



## WILD WATCH PERU

### Manu Jungle Explorer 2 Days

One knows that time is flying when visiting Peru. Such a culturally and naturally rich country which has lots to offer in terms of traditions, history, cuisine and landscapes. The Peruvian rainforest is a must-see attraction not so far from Cuzco, the gateway of our expeditions. The evolution of landscapes from mountains to forest enable nature's enthusiasts to capture stunning views over the cloud forest, oxbow lakes, caves and exciting nature walks to observe wildlife.

**ELEVATION RANGE:** from 1640ft to 12,467ft (500m – 3800m)

**WILDLIFE:** Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, monkeys, capybara, macaws, hoatzin, spiders, reptiles

**ACTIVITIES:** wildlife observation, day & night nature walks, oxbow lake cruise, on local raft, motor boat, caves exploration.

#### DAY 1

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##### Cusco - Cloud Forest - Guadalupe Lodge

After Picking you up in Cusco, the beginning of the Manu Road passes through numerous dry inner- mountain valleys and picturesque villages. This gives you a quick overview of locals' lifestyles and colorful clothes. A brief call at Ninamarca will give you the possibility to explore the pre-Incas tombs within this well archaeological site.

The road includes various stops, so you can enjoy seeing the surrounding landscapes varying from high mountains to humid forests. The next stop will occur in the village of Paucartambo which features a beautiful arched colonial bridge. From Paucartambo the altitude will keep on increasing and the setting gradually gets enveloped by a cloudy mist.

The road leads you to Acjanaco pass consisting of the main gateway to Manu National Park. Once across Acjanaco Pass (3550 m / 11.647 ft) the environment dramatically changes from dry to wet valleys.

Do not miss the splendid view when looking down toward the lowlands! The lush and misty cloud forest surrounded by massive rocks and waterfalls is perhaps the most fragile and threatened type of rainforest. In such an environment filled with lichens and moss-carpeted soil, spotting birds will be the main target. You will get the chance to stare at a large variety of birds ranging from the Peruvian national bird, the brightly red Andean Cock-of-the-Rock if lucky the wooly monkeys. Upon arrival to the property (midday) we will have lunch.

Later, you will be able to explore the caves that host bats and spider scorpions and also the loop trail that traverse the swamp forest in the search of the capuchin and night monkeys and encounter interesting bird activity before dusk such as the blue and yellow macaws, woodpeckers, oropendolas among others. Night Walk available before or after dinner depending of weather conditions, to observe night creatures; spiders, snakes, frogs etc.



## DAY 2

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### Guadalupe Lodge - River Boat Journey - Lake Explorations

This morning, we will wake up to the songs of Amazonian birds. We start the day traveling to Atalaya port where you can appreciate the view of myriads of colorful birds, and the rich wildlife. The drive goes along tropical plantations of papayas, bananas, etc. At Atalaya river's deck, you will embark in a motor boat and navigate down this crystalline river of Madre de Dios. After an hour of boat navigation and somewhat 40 minutes of hiking you will be able to reach Machuhuasi Oxbow Lake, consisting of wetlands of lush vegetation, hosting a large variety of birds (hoatzins, horned screamer, herons, macaws) and larger animals (monkeys, river otter, caimans, and capybaras) over this location there is a network of trails to explore which travers different habitats. The lake exploration and trail access could last 3 hours approximately, so snacks (fruits, crackers, packed juice) will be provided by your guide. The lunch will be settled on the motor boat or along the Madre de Dios River banks (our embarkation is roofed to prevent any sudden rain or intensive sunshine) In the way back to the Atalaya port we will explore the Canyon to observe the impressive rock formation and waters walls being a serene environment for enjoying lunch.

In the way back to Cusco depending of time availability we will be able to visit the wildlife rescued Centre that has some monkeys, sloth, tapir, Tortoises and capibaras, the entrance fees are 10 soles per person. We will soon continue our drive back to Cusco by SUV or Minivan

### INCLUSIONS

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- Specialized Local Guide (Bilingual) with spotting scope
- Private ground Transportation and motor Boat
- 1 nights at Guadalupe Lodge (private toilets, WIFI, hot showers, mosquito net)
- Entrance tickets to the attraction
- Meals Dinner from day 1st to Lunch Day 3rd
- Snacks & Purified Water
- Free Storage Room in Cusco
- Rubber Boots

### NOT INCLUDED

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- Alcoholic Drinks
- Breakfast Day 1<sup>st</sup> / Dinner Day 2
- Entrance Tickets Wildlife Rescued Center (suggested donation of 10 soles per person)