



Manu Reserved Zone Express 6 days 2022*

Rate: \$950.00 Per Person

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Highlights: Salvador Oxbow Lake, canopy tower in Otorongo Lake, Macaw Clay Lick at Casa Machiguenga, navigation by motor boat on the Manu River, Giant kapok Trees, Cloud Forest, Guadalupe Caves, offspring in Manu, Pristine Forest exploration in Manu basin

Minimum participants: 02

Max participants: 8

Type Service: Group basis rate

Frequency: All year round

DAY 1

Cusco – Guadalupe Lodge

Departure from Cusco in the morning time (pick up from your hotels), 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 disembark 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 where 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 and monkeys 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 at Guadalupe Lodge.

DAY 2

El Dorado Lodge – Casa Matsigenka

We depart after having early morning breakfast, along with the driving toward the Diamante native Community (4 hours by car) we can appreciate the view of how we will leave behind the Andean Mountain and getting immersed into the dense rainforest, amazing views of the river flowing towards the horizon and gradually the mountains disappearing and much flatter of evergreen forest, You will be able to observe myriads of colorful birds such as; macaws, parrots, toucans, caciques,

oropendolas, this road section it's the newest transect across mature and pristine rainforest in the lower basin of the Alto Madre de Dios River, this travel route provides good chances to



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observe some interesting wildlife such as peccaries, monkeys that may wander along the road. Once at Diamante native community, we embark on a motorboat and navigate down (30 minutes) the crystalline river of Madre de Dios. We will reach the confluence with the Manu River, we stop briefly at the Limonal ranger station for check-in then, we travel upriver we'll search diligently for any signs of Jaguar, still, only a slim chance but this river is perhaps the best location to find this magnificent mammal, just a few curves up the river the environment will change, there will be orders of magnitude more to look at, from hundred if not thousands of swallows and butterflies, every single sandbar being occupied by something interesting, we will keep a close watch for wildcats. In the mid-afternoon, we pass by the trailhead of the Otorongo Oxbow Lake, where we will be able to walk inside of pristine and to have an impression of how the forest looks like it by inside, there is a trail network that allows visiting a canopy tower that overlooks the Otorongo lake and few other wooden platforms to observe some aquatic wildlife and alligators. This forest section also harbors one of the largest kapok trees, visitors can walk nearby its root system to see its enormous size.

We continue navigating some additional 40 minutes to reach the Casa Matsiguenka lodge which it's set aside a short distance from the Rio Manu in the heart of Manu National Park and staying the following nights at this peaceful place with pristine surroundings. * Night walks optional and depends of travelers' desires.

DAY 3

Casa Matsiguenka (Lake Exploration , Trails , Macaw Clay Lick)

We will have the better part of our journey to enjoy the Manu's Wilderness, on this morning you will explore the Salvador oxbow lake famous for its population of Giant Otters who usually breeds there, they can be seen at different times of the day, this gregarious and playful carnivorous spend a good deal of their time fishing or playing by any side of the lake or just taking a sunbath on their favorite dead logs. We'll have access to a floating catamaran (two large canoes connected by wooden planks) with chairs set up for bird and wildlife viewing (which makes paddling around the lake easily and comfortably. Apart from looking for the giant river otters, we'll have the chance for many of the lake edge species, including the fabulous Hoatzin, Agami, and herons, interesting raptors, colorful macaws Oropendolas and caciques, just floating around the lake will be one of the joys of the trip, large predators such as; Black caiman can be seen at the edge of the lake, this tour will take most of the morning time. (Please notice that the time to visit the Salvador lagoon on this day is subject to availability)

During the midday, we walk across a mature forest populated by the large & majestic Brazil nut trees following the main path we reach the Macaw Clay Lick which is also one of the highlights of the trip, the large and noisy Red and Green Macaws among a few parrots and parakeets gather all together and perch on a cliff and they can be observed eating some piece of clay. Overnight at the casa Matsiguenka

DAY 4

Casa Matsiguenka –(Trails)

This morning we have a breakfast at the lodge, then we will explore the system of trails" that links Casa Matsiguenka to Cocha Otorongo lake which allows us to leisurely stroll on flat trails the rest of the morning time, we will also search for more species of monkeys such as white-



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fronted capuchin, Pygmy Marmoset, Emperor Tamarins, Red Howler monkeys, and the large and charismatic black spider monkeys on the canopy. In fact, this is the forest section where visitors will be able to observe a large number of primates

From noon we explore the mixed habitats and wonderful section of untouched rainforest initially the route takes us, through Terraza Forest " forest which is the habitat for brazil nut (bertholletia excelsa) among others species of trees as you move deep into the heart of the forest is also an excellent place to run into troops peccaries or other big mammals , overnight at the lodge. * Chances for night walk, visit the clay lick or explore the Salvador oxbow lake Again ** Depends of availability

DAY 5

Casa Machiguenga – Guadalupe Lodge

This morning, the breakfast will be arranged on the boat to optimize our time so we'll board us river transport and begin the journey down the Rio Manu back to the Rio Madre de Dios. This will be another opportunity for catching the sunrise in the amazon rainforest while floating on the motorboat.

This boat journey traversing the rainforest provides chances to observe aquatic birds on the sandbars, side-necked turtles sunning on the logs, Caymans at the edge of the river, or even glimpses of the magnificent jaguar on the banks of the river.

After about 4 hours of motorboat drive, we will reach the confluence of the Manu and Madre de Dios River to turn the navigation upstream. We will boat up the fast-flowing braided and clear water for a short while. We reach the Diamante Native Community where our ground transport awaits us and will transport us to the Guadalupe Lodge.

DAY 6

Guadalupe Lodge - Cusco

Your morning walk along our garden to learn about some medicinal plants and tropical fruits and other interesting plantations, we can easily observe many colorful birds flying over, we enjoy our tasty breakfast and get ready to pack as you will soon start hitting the road again to Cusco. The way back offers some last impressing views of the exuberant cloud forest. Do not miss the splendid views while reaching the top of the impressive mountains and the encounter of these two geographical regions. The arrival in Cusco should be around 4 pm. it would be depending on traffic conditions while driving towards the city center

Inclusions

- Accommodation on double bed room (Casa Machiguenga & Guadalupe Lodge)
- Activities Listed in the Program
- All meals included (vegetarian, vegan mentioned in advance)
- Duffel Bags for Travelling Light
- Entrance tickets to Manu National Park (Reserved Zone)
- Free Storage Room in Cusco
- Professionally Local Guide



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- Rubber Boots
- Snacks (fresh fruits, cookies, chocolate)
- Unlimited Purified Water

Exclusions

- Alcoholic Drinks
- First day breakfast
- Nights on Single Supplement