



Manu Wild Experience 4 Days

A magnificent wildlife and unique experience to admire the Manu Cultural Zone through diverse ecosystems with breathtaking views of the cloud forest and the Andes mountain range. The evolution of landscapes from mountains to forest enable nature's enthusiasts to capture stunning views over the cloud forest, oxbow lakes or to visit caves inhabited by bats and spiders. Our Guadalupe lodge is carefully designed for your tranquility, its location is ideal to observe some blue and gold macaws at close range and other interesting birds.

- **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.

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DAY 1 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 stop at Ninamarca ruins will give you the possibility to explore the pre-Incas tombs within this well archaeological site as the journey includes few stops, so you can enjoy seeing the surrounding landscapes varying from high-mountains.

Next stop will occur in the village of Paucartambo which features beautiful arched colonial bridge and also chances for breakfast.

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 rainforest! 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 as well as some other colorful birds.

We will arrive to Guadalupe Lodge around the midafternoon and having time to explore the trails of the palm forest circuit to look for the capuchin and nights monkeys, blue and

yellow macaws, toucans, leaf cutter ants and other small reptiles, meals and accommodation at Guadalupe lodge (560 m./1837 ft)

DAY 2ND Guadalupe Lodge - Trails Exploration

In the morning, you will explore the foothill forest to look for the woolly monkeys and some birds such as toucans and macaws.

You will head back to the lodge where a delightful breakfast awaits you full of fresh tropical fruits. From then, you will be guided through the garden and will learn about the different medicinal and traditional plants such as coca leaf, cacao, bamboo water, annatto, etc. As this time of the day, put on your swimsuits and enjoy a dip in the Guadalupe river.

This crystalline and unpolluted current flows downstream from the core of the park. In the afternoon, depending on the group's wishes, there is a possibility of discovering a fascinating canyon and its caves which house some rare species of bats, spiders and scorpions. Ultimately, a walk within the bamboo forest will enable you to spot some monkeys. The day is ending with the observation of caimans along the creeks.

DAY 3RD 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 Machuhuassy 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.

During the return to the lodge we have an optional visit to the Wild-Animals Rescue Centre, Dinner and Overnight at Guadalupe

DAY 4TH Guadalupe Lodge - Cusco

Your morning walks along the bamboo forest and the garden then 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 is about mid afternoon.