



WILD WATCH PERU

Manu Short Trip 3 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

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. The road will head down to the Guadalupe lodge (560 m./1837 ft).

Arrival to Guadalupe Lodge by 2:00 Pm for lunch and during the afternoon you will be able to explore the loop trail that traverse the swamp forest in the search of the capuchin and night monkeys and encounter interesting birds Such as; the blue and yellow macaws, woodpeckers, oropendolas among others.

DAY 2

Guadalupe Lodge - River Boat Journey - Nature Walks- Lake Explorations - Lodge

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.



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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) After a short nap.

Later you will ramble through the primary forest searching for some families of monkeys, and toucans, and hiking you will be able to reach the giant Kapok tree that stands majestically on the primary forest and adorning the landscapes with other colorful species.

In the way back to the lodge and depending on the wishes of the group and time, our participants can visit the Hummingbird Garden for around 30 minutes, this is an optional activity, and entrance fees are 10 soles per person. Overnight at Guadalupe Lodge (Private Toilets, Showers, WIFI)

DAY 3

Guadalupe Lodge - Trail Explorations - Caves - Minivan ride to Cusco

A morning walk before breakfast to explore the foothill forest to look for the Woolly and Capuchin monkeys, you could encounter some emblematic birds of the Amazon rainforest such as macaws, toucans, woodpeckers, etc. The walk routes it's a loop, then allowing you to explore the caves and canyons to see animals that only live in darkness, spider scorpions, and different species of bats * flashlights are needed Upon your return, your tasty breakfast will be ready, then you will need to pack and start hitting the road again to Cusco. The way back will give more opportunities to glimpse some more animals and discover the wildlife of the cloud forest and have impressive views of the exuberant cloud forest with waterfall, and cascades. The arrival in Cusco should be around 4 pm. ** Please if you need an earlier arrival to Cusco let us know.

INCLUSIONS

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

NOT INCLUDED

- Alcoholic Drinks
- Nights on Single Supplement
- Breakfast Day 1st / Dinner Day 3
- Entrance Tickets Hummingbird Garden