

Amazon Riverboat Exploration

Expedition Packing List

GENERAL

- Expedition Logistics Document
- Your travel plans, rendezvous details, and Earthwatch's emergency contact information
- Photocopies of your passport, flight itinerary, and credit cards in case the originals are lost or stolen; the copies should be packed separately from the original documents
- Passport and/or visa (if necessary)
- Certification of vaccination (if necessary)
- Documentation for travel by minors (if necessary)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK

- Synthetic quick-dry or light cotton pants
- Shorts
- Synthetic quick-dry or light cotton long-sleeved shirts
- T-shirts and/or short-sleeved shirts
- Sweater or light jacket
- Socks
- Rain gear, such as a light poncho
- Rubber boots are much better on the muddy and wet trails than hiking boots and help protect against snake bites. If you don't want to pack rubber boots, you can purchase them in Iquitos. The project has some pairs to lend, but if you have an uncommon size, please bring a pair. You may also choose to donate yours to the project or community upon your departure.
- Nonslip, closed-toed shoes (not open sandals) for the boat decks and river-based surveys
- Sun hat
- Mosquito net hat

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for end of expedition

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small daypack
- Drybag or plastic sealable bags (good for protecting equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water)
- Insect repellent spray
- Water container able to hold at least one liter (the project can supply empty plastic soda bottles if you do not wish to bring your own)
- Flashlight with extra bulbs and batteries (headlamps are not recommended, since they attract insects toward your eyes).

BEDDING AND BATHING

- Bedding and towels are provided at the hotel and on the boat.

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Personal toiletries (small bottle of shampoo and bar of soap provided)
- Personal first-aid kit (e.g., anti-diarrhea pills, antibiotics, antiseptic, itch relief, antibacterial wipes or lotion, pain relievers, bandages, blister covers, etc.) and personal medications
- Sunscreen lotion with SPF 30 or higher
- Sunglasses
- Spending money; crisp bills in low denominations are more widely accepted.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Travel guidebook
- Field guide
- Shower shoes (flip-flops or other rubberized sandals)
- Travel alarm clock (the crew can also wake you up if you ask)
- Binoculars (the higher the quality and magnifying power, the happier you will be)
- Favorite music
- Pocket knife (be sure to pack this in your checked luggage and not your carry-on)
- Favorite snacks, particularly if you follow a restricted diet
- Small, handheld fan (useful for keeping sand flies away; can also be purchased very inexpensively in Iquitos)
- Simple school supplies for the local children (pens, pencils, paper, rulers, etc.), or other small gifts
- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition
- Books, games, art supplies, etc. for free time
- Earplugs for light sleepers

Note: Do not bring more luggage than you can carry and handle on your own. If traveling by air and checking your luggage, we advise you to pack an extra set of field clothing and personal essentials in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.