forests. Its three field stations offer a unique opportunity to explore and discover the outstanding biological and cultural diversity of the Andes-Amazon region.

Spanning an altitudinal gradient from 250 to 3,500 meters (820 to 11,500 feet), along the eastern border of **Manu National Park**, these stations are a leading destination for scientists, educators, and students that pioneer a new kind of tropical science—a research and education program that strengthens the local scientific community, shares data openly, and informs conservation decisions.



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Biological Stations

LOS AMIGOS BIOLOGICAL STATION

Also known by its Spanish acronym (CICRA), Los Amigos is located six hours by road and river northwest of Puerto Maldonado in Peru. Los Amigos has a capacity for 50 visitors; its infrastructure includes a classroom, a laboratory, wireless internet, and 40 km of trails. Since 2000, it has hosted 220 research projects and 65 university courses.

Area: 145,000 ha (360,000 acres)
Altitude: 270 - 400 m (880 – 1,300 feet)
Mean annual temperature: 23°C (73.4°F)
Mean annual precipitation: 2,600 mm
Vegetation: lowland rainforest



VILLA CARMEN BIOLOGICAL STATION

Located seven hours northeast of Cusco, Villa Carmen has a capacity for 50 visitors. Its infrastructure includes a classroom, a laboratory, organic gardens, satellite internet, 40 km of trails. Since 2010, it has hosted 32 research projects and 5 university courses and workshops. It is bordered by a town of 2000 people, Pilcopata, and two Wachiperi and Machiguenga indigenous communities.

Area: 3,070 ha (7,500 acres)
Altitude: 520 – 1,200 m (1,700 – 3,900 feet)
Mean annual temperature: 22 °C (71.6 ° F)
Mean annual precipitation: 4,500 mm
Vegetation: premontane rainforest



WAYQECHA BIOLOGICAL STATION

Located four hours by road northeast of Cusco, Wayqecha has a capacity for 30 visitors. Its infrastructure includes a multipurpose classroom, a canopy walkway, wireless internet, and 30 km of trails. Since 2004, it has hosted 90 research projects and 30 university courses. It neighbors several Quechua farming communities.

Area: 600 ha (1,500 acres)
Altitude: 2,300 – 3,500 m (7,500 – 11,500 feet)
Mean annual temperature: 12 °C (53.6° F)
Mean annual precipitation: 1,400 mm
Vegetation: cloud forest and Andean grassland



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