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## TRIP DETAILS

7 days / 6 nts - Peru

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2201

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Cusco 1nt  
Sacred Valley 1nt  
Machu Picchu tour  
Machu Picchu 1nt  
Cusco 1nt  
Tambopata 2nts



PRICES FROM \$1,477

## 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: Arrive in Lima - Cusco

Upon your arrival into Cusco airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel, later that day, explore the magical capital of the Incas on a tour including a visit to Plaza Regocijo, Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Convent Monastery. The Santo Domingo monastery was built over the Koricancha temple, one of the most important temples devoted to worship of the sun. According to the chronicles, it was covered in gold sheet and filled with golden representations of nature. Then walk around the old town with its very narrow streets. After seeing the most interesting sites of the city, you will drive to the countryside outside Cusco to visit some of the remarkable inca ruins in the area: the cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheatre of Kenko and the Red Fortress of Puca Pucara. Breakfast.



### Day 2: Sacred Valley of the Incas

Drive to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", a succession of picturesque towns, agricultural terraces, and many archaeological sites, as well as the world's most famous corn, combine with an exceptional climate to visit Ollantaytambo, the Inca fortress, which guarded the entry of this part of the valley and protected it from possible invasion from the lower jungles. The fortress consists of a series of superimposed terraces of carved stones accessed by long staircases.

An opportunity to walk through the quaint streets of the nearby town, the design and foundations of the majority of its buildings date from the Inca era, when it was a strategic military, religious, and agricultural center. Lunch at a nearby inn. Visit Pisac, a lively and colorful Indian market where locals sell or exchange their products, as the ancestors did hundreds years ago. Overnight at selected hotel. Breakfast & lunch.



### Day 3: Machu Picchu

Transfer to Ollanta's train station to board the Orient Express rail coach for a one and a half hour train ride to Machu Picchu, discovered in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. Then make the 25-minute motor coach ascent to 'The Lost City of the Incas.' This citadel is considered one of the most extraordinary examples of landscape architecture in the world.

It straddles a mountain ridge surrounded by lush tropical forest. The guided tour of this fascinating place is an awe-inspiring experience. Visit the Main Square, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and Burial Grounds. Overnight at selected hotel. Breakfast & lunch.

### Day 4: Machu Picchu - Cusco

Morning at leisure (no guide included this day). Early rise is recommended to admire Machu Picchu at sunrise, a truly mystical experience. For hiking enthusiasts, going up the Huayna Picchu peak overlooking the site is suggested. Afternoon rail coach transportation to Cusco. Upon arrival transfer to selected hotel. Breakfast.

### Day 5: Cusco - 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.á 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.á After dinner, canoe expedition in search of the impressive black caiman. click for map B/L/D

**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. B/L/D

**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. B

**Note:** for the Peruvian Amazonian you need to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination.

KEY: B breakfast / BL box lunch/ L lunch / D dinner.

Prices are per person

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

**Price does not include:** Domestic air fares: Lima-->Cusco-->Puerto Maldonado-->Lima. international US\$ 30.25 and domestic US\$ 6.05 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 boots (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.

### 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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