

CODE: EXT-020

MANU NATIONAL PARK

08 Days / 07 Nights

CONTENT: CUZCO / MANU NATIONAL PARK / CUZCO



DAY 01

CUZCO / MANU RAINFOREST

Early morning departure from Cuzco in a vehicle specially adapted for the terrain. We will traverse interesting inter-Andean valleys and picturesque peasant communities. We make a mid-morning visit to the pre-Inca Tombs of Ninamarca, known as "Chullpas", before carrying on to Paucartambo, a typical colonial town whose former importance is still evident. We continue the journey and ascend the Acjanacu Pass at 3,850 m.a.s.l. From here we begin the descent through a cloud forest, a zone rich in endemic species such as the Spectacled Bear and Andean cock-of-the-rock, orchids, ferns, etc. among others, where we will spend our first night comfortably settled in at the lodge. Half board.

DAY 02

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Breakfast. We start off early to catch a glimpse of the elaborate dance of the cock-of-the-rock with its dramatic plumage before continuing by bus, crossing the high selva to arrive at Pilcopata, and then the port of Atalaya, on the shores of the Alto Madre de Dios River, at 700 m.a.s.l., from where we will begin our descent by river, lasting approximately 15 minutes. Here there is a diverse range of bird species such as herons, vultures, cormorants, etc. We arrive at our Private Reserve where we will walk through some interesting trails at the point where the rainforest changes from high to low selva. Overnight at the lodge. Full board. Overnight at the lodge.

DAY 03

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Breakfast. We board the boat which will take us on our 4-hour or so trip along the Alto Madre de Dios River to Boca Manu. En route we will see birds such as the black skimmer, herons and various types of kingfisher, swallows and fly catchers. In Boca Manu you will have the last chance to buy provisions and cold drinks. We take to the boat to continue towards the Boca Lodge where we will overnight. Option to take a short nocturnal walk. Overnight at the lodge. Full board. Overnight at the lodge.

DAY 04

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Breakfast. Early start bound for Collpa de pericos, a clay wall in the river where we can see different species of parrot such as the blue-headed parrot and white-eyed parakeet. Afterwards we will make a brief stop at the control point at Limonal, where documents will be checked before entering the Reserve. We follow the Manu River upstream leaving behind all trace of civilization as we head for the heart of the Reserve for approximately 4 hours until we arrive at Cocha Salvador, where we will spend the next few nights camping at a base camp with double rooms (fully equipped with dining room, bathing facilities with showers, communication radio and photovoltaic power). During this stage of the trip, enjoy the



endless species of birds, caimans, river turtles and mammals sunning themselves on the beaches or feeding in the nearby trees, and appreciate the enormity of the rainforest. After lunch there will be time to go on a wildlife walk. Full board. Camp overnight.

DAY 05 **MANU NATIONAL PARK**

Before **breakfast** we will take a brisk morning walk to spot animals out in search of food when it is cooler. We will explore Cocha Salvador by catamaran and will see wildlife species such as the giant otter, close to extinction, the black caiman, hoatzin, spider monkey, etc. and the surrounding flora. Return to the Lodge for breakfast. Breakfast. We traverse a primary forest with greater diversity of species towards Cocha Otorongo lagoon where there is a strategically-placed 15m high observation tower, from which we can appreciate the landscape of the surrounding primary forest and have a greater chance of seeing the resident family of giant otters and birds which inhabit the tree canopies. On the way back to Salvador there will be a chance to use the catamaran from Cocha Salvador to spot the black caiman by torchlight as it comes out in search of prey. Full board. Camp overnight.

DAY 06 **MANU NATIONAL PARK**

Breakfast. Another early start for a walk around Cocha Salvador before packing up and boarding our boat for a gentle trip down stream along the Manu River to Boca Manu, a small town located at the point where the Manu and Alto Madre de Dios rivers converge. From here, the river is called the Madre de Dios, becoming the hydrographic axis of the district of Madre de Dios. We arrive at the private reserve of Juan de Dios at dusk, stroll through its network of trails and spend the night under the magical skies of the amazon rainforest. There will be a chance to take a short nocturnal walk in search of the American bullfrog, tree frogs, horned frogs, and a variety of colorful insects. Full board. Overnight at the lodge.

DAY 07 **MANU NATIONAL PARK**

Breakfast. Continuing our excursion in this part of the rainforest, we navigate along the Alto Madre de Dios River whilst observing the huge diversity of birdlife and set up camp in a suitable area within the reserve to enjoy the final wonderful night in the Amazon rainforest.

DAY 08 **MANU NATIONAL PARK / CUSCO**

We rise early to navigate the river to the port of Atalaya by dusk and then take the return bus to Cuzco arriving late at night or very early morning. Half board (dinner not included). End of services (accommodation not included).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The following are not included in the program: Breakfast and drinks on day 1, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, tips and dinner on final day.
- Travel connections to Cuzco to join this program are possible from the following cities:

- FROM LIMA:** By flight.
- FROM AREQUIPA:** By flight, bus or train.
- FROM PUNO:** By bus or train.

| INCLUDED | NOT INCLUDED |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All city transfers and at beginning and end of the treks. • An experienced guide who is knowledgeable about the route and local customs. • Support staff (porters and camping team) during the trek. • Land transportation as described in the program. • Hot and cold meals en route as indicated in the program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals other than those stated in the program.. • Sleeping bag. • Tips. |





- *Full board for trek days.*
- *Double tents; bathroom tent; kitchen tent; dining tent; hot water in basin for washing; cook, tables and chairs; boiled, chlorinated water.*
- *First Aid box; oxygen.*

WE RECOMMEND TO PACK

-CLOTHING: Sun hat, mountain pants, comfortable and warm tights, cotton t-shirts, comfortable underwear, sweater (preferably antiperspirant), anorak or waterproof jacket, warm gloves, winter cap and change of clothing warm for the nights .

-FOOTWEAR: Mountain shoes (check that they are in good condition), sneakers or light shoes to use in the camp and a pair of sandals to take a bath.

-ACCESSORIES: Sleeping bag, sunglasses, water resistant bottle, flashlight (preferably headlamp), batteries, sports scarf.

-PERSONAL CLEANLINESS: Medium towel, small toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, antibacterial gel, towels or damp cloths, sunscreen and repellent.

-MULTIMEDIA EQUIPMENT: Camera and / or video camera, charged batteries (if possible bring 2 or more spare batteries), memory cards with available capacity, protective cover for cameras.

-DO NOT FORGET: Original passport, sufficient amount of prescription drugs, Peruvian currency (soles) for tips and small purchases on the trip.

