



## 2016 CONAPAC Amazon Library Volunteer Program

The CONAPAC Amazon Library is looking for volunteers! In the heart of South America, the library is located in the Amazon Rainforest of Peru, about 50 miles downriver from the city of Iquitos. Founded in 1999, the library serves residents of river communities in the surrounding area with reading programs, games, computer lessons, music classes, language studies, sewing workshops, spelling bees, student scholarships and more. Each day children from nearby villages walk up to two hours in order to visit the library to read and participate in our programs and activities. With a simple thatched-roof construction, solar panels and no running water, the library is in another world where you will discover the love of reading in its purest form. Come be part of this unique place with a highly personalized volunteer experience!

Join us in our mission to bring the world to the jungle through reading and education. Bring your passions and your interests, and we will create a custom volunteer experience for you and our library patrons. Are you a passionate gardener? Let's make a garden together! Do you have a love for math, geography, art, science, or literature? The possibilities are endless. Come share your passion with our students, show them how learning can be fun and help us inspire them to be lifelong learners and leaders in their communities.

Although we recommend volunteers to have a basic understanding of Spanish, it is not a requirement. This could be a great way to learn Spanish, as well as, an opportunity to teach English at the library. Volunteers are needed to assist in our daily routine at the library while customizing the experience with their own personal interests. This can be a life-changing experience—we welcome the opportunity to share our world with you!



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CONAPAC is a Peruvian non-profit organization whose mission is to promote conservation of the rainforest through education of its stewards, the people who live along the Amazon and Napo Rivers. Our centerpiece project is the Adopt-A-School program; which is strengthened by education workshops and complemented by service and sustainable projects in river communities.

## OVERVIEW OF OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- The library is managed by CONAPAC (Conservación de la Naturaleza Amazónica del Perú), a Peruvian non-profit organization. CONAPAC works closely with Explorama Lodges, a private tour operator in the Amazon rainforest with lodges located on the Amazon and Napo Rivers. [www.explorama.com](http://www.explorama.com)
- The library is located 50 miles downriver from the city of Iquitos, Perú. Your accommodations will be handled by Explorama Lodges. You will stay at the Explorama-Yanamono Lodge that is located near the library. Daily transportation will be provided by boat.
- Pricing includes transportation to and from the airport and the Lodge by bus and boat. You will have your own room with private bath (cool water), daily clean towel and linen changes, unlimited clean drinking water, free WiFi connection, and three hot meals a day.
- Pricing does not include flights to and from Peru or Iquitos, passports or vaccinations, health insurance, excess baggage, bar beverages including soda pop, gifts and souvenirs, telephone calls or laundry service, extra excursions, or special request visits to Iquitos.
- The volunteer work is not difficult or overly strenuous; however, the jungle can have days with extreme heat and humidity. Daily rides in boats will be required. There is no air conditioning in the lodge, your room or the library. Anyone in reasonably good health and physical shape should have no trouble with the living and working conditions.
- A well-stocked and affordable medical clinic is a short distance away operated by an American, Dr. Linnea Smith. Fees for service are minimal.
- Minimum age to volunteer is 21 with no upper age limit.
- Trip times may be arranged throughout the year although some limitations may apply due to conditions on the ground at the library.
- Volunteers must come for a minimum two-week stay, after which pricing is based on 7-day blocks with no pro-rating allowed. 90 day stays in Peru are permitted—no visa necessary.
  - *Base two weeks: \$1320*
  - *For a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week add: \$635*
  - *For additional weeks add \$575*
- All arrangements are made by and fees paid to Explorama Lodges—75% of your fee cost will be donated to CONAPAC by Explorama, tagged specifically for the library.
- While working at the library and staying at the Explorama Lodge you may have opportunities to take part in some jungle excursions at no additional cost. These may include piranha fishing, visiting giant lily pads, early-morning bird watching, star gazing, visit to the rum factory and jungle hikes. These can be arranged on a day-by-day basis, depending on time and space availability with other groups. Your volunteer price does not include a private guide.
- If your visit extends to four weeks, a trip to the Canopy Walkway and the ReNuPeRu Medicinal Garden will be included at no additional cost. The Canopy Walkway is located on the Napo River 50 miles by boat from Explorama Lodge. Here you can walk among the treetops at 120 ft—an opportunity not to be missed. An excursion to the Canopy Walkway and Medicinal Garden is a \$150 value. If you stay less than four weeks, space and time permitting, you can join another group for a day trip to the canopy with payment of \$150.
- We can take payment in US dollars or Peruvian soles, Visa or MasterCard or by international wire transfer—a 5% transaction fee will be added for charges and transfers.
- For general information about the library or CONAPAC, please visit our website. If you need more specific information about the **CONAPAC Amazon Library Volunteer Program**, please contact us directly. Our library director, Megan Thomas, or our program coordinator, Cynthia Smith Snyder, will be happy to answer your questions via email at any time—[info@CONAPAC.org](mailto:info@CONAPAC.org)