

OPTION 002

LIMA + CUSCO+SACRED VALLEY + MACHU PICCHU + AMAZON

PERU

9 DAYS/ 8NIGHTS

ANDES + RAINFOREST



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“TX GROUP”

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PROGRAM

Day 1:

LIMA





- At your arrival in Peru will be picked up at the airport by a GOTOPERU representative and taken to your confirmed Lima hotel.
- After a short rest, you'll meet your English-speaking guide for your exciting tour of Lima.
- This Lima tour takes you to the main political and religious sites of the city.
- You'll start in Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will admire the Plaza Mayor (the central square), which is surrounded by 5 important buildings: the Government Palace, the Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipal Palace, and the Palace of Lima.
- You'll then travel a few blocks to the San Francisco Monastery, famous for its catacombs where over 250,000 bones rest. Your tour of Lima will end with a picturesque panoramic view from Muralla Park.
- You'll have the evening to spend at your leisure. We recommend a stroll through the scenic *Parque del Amor* (Park of Love) above the cliff near Larcomar, a mall built into the jagged cliffs of Lima's coastline.

Day 2 :

CUSCO



- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer to the Lima Airport for your flight to Cusco.
- You will be greeted at the airport in Cusco by one of our representatives.
- During the drive from the airport to your Cusco hotel, you will pass many examples of Spanish colonial architecture built upon the remains of ancient Inca palaces and temples.
- After arriving at your hotel, we advise you rest for a while to help yourself acclimatize to the altitude.
- Your exploration of this remarkable city starts in the early afternoon with an expert-guided Cusco tour.
- You will visit in a full private tour many of the amazing archeological sites and wonders in and around the city, including the Cathedral (which is located on the Plaza de Armas - or the main square), and the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Q'enko, Puka Pukara, and Tambomachay.

- You will return to your hotel in the late afternoon to enjoy a relaxing evening that include a welcome Dinner with live presentation of Authentic Peruvian Dances & also you you will have the Introduction of your Spanish Professor & Guide.

Day 3 :

SACRED VALLEY





- Explore the beautiful Peruvian countryside with a full-day tour of the magical Sacred Valley. First you will visit the town of Pisac, famous for its bustling market. Here you will have the opportunity to browse the beautiful handicrafts and Andean garments displayed for sale.
- Next, you will visit the impressive ruins of Ollantaytambo. These magnificent ancient ruins serve as great vantage points to look out over the valley. Originally the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti during the Inca Empire, this site later served as a stronghold for Manco Inca Yupanqui in the Incas' final rebellion against the Spanish.
- Later on the day you will arrive to your new Hotel at the Sacred Valley QAWANA HOTEL BOUTIQUE (<http://www.qawana.com/>)
- In the hotel you will enjoy of a Night Music Presentation by local artists who will introduce you to the Andean Music World around a special bonfire where everybody can participate and feel the energy of the place.

DAY 4

FULL DAY IN MACHU PICCHU



- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer for about 20 min by bus to the wonderful Machu Picchu Inca Sanctuary also known as "The lost City of the Incas" one of the best known examples of surviving Inca architecture in this you can see the Main plaza the circular tower the sacred sundial (the most important preserved intihuatana) the royal quarters and more.
- 2-hour guided tour of Machu Picchu. You will be able to appreciate the intricate stonework carved into the fantastic Andean scenery.
- The giant stones were hauled by hand to the top of the mountain centuries ago, and yet their foundations still remain. You will have the chance to explore the three zones of this centuries-old city: the urban, agricultural, and adjacent zones. The Temple of the Sun, the Intihuatana, and the Principal Bath are only a few of the impressive sights that you will see.

- After your tour, you have the option to explore more of the site on your own and capture some final photos.

In the afternoon, you will take a comfortable train back to Cusco.

DAY 5

FREE DAY or OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES DAY



Breakfast at your hotel

Free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure or for example to practice outdoors activities, like for example river rafting, mountain bike, horse riding.

DAY 6

First day in the Rainforest

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to the Cusco Airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado (Rainforest)

AMAZON

The trip is full of adventure, with possibilities to find wild animals and the most attractive landscapes of Tambopata : The amazing macaw clay lick "collpa" in the Bahuaja-Sonene National Park and the wonderful Sandoval lake in the Tambopata - Candamo Reserved Zone. This program includes walks through the heart of the reserved area of Tambopata Candamo and the Bahuaja Sonene National park . A special birding tour for nature lovers in the heart of the Peruvian amazon





Reception at the airport and transportation to the WASAI Maldonado Ec lodge, where you will receive a welcoming tropical fruit beverage. You will embark for a 4 hour motorboat trip up the Tambopata River to WASAI Tambopata Lodge & Research Center (box lunch on route).



During the trip we will be able to observe the local farms, while groups of birds pass over the boat. Opportunity to see families of Capybaras, the largest rodents in the world. Reception, accommodation at the lodge. After a short rest we will have a brief introductory walk in the forest nearby to learn basic principles of ecology and hear some wildlife natural history and observe the nocturnal life of insects, frogs of various colours, and an occasional encounter with nocturnal mammals. Return to the lodge for dinner. We will enjoy the diverse sounds of the jungle which will accompany our first night in Amazonia. Sleep at WASAI Tambopata Lodge. (L, D)



DAY 7

2nd Day in the Rainforest



Early wake up at 4:30 am to take a light breakfast (coffee or mate), to begin with our 40-minute journey upstream to the Macaw Clay Lick "El Chuncho" in the Bahuaja-Sonene National Park. We will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful natural sceneries and wildlife of the riverbanks. At our arrival, if weather permits, we will observe one of the greatest wildlife spectacles where hundreds of parrots and different species of macaws gather to eat clay, an unforgettable experience. Then, we will walk through the river beach searching for animal footprints while we have refreshment. In the middle morning we return to the lodge to have breakfast and then take a rest to relax or do the adventure activities like: zip line, tree climbing, etc. or enjoy the facilities and the surroundings of Wasai.

(At 11 am) We leave again to take a 10 minute river journey to enjoy "Cascadas del Gato"

(Cat Cascades), where we will swim in a "natural Jacuzzi". If you wish, you can join us to fish in the river where inhabit more than 250 species of fish or do kayaking on the river.



After lunch, we will have an ethno botanical walk into the rainforest by the Tambopata cross path, to learn about plants and medicinal trees of the area; and to observe the amazing jungle ecosystem where we will see walking palm trees, giant lupuna trees, snake trees and so on. At nightfall, we embark again to make a nocturnal caiman search. Night at WASAI Tambopata Lodge. (B, L, D)



DAY 8

3er Day in the Rainforest



After breakfast we will make a trip in boat to the WASAI Maldonado Ecolodge, in Puerto Maldonado where we will relax in our bungalows and enjoy a tasty lunch. After lunch we will leave and travel for thirty minutes on the Madre de Dios River, to the access trail to Lake Sandoval, a beautiful typical rainforest lake. 3 km hike to the banks of the lake. There we will board a canoe to paddle around the lake enjoying the beauty of the landscape and observing the wildlife, such as kingfishers, herons, hoatzins (unique pre historic looking birds) , monkeys, etc. If we are lucky we could see the family of giant otters which live at the lake. We will have the opportunity to swim in the lake. It is time to begin our return hike to the Madre de Dios River to return to Puerto Maldonado. There we will stay in the modern and comfortable bungalows of WASAI Maldonado Ecolodge. After dinner we will be able to rest or go around the city on foot or on bicycle. We can enjoy the pool and its cascade surrounded by verdant vegetation. Rest of the night free to enjoy the night life of this welcoming city. Night at WASAI Maldonado Ecolodge. (B, L, D)

Day 9

4th Day in the Rainforest

Breakfast and transportation to the airport. (B)

Flight from Puerto Maldonado to Lima

International Flight. *

*Alternatively you can browse our full range of Peru travel destinations to extend your Peru vacation for example to the Amazon, Nazca Lines, Lake Titicaca or the Colca Canyon.



PRICE

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Price per Person

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 9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS	SIMPLE	DOUBLE
	\$ 1170	\$ 1070

Not Included

- Internal Flights

Lima-Cusco \$150

Cusco-Puerto Maldonado \$100

Puerto Maldonado-Lima \$120

Total Aprox \$350