



# Amazon Basin

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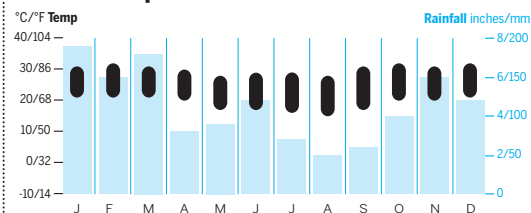
## Why Go?

The Amazon Basin is one of Bolivia's largest and most mesmerizing regions. The rainforest is raucous with wildlife and spending a few days roaming the sweaty jungle is an experience you're unlikely to forget. But it's not only the forests that are enchanting: it's also the richness of the indigenous cultures, traditions and languages that exist throughout the region.

Mossy hills peak around the town of Rurrenabaque, most people's first point of entry into the region and the main base camp for visits to the fascinating Parque Nacional Madidi. This is home to a growing ethno-ecotourism industry that looks to help local communities. The village of San Ignacio de Moxos is famous for its wild July fiesta and Trinidad, the region's biggest settlement and an active cattle ranching center, is the transit point toward Santa Cruz. North of here the frontier towns of Riberalta and Cobija are in remote regions that few travelers dare to tread.

## When to Go

### Rurrenabaque



**May-Oct** Make travel a whole lot easier by avoiding the rain.

**Mid-Jun** Bull running and mayhem at the Fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad.

**Jul** The village goes wild during the San Ignacio de Moxos fiesta.



## Amazon Basin Highlights

**1** Glide down the long **Río Mamoré** (p294) on a boat trip between Trinidad and Guayaramerín

**2** Probe the pampas on a tour from **Rurrenabaque** (p279)

**3** Party with the locals at the Amazon's best village fiesta in **San Ignacio de Moxos** (p288)

**4** Hike to the Cavernas del Repochón in **Parque Nacional Carrasco** (p278)

**5** Boat off into the rainforest to the sustainable community-