# **Art/Wildlife Conservation Study Abroad Program Peru 2015**

# **Tentative Daily Schedule**

**October 9, 2014** 

Jan 6

Depart US arrive in Iquitos Jan 7 (This Late departure is because of a national holiday on the  $6^{th}$ )

Jan 7 Iquitos

Orientation to Iquitos, Peru and group meal

Hotel http://www.victoriaregiahotel.com/

Evening lecture: introduction to international wildlife conservation

Jan 8

Morning Visit to the Iquitos Amazonian Museum (Museo Ethnográfico) and to the La Casa de Hierro – designed by Gustave Eiffel

Afternoon Visit to the Amazon Animal Orphanage and Pilpintuwasi Butterfly Farm <a href="http://www.amazonanimalorphanage.org/">http://www.amazonanimalorphanage.org/</a>

Jan 9

Student exchange day with the UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA AMAZONÍA PERUANA (UNAP). UD students will give a short intro to what it is like being a student in the US and then they will go out for the day with the Peruvian students to learn what it's like being a Peruvian student. Several of these students will accompany their professors when they give guest lectures at Yarapa Lodge with our group throughout the month.

Visit to the Museum of Natural Science

Jake and Jon will meet with the professors from (UNAP) that will be joining us for several days at Yarapa Lodge.

Jan 10 - Depart for Yarapa Lodge <a href="http://yarapa.com/">http://yarapa.com/</a>

Guest speakers including professors from UNAP will come to the lodge and stay with us for several days as needed in relation to the supply boat schedule.

Jan 10 – 14

Focus on indigenous cultures of the Amazon and their sustainable way of life including visits to three separate communities. Rocio Martinez a Peruvian expert on sustainable community development will accompany us. Students will be introduced to their group project in collaboration with the Amazon Center for Educational and Environmental Research.

#### Jan 15 – 19

Focus on plant communities in the Amazon including specific medicinal plants used by a local Shaman and how they relate to Shamanism. Professor Juan Ruiz in the Plant Science Department at UNAP will also be joining us.

# Jan 20 - 25

A wildlife expert from UNAP will be our guide and students will focus on wildlife ecology and conservation. Students will have the special opportunity to observe wildlife from blinds for extend periods of time allowing the wildlife to acclimate to their presence and thereby observing more natural animal behavior. An anthropologist from UNAP will connect the local wildlife to Amazonian culture and show how the animals are important to various indigenous peoples beyond simply being food.

#### Jan 26 - 29

Insect and reptile expert from UNAP will be our guide with a focus on ecology and conservation. An anthropologist from UNAP will connect the local insects and reptiles to Amazonian culture and show how the animals are important to various indigenous peoples beyond simply being food.

## Jan 30 - 31

Depart for Iquitos – Stay in the same hotels as the beginning of the trip. Students will work on their final presentations in collaboration with the Peruvian students from UNAP that joined us in the field at Yarapa Lodge.

# Feb 1

Jon Cox and Dr. Jake Bowman will give a worldview conservation-based and indigenous arts talk at (UNAP) about Antarctica, South East Asia, Tanzania, Patagonia and the Amazon...

Students present their group projects and host a photography show at UNAP with the Peruvian students that worked with them throughout the month at Yarapa Lodge.

# Feb 2

Depart for US Feb 3 Arrive JFK