

PASI Course Schedule

Planning Schedule: 28th June to 15th July 2011

Tuesday 28th June

Arrival in Cuzco. Group check-in into hotel early. Optional short tour around the historic center of Cusco. Meet for group dinner and outline travel schedule for the next day.

Wednesday 29th June

Leave around 8 a.m. on several minibuses/one large bus for Wayqecha, arrive around 1-2 p.m.

14:00 – 14:20: Introduction to the course (Scott Saleska)

14:20 – 14:40: Wayqecha Biological Station

14:40 – 15:00: Cloud forest diversity, biogeochemistry and climate (Miles Silman/Dan Metcalfe)

15:00 – 17:00: Guided walk around the Wayqecha Moore monitoring plot and/or canopy walkway.

18:00 – 19:00: Dinner

19:30 – 21:30: Overview of group projects and break-out discussions among project groups (ALL INSTRUCTORS)

Thursday 30th June – Tuesday 5th July

Morning: fieldwork

Afternoon: field or lab work (Group Projects)

After dinner: RESEARCH SEMINARS, INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES

- Research seminars with tutorial front end; related to work that is or could be, happening in Peru (field projects)
- Interactive discussions/debates: these will be split into daily themes: Tropical climatology (Monday), Forest carbon inventory methods (Tuesday), Plant ecophysiology (Wednesday), Remote sensing and modeling (Thursday)

Wednesday 6th July

Leave around 7 a.m. on several minibuses/one large bus for Cusco, arrive around lunchtime. Check entire group into one hotel by late afternoon.

Thursday 7th July

Leave around 9 a.m. by bus from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado (10-12h trip). Group check-in into hotel in Puerto Maldonado.

Friday 8th July

Early am transfer to boat, travel by boat up the river and arrive at Tambopata (Explorer's Inn Lodge)

INSTRUCTOR PRESENTATIONS.

15:00 – 15:40: Lowland forest diversity, biogeochemistry and climate (Scott Saleska/Yadvinder Malhi)

16:00 – 17:00: Guided walk

18:00 – 19:00: Dinner

19:30 – 21:30: Planning meeting among groups (All instructors)

22:30 – 00:00: Optional guided night walk through the forest.

Saturday 9th – Wednesday 13th July

Morning: fieldwork

Afternoon: field or lab work (Group Projects)

After dinner: RESEARCH SEMINARS, INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES

Thursday 14th July

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Final analysis of project data and writing of 20-minute presentations

Friday 15th July

Leave Tambopata around 6:00 a.m., Departure by plane to Cusco/Lima. Leave that day or the next from Cusco to final destination.