



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.

Wild Watch Peru designed an exclusive tour which brings you to the Manu rainforest gives you chance to explore the forest inhabited by monkeys, reptiles and rare birds.

Guadalupe Lodge is the best place to get immersed in nature and to relax while enjoying the commodities of your cabins. This tour is led by our specialized guide, eager to help you to create unforgettable experiences when visiting the Peruvian Amazon.

WHERE: Manu Cultural Zone

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

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

Itinerary

DAY 1ST

Cusco - Guadalupe Lodge

Early departure from Cusco in the morning. 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. Next stop will occur in the village of Paucartambo which features beautiful arched colonial bridge. The altitude will keep on increasing and the setting gradually gets enveloped by a cloudy mist. The road leads you to Acjanaco pass consisting in 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 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 displays to tanagers, toucans or quetzals. The path will head down to the Guadalupe lodge (560 m./1837 ft). Overnight in the lodge.

DAY 2ND

Guadalupe Lodge - River Boat - Lagoon Exploration



Enjoy waking up and taking breakfast with the singing of Amazonian birds. You will be transferred to the Atalaya port where you can appreciate the view of myriads of colorful birds and a rich wildlife and drives goes along tropical plantations of papayas, bananas, chocolate and Coca Leaves.

At Atalaya river's deck, embark in a motor boat and navigate down this crystalline river of Madre de Dios. After an hour, you will reach Machuwasy Oxbow lake, consisting in wetlands of lush vegetation hosting a large variety of birds (hoatzins, horned screamer, hawk, herons) and animals (monkeys and capybaras). This place is only reachable by boat followed by a 2-kms walk.

While you are having the tour, our local cook will prepare a traditional lunch that you will enjoy when returning on the Madre de Dios river. In the mid-afternoon, you will ramble through the primary forest searching for some families of monkeys, peccaries as well as giant kapok trees. In the meantime, you will be provided with some explanations about medicinal plants, reptiles as well as mammals. We will visit the Wild-Animals Rescue Centre run by a local family in Manu. Dinner and Overnight at Guadalupe

DAY 3RD

Guadalupe Lodge - Cusco

Your morning walks along the palm forest to look for the blue and yellow Macaws and enjoy a tasty breakfast and get ready to pack as you will soon start hit 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 having impressing views of the exuberant cloud forest with waterfall, cascades. The arrival in Cusco should be around 5pm.

Included

- Naturalist Guide with telescope
- Transportation (van & boat)
- Park entrance fee
- 3 meals/day.
- 2 nights at Guadalupe Lodge (private bathroom, electricity, tumble seat)
- Mineral water + snacks
- Rubber boots + duffel bags

Not included

- Binoculars
- Alcoholic drinks
- Day 1 breakfast / Day 3 dinner