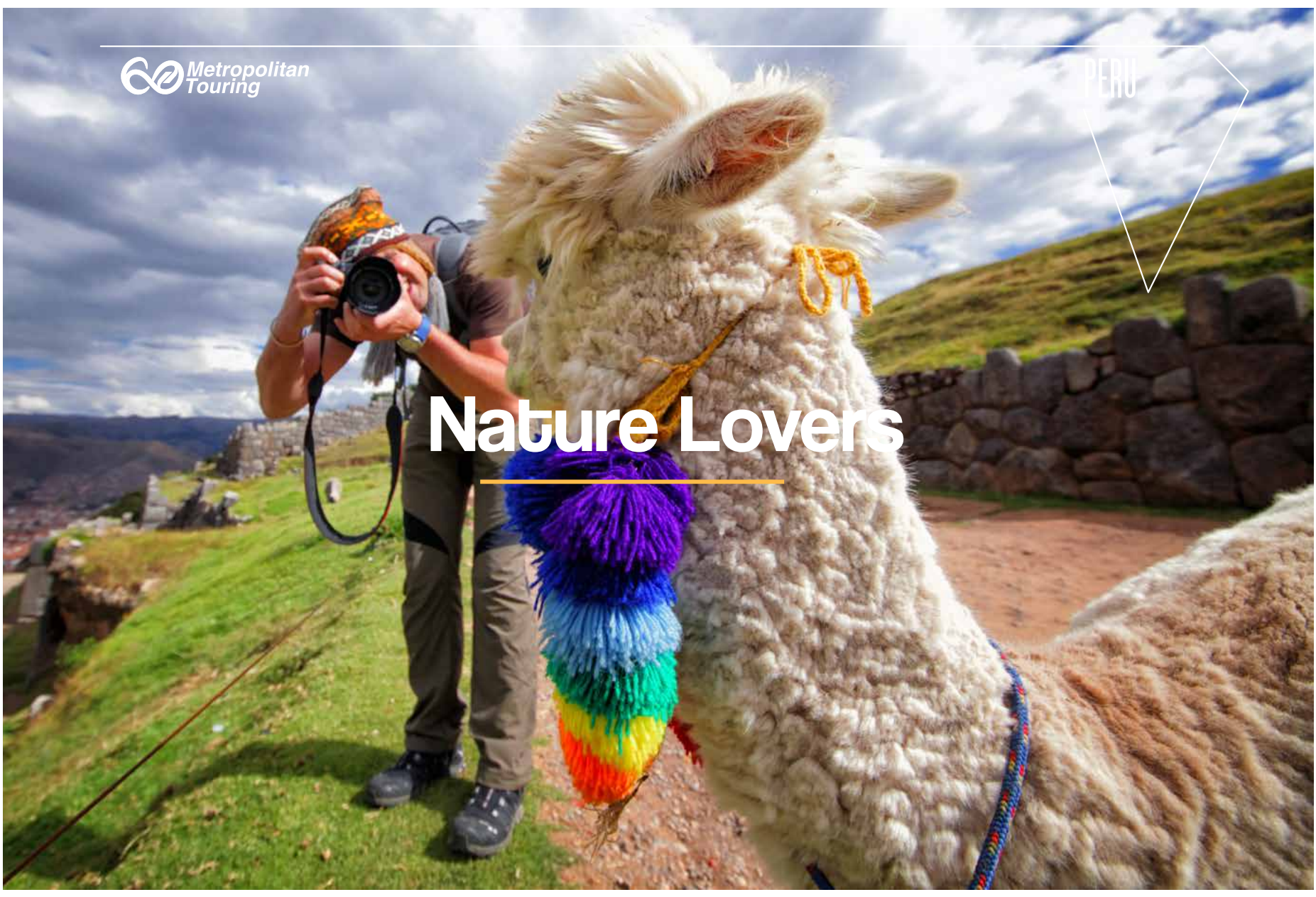


Nature Lovers



Nature Lovers Program

11 days / 10 nights

A truly unique and unforgettable combination specially designed for nature lovers. Explore exhilarating UNESCO Natural Heritage sites and a New Wonder of the World as Machu Picchu...all in one journey.



Flight



Accommodation



Transfer



Excursions



Art



Nature



Food





Day 01

... / Lima

(-/-/-)



Upon arrival in Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Costa del Sol Ramada Hotel located at the airport. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and provide you with a detailed itinerary, vouchers covering all the services included in your tour and additional information on the organization of your Peru trip. You will also receive a contact information sheet with all the hotel details as well as our offices contact information for each city and a 24-hour emergency number.



Overnight in Lima.



Plaza Mayor

Day 02

Lima

(B/-/-)



AM Half day Lima City tour & Larco Museum (private)

Enjoy a half day guided sightseeing tour to the most attractive and important sites in Lima, the "City of Kings". Visit Lima's Historical Center, passing by Plaza San Martin, Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral and its Religious Art Museum (closed on Sunday and Saturday pm; Santo Domingo Convent is provided instead on these days) as well as San Francisco Monastery and its famous underground crypts known as the Catacombs.



Continue your visit through the residential Districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by the Huaca Pucllana, a Ceremonial and Administrative Centre of the Lima Culture built in the II Century A.C. that the Incas considered as "Ñaupallaqta" or Sacred Town. Also visit El Olivar Park with olive trees brought from Spain in the XVth Century, the Central Park of Miraflores and El Parque del Amor, or Peruvian Love Park.



Larco Museum



Your visit continues with a stop at the Larco Museum, for an excellent overview of Peru's ancient past as it holds the best private collection of pre-Columbian art in the country.

You will have the chance to tour through this old Hacienda House in the Pueblo Libre district, which was built upon a pre-Incan sacred site (huaca), housing the private collection of a great Peruvian scholar: Don Rafael Larco Hoyle.

The museum chronologically exhibits hundreds of ceramic, textile, metal and precious stone pieces and also inside you will find the vault which safeguards precious pieces of gold and silver with semiprecious stones.

After the visit you will be driven to your hotel.

PM: At leisure in Lima



Overnight stay in Lima



Cusco City

Day 03

Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

(B/L/-)



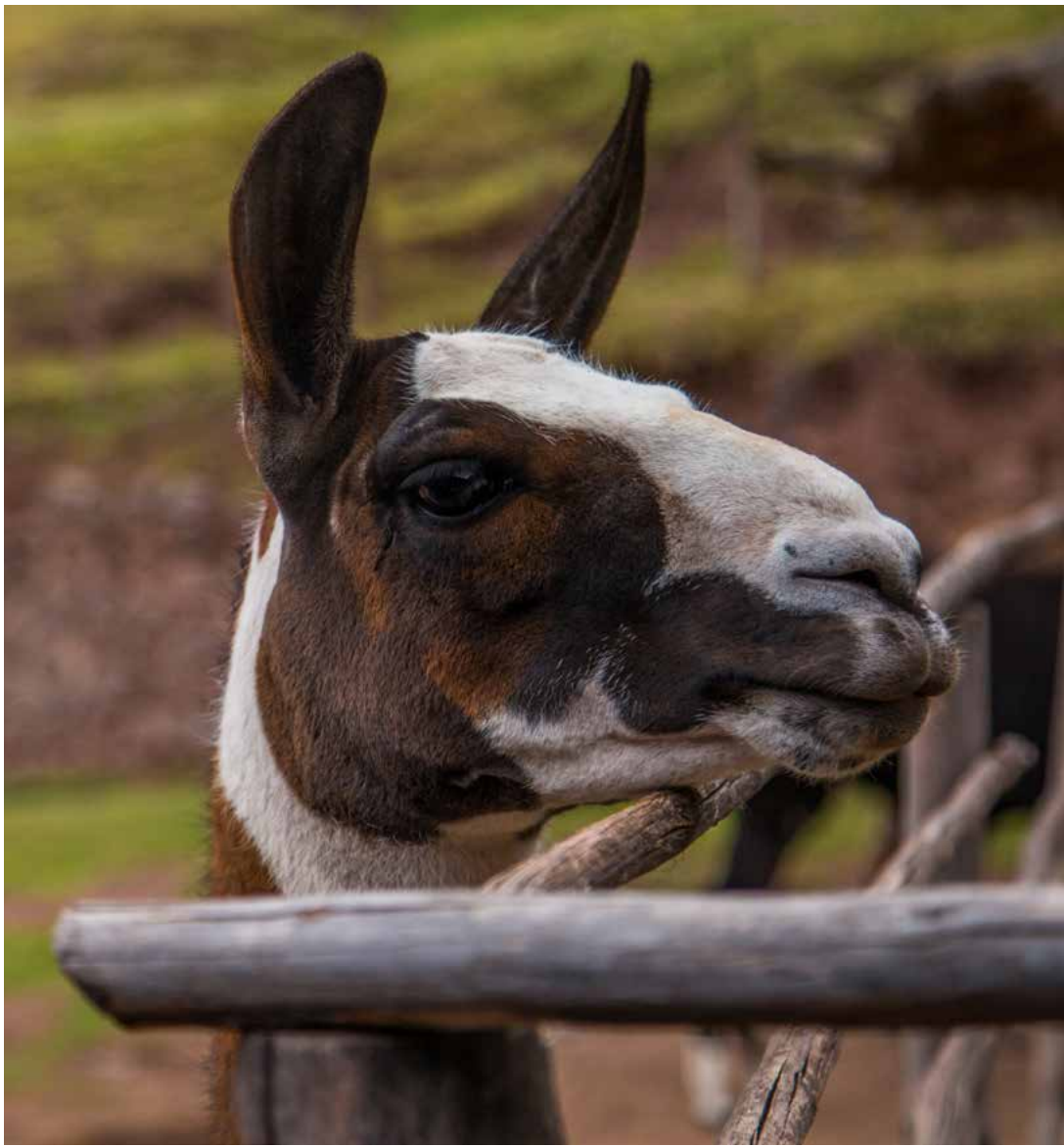
Transfer Hotel – Lima Airport (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to the Lima Airport to board your next flight. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities.



Transfer Cusco Airport / Sacred Valley incl. Awanacancha & Pisac Market en route (private)

Upon arrival into Cusco International Airport, you will be met by our representative and private driver and will be transferred to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. Our representative will assist you with the corresponding check-in procedures and provide you with a detailed itinerary, vouchers covering all the services included in your tour and additional information on the organization of your Peru trip. You will also receive a contact information sheet with all the hotel details as well as our offices contact information for each city and a 24-hour emergency number.



Awanacancha



En route to the Sacred Valley, you will have the opportunity to visit Awanacancha, an Andean textile center whose key objective is to maintain the wealth of Incan textile art and keep their traditions alive. Awanacancha means “the palace of weaving” and as its name announces, it is all about textile production. Here we will learn about the dyeing techniques and instruments used for hundreds of years in the weaving of these famous textiles.

You will continue to the town of Pisac, famous for its ruins but even more so for its markets. Originally held only on Sundays, the Pisac Markets was the place of reunion for all artisans of the region to get together and exchange or buy and sell their products. This is an excellent chance to share the peasants’ customs closely with plenty of time to explore and even barter all the goods and crafts typical of the areas around Cusco. Leisurely roam through the textiles and souvenir sections of the market.



Garden Lunch at Belmond Hotel Rio Sagrado.



After lunch, return to the hotel and overnight in the Sacred Valley.



Chinchero

Day 04

Sacred Valley

(B/L/-)



Full day Chinchero Village, Maras Salt pans, Moray Terraces & Ollantaytambo Fortress (private)

Today you will set off in the direction of the Sacred Valley to the town of Chinchero, an authentic Andean village with lots of character, where we will find the colonial church that houses a large collection of painting from the Cusqueñan School of Art.

Chinchero is well known for its continuing tradition as a commercial town and on Sundays the townsfolk gather in the main square to trade their products in a bartering system.



Next, continue your journey through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, to the salt fields of Maras and its seemingly never-ending terraces, where salt extracted from springs is stored. Although these waters have been used for centuries, even before the time of the Incas, Maras was founded by the Spanish in 1556. It supplied salt to the southern highlands during the viceroyalty, so it was an important town. The use of Maras Salt dates back thousands of years and is inherited from generation to generation and managed communally.



Moray Terraces



Continue your excursion to admire the Moray terraces, believed to be a former gigantic agricultural laboratory, an astronomical observatory or a place of worship, or maybe all three. It is thought that Moray was used for plant adaptation to new climatic environments thanks to its circular terraces in immense cone-shaped depressions of 47 to 84 m that resemble giant fingerprints or contour lines. These create a series of microclimates at the different heights of the terraces, which enabled the Incas to experimentally improve a great variety of crops. Today, it is an evidence of the high level of agricultural knowledge they reached.

Finally, visit the Inca fortress and citadel of Ollantaytambo. This site was built just as the Spaniards arrived and evidence of how it was constructed is still visible. This fortress was believed to be constructed in order to guard the entrance to this part of the valley and protect it from possible invasions of tribes from the jungle lowlands



After the tour you will be transferred to your hotel.



Overnight in the Sacred Valley.



Day 05

Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

(B/L/D)



Full day excursion to Machu Picchu via roundtrip train (private)

Morning transfer to the train station for an amazing train journey to the famous Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, the great mountain-top city abandoned by the Inca Empire, reclaimed by the jungle and lost to humanity until its rediscovery in 1911.

Along the way you will enjoy the changing landscape as you travel from Andean highlands to the beginnings of the jungle ("eyebrow of the jungle"), before finally arriving at the town of Aguas Calientes.



From here, board the bus that will take you on a 20 minute ride up to the citadel of Machu Picchu, or Lost City of the Incas, which sits upon the summit bearing the same name, and is one of the most representative and recognized examples of Incan architecture.

Machu Picchu Citadel



Machu Picchu Main Plaza



A guided tour of the Citadel includes the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Sun Dial, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.

The legendary 'Lost City' is without a doubt one of the world's most impressive archaeological sites. Built by the Incas on the summit of "Machu Picchu" (old peak), overlooking the deep canyon of the Urubamba river in a semi-tropical area 120 Kms (75 miles) from the city of Cusco at 3,400 m.a.s.l (11,155 f.a.s.l).



Lunch will be served in Machu Picchu town (ex Aguas Calientes) and remain of the day at leisure.



Dinner included at the hotel.



Overnight in Machu Picchu town (ex Aguas Calientes).



Day 06

Machu Picchu / Cusco

(B/-/-)



AM: At leisure in Aguas Calientes

Excellent opportunity to wake up early and enjoy with a beautiful sunrise. Then, you will have time visit the Citadel of Machu Picchu for the second time (2nd entrance fee NOT included).



In the afternoon, return to Cusco by train and upon arrival at the train station you will be met by our representative and driver for your transfer to the hotel.



Overnight in Cusco.

Aguas Calientes



Cusco Plaza de Armas

Day 07

Cusco

(B/-/-)



AM Half day Cusco Walking City tour including San Blas, MAP Museum & Hatun Rummilloc Street (private) Today you will enjoy a guided walking tour of Cusco, the imperial City, where you will admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture. What a better way to discover the archaeological capital of South America, a city of stone streets, than walking!

Visit the city's most important historical monuments that reveal the influence of different cultures: the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral dating from Spanish viceroyalty times, built with great slabs of red granite renaissance style in contrast with the baroque style silverwork of its interior and the Santo Domingo church built upon the foundations of the Inca Temple Koricancha, dedicated to worship the Sun God.



Continue with a visit to the district of San Blas, with its winding streets, the whitewashed houses, the blue balconies hung with geranium-filled flowerpots, the uneven line of the tiled rooftops and the endless stairways.



San Blas



In the neighborhood live the folk artists of Cusco, who for centuries have used their hands to tell the tale of their longings and frustrations working in stone and woodcarving, sculpture, doll-making, silverware, weaving and textile arts, gold-leaf, mask-making, and an array of ceramics in utilitarian, architectural, sculptural, monumental, grotesque and many other styles.



Then visit the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, the only museum in Peru dedicated to rebound the arts of ancient Peruvian cultures which contain a selection of pieces from different periods and cultures; the collection of 450 master pieces date from 1250 B.C to 1532 A.D.

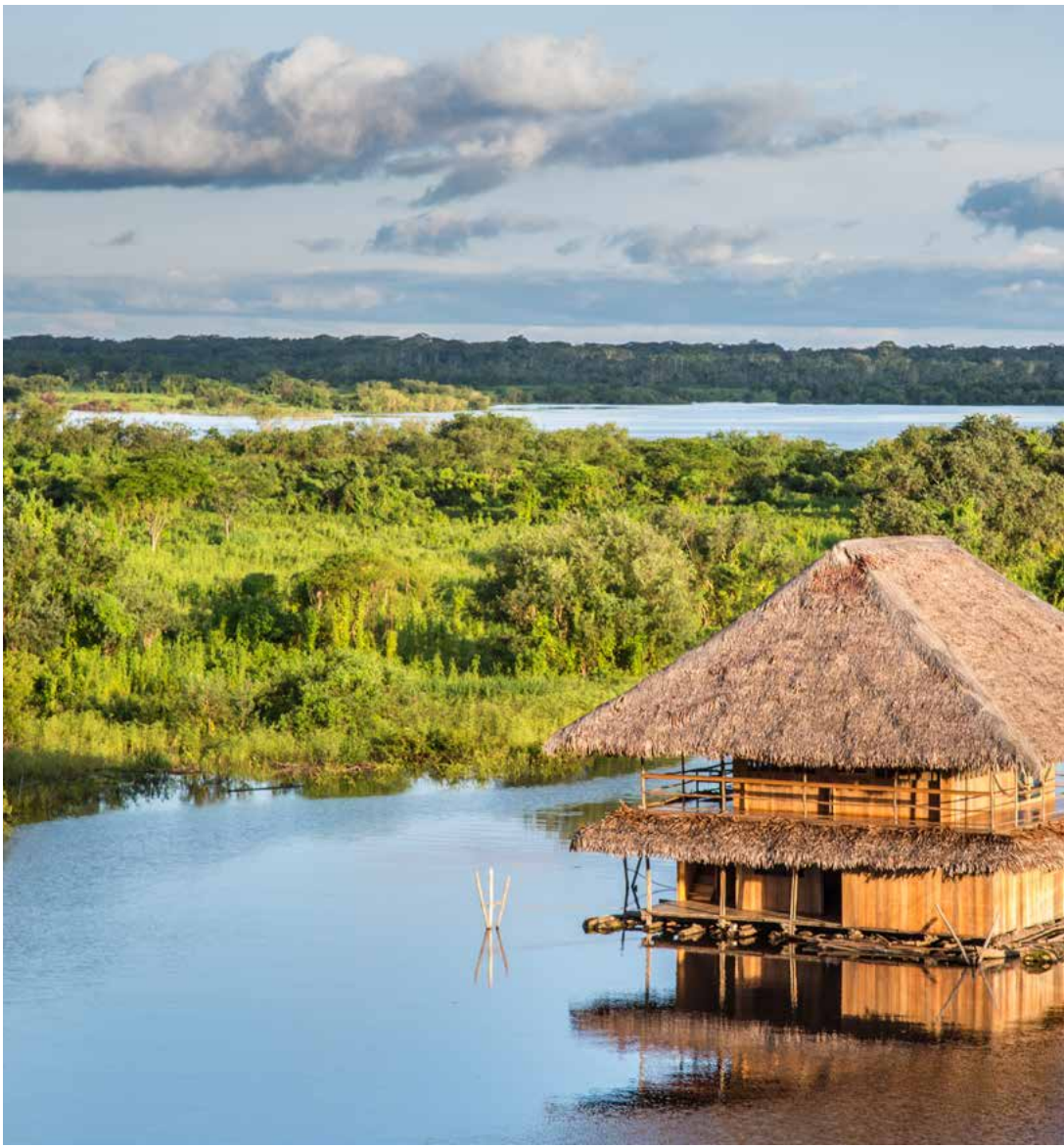
The tour also includes a stop at Hatunrumiyoc Street to admire the 12-angled stone, perhaps the most famous example of the Incas' exquisite ability for cutting stones to fit together like jigsaw-puzzle pieces without mortar.

After the visit you will walk back to your hotel.

PM: afternoon at leisure in Cusco



Overnight in Cusco



Iquitos

Day 08

Cusco / Lima / Iquitos

(B/-/D)



Transfer Hotel / Cusco Airport (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to Cusco Airport to board your next flight to Iquitos. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities.



4 days / 3 nights Delfin III Amazon Cruise Program (shared, English speaking guide)

Arrive to the Amazon city of Iquitos: Our crew will be expecting your arrival at the airport, then transfer all together in our comfortable private vehicle.

Arrive to Nauta port: Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. Once we reach Nauta, you will enjoy a VIP greeting at our private port along the shores of the Marañon River where the vessel awaits you.

PM: Embarkation: Aboard Delfin, you will be served by our qualified staff who will introduce you to your exquisite and cozy suite, specially equipped with all the amenities for the experienced traveler as yourself.



Delfin III

Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, pillows of 100% pure natural latex, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, and private bathroom with Spanish style hotwater showers are all framed with a spacious private terrace we are sure you will enjoy to the fullest.

Happy Hour and orientation: While the Delfin begins its initial navigation, you will enjoy the most fantastic panoramic views from the elegantly outfitted observation area located on our third deck. Then, your naturalist guide will give you an overview of your journey's schedule, activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation to keep your eye out for, geographical and historical background, and other useful details.

Moreover, should you have any doubts or questions, our guides are always fully at your service.



Overnight on board



Sloth

Day 09

Iquitos

(B/L/D)



4 days / 3 nights Delfin III Amazon Cruise Program (shared, English speaking guide)

AM: Samiria River: Our skiffs skim the Samiria River and its tributaries, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rainforest, such as blue and yellow macaws, scarlet macaws, toucans, umbrella birds, monkeys, and river others, capybaras and more. Our naturalists and his expert eye pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so we won't be the only one enjoying the plethora of fish below.



PM: Yanayacu Pucate: You will start cruising through the Yanayacu and Pucate Rivers, peeking into different creeks and lagoons. This is one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will use his expert eye to pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. If you want to interact directly with the waters of the Amazon, go out on one of our kayaks or paddle boards. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the jungle river along with the famous pink dolphins!



Overnight on board



Jungle Walk

Day 10

Iquitos

(B/L/D)



4 days / 3 nights Delfin III Amazon Cruise Program

AM: Fundo Casual: The walk at Fundo Casual jungle trail will take you deep into the rainforest on terra firme (non-flooded forest) where your guide will point out the dynamic creatures and vegetation of the Amazon.



PM: San Francisco: Next we will visit the community of San Francisco will include a short skiff ride and jungle walk to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. Here we will visit a market featuring amazing arts and crafts from the local women. Following this visit will be a jungle walk with our guides to search for nocturnal creatures.



Nauta Caño: After a delicious dinner, we will visit Nauta Caño Creek where you will have the chance to do some kayaking. Also, go fishing for the famous piranha, a delightful and challenging experience you won't forget! As night approaches, your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caiman alligators and night birds.



Day 11

Iquitos/Lima

(B/-/-)



4 days / 3 nights Delfin III Amazon Cruise Program (shared, English speaking guide)

AM: Disembarkation: With heavy hearts, the staff will wish you farewell as you begin your departure. At the port of Nauta, our ground crew will be waiting to take you by our private vehicle back to the city of Iquitos, about 95 kilometers journey by paved road.



The Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA):

On our way from Nauta back to Iquitos airport, you will visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Center of River Mammals (ACOBIA) where you will have the chance to meet baby manatees and learn about these wonderful and docile creatures and why they are on the endangered species list. You will also have the chance to pet and feed these kind manatees. As well, there are also some other animals cared for by the center that have been rescued from capture for the intention of being turned into pets and other threatening conditions.

Center of River Mammals



We welcome you to donate to this ambitious organization and education center as you wish. Our land personnel will wait for you at the airport and give your boarding passes and help you check in.



Airport departure: Our staff will be on hand to help you with your luggage and check in at Crnl. FAP Francisco Secada Vignetta International Airport in Iquitos. The return flight will take you directly to the city of Lima, the capital of Peru. At the security gate, your guide and Delfin crew will say goodbye. We truly hope that you enjoyed your stay and Amazon travel experience with us!



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