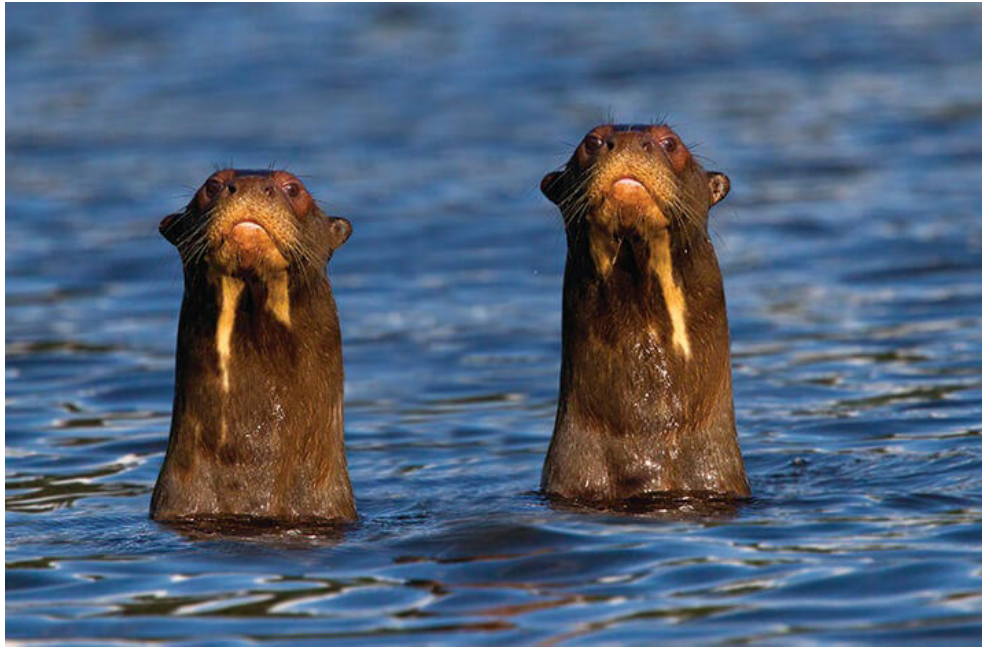


AMAZON TRAILS PERU



VISIT THE MANU NATIONAL PARK

6 DAYS - in & out via Manu road

leaves on fixed departures, group size: 4 - 7 persons

DAY 1: CUSCO - CLOUD FOREST - BAMBOO LODGE : Starting early from Cusco we begin our 8 hour journey by private minibus climbing up to the high mountain area at 3900 m (13,000 ft). After a short stop in Ninamarca, to see the pre-Inca cemetery, and the colonial village of Paucartambo, we descend the eastern slopes of the Andes through cloud forest with lush vegetation (ferns, orchids, bromeliads etc.). We enjoy spectacular views of the Andes and can see wildlife such as our national bird: the bright red Cock of the Rocks (*Rupicola peruviana*) showing his mating dance. Brilliantly colored Tanagers, Quetzals, Trogons and Hummingbirds can be seen and possibly the first monkeys, such as Woolly Monkeys. In the afternoon we arrive at Bamboo Lodge (900m), where we spend the night (double rooms & private bathroom). After dinner your guide will brief you about the activities of the following day.

DAY 2: BAMBOO LODGE TO ATALAYA - HUMMINGBIRD LODGE : After an early breakfast we continue with our minibus: we pass the village of Pilcopata and cross the river of the same name to get to the small port of Atalaya (550 m). On the way we stop for some walks to observe birds and to visit a local orchid garden. Before reaching Atalaya we enjoy a great view of the river basin from a lookout point. At the port we embark on a 5 hour journey in our motorized canoe down the Alto Madre de Dios River to reach the lowland rainforest. Today we enjoy the changing landscape passing by the Pantiacolla mountains and have the opportunity to see wildlife along the rocky banks of the river, such as Fasciated Tiger Herons, Kingfishers, Skimmers, Vultures, caimans and some of the 13 species of monkeys that live in Manu. In the afternoon we reach Hummingbird Lodge (or Pantiacolla Lodge), where we spend the night (double rooms). Evening night walk to see insects, frogs, snakes etc.

DAY 3: HUMMINGBIRD LODGE TO ALBERGUE CASA MATSIGUENKA / MANU RIVER : Today we start early to continue our boat ride travelling into the Reserved Zone of Manu Park. We reach the mouth of the Manu River and after a stop at Limonal Park Station, where our permit is checked, we travel upriver into the heart of Manu. During this boat trip the scenery and wildlife viewing along the banks of the Manu River is fabulous. White Caimans (*Caiman crocodylus*) sunning on the beaches, turtles, capybara and plenty of colourful birds may be seen. And there is always the possibility of seeing larger animals such as Tapir and Jaguar. In the afternoon we arrive at Albergue Casa Matsigenka or at Aguaje Tented Camp, where we spend two nights in double rooms (shared bathrooms & showers). Optional night walk after dinner.

DAY 4: EXPLORING COCHA SALVADOR AND OTORONGO / MANU PARK : Today we start early for a day excursion to explore trails through virgin forest of the Reserved Zone of Manu Park. As a highlight we visit the beautiful oxbow-lake Cocha Salvador by catamaran looking for Giant River Otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) and to observe caimans, monkeys, hoatzins and other birds. In the afternoon we go for a walk on the trails of the opposite side of the river. We climb the 18 m observation tower overlooking Cocha Otorongo – an ideal place to observe birds. After a final walk through this biodiverse forest we return to Albergue Matsigenka or to Aguaje Tented Camp, where we have the chance to meet the Machiguenga Indians. We can go for a night walk after dinner.

DAY 5: CASA MATSIGUENKA TO DORADO LODGE (or PANTIACOLLA LODGE) : We start at first light to travel about 4 hours down the Manu River. Dawn and dusk are ideal to see wildlife on the river banks: capybaras, caimans and with luck a jaguar may be seen. We make a short stop in Boca Manu village, the main settlement in Manu named after the confluence of the sediment rich Manu River with the wider Madre de Dios River. From here we continue upriver on Rio Alto Madre de Dios to reach Dorado Lodge or Pantiacolla Lodge. Keep your eyes open for animals on the riverbank or in the trees! After arriving at the lodge we have a short rest to then go for a walk looking for monkeys, deer and other animals. After dinner we explore the forest on a night walk to see insects, frogs and snakes. Night at Dorado Lodge or Pantiacolla Lodge (double rooms).

DAY 6: TRAVELLING UPRIVER ON RIO ALTO MADRE DE DIOS TO ATALAYA & RETURN TO CUSCO : Today we aboard our boat early to travel upriver making our way back to Cusco. We may visit a small parrot clay lick in the morning. During our boat ride we always look for animals like capybara or caimans on the shore. If time allows we can visit Machuwasi Lake, to see some more animals. Around noon we reach Atalaya. Here our bus is waiting for us for our return trip through the cloud forest and over the Andes back to Cusco. Travelling through the cloud forest we can look for birds, insects and butterflies along the roadside and stop whenever we spot animals. We reach Cusco in the evening, transfer to your hotel.



TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Pre-departure briefing
- Professional naturalist guide in English, with binoculars & spotting scope, who has done min. 3 months conservation work in Manu Park
- Transport by private bus and private boat
- Entrance fees to Cock of the Rock observatory & parrot clay licks
- Entrance fees to Manu National Park, Salvador & Otorongo lakes
- Cook & all meals (mainly nutritious vegetarian food*), drinks, drinking water
- Overnight in Lodges
- First Aid Kit, extractor (for venom)
- Radio communication
- Rubber boots

* We support local farmers and buy regional products. Large areas of tropical rainforest are being destroyed for soy and oil palm plantations. Soy is used to produce animal food to industrial livestock farming - We want to help protect the rainforest. You can also help – here and at home!

NOT INCLUDED:

- Binoculars (for rent at our office)
- Optional: room with private bathroom at Casa Matsiguenka (25 US\$ p.p. per night)
- Optional: daily meal with meat (25 US\$ p.p.)
- Alcoholic drinks, personal expenses etc.



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