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Ficha viaje



PERU FAMILY ADVENTURE 10 DAYS, LIMA TO LIMA

Take your family vacation to new heights on this 10-day journey through Peru. Wander the ancient streets of Cuzco where the ghosts of history mingle with modern Incan culture. Then take a train ride through the clouds to the Lost City of Machu Picchu for incredible views and an experience you'll never forget. Afterward, explore the steamy Amazon jungles from the comfort of our intimate and exclusive 'G Tambopata Ecolodge'.

A perfect mix of education, exploration and fun, this adventure will make explorers of the whole family!

Resumen del viaje

Taking in the views from the train to Machu Picchu, searching for wildlife in the Amazon, sampling the seafood in Lima.

Day 1 Lima Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

Day 2 Cuzco Early flight to Cuzco. Afternoon is free to explore the city. Optional city tour.

Day 3 Aguas Calientes Travel through the Sacred Valley to catch the train to Aguas Calientes. Optional visit to the nearby hot springs, explore the handicraft stalls or relax in a cafe.

Day 4 Machu Picchu/Cuzco Guided tour of Machu Picchu and an optional visit to the Inca Bridge before returning to Cuzco.

Day 5 Cuzco Free day to explore Cuzco or relax. Active options include whitewater rafting, horseback riding and mountain biking.

Days 6-8 Amazon Jungle Fly to Puerto Maldonado and continue by motorized canoe to our comfortable, intimate and exclusive Lodge Amazon. Enjoy guided excursions by expert naturalists to

spot wildlife at nearby oxbow lakes, clay licks and tree-top towers. Included rubber boots while at the lodge. All activities adapted to kids and adults alike.

Day 9 Lima Fly back to Lima.

Day 10 Lima (B) Depart at any time.

Itinerario ampliado

DAY 1 ARRIVE LIMA

Arrive in Lima at anytime. There are no planned activities, so check into our hotel and enjoy the city.

Known as the City of Kings, Peru's capital city Lima was founded by Francisco Pizarro on the Day of the Three Kings (Epiphany) in 1535. The Plaza de Armas is the heart of old Lima, and it is here you find the Cathedral, Government Palace and Archbishop's Palace. The Cathedral dates back to the 1700s and houses the remains of the conquistador Pizarro. To get a feel for colonial Lima, take a cab to the Plaza de Armas and watch the changing of the Palace Guard in the afternoon. Walk the streets surrounding the Jirón de la Unión for great examples of Spanish-colonial architecture and to get a taste for life in a large South American city. An optional city tour visits many of the city's highlights.

There are many fine museums in and around the city, including the Museo Rafael Larco Herrera, which houses an impressive collection of pottery, mummies and textiles from the Paracas and Nazca cultures. The more affluent coastal districts of Miraflores, Barranco and San Isidro offer good nightlife and cafés all within walking distance. Limeños (Lima's residents) are friendly, and the city is filled with excellent restaurants; seafood lovers in particular should be sure to try a ceviche, for which Lima is well known.

NOTE: Care should be taken when wandering around on your own in central Lima, as some areas can be dangerous and pickpockets are daring.

DAY 2 CUZCO

Transfer to the airport for the early morning flight to Cuzco (the flight usually departs early - we may leave the hotel as early as 4:00 am). Meet your local guide in Cuzco and transfer you to your hotel. Spend today relaxing and exploring this fascinating city.

Cuzco is the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city, and the hub of the South American travel network. The city attracts travellers who come not just to visit a unique destination but also to experience an age-old culture very different from their 20th century way of life; one could easily spend a week just in and around the area. Inca-built stone walls line most of the central streets and you don't have to go far to see other major Inca ruins. It is a city steeped in history, tradition and legend.

Every year Cuzco attracts thousands of travellers who come to delve into its noble but tragic past. It is the perfect base for optional explorations around the city and area as well as a range of outdoor activities. Relax and explore this fascinating city, and take time to acclimatize to the high altitude.

Cuzco's numerous colonial churches are one of the city's most common sights. The Cathedral was started in 1559 and took 100 years to build; it is also one of the city's greatest repositories of colonial art. Immediately in front of the entrance is a vault containing the remains of the famous Inca historian, Garcilaso de la Vega. Also worth visiting are the churches of La Compañía, La Merced and San Francisco.

While most ruins are just outside of the city, the main ruin within is that of the Coricancha, once the Inca Empire's richest temple. Today the ruin forms the base of the colonial church of Santo

Domingo. During Inca times this temple was literally covered with gold, but within months of the arrival of the first conquistadors this incredible wealth had all been melted down. It is left to the individual imagination to envision the magnificence of the original structure.

There are several good museums in Cuzco, including the Archaeological Museum, which also houses a small art museum, the Regional History Museum and the Religious Art Museum. Our best advice for exploring Cuzco is to wear a comfortable pair of shoes, arm yourself with a city map and set off to explore!

Approximate Distance: 572km

Estimated Travel Time: 2.30 hours

DAY 3 AGUAS CALIENTES

The next morning, accompanied by a local guide, we board a morning train that winds through the spectacular Urubamba Valley to the end of the line: the village of Aguas Calientes, a frontier town nestled in the hills beneath Machu Picchu. Here you can relax in the natural mountain hot baths that gave the town its name. For serious archaeology buffs, there is time for an optional independent visit to Machu Picchu before the guided tour the following morning.

Approximate Distance: 112km

Estimated Travel Time: 4.15 hours

DAY 4 MACHU PICCHU / CUZCO

Rise early to take advantage of viewing Machu Picchu in the early morning light, the best time to view the 'Lost City of the Incas'. Join our local guide for a detailed interpretation of the site and Inca history without the pressure of other tour groups that arrive at midday. There is free time to explore on your own after our tour, and the opportunity to climb Wayna Picchu, providing the chance to see Machu Picchu and its surroundings from a more exclusive vantage point. There is free time to explore on your own after our tour, and in the afternoon return by train to Ollantaytambo or Poroy and will then be transferred by van to Cusco, arriving in the evening.

Machu Picchu is both the best and the least known of the Inca ruins. It is not mentioned in any of the chronicles of the Spanish conquistadors and archaeologists today can do no more than speculate on its function. The local Quechua farmers in the area knew of Machu Picchu for centuries, but it was not until an 11-year-old boy led the American historian Hiram Bingham (who was in search of Vilcabamba) to the site on July 24, 1911, that the rest of the world became aware of its existence. At that time the site was covered in thick vegetation, and Bingham and his team returned in 1912 and 1915 to clear the growth. Over the years, much work has been done on excavating and studying the site. Despite these efforts, many unanswered questions remain.

Approximate Distance: 118km

Estimated Travel Time: 3.15 hours

DAY 5 CUZCO

Cuzco is considered the Mecca of Peru and rightfully so. This beautiful colonial town offers much to the visitor with its nearby ruins, cobblestone streets, museums, churches and terrific atmosphere. Optional activities include rafting, horseback riding and mountain biking. The day is free for you to choose among numerous possible activities.

Note: If you have pre-booked the Peru Culinary Theme Pack, your Cuzco cooking class will be today and the Lima cooking class will be on day 10 (departure day). As this pack does not include extra on-trip time in Lima, it is necessary to bundle it with a pre- or post-trip stay.

DAY 6-8 AMAZON JUNGLE

Fly from Cuzco, high in the Andes, to Puerto Maldonado, deep in the lowlands of the Amazon jungle. Travel by motorized canoe to our lodge in the Tambopata Rainforest Area, which holds the world record for the most bird sightings in one area. Explore the jungle with local guides before flying to Lima for a final night out.

About half of Peru is located within the Amazon Basin, however, due to its isolation, not a lot of it is available to the casual traveller. Puerto Maldonado is the region's principal city and is serviced by air from the capital and from Cuzco. The town is situated at the confluence of the Madre de Dios and Tambopata Rivers, and is a bustling, booming tropical frontier town. Its principal activities are gold mining, Brazil nut collecting, timber extraction, agriculture and ecotourism. After a brief stop in the town we depart on an afternoon boat trip by motorized canoe to our jungle lodge. Depending on flight arrival times we have either a boxed lunch aboard the boat or lunch upon arrival at the lodge. During our voyage you will have the chance to see bird species typical of the river or forest edge such as Black Skimmers, Pied Lapwings, Capped Herons, Jabiru Storks, Roadside Hawks and several species of kingfishers, swallows, and flycatchers. The Tambopata area includes habitats ranging from the Andean highlands around the rivers' headwaters through some of the last remaining intact cloud forests to the lowland rainforests of the Amazon basin. The area is renowned for its diverse plant and animal populations and include over 1,300 bird species (including 32 parrot species - 10% of the world's total), 200 mammal species including 4 species of primates, 90 frog species, 1,200 butterfly species and 10,000 species of higher plants—all protected within the reserve. Some of the more famous residents are the Harpy Eagle, the prehistoric looking Hoatzin, tapir, peccary, jaguar, ocelot and playful river otters who live in the area's oxbow lakes.

The lodge itself combines native architectural style and materials with low-impact eco-friendly technology. Rooms are simple but comfortable, with mosquito netting for individual beds, flush toilets, showers (no hot water), and kerosene lamps for lighting (no electricity). Local community members make up the majority the lodge staff, including multilingual Naturalist Guides. Here you have the opportunity to learn from them not only about the area's rich flora and fauna, but also about their extensive practical uses for medicinal plants and other forest plant resources, through traditional techniques for building, fishing, and hunting.

Approximate Distance: 320km
Estimated Travel Time: 4 hours

DAY 9 LIMA

Fly to Lima via Cuzco for the final night in the City of Kings.

Approximate Distance: 856km
Estimated Travel Time: 6 hours

DAY 10 DEPART LIMA

There are no planned activities today, so you are free to leave at any time.

Incluido

- Guided tour of Machu Picchu, 4-day excursion to G Adventures exclusive rainforest lodge (3 nights), Arrival transfer and daily continental breakfast.
- 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners. (Allow USD150-240 for meals not included.)
- Hotels (6 nts), G Lodge Amazon (3 nts).
- Plane, train, motorized canoe.
- Chief Experience Officer (CEO) throughout, local guides.
- Small group experience; Max 15, Avg 10

No Incluido

Flights to and from destination, Lima.

Condiciones

TRAVEL VISAS: All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy, or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE CORRECT TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION.

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