



9D/8N PERU ESSENTIALS & AMAZON RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



ITINERARY

DAY BY DAY



This culturally rich 9-day journey blends Lima's world-class gastronomy and colonial history with the highland wonders of **Cusco**, the Sacred Valley, and an unforgettable visit to Machu Picchu, then finishes with an immersive rainforest stay in Puerto Maldonado. Designed for travelers who want a balanced mix of archaeology, local markets, Andean culture, and Amazon wildlife, the itinerary offers guided city tours, iconic train travel to Aguas Calientes, multiple days to explore Inca sites, and flexible rainforest excursions from a comfortable jungle lodge.

DAY 1- WEDNESDAY. ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Your journey begins as you touch down in Lima, the capital city and cultural heart of Peru. Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport, you'll be welcomed by one of our representatives and transferred in private service to your hotel in the lively district of Miraflores or San Isidro, modern, vibrant areas known for their ocean views, gardens, and excellent gastronomy.

After check-in, take time to relax and recover from your travels. If you arrive earlier in the day, you may wish to stroll along the Malecón, a scenic clifftop promenade overlooking the Pacific Ocean, or enjoy a coffee in one of the many cafes surrounded by bougainvillea and palm trees.

For dinner, Lima offers a world-class culinary scene that blends indigenous ingredients with European, Asian, and African influences. From fresh ceviche to award-winning tasting menus, the city is a global food capital. We would be happy to recommend a local restaurant or reserve a table if you're interested in an early taste of Peru's flavors.

Settle in for the night and prepare for the cultural treasures and natural wonders that await you in the coming days. Overnight at Jose Antonio or similar

DAY 2- THURSDAY. LIMA CITY TOUR & FLIGHT TO CUSCO

Start the day with breakfast at your hotel before joining your guide for a fascinating journey through Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the impressive Cathedral of Lima and the San Francisco Convent, whose catacombs reveal Lima's colonial past.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Upon arrival, a private transfer will take you to your hotel. Take the evening to rest and acclimate to the altitude in this magical highland city. Overnight: Jose Antonio or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 3- FRIDAY: CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY - AGUAS CALIENTES

Breakfast in the hotel. The day will focus on exploring the Pisac market and the Ollantaytambo fortress with buffet lunch service and a private English-speaking guide. After the visits, free time at Ollantaytambo until boarding the train to Aguas Calientes (almost 1.30-hour journey, subject to availability). The train trip to Aguas Calientes takes approximately 1.5 hours, but it depends on the train schedule availability. Upon arrival, you will be picked up by hotel staff who will escort you to the hotel to check in. Overnight at Taypikala.

(B/L/-)

DAY 4- SATURDAY : AGUAS CALIENTES - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

Breakfast in the hotel. At the proper time, your guide will pick you up from your hotel to take the 30-minute shuttle bus up to the Machu Picchu citadel. The breathtaking and enormous fortress stands as Peru's most significant tourist attraction. The explorer Hiram Bingham from North America found this hidden city after it had stayed concealed for 400 years within the mountainous terrain and tropical rainforest in 1911. **Machu Picchu** served as both a religious center and an astronomical observation site, and it functioned as the personal retreat of Inca Pachacútec. The site contains two main sections, which include agricultural land and urban areas with temples and royal mausoleums, and plazas that display masterful construction techniques.

The local guide will depart after the guided tour ends, and you need to catch the shuttle bus to reach Aguas Calientes town. Then, collect your own luggage and walk for around 5 minutes to the train station for your train back to Ollantaytambo. Upon arrival, transfer to Cusco (almost 2-hour journey). Overnight at Jose Antonio or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 5 - SUNDAY: CUSCO

The hotel provides breakfast service for its guests. The historical center walking tour begins at dawn with included entrance fees for Cathedral and Santo Domingo/Coricancha before a private English-speaking guide service takes visitors to Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo, Puca Pucara, and Tambomachay ruins. The afternoon period remains free for personal activities. Overnight at Jose Antonio or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 6 - MONDAY : CUSCO - PUERTO MALDONADO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Puerto Maldonado. When you arrive, a 2-hour boat journey from Puerto Maldonado will take you to the lodge after you reach the port area. The package includes a box lunch and dinner. The lodge offers accommodation for guests who arrive.

Choose from these excursions:

The Amazon Cam Tambopata exploration offers two main activities which include Tambopata Aerobotany and mountain biking and kayaking and stand up paddle and Chuncho Macaw Clay lick Expeditions and sunset cruise and Circle of fire and The Children's Rainforest Trail and Rainforest Tattoo and Oxbow Lake visit and Canopy Tower and farm visit and ethnobotanical tour and Tambopata National Reserve Lecture and Parakeet clay lick and Brazil Trail Nut and Camp and Mammal Clay Lick and night walk and Overlook Walk. Overnight at Comfort Room in Refugio Amazonas or Similar.

(B/BL/D)

DAY 7- TUESDAY. PUERTO MALDONADO A LA CARTE

Choose the activities that interest you most. Overnight at Comfort Room in Refugio Amazonas or Similar.

(B/L/D)

DAY 8- WEDNESDAY. PUERTO MALDONADO A LA CARTE

Choose the activities that interest you most. Overnight at Comfort Room in Refugio Amazonas or Similar.

(B/L/D)

DAY 9- WEDNESDAY. PUERTO MALDONADO A LA CARTE

After breakfast in the hotel, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Lima.

(B/-/-)

RATES

From \$1990
per person



Includes

- Guided tours
- Bilingual guide
- Mentioned activities
- Emergency contact 24/7
- Transfers airport - hotel - airport
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Accommodation in double rooms
- Machu Picchu Entrance Fee is subject to availability
- Bus Tickets (Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes)
- Vista Dome Train Tickets (Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes) (Aguas Calientes to Poroy)



Not Includes

- Meals
- Tips
- Domestic Flights
- Personal expenses
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages

Hotels:

Lima: Jose Antonio

Cusco: José Antonio

Aguas Calientes: Taypikala

Puerto Maldonado: Posada Amazonas

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Lima, known for its world-class gastronomy and historic UNESCO-listed center.
- Discover Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, with its unique blend of Inca and colonial architecture.
- Experience the colorful Pisac Market and connect with Andean traditions through local textiles and handicrafts.
- Explore the remarkable fortress and living Inca town of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime visit to Machu Picchu, the legendary Lost City of the Incas.
- Explore lush rainforest trails teeming with wildlife, including monkeys, macaws, caimans, and giant river otters.
- Enjoy canopy towers and hanging bridges for panoramic views of the rainforest canopy.
- Participate in night walks to discover the Amazon's unique nocturnal species.

TRAVEL TIPS

- Wear comfortable shoes, as you'll explore archaeological sites with uneven terrain.
- Bring lightweight jackets and multiple clothing items because weather conditions between Cusco and Pisac, and Ollantaytambo shift quickly.
- Stay hydrated, especially at higher altitudes. Carry a reusable water bottle.
- Use sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat, as the Andean sun can be strong.
- Carry cash, ideally in small bills, for purchases at local markets.
- Keep electronics in waterproof bags to avoid moisture damage during boat trips or rain showers.
- Bring binoculars and a camera with a good zoom for birdwatching and wildlife photography.

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- Peru's weather varies by region and altitude. Lima offers a mild coastal climate with cooler, humid mornings and warmer afternoons. In contrast, Cusco and the Sacred Valley experience cooler highland conditions, with warm, sunny days and chilly nights.
- Puerto Maldonado has a warm, humid tropical climate year-round, typical of the Amazon rainforest. Temperatures generally range between 22°C and 32°C (72°F to 90°F), with high humidity.

Fitness Requirements

Moderate fitness is recommended. The itinerary includes walking tours and hikes. Participants should be comfortable with humidity and occasional uneven terrain.

FAQS

1. Do I need to present my passport during the tour?

Yes. You will need your passport for the train ride and for entering Machu Picchu.

2. Is lunch included during the Sacred Valley day?

Lunch is not included. You'll have a scheduled stop in Urubamba, where you can choose from several restaurant options.

3. How strenuous is the tour?

The tour involves moderate walking on uneven terrain, especially at Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Altitude may also make the walk feel more demanding.

4. Is the train to Aguas Calientes included?

Yes, the train ride is included. The scheduled departure is around 4:30 p.m., but times may vary.

5. Is electricity available at jungle lodges?

Most lodges provide limited electricity—often a few hours in the morning and evening for charging devices. Check with your lodge for exact details.

6. What kind of wildlife can I expect to see?

You may encounter monkeys, birds, giant river otters, caimans, butterflies, and—if you're lucky—tapirs or jaguars. Wildlife sightings vary with the weather and season.

7. Are there ATMs in Puerto Maldonado?

ATMs are available in the town, but not in remote lodges. Bring enough cash for extras and tips before heading into the jungle.



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