



**MACHU PICCHU**  
&  
**THE WONDERS OF THE RAIN FOREST**  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012





**Day 1: Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Los Angeles to Lima, Peru**

- Depart Los Angeles on Lan Airlines # 601 at 12:25 p.m. Arrive Lima at 11:59 p.m.
- Upon arrival, reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel.
- Overnight accommodations Hotel NM Lima.

**Day 2: Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Lima to Puerto Maldonado (B,L,D)**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Departure transfer to the airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado.
- Depart on Lan Airlines # 2073 at 8:45 a.m. Arrive Puerto Maldonado 11:25 a.m.
- Upon arrival, reception at the airport and transfer to the river port on the Madre de Dios River. A 25 minutes journey down the Madre de Dios River by motor canoe brings you to the riverside trailhead to Sandoval Lake Lodge. From here the trail takes you on a 2-miles (3,2-kilometers) walk through secondary forest, until you reach a small canal where you will board canoes and paddle 220 yards (201 meters) through a flooded forest of 100-foot (30-meters) tall Mauritia palms. As the canal opens onto the shimmering surface of the lake, you will transfer to a catamaran where you will leisurely be paddled across half the lake to the lodge.
- After lunch and a brief rest to avoid the early afternoon heat, you will learn about the history of the lodge and the philosophy of its founders. Then once again board the catamaran and set off to explore the entire west end of the lake. Here, in the flooded palm forest you will drift to the sounds of hundreds of Red-Bellied Macaws as they return to the palm forest for the night. This macaw species is found locally in parts of the Amazon, always living in flooded palm forests such as the beautiful palm stand at Sandoval Lake. At 500-800 birds, this flock of macaws at Sandoval Lake is currently the largest reported in the world for this highly-specialized macaw.
- As night falls you will look for the large and extremely rare Black Caimans. If it is a clear starlit night, you will also be able to float in the middle of the lake to marvel at the brilliance of the sky and listen to the sounds of the forest.
- Return to the lodge for a short video or slide presentation and dinner. At any point, you could step out from the bar to admire the wide variety of nocturnal moths, beetles and praying mantis attracted to our black light in the lodge clearing.
- For those with lots of energy, your guide will take you on a short night-walk into the forest behind the lodge.
- Overnight accommodations Sandoval Lake Lodge.

**Day 3: Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Maldonado (B,L,D)**

- A pre-dawn wake-up call will enable you to be on the lake for sunrise and a hopeful encounter with the family of Giant Otters who frequent the lake and are most active at this time of day. Sandoval Lake offers abundant wildlife including over 40 species of birds resident to its lake margins, most of the fish-eating water birds around the lake actively fish in the early morning as well, and this outing should provide excellent views, of the

prehistoric- looking Hoatzins, These are easy to observe and also photograph from the paddled canoes or catamarans.

- After returning for a late breakfast you set off into the cool under story of the tall virgin forest near the lake to see some towering wild Brazil Nut trees and a demonstration of how our hosts collect, open and commercialize this important natural product.
- After lunch and an hour or so to relax you will once again board the catamaran to explore the eastern part of the lake, where you might see one or more of the five species of monkeys who live in the forest near the lake, such as the Brown Capuchin Monkey and Squirrel Monkey.
- Before dinner you will again enjoy an informative natural history video or slide presentation.
- You will leave after dinner to try and spot some Black Caimans on the lake, or to go on a short night walk through the primary forest.
- Overnight accommodations Sandoval Lake Lodge.

**Day 4: Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Puerto Maldonado to Cusco (B)**

- After an early breakfast you will leave near dawn and take a final, shorter paddle around the west end of the lake to try and glimpse the Giant Otters before returning by motor canoe for the 35 minutes return trip to the Puerto Maldonado Airport, taking advantage of valuable early morning wildlife activity along the river. From here you fly to Cusco, where your jungle adventure ends.
- Depart on Lan Peru # 2074 at 11:55 a.m. Arrive Cusco at 12:50 p.m.
- Walking tour of Cusco.
- Overnight accommodations Novotel Cusco.

**Day 5: Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Cusco (B,L)**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Full day tour of Pisac & Ollantaytambo. Travel the curvy roads to Pisac, a charming village whose buildings reflect the brilliant precision of Inca stonemasonry. You will have plenty of free time here to stroll the many colorful stalls where vendors sell their myriad handicrafts ranging from fine alpaca sweaters and blankets to hand painted ornamental dishes and vases. End the day with a visit to the fortress village of Ollantaytambo with its wall of polished stone.
- Overnight accommodations Novotel Cusco.

**Day 6: Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Cusco to Machu Picchu (B,L)**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Early morning transfer to the Ollanta train station. Board the train for a scenic journey through the Urubamba Valley. Once you arrive to the Aguas Calientes Station in Machu-Picchu, you will be transported by bus to the top of the mountain and citadel of Machu-Picchu for a guided tour. This site is one of the most renowned examples of Inca architecture, surrounded by lush cloud forest. Lost in history, it was not discovered until 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham.
- Lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge.
- Overnight accommodations Hotel El Mapi Inn.



**Day 7: Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Machu Picchu to Cusco (B)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today you are on your own to explore Machu Picchu or climb Huayna Picchu. We strongly recommend that you wake up early to see the sunrise over Machu Picchu, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. After exploring, take the bus back to Aguas Calientes.
- Afternoon train back to the Ollanta station, and transfer to your hotel in Cusco.
- Overnight accommodations Novotel Cusco.

**Day 8: Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Cusco (B)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning city tour & nearby ruins. Visit the Cathedral, the Santo Domingo Monastery, the baths of Tambomachay, and the semi-circular Kenko Amphitheater with its stone altars and labyrinth of passageways. See the ancient site of Puca Pucara and the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, towering high above Cusco. With many of the stone blocks weighing over 350 tons, it remains a mystery how and when this fortress was constructed.
- Afternoon at leisure.
- Overnight accommodations Novotel Cusco.

**Day 9: Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cusco to Lima (B)**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Departure transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima.
- Depart on Lan Airlines # 2026 at 10:20 a.m. Arrive Lima at 11:40 a.m.
- Upon arrival, reception at the airport for a city tour of Lima. Visit "The City of Kings" including the most important architectural icons of the city, such as the Main Square, where you can find the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral and the Archbishop's Palace. Then, we continue with a visit to the Santo Domingo Convent, an architectonic jewel dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
- End with a transfer to the airport.

**Day 10: Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Lima to Los Angeles**

- Depart on Lan Airlines # 600 at 1:05 a.m. Arrive Los Angeles at 6:50 a.m.
- Day at leisure.
- Farewell dinner at the hotel.
- Evening departure transfer to the airport

**\*\*CONCLUSION OF SERVICES\*\***

**Meals Legend: (B) = Breakfast      (BXL) =Box Lunch      (L) = Lunch      (D) = Dinner**

**LAND PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 2,199.00**  
**INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC AIRFARE PRICE (FROM LAX): \$ 1,498.00 PER PERSON\***  
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**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 3,697 PER PERSON**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 672.00**

*\*You are welcome to book your own international flights to Lima with Delta, Continental or American Airlines – using miles or purchasing your tickets. If you book your own international flights, we can book your flights within Peru for approximately \$ 750.00 pp\**

**Price Includes:**

- International airfare from Los Angeles
- Domestic airfare
- Airport departure taxes
- Transfers as mentioned
- English-speaking guides for included transfers, tours and excursions
- Entrance fees
- 3 Days/2 Nights all inclusive Sandoval Lake Lodge (Sodas & Alcoholic drinks not included)
- Cusco Tourist Tax
- All hotels as mentioned
- Meals as mentioned
- Train to Machu Picchu – Vistadome
- Gratuities for guides, hotel staff and drivers
- Insurance for medical emergencies up to \$ 1,000.00 per person

**Price does NOT include:**

- Airfare to Los Angeles (if you need assistance with these flights, we can book them for you)
- Personal expenses, services and purchases
- Meals and drinks not noted in the itinerary
- **Travel insurance – for trip cancellation, misconnections, flight delays, etc. – Highly recommended**

**Statement of fitness**

While it is not a requirement to undertake rigorous fitness regimes to join this tour, traveling with us does require a capacity and willingness to engage in physical activity. This trip requires walking and general mobility. Travelers must be able to walk reasonable distances unassisted, negotiate uneven surfaces, climb steps and board boats as the journey requires. We have established the following minimum criteria both in your own interest and in the interest of your fellow travelers.

- Walk 1 - 2 miles comfortably (in humid and hot conditions).
- Walk up 4 flights of stairs comfortably (in humid and hot conditions).
- Walk comfortably along rough and unstable surfaces, such as Machu Picchu.
- Negotiate boarding small boats, trains etc.

If you have any questions, you can call us the USU Alumni Association office: 1-800-291-2586.

We appreciate your joining this amazing tour with the USU Alumni Association.