

# BEST OF PERU: MACHU PICCHU & THE AMAZON



**30** WILDLAND  
WILD YEARS ADVENTURES

## Itinerary Overview

Discover the best of Peru as you travel from the high Andes to the pristine Amazon rain forest. Explore the magnificent ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, the most important archaeological monument in South America. Accompanied by guides specialized in archaeology, history and Andean cultures, visit monumental Inca stone temples, and the fascinating towns and Quechua markets of Cusco and the Urubamba Valley. It's off to the jungle to stay in a luxury ecolodge designed to provide comfortable accommodations within the wilds of the Amazon rainforest. This region is habitat for several species of monkeys, giant river otters, and an abundance of birds, including many species of macaws. Resident naturalists and local guides share their knowledge of tropical ecology while accompanying you on hikes through protected reserves, on canoe trips to oxbow lakes, and amidst the treetops on an extensive canopy walkway.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	LIMA	Costa del Sol Airport	-	Arrival and overnight in Lima
2	CUSCO	Tocuyeros Boutique Hotel	B	Morning flight to Cusco - Afternoon city tour
3	URUBAMBA VALLEY	Sol y Luna	BL	Tour Pisac and Ollantaytambo.
4	URUBAMBA VALLEY	Sol y Luna	BL	Patacancha village hike
5	MACHU PICCHU	Machu Picchu Pueblo	BLD	Train to Machu Picchu - Guided tour of the ruins
6	CUSCO	Tocuyeros Boutique Hotel	B	Morning in Machu Picchu - Afternoon return to Cusco
7	AMAZON	Reserva Amazonica	BLD	Fly to Puerto Maldonado - Cruise to lodge
8	AMAZON	Reserva Amazonica	BLD	Wildlife explorations at Reserva Amazonica
9	AMAZON	Reserva Amazonica	BLD	Wildlife explorations at Reserva Amazonica
10	LIMA	Villa Barranco	B	Return flight to Lima overnight.
11	DEPARTURE	Late check-out	B	Morning city tour, dayroom and evening departure

# Itinerary in Detail

## DAY 1: LIMA

Arrive in Lima. Airport assistance and overnight at the **Costa del Sol Airport Hotel** just a short 2-minute walk outside customs.

## DAY 2: CUSCO

Assistance with early morning check-in for one hour flight to Cusco. Airport reception and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon half-day guided orientation of ancient Inca temples, Spanish churches and the surrounding ruins of Sacsayhuaman, which offer an incredible panoramic view over the city of Cusco. Your guide will also direct you to shops, museums, markets and restaurants where you can shop, dine and explore on your own. Overnight at **Tocuyeros**.



## DAY 3: URUBAMBA VALLEY

Full day private guided exploration through the Sacred Valley of the Incas visiting Quechua villages where people tend their fields and sell their harvest and handcrafts in outdoor markets. Explore the hilltop Inca ruins of Pisac and hike down through the Inca terraces (or optional drive) to the village of Pisac with its colorful market. After lunch explore the spectacular fortress of Ollantaytambo and walk through the narrow streets of the town below, one of the few Inca towns that have survived much as the Incas designed it hundreds of years ago. Here you'll see Inca *canchas* (stone corals), enclosures of multi-family living quarters that share just one exit to the street, ingenious stonework, original cobblestone streets, and an extensive communal water system that survives to this day. Overnight in the serene Urubamba Valley at the **Hotel Sol y Luna**.

## DAY 4: PATACANCHA VILLAGE

*Hiking time: 3-3.5 hours*

Drive through the Urubamba Valley past the town of Ollantaytambo to a narrow dirt road leading up the Patacancha Valley (1 hour) until reaching the community of Pallata (12,000' elevation). Observe the native Quechua way of life in the high Andes where crops are sown and textiles woven with simple hand tools that have been in use for centuries. A short, steep ascent to the road head brings us to the small



archaeological complex at Pumamarca, a former Inca settlement that managed the irrigation system of the Inca terracing below. After visiting this site, begin hiking down through the ancient Inca terracing complex of Choquecancha, still used today by local Quechua farmers, overlooking spectacular views of the surrounding peaks and Urubamba Valley below. A three-hour descent through these farmed terraced areas will bring you to the outskirts of Ollantaytambo Village. Overnight at the **Hotel Sol y Luna**.

## DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU

Catch the morning train along the Urubamba River to the small town of Aguas Calientes, located below the 15th-century Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. Head up to the citadel located on a mountain ridge (8,000ft) with your guide throughout the principal temples and important sectors of the ruins. Enjoy lunch at the Sanctuary lodge before returning to Aguas

Calientes for the evening. Take some time to explore this little town. Overnight at **Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**.

*Note: Travelers interested in more activity can also opt to trek along the 1-day Inca Trail Express route, entering Machu Picchu via the Gate of the Sun. Subject to permit availability.*

### **DAY 6: RETURN TO CUSCO**

Be among the first to arrive at Machu Picchu on the early shuttle bus. Enjoy contemplating, exploring and photographing the most impressive archaeological monument in South America on your own time wandering through the mysterious maze of streets and stone buildings in this magnificent citadel. Hike up the towering Huayna Picchu peak (*permits must be reserved in advance*), Machu Picchu Mountain, or up the Inca Trail a little ways to the *Intipunku*, the Sun Gate of the Sun. Late-afternoon return on the train to a station in the Urubamba Valley to continue the transfer by private vehicle back to Cusco. Overnight at **Tocuyeros**.



### **DAY 7: FLY TO THE AMAZON**

Hop on a morning flight to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to the Southern Amazon and at the confluence of the Tambopata and Madre de Dios rivers. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative from your Amazon lodge for a transfer by large safari-vehicle to a comfortable waiting pavilion along the river. Board a large, motorized dugout canoe for the 45-minute trip down the Madre de Dios River, to the center of the Tambopata National Reserve. Welcome reception and time to settle in to your room upon arrival. Enjoy a tasty lunch in the spacious dining room and then join your guide for a walk along the lodge's trail system where you can see brown capuchin monkey and the common squirrel monkey. View a nature presentation this evening and then an authentic dinner is served followed by, weather permitting, an evening walk through the forest to experience the sounds and sights of the night. Overnight at **Reserva Amazonica**.

*Due to the logistics of entry to the lodge, individual luggage weight must not exceed 35 lbs. You are invited to leave other belongings in separate luggage for storage upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado to be recovered when you depart the lodge.*



### **DAYS 8 & 9: TAMBOPATA WILDLIFE EXPLORATION**

There are several guided excursions to choose from and your personal coordinator at the lodge will work with you to design a schedule that meets your interests. Take a boat trip along the Madre de Dios River and a 1-hour trek to Lake Sandoval for a rowboat excursion around the lake to see a family of otters, macaws and other wildlife (*Highly recommended!*). Board the motorboat to the Gamitana Creek to observe birds, monkeys, tortoises and alligators. Try your hand at piranha fishing using local techniques. There will be many opportunities throughout your

stay to visit the Canopy Walkway, a complex set of hanging bridges, towers and platforms that allows you to view and photograph the flora and fauna at the top of the forest canopy. Tasty lunches are often served while on excursions and fabulous dinners await you at the lodge each night. Evening boat trips along the river give the chance of observing caimans and nocturnal birds along the way. Overnights at **Reserva Amazonica**.



#### **DAY 10: LIMA**

Enjoy a full breakfast before your return trip by boat on the Madre de Dios River to Puerto Maldonado, where you can visit the Butterfly House (*time permitting*).

Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, with 3,700 known species. Many of these can be seen at the Butterfly House, a showcase for the variety, beauty and adaptability of these fascinating insects. After an early breakfast, transfer by boat to Puerto Maldonado for your return flight to Lima. Transfer to the artistic and bohemian district of Barranco, where you'll overnight at the **Villa Barranco**

#### **DAY 11: CITY TOUR AND DEPARTURE**

Today your guide will lead you on a half-day tour Lima. Observe the blend of cultures in one of South America's oldest capital cities on a tour of imposing colonial churches and mansions such as the Government Palace, Plaza Mayor, the City, the Cathedral and the Convento de San Francisco complete with jewels of the sixteenth century colonial architecture. On your way to the modern part of Lima City, stop by the Larco Museum, which is located in an impressive 18th century colonial mansion built over a 7th century pyramid. The museum overlooks a colorful garden that won the prize for best garden in Lima in 2009 in its category renovated and displays a remarkable collection of pre-Columbian art including crowns, earrings, nose ornaments, garments, masks, vases and jewelry finely wrought in gold decorated with semi-precious stones. In total, there are more than 45,000 pieces to enjoy, making the Larco Museum an unforgettable and unique experience. Your hotel room is available for day use until evening transfer to airport for onward flight.

### **END OF SERVICES**

**Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.**

#### **Pricing and Dates:**

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#### **INCLUDED SERVICES**

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- 2 entrance fees to Machu Picchu, 2 bus tickets Aguas Calientes-Machu Picchu
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- Accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

## NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International or internal airfare
- Tips, gratuities and service charges
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

## Accommodations



### **COSTA DEL SOL, LIMA**

Located within the Lima airport complex, the Costa del Sol is an easy stop after a late arrival from Quito. The hotel features 130 guest rooms all with high speed Internet access, air conditioning and a marble bathroom. Enjoy a delicious meal in the restaurant offering a variety of local and International cuisine or relax in the pool.



### **TOCUYEROS BOUTIQUE HOTEL, CUSCO**

Nestled in the historic San Blas neighborhood, Tocuyeros Boutique Hotel overlooks the city of Cuzco from a unique vantage point. It is centrally located in the midst of the city's famous landmarks yet retains the spirit of a secluded traditional Casona; a quiet, warm, understated house, surrounded by spectacular views. Each of the 9 suites have their own character in either a quiet, cozy courtyard suite or airy balcony suites with views of the city below. All suites have cable TV, free wifi, expresso machine, and fully stocked minibar.



### **SOL Y LUNA, URUBAMBA VALLEY**

Nestled in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Hotel Sol y Luna combines comfort with a rustic Andean ambience. Clustered in a landscape of flowers and majestic Andean peaks, individual hotel bungalows offer doubles, family bungalows, and one suite. Each bungalow features a colorfully decorated interior, private bathroom and shower, king-sized beds and a private terrace. The hotel features a swimming pool, restaurant with brick oven pizza, and the welcoming warmth of an open fireplace, featuring typical Peruvian dishes as well as international plates.



### **MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO, MACHU PICCHU**

The Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is an intimate 85-cottage luxury hotel in sprawling Andean style village within the secluded 12 acres of exquisite beauty, where guests follow stone pathways to their rooms, located in comfortable one- or two-story whitewashed casitas. The hotel has the world's largest native species orchid garden open to the public with over 372 species. A lush garden, stone-paved paths and canals flowing with spring water set the tone for a relaxing atmosphere. Large and bright rooms are furnished with wooden furniture specially made by local craftsmen. The UNU Spa features massage, sauna and aromatherapy.



### **RESERVA AMAZONICA**

Reserva Amazonica is located at the intersection of the Tambopata and Madre de Dios Rivers, amid a 40-square-mile private ecological reserve. The lodge boasts 30 private cabanas and 3 suites built with local materials in native style. Rooms are palm thatched-roofed, wooden and rustic, built in the style of the traditional Ese-Eja and Machiguenga native residents. There is a system of 6 miles of trails and you can also observe wildlife from the canopy walkway, which is a complex set of hanging bridges, towers and platforms high above the forest floor.



### **VILLA BARRANCO, BARRANCO**

Located in the bohemian seaside district of Barranco, the hotel occupies a restored historic mansion and is surrounded by art galleries, fashion boutiques, and other historical sites. The staff is friendly, and the rooms are well appointed and true to the building's past. It is a welcome addition to Lima, which has long been in need of an upscale boutique hotel.

## **Booking your Wildland Adventure**

### **HOW TO RESERVE A TRIP**

You can book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling 1-800-345-4453. Your space on a trip is confirmed once we receive your reservation form and initial trip deposit. All travelers must sign and submit a [Release of Liability](#).

Deposit requirements are as follows:\*

- 20% of trip cost per person for all trips in South America.

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### **PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

91 or more:	\$300
61-90 days:	Initial deposit amount
31-60 days:	50% of land cost
30 or less:	100% of land cost

### **PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES**

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

### **REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS**

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