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TRIP DETAILS
7 days / 6 nts - Peru

Departures Daily
Trip Ref 2201

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

PRICES FROM $1,360

Machu Picchu and Amazon

Combine the natural wonders of Tambopata with the cultural, scenic and archaeological marvels of Cusco, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. This tour includes a 2 day overnight trip to Machu Picchu.

Day 1: Lima - Cuzco
Upon arrival in Cusco we will assist you at the bus station and transfer you to the hotel.

City tour of Cusco, including the Santo Domingo convent monastery. This former Colonial monastery was previously the Korikancha temple, one of the most important temples devoted to the worship of the sun. According to the chronicles, it was covered in gold Leaf and filled with golden representations of nature. Visit also the Cathedral, the most important temple of the city which houses the headquarters of the Diocese.

After touring the most interesting sites of the city, you will be driven to the countryside outside Cusco to visit some of the remarkable Inca ruins in the area. Included are the cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheatre of Kenko, and the Red Fortress of Puca Pucara. At the end of the tour, transfer to the hotel.

(Included meals : N / A)

Day 2: Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas
Take a trip to Urubamba, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. You will begin your tour visiting Awanakancha, where South American camelidae

are bred. Learn about the llamas, alpacas and vicuñas superb fibres, as well as the ancient weaving techniques which are still in use. Proceed to Pisac where you will have the opportunity to bargain with vendors at its local handicrafts market. Enjoy lunch at a pleasant hostelry in the countryside and continue to the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. The site was built just as the Spaniards arrived and evidence of how it was is still visible.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 3: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu
Transfer to Ollanta station to board the train to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival to Aguas Calientes you will take a 25-minute motorcoach ride to The Lost City of the Incas, which was discovered by American explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911. Located on the left bank of the Vilcanota river lies the wonderful old city of Machu Picchu, which in quechua means Old Mountain.

According to research, Machu Picchu would have been one of the vacation residences of Pachacutec, the first Inca emperor between 1438 and 1470. However, some of its finest buildings and the evident ceremonial purpose of the main access road to the village, prove that it was used as a religious shrine. Machu Picchu is considered both a masterpiece of architecture and engineering because of its unique architectural and landscaping features.

Prominent constructions among its buildings are the Main Square, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and the Burial Grounds, among others of singular architecture and importance.Your guide will narrate and explain all about this splendid citadel, which is a truly amazing experience. After the guided tour you will have free time to stroll around the archaeological site. Lunch at café Inkaterra. Overnight in Aguas Calientes

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch).

Day 4: Machu Picchu - Cuzco
We strongly recommend that you wake up early to see the sunrise over Machu Picchu (no guide included this day). This is a once-in-a-lifetime sight. **Optional**: For hiking enthusiasts, we suggest a walk up to the peak of Huayna Picchu. In the afternoon return by train to

Ollantaytambo train station, and then by van or car transfer to the Hotel in Cusco.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

Day 5: Cuzco - Puerto Maldonado - Tambopata
Transfer to Cusco airport, assistance on departure flight. Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, transfer to the pier, enjoy a twenty-five minute motor-canoe ride down the Madre de Dios River to the starting point of a half hour trek. After arriving at a small channel, board a dugout canoe for a short trip to Lake Sandoval. Continue the journey on a catamaran to reach Sandoval Lake Lodge.

After lunch, board the catamaran again to visit the west side of the Lake. Early in the evening, observe the macaws arriving to the place to spend the night. After dinner, canoe expedition in search of the impressive black caiman.

We will transfer you from your hotel to the airport, and provide you assistance on your departure flight. Upon arrival in Tambopata our guests will have the option of staying at Concepcion Hacienda or Reserva Amzonica lodges.

3Day / 2 night at Hacienda Concepcion
(Category : Standard, Superior, Superior 1)

3Day / 2 night Extension to Reserva Amazonica
(Category : Deluxe)

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6: Tambopata
Wake up at dawn to be at the lake at sunrise for a hopeful encounter with the family of giant otters, frequently visiting the Lake. A good chance to see and photograph the very rare prehistoric-looking hoatzin bird.

After breakfast, walk through the upperá jungle near the lake to see towering wild brazil nut trees, where you can see the natives techniques to collect, open, pack and commercialize this product. This is a very important economic activity in the area. After lunch, visit to the east area of the lake to appreciate some of the five species of monkeys inhabiting the place, especially the most remarkable brown capuchin. Mid-day is best for resting, due to the heat.

After dinner, evening exploration: this is the time when the rain forest comes alive with about 90 species of bats, 40 species of frogs, 70 species of large katydids (rain forest grasshoppers), and cat species, the jaguar, the puma, the ocelot, and the margay. You will have the opportunity to explore along different trails through the primary forest and to hear the night sounds of the jungle.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7: Tambopata - Puerto Maldonado - Fly out from Lima
After a breakfast at about dawn, take a final shorter paddle around the western end of the lake to try to glimpse the giant otters and to take some final pictures of lake birds before entering the canal again, walking back to the river, boarding a motorized canoe from Tambopata to the pier in Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the airport.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

Prices are per person

2009		REGULAR GROUP TOURS		
Hotels	**City**	**Single**	**Double**	**Triple**
Standard				
Eco Inn	Cusco			
Casona de Yucay	Urubamba	$1,719	$1,320	$1,299
Hatuchay Towers	Aguas Calientes			
Superior				
Novotel	Cusco	$2,765	$1,975	$1,865
Sol y Luna	Urubamba			
Sumaq	Machu Picchu			
Deluxe 2				
Libertador	Cusco	$2,449	$1,749	$1,691
Sol y Luna	Urubamba			
Machu Picchu Pueblo	Machu Picchu			
Deluxe 1				
Monasterio	Cusco			
Sol y Luna	Urubamba	$3,693	$2,371	N / A
Sanctuary Lodge	Machu Picchu			

*** Rates subject to change, without notice**
***Prices valid to December 31, 2011**

Price includes :
Porterage at airport, station and hotels, on transfers, Entrante fees on sightseeing tours. Accommodation as noted in day by day itinerary (specific properties may be replaced others of same quality). Meals as per detailed in itinerary. Vistadome train. Official English/Spanish speaking local guide on tours. Second entrance to Machu Picchu and bus

Price does not include :
Domestic air fares, international US$ 30.74 and domestic US$ 8.72 airport departure taxes, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc)

WHAT TO BRING FOR JUNGLE EXPERIENCE.

We recommend:

* Good binoculars
* Camera gear (ASA 50, 100 and 200 recommended)
* Two or three pairs of long pants
* Four pairs of absorbent cotton socks
* Rain suit or long poncho (100% waterproof - test before you leave home)
* Three or four long-sleeved cotton shirts
* Two or three T-shirts
* A bottle or canteen to carry water on outings
* Sunscreen lotion (high factor)
* A hat that will not come off in windy boat-rides
* One pair of shorts
* Sunglasses
* A pair of sneakers or hiking boats (with good gripping soles) and sandals
* Insect repellent (Skin-so-soft for river, and 20% or more deep for forest)
* A photocopy of your passport
* A large, bright flashlight
* Personal toiletries and medications
* Rubber Boots for the rainy season from November to April.
* Cash for souvenirs at the lodge´s PeruVerde stand, alcoholic beverages.

Guests should arrive in clothes which they do not mind getting slightly dirty or wet, and should wear footwear that is suitable to walk on a rain forest trail . Sun cream, insect repellent, hat and waterproof clothing should be carried in hand luggage and kept accessible for the journey to the lodge.

It`s not necessary to bring all of your luggage with you to Sandoval Lake Lodge. You will enjoy your trip more if only the essentials are brought. We highly recommend you prepare your day pack a day before your trip. Your main baggage can be left behind at our ground operators office in Puerto Maldonado.

IMPORTANT :
*The yellow fever vaccination is important for travelling to Puerto Maldonado.
*For single travelers, a supplement fee will apply, please consult with your travel coordinator.
* As of July 15th, 2011, for all those guests wanting to hike Huyna Picchu located inside the Machu Picchu site, it is important that you advise us so we can purchase the entrance prior to your hike. The cost of the entrance is $15pp. This is **Day 4** of this itinerary. In addition, there are two groups of 200 people each and the schedules are as follows:

1st group: Between 7 - 8 am
2nd group: Between 10-11am

Punctuality is important as you may loose your tickets, and there is no restriction as to the amount of time spent at the top of the mountain.

General Conditions:
* Any special food requirements (vegetarian, low salt, low fat, diabetic or other)
*Any special interest
*Any special medical requirement

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