

# TROPICAL PERUVIAN JUNGLE

10 days / 9 nights  
Daily departures  
Valid from 1 person



## Day 1: OUT / LIMA

Meeting and assistance upon arrival and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at your leisure.

## Day 2: LIMA / PARACAS

Breakfast. You will have a guided tour that includes visits to the main Colonial attractions such as the Main Square with the Cathedral, San Francisco Convent, and many elegant buildings with their traditional wooden balconies, which are now been restored. Afterwards, you will visit Lima's residential areas: San Isidro with its Olive Grove, Country Club and Golf course and Miraflores with its Central Park, City Hall and Main shopping streets such as Larco Avenue. Transfer to the bus station to board the Royal Class bus to Paracas. We will travel south along the Pan-American Highway for three-and-a-half hours arriving at your hotel located in the Paracas bay.

## Day 3: PARACAS / LIMA

At 8:00 AM after breakfast at the hotel, depart for the 2-hour boat excursion to the Ballestas Islands. The islands are located 20 km. from the coast and are part of the Paracas National Reserve. On the way to the islands, we will observe the "Candelabra", an enormous drawing in one of the biggest dunes of the reserve that were probably, made by the ancient Incas. Once at the Ballestas Islands we will see fauna in their natural habitat, including sea lions, Humboldt penguins and various bird species. Transfer to the airport in Ica city for your flight over the famous and mysterious Nazca Lines and Geoglyphs. It is only possible to admire these enigmatic pre-Incan figures from the air. The reason for which these animal, humanoid and geometric drawings made is still unknown. Lunch. Return to Lima by bus. Overnight in Lima.

## Day 4: LIMA / PUERTO MALDONADO / TAMBOPATA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Arrival at Puerto Maldonado airport, greeting and transportation to the river port. Here we will board a motor boat to cross the Madre de Dios River. As the trip progresses, we'll become immersed in the natural surroundings of the jungle while observing the *ronsoco*, caimans, turtles, herons, cormorants and other animal species: We'll arrive at the Lodge. Welcome drink. Lunch. In the afternoon, accompanied by our specialized guide, we will visit Monkey Island. Along the way, we will take in the extraordinary landscapes and exuberant flora that are home to a variety of monkey species. We will complete our visit of the island while enjoying the sunset - the most impressive moment of any day in the jungle. We will end the day with a pleasant dinner.

## Day 5: TAMBOPATA

After breakfast, we will begin an adventure through the virgin forest, accompanied by our local guide as we explore deep into the jungle and reach the Lost Cocha - a refuge and feeding ecosystem for a tremendous diversity of animals. There, we will have the opportunity to observe otters, caimans, turtles, *sachavacas*, and birds of every color, the majestic jaguar and a variety of fish. We will climb to an extraordinary vantage point, from which we will have a chance to observe the magical jungle, followed by a pleasant canoe ride around the lake. We will return to the lodge for lunch and in the afternoon, we offer an optional visit to the botanical gardens. If you would rather relax, you can rest in a hammock in your room. Dinner.

## Day 6: TAMBOPATA / PUERTO MALDONADO / CUSCO

Tropical breakfast. Return to Puerto Maldonado. Transport to the airport for your departure flight to Cusco. Arrival in Cusco, reception and transfer to the Hotel. Welcome Coca tea. Free time to adjust to

the altitude. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Cusco, the former capital city of the four regions that formed the Inca Empire. The tour includes highlights of the Colonial city such as the Cathedral, the Q'oricancha - an amazing example of the fusion of Incan and Western cultures that was one of the most important temples in Incas Empire - the Plaza de Armas and visit to the Inca ruins of Tambomachay, Kenko, Puca-Pucara and Sacsayhuaman's gigantic zigzag-walled fortress. Overnight.

#### **Day 7: CUSCO / MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO**

Breakfast. We set off by train for Machu Picchu. The train passes through the Sacred Valley. The single line track hugs the right side of the canyon next to the boulder-strewn, roaring Urubamba River. Arrival at the small town of Aguas Calientes, and finally a 30-minute bus ride up to Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu, an Inca city with a maze of fine stone temples, houses and fountains, spectacularly situated on a ridge between two peaks. Hidden by dense vegetation when Hiram Bingham discovered it in 1911. We include a guided tour. In the afternoon lunch and return to Cusco by train. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight.

#### **Day 8: CUSCO / PUNO**

Breakfast. Transfer to the bus station. We take an all-day bus from Cusco to Puno. The route is scenically stunning, and there are stops at cultural sites such as Pikillaqta, the baroque church at Andahuaylillas, the Temple to Viracocha at Racqchi. Lunch at Sicuani. The bus climbs to the high pass of La Raya, at 4,200 meters, from here the scenery changes dramatically. Arrival in Puno, reception and transfer to the hotel. Welcome Coca tea. Acclimatization. Overnight.

#### **Day 9: PUNO / LAKE TITICACA / LIMA**

Breakfast. In the morning, we take a short boat ride to visit the Uros Islands, the famous floating reed islands of Lake Titicaca. A unique feature of this part of the lake is the traditional settlement of Uros people on floating islands made entirely of reeds-the same material they use to build their canoes. The islanders also use totora reeds to make boats, and even as food. Although fishing is still an important activity, nowadays the inhabitants earn their living mainly through selling handicrafts to tourists. In the afternoon, there is an excursion to the haunting ruins at Sillustani - giant funeral towers used during pre- and Inca times to bury the wealthy, which overlook alpaca pastures and the tranquil lagoon of Umayo. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Lima. Arrival in Lima, reception and transfer to the hotel.

#### **Day 10: LIMA / OUT**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to board your next international flight.  
End of our services.

#### **Included in the program:**

- All land and domestic air transport
- Accommodation as specified
- Transfers, excursions as specified
- Daily breakfast and specified meals
- Train ticket in "Vistadome Class" for the route: Cusco / Aguas Calientes / Cusco
- Entrance fees to listed sightseeing in the itinerary

#### **Not included:**

- Airport taxes which are payable locally
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses
- Tips

**Activities in the jungle may vary depending due to local conditions (water level) and may affect lodge selection depending on its location.**

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Package rates are not valid during National holidays: January 1st - New Year; March/April - Catholic Easter; May 1st. - Labour Day; June 22nd - 25th. - Inti Raymi (in Cusco); July 28th. & 29th. - Independence day; November 1st. - All Saints Day; December 24th. & 25th. - Christmas.