

UCAYALI

Pucallpa, whose name means “red land” in Quechua, is the capital of Ucayali and one of the most progressive cities in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest whose inhabitants make a living from logging and agriculture.

The Panos people initially inhabited the department. The Ucayali River is one of the most important highways in the central jungle.

Lake Yarinacocha, one of the largest in the Amazon rainforest, is just a few minutes away from Pucallpa, and the Shipibo-Conibo people have settled along its shores.

The place is perfect for rest and relaxation in the many tourist lodges and for enjoying water sports such as water skiing, rowing and fishing.

The Shipibo community consists of about 35,000 people living in over three hundred villages concentrated in the Pucallpa region and is situated to the north and south of the city of Pucallpa.

Shipibo’s communities are mostly situated along the Ucayali river and nearby oxbow lakes. The Ucayali river connects with the Marañon river to form the Amazon River, the longest and largest river in the world.

The area is also inhabited by the descendents of the Panos, people full of hospitality and skillful artisans who sell their works. Also located in the department is the Padre Abad Boquerón Water Channel, a narrow canyon with several waterfalls with curious names like Velo de la Novia (Bride’s Veil) and the Ducha del Diablo (Devil’s Shower).

The following is a list of few typical dishes of Ucayali:

Patarashca: fish wrapped in banana leaves and charbroiled.

Inchicapi: chicken soup with peanuts, cilantro, and yucca.

Picadillo de paiche: strips of dried and salted paiche fish meat served with onions, tomatoes, and aji (hot pepper).

Tacacho con cecina: roasted green banana with fried pork rinds. Served with smoked pork.

Traditional Drinks:

Masato: made from cooked and fermented yucca.

Aguajina: made from mashed, filtered, and sweetened fruit of the aguaje palm tree.

Chapo: made from ripened bananas, cooked and stirred, then served cold.



Suggested Program

Day 1

arrival to the hotel
free time
½ day Pucallpa city tour excursion
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 2

breakfast in the hotel
full day in the Bride's Veil and the Devil's Shower waterfalls
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 3

breakfast in the hotel
full day in Lake Yarinacocha and the Shipibo Conibo people
dinner in the hotel
free time

Day 4

departure from the hotel

notice

Different excursions are available under request.



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