

## **In search of Peruvian Primates: Manu National Park and Abra-Patricia May 2 – 13, 2019**

*Join Fiona Reid and Jon Hall on an 11 day search for some of Peru's most spectacular primates and many other mammals.*

Our trip will focus on two very different, and biologically rich, parts of Peru: [Owlet Lodge](#), a private conservation area in the Abra-Patricia region of Andean Peru, and Los Amigos Biological Station on the banks of Rio Madre de Dios bordering Manu National Park in the Amazon basin.



**At Owlet Lodge** our key quest is to see the rare, endemic, and highly restricted **Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey** (*above, photo by Rich Hoyer*) which can often be seen at this time of year close to the lodge. This beautiful monkey is one of the rarest primates in South America and one of Peru's largest endemic mammals. There are some other exciting mammal species here too which we can look for including the Rio Mayo Titi (another Peruvian endemic), Saddleback Tamarin, Andean Night Monkey and Black Agouti. Peruvian Bamboo Rats, Tayra's and Long-tailed Weasels are also sometimes reported from the lodge and there are likely to be several montane species of rodents, bats and more.

**Los Amigos Research Station** is a great location to look for our other key species: the superb Emperor Tamarin, surely one of the world's best monkeys! These too can often be seen near the station in May, though as always there are never any guarantees. There are many other primates to look for here including Peruvian Spider Monkeys, Black-headed Night Monkey, Brown Woolly Monkey, Brown Titi and Gray's Bald-faced Saki. Two capuchin species, Black-capped Squirrel and Howler Monkeys are all on the agenda too. There is even a small chance to see the highly desired Goeldi's Monkey: they are present but seen vary rarely.



Emperor Tamarin

Though we focus on primates, we will also be looking for as many mammals as we can find. Other species sometimes reported from here include Brown Agouti, Giant Armadillo, Greater Long-nosed Armadillo, Brazilian Tapir and Giant Otter. The very poorly known Pacarana, a large, spotted rodent, is known from Los Amigos. There is also a mouth-watering list of carnivores including Short-eared Dog, Bush Dog, Jaguar and Ocelot though – as always in the Amazon – we will need to be very lucky to see them. But we will be using thermal scopes to look for nocturnal species so who knows...

### **Outline Itinerary**

May 2: We meet in Lima in the evening and stay at a hotel near the airport.

May 3: A morning flight to Tarapoto and then transfer to Owlet Lodge where we will spend 4 nights exploring.

May 4 – 6: Owlet Lodge.

May 7: Return to Tarapoto and fly to Lima. Overnight in Lima near airport.

May 8: Fly to Puerto Maldonado then transfer by car and boat to Los Amigos Research Station.

May 9 – 12: Los Amigos.

May 13: Return to Lima for evening flights home.

**Price: \$4,500 (double occupancy) which includes all accommodation, transport, food (other than dinners in Lima) and guiding. International flights, excess**

**luggage charges, tips, alcoholic drinks, laundry, phone calls etc. are all – as usual - extra. Single rooms may not be available, but if requested and available will be an additional \$500.**

## **About the Trip Leaders**

**Fiona A. Reid** has been leading nature tours since 1986, showing ecotourists the mammals and other wildlife of diverse lands from Brazil to Indonesia, and Alaska to Venezuela. An accomplished writer and artist, Fiona is the author and illustrator of *A Peterson Field Guide to Mammals of North America*. She has written and/or illustrated numerous other guides, including *A Field Guide to the Mammals of Central America and Southeast Mexico*, *Bats of Trinidad and Tobago*, *The Wildlife of Costa Rica, a Field Guide*, *The Golden Guide to Bats of the World*, *Bats of Papua New Guinea*, *Mammals of the Neotropics* (volumes 1-3), and several children's books. She is a Departmental Associate in Mammalogy at the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Biology at the Royal Ontario Museum, in Toronto, Canada.

**Jon Hall** has been interested in mammals since before he could read. His quest to see all of the world's mammal species has taken him to over 100 countries, including multiple trips to Brazil, yet he is still not even 30% of the way toward reaching his goal. In 2005 he set up the website [www.mammalwatching.com](http://www.mammalwatching.com) and happily--and rapidly—discovered he was not the world's only mammal watcher. The site has become the global hub of a fast-growing community of mammal watchers, helping to share information and promote the hobby around the world.

Emperor Tamarin at Los Amigos

