

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCHERS

Experience Mamoni provides logistics, accommodations, and general planning support for researchers interested in pursuing field research in the Mamoni Valley Preserve (MVP). Contact us to learn more about studies currently taking place at our Centro Mamoni research station.

Researchers profile

A researcher can be an independent, or a team of individuals, that belongs to an educational, or a scientific institution, and that has a project, or projects, that would benefit from research taking place in a tropical rainforest environment. The ultimate goal of any research should be to contribute to the conservation of the ecosystems studied.

Location

Our Centro Mamoni research station is conveniently located two hours east of Panama's international airport, and in the heart of the Mamoni Valley. It lies amidst land governed by the not-for-profit **Mamoni Valley Preserve**, whose efforts we support for its large-scale land conservation and habitat restoration within the 28,000-acre Upper Mamoni Valley Watershed and beyond. The unique campus lies within the **biological corridor** that is the **bridge for culture and wildlife** throughout the Americas and home to many endemic and endangered species.

Facilities

Nestled amidst the forest are our 6 distinctive, open-air raised cabanas and their hand crafted furnishings, which are built from locally salvaged hardwoods.

In our open-air, raised dormitory cabana, researchers get a private tent with a 2 inch pad and bedding. The cabana has sinks, hot water showers, flush toilets, and 110v electricity.

Cost

For \$20/day researchers have access to a:

- Fully stocked kitchen to prepare food
- Pantry to store food supplies
- Refrigeration/freezer for limited sample storage
- 25m Olympic-length, stream-fed natural pool
- Organic garden
- Laundry facility
- Hi-speed Wi-Fi access point
- Source of potable water
- Lock box

Not Included:

- Airport pickup and drop-off*
- Food purchases
- Supply and materials purchases
- Any costs outside of the Mamoni Valley Preserve
- Any medical costs
- Any travel or medical insurance



For an additional fee we offer:

- Private cabanas with beds
- Transportation
- Guides and porters
- Eco Adventures

*Private airport/city pickup/drop-off costs \$180 each way per truck (fits 4ppl) for a ride to or pick up from the Tocumen International airport or locations in Panama City. Other options are to take a bus from Panama city to Chepo for \$1.50 and we will pick you up in Chepo, which costs \$60 each way per truck (fits 4ppl). Taxi from the airport to Chepo is about \$50 and from Panama city is it about \$60 (taxi fare can be split with other ppl in your group).

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How to secure your spot:

1. Your attendance will be confirmed after 100% of the balance is paid.
2. Upon confirmation of the trip or no later than 8 weeks prior to the trip, we require a 50% deposit. This is to allow us to continue normal operations in preparation for the trip and make any important purchases.
3. The last 50% of the cost is required 21 days prior to the trip or an additional 5% administrative fee will be charged on the total trip cost.

Research Permits Requirements

The Republic of Panama requires all individuals conducting research in Panama to adhere to the laws and regulations of the country, international conventions (e.g., CITES, Convention on Biological Diversity), and the laws of the country to which scientific samples are being exported to or imported from. A scientific permit is required in the Republic of Panama for the legal observation, collection, import and export of scientific samples.

Scientific permit granting agencies in Panama include:

- The Ministry of Environment (MiAmbiente - Former ANAM)
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry (MIDA)
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MICI)
- The National Institute for Culture (INAC)
- The Civil Aeronautics Authority (AAC)
- The Panama Canal Authority (ACP)



Panamanian regulations require that all permit requests must be prepared **in Spanish**. Users have the sole responsibility for the accuracy of the information incorporated into their permit applications and for the submission of the required accompanying materials for the scientific permit application.

Users must be aware that submission of incomplete applications will cause significant delays to their permit process time. In general Panamanian entities are required to render a decision on scientific permit applications within 45 working days (63 calendar days) of receipt of the application.

Experience Mamoni maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding the failure to comply with the regulations for the legal observation, collection, import and export of scientific samples. Ignoring this policy will lead to disciplinary actions including denial of access to Experience Mamoni facilities, disciplinary actions, possibly dismissal, and prosecution by the Government of Panama.

What to do next:

Send our Program Director an email at info@experiencemamoni.com with:

- Your **CV**.
- **Dates** of your stay.
- English or Spanish **draft of the research** you are planning to do. **Include:** objectives, methodology, materials and activities timeline.
- **Recommendation letter** or a reference from the institution supporting your research.



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