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## Spectacled Bears & Wildlife of Peru

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*Inspired by the release of Paddington Bear 2*

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## Day by Day at a Glance

Day	Location	Summarized Program	Meal Plan Included
1	Lima - Chiclayo	International Flight	
		Domestic flight Lima - Chiclayo	
		<b>1 night at Casa Andina Select Chiclayo</b> Superior Room	Breakfast
2	Chiclayo - Chaparri	Transfer from Chiclayo to Chaparri	
		Hike along the Oso trail to the Spectacled Bear recovery center	
		<b>1 night at Chaparri Lodge</b> Standard Room	Breakfast
3	Chaparri - Chiclayo	Transfer from Chaparri to Chiclayo	
		Tombs of the North	
		<b>1 night at Casa Andina Select Chiclayo</b> Superior Room	Breakfast
4	Chiclayo - Sacred Valley	Transfer from Chiclayo to Trujillo	
		Stop along the way at El Brujo	
		Domestic flight Trujillo - Cusco	
		Transfer to the Sacred Valley	
		<b>1 night at Sol y Luna</b> Superior Casita	Breakfast
5	Sacred Valley - Aguas Calientes	Rein Supreme <i>Horseback riding in the Sacred Valley on a Peruvian Paso Horse</i>	
		Lunch at Hacienda Huayocari	Lunch
		Transfer from Urubamba Valley to Ollantaytambo train station	
		Vistadome Train (One Way) Ollantaytambo-Machu Picchu	
		Visit the Inkaterra Andean Bear Rescue Center	
		<b>1 night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel</b> Superior Room	Breakfast / Dinner
6	Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Cusco	A Day at the Ruins <i>Explore the iconic ruins of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO world heritage site</i>	
		Vistadome Train (One way) Machu Picchu - Ollantaytambo	
		Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to Cusco	
		<b>2 nights at Palacio Manco Capac</b> Garden View room	Breakfast
7	Cusco	The Chef's Food Tour <i>Discover the best of local ingredients and classic Peruvian dishes with a professional chef</i>	Lunch
		In and around Cusco <i>A half-day visit to the city of Cusco and the Inca sites that surround it.</i>	
		<b>Overnight at Palacio Manco Capac</b>	
8	Cusco - Tambopata	Transfer from hotel in Cusco to airport	
		Domestic flight Cusco – Puerto Maldonado	
		Transfer via boat to Refugio Amazonas	
		<b>1 night at Refugio Amazonas</b> Comfort Room Shared guide and boat	Full board

9	Tambopata	Jungle Activities with Refugio Amazonas	
		Transfer via boat to Tambopata Research Center	
		<b>2 nights at Tambopata Research Center (TRC)</b> Comfort Room Shared guide and boat	Full board
10	Tambopata	Jungle Activities with Tambopata Research Center <b>Overnight at Tambopata Research Center</b>	
11	Tambopata - Lima	Transfer via boat from TRC to Puerto Maldonado	
		Domestic flight Puerto Maldonado - Lima	
		Transfer from airport to Villa Barranco	
		<b>1 night at Villa Barranco</b> De Luxe room	Breakfast
12	Lima	Island Wildlife <i>A boat tour to see birdlife and sea lions off the Pacific coast of Lima</i>	
		Callao Monumental <i>Contemporary and urban art tour in Callao</i>	
		Transfer hotel to airport	
		International Flight	

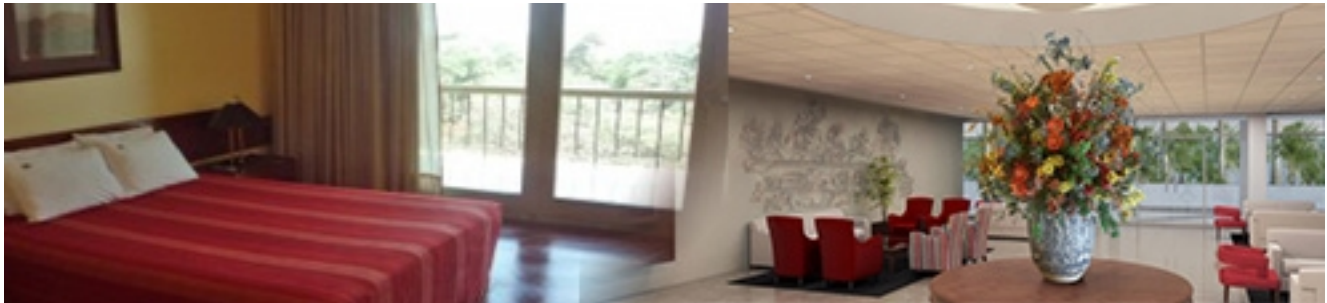
# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 1

International arrival to Lima.

**Assistance between International and Domestic Flights** | An English-speaking Aracari representative will be expecting you from your international arrival with a sign bearing your name. He will greet you with a welcome pack, brief you on your trip, and whisk you off to the departure area to catch your flight to Chiclayo, assisting you with all check-in procedures.

Within the welcome pack, you will find a hard copy of your itinerary for your trip with local times, maps, recommended shopping and eating and background information of the sites you will visit. He will talk you through everything, giving additional information according to your interests, and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have at this point. All hotel reservations are confirmed before you arrive, so you will only need to present your passport at the time of check-in. Train tickets will be given to you the day of your train journey.



**1 night at Casa Andina Select Chiclayo** | The Casa Andina Select Chiclayo is the best available hotel in Chiclayo. It is modern, centrally located and comfortable. The hotel has 130 rooms, each with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, cable TV, a frigobar, coffee kit and safety box. The hotel amenities include a gym, swimming pool, sauna, restaurant, coffee shop, bar and business center.

Check-In time: 14:00 hrs / Check-Out time: 12:00 hrs  
Superior Room  
Includes: Buffet Breakfast

## Day 2

**Transfer from Chiclayo to Chaparri** | A private car will drive you an hour and a half to Chaparri Lodge located on the Chaparri Reserve, home of the Spectacled Bears.

**Chaparri Reserve & the Spectacled Bear** | The Chaparri Reserve is a protected natural area in northern Peru and is home to a wide range of wildlife many of which are considered endemic to the Tumbesian dry forests. One of the main attractions of the forest is the Andean or Spectacled bear which you will have the opportunity to see today. The only species of bear native to South America, the adorable Spectacled Bear is globally endangered and threatened by habitat loss and illegal hunting. Chaparri and the surrounding areas are the last refuge of the dry forest population of Andean Bears; generally the species is found in humid mountain forests and páramo habitats. In Chaparri the staff is working to protect the wild bear population through direct protection and outreach and education of local people to reduce hunting.



**Hike the Oso Trail to the Spectacled Andean Bear Rescue and Rehabilitation Center** | Upon arrival at the reserve, you can take a lovely walk through the forest along the Oso Trail. Along the way you can see Sechuran fox and White-collared Peccari, and when you arrive at your destination you will have your first experience with the Spectacled Andean Bear, frequently recognized for its characterization in the famous Paddington books and films.

**Chaparri Andean Bear Rescue and Rehabilitation Center** | As one of the only dedicated rescue and rehabilitation centers for the bears in Peru, the facility is currently home to 7 bears that have been confiscated from illegal captivity by government authorities and passed to Chaparri. Many of these bears arrive undernourished and having lived in incredibly poor conditions. At Chaparri they are fed a balanced diet and get to live in large enclosures within their natural habitat. A recent expansion of this facility means more space for the bears. It is hoped that some of the bears will be able to be reintroduced to their natural habitat. Bears that cannot be reintroduced are maintained in enclosures where the public can visit and learn about the species.



**1 night at Chaparri Lodge** | This beautiful, rustic lodge is located within a community-managed conservation area in northern Peru (Chaparri Reserve). The reserve is one of the best protected dry forest areas and hosts over 186 species of wildlife, including South America's only species of bear, the Spectacled Bear. The bedrooms are simple and cozy, with natural textures and colorful décor. Hot water and electricity are provided by solar panels, and used water is treated to use for irrigation. The on-site restaurant and bar includes a buffet-style breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with a fixed menu that uses local produce to create fusion of traditional cuisine and international elements prepared by staff from the community – food cooked in the traditional earth oven is a particular specialty. Vegetarian options are available with prior notice.

Standard Room  
Includes: Full board, Entrance Fee

## Day 3

**Transfer from Chaparri to Chiclayo** | A private car will drive you an hour and a half back to Chiclayo.



**Tombs of the North** | Head to the Tumbas Reales Museum. Located 20 minutes from Chiclayo, the museum houses the world famous collection of burial artifacts from the Lord of Sipán tomb and other tombs uncovered at the Huaca Rajada archaeological site. Built to resemble the ancient tombs from which the artifacts were sourced, the museum also serves to provide visitors with insight into the process of the excavations. Explore the museum and its incredible jewelry, pottery, and human remains that were discovered at Sipán before heading to the actual archaeological site located 35km from Chiclayo.

Of the large tombs found at the Huaca Rajada archaeological site, the Lord of Sipán tomb, discovered by Peruvian archaeologist Walter Alva in 1987, held an extensive collection of burial items. Explore the various adobe tombs with your guide, who will provide you with insight into the history of the site. After exploring the tombs, visit the Sipan Site Museum before heading to Casa Andina.

**Overnight at Casa Andina Select Chiclayo**

## Day 4

**Transfer from Chiclayo to Trujillo including El Brujo** | Today you will be collected from your hotel in Chiclayo and taken by private vehicle to Trujillo. En route, visit El Brujo, a site only opened to the public in 2006. It features tiers of polychromatic friezes and also served as a religious and sacrificial complex. The recently inaugurated museum, Museo Cao, is just a short walking distance from the actual site, and it contains a variety of captivating artifacts including collections of pottery, textiles, and golden regalia, along with the bones of Moche royalty and human sacrifices. Perhaps the site's greatest discovery was the Moche mummy of the only known female ruler, justifiably referred to as "Señora de Cao," whose remains are also on display in the museum. The trip in its entirety, including the visit to the museum, will take approximately six hours.

**Domestic flight Trujillo to Cusco.**

**Transfer from Cusco airport to the Sacred Valley** | You will then be met by your expert guide at the Cusco airport and be escorted by private vehicle to the Sacred Valley.



**1 night at Sol y Luna** | We adore this stunning and environmentally-integrated hotel, one of our most highly recommended in all of Peru. It is charming and well decorated, located amidst beautiful gardens in the heart of

the Urubamba Valley. The standard bungalows all have comfortable beds and ample amenities and are well decorated and appointed. The sophisticated New Suites, or casitas, are ideal for those looking for an extra grade of intelligent luxury, with meticulous attention to detail and ample amenities.

Check-In: 11:00 hrs. / Check-Out: 10:00 hrs

Superior Casita

Includes: Buffet Breakfast

## Day 5



**Rein Supreme** | 2-hour horseback ride led by expert guide | Today you will head outdoors for a horseback ride through the scenic Sacred Valley on a world-renowned Peruvian Paso Horse. This saddle breed has a distinguished, four-beat lateral gait called the *paso llano* and provides a stable and smooth ride that is sure to satisfy new riders and experienced horsemen alike. You will start your ride at the Hacienda Huayocari, a traditional hacienda in the Sacred Valley, owned and operated by the prestigious Lambarri family. From here you will ride across the Vilcanota River to the quaint town of Urquillos and then head into the rural and picturesque town of Huicho. Though some paved roads are unavoidable, the majority of the excursion will be on rural dirt roads with views of adobe homes, farms and the impressive Urubamba mountain range. Relax and feel at one with nature as you get to know your horse. After an approximately two-hour ride, you'll return to the Hacienda Huayocari.



**Lunch at Huayocari** | Enter the delightful world of a traditional hacienda in the Sacred Valley, owned and operated by the prestigious Lambarri family. Hacienda Huayocari offers guests an elegant way to experience the rich history of the Cusco region. Begin your visit with a private tour of Huayocari's on-site gallery as you're lead through the homestead's impeccable exhibits of pre-Columbian ceramics, Inca pottery and fine Colonial artwork. Following the tour, enjoy a delicious three-course meal in an elegant wood-paneled dining room with stunning views of the Urubamba Valley below. Lunch consists of typical Peruvian dishes made with fresh ingredients sourced from the valley and from the grounds of Hacienda Huayocari.

**Transfer from Urubamba Valley to Ollantaytambo train station** | After lunch you will be driven by private vehicle approximately 20 minutes to the train station in Ollantaytambo to begin your journey to Machu Picchu.



**Vistadome Train – Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes** | As the name implies, the Vistadome train features spectacular panoramic windows to make the most of the incredible scenic views during the amazing journey. This service has a total of five cars and is PeruRail's mid-range option, offering comfort and quality as well as snacks and refreshments. The focus of the Vistadome is engaging guests with the breathtaking and ever-changing surroundings while giving them the opportunity to take some spectacular photos of the journey. The ride from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes is approximately 1.5 hours.

\*\*The luggage allowance for this service is one hand luggage (bag or backpack) with a maximum weight of 5kg/11 pounds and a maximum size of 157cm/62 inches (length + height + width).



**Andean Bear Rescue Center** | *Guided visit to Inkaterra's rescue center for spectacled bears* | As a guest at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel, you have the exclusive opportunity to visit the on-site Andean Bear Rescue Center. Often known for its caricatured portrayal as Paddington, the spectacled Andean bear is the only bear species native to South America, and the destruction of its natural habitat of forests and mountains has led to the bear's vulnerable conservation status. The Inkaterra Association is conducting research, conservation, and education projects on behalf of the adorable bears, and built a rescue center for the projects near their Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel. Available only in the mornings, guests can pay a \$10 USD donation for a 45 minute guided visit of the center.

\*Visits are approved by the hotel's ecotourism team, and are subject to their discretion.





**1 night at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel** | Carefully set in high tropical cloud forest, the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is an excellent accommodation for a visit to Machu Picchu. It is located in Aguas Calientes, only a short bus ride to the famed archeological site, and features 85 bungalow-style rooms scattered throughout 12 acres of lush gardens along the Vilcanota River.

Check-In: 13:00 hrs. / Check-Out: 11:00 hrs.  
Superior Room  
Includes: Buffet Breakfast & A la carte dinner

## Day 6



**A Day at the Ruins** | *Full-day tour accompanied by expert guide* | “Magnificence” is the only word to describe the scene as you gaze upon the ruins of Machu Picchu. The main destination on many travellers’ lists, the ‘lost city of the Incas’ is a man-made marvel that has become a symbol for the ingenuity and prosperity of the most expansive empire in pre-Columbian America. Only a century ago were the incredible ruins uncovered; a two year-excavation led by Yale archaeologist Hiram Bingham and the National Geographic Society of Washington DC allowed Machu Picchu to gain the prominence that it deserves. Its fascination is due in part to its position high on a mountain ridge, 2,430 metres (7,972 feet) above sea level. Believed to be an Inca settlement built to control the economies of neighbouring communities, it is associated with being the royal estate of Pachacuti, the great Inca who sparked the expansion of the empire.

Enjoy a guided tour of the spectacular ruins, discussing their history and significance whilst taking in the panoramic views. Following your visit you will take a bus back down the hill to the small town of Aguas Calientes, which lies at the foot of the famed archaeological complex.



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**Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station to Cusco** | Upon arrival at the Ollantaytambo train station, you will be welcomed by an Aracari representative and transferred approximately 2 hours to your hotel in Cusco.



**2 Nights at Palacio Manco Capac** | Situated on a hill near the archaeological site of Sacsayhuamán, Palacio Manco Capac is a boutique hotel in the city of Cusco, a ten minute uphill walk from the main square. Each of the twelve spacious rooms has an elegant, modern design with unique colonial touches and offers guests either a garden or city view, satellite TV, Wi-Fi and private bathroom with organic amenities in eco-friendly bottles. A friendly llama and alpaca live on the premise and guests can enjoy the garden and panoramic views of the city from the terrace. The restaurant serves delicious, traditional home-cooked Peruvian dishes. For personalised service and an escape from the bustle of the city, Palacio Manco Capac provides a quiet retreat where travellers can relax during a busy tour of the region.

Check-In time: 14:00hrs / Check-Out time: 12:00hrs

Garden View room

Includes: A la Carte Breakfast

## Day 7



**The Chef's Food Tour** | *Half-day culinary experience led by a professional chef* | Peru boasts an almost unbelievable number of ingredients and rich culinary history, sitting firmly on the international food scene as a must-visit culinary destination. Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire, is surrounded by the Andes which are recognized for its wide array of natural ingredients. Ancient superfoods like quinoa and kiwicha sit alongside the seemingly humble potato; nearby, the Sacred Valley lays claim to a special variety of corn, the giant *choclo*. Ingredients and their diversity from Cusco and beyond have helped inspire the country's leading chefs to deliver internationally-acclaimed fare, consolidated Peru's position as a gastronomic epicenter. On this food-focused morning, you'll be led on foot by one of the city's top professional chefs to discover more about Peruvian food.

In the neighborhood of San Blas you'll begin at a local bakery, *Pantastico*, which uses traditional Andean grains like quinoa, kiwicha and *maca* to create delicious wholesome loaves. At San Blas market, you'll see these types of ingredients on display alongside a multitude of exotic fruits and vegetables. The chef will take you to his favorite vendors to showcase and teach you about different ingredients – where they come from and what they're used for. Head to a popular juice stall to sample some of the new fruits discovered in the market while tucking into a local sandwich from the stall next door. Next you'll walk to an ice cream shop to enjoy a sweet taste of Peru's flavors.

Your chef will then take you to Pachapapa restaurant where you'll have the opportunity to learn to make Pisco Sours at the bar. Head out to the courtyard patio for a private cooking lesson, where under expert guidance you'll prepare trout ceviche before sitting down to enjoy your own creation.

*On your tour, you'll be led by one of two top chefs:*

**Rodrigo Balbontín** | Born in Chile, but raised gastronomically in Peru, Rodrigo took his first cooking class at the age of 9. Studying at Le Cordon Bleu in Peru's culinary capital of Lima, he has worked in the kitchens of many of the country's top restaurants including Astrid y Gaston, Rafael and Maido, as well as gaining experience abroad in London, Madrid and Barcelona. Rodrigo is passionate about food and experimenting in the kitchen, and enjoys sharing his love of cuisine with visitors.

**Stephan Joubert** | Originally from Johannesburg, South Africa, Stephan studied culinary arts in his home city before exploring the world through top hotel kitchens including the Radison Blu Saton and the Ritz Carlton Resort in Naples, Florida. Marrying a Peruvian sparked his love for Peruvian food and the never-ending discovery of the country's ingredients and flavors in the markets and the kitchen.



**In and Around Cusco** | 4-hour tour accompanied by one of our expert guides | Cusco (3,400m/11,155ft) is without a doubt the most beautiful town in Peru and arguably in South America. It was considered the navel of the earth and was the capital of Tahuantinsuyo (the Inca Empire), an empire that, at its peak, stretched northwards to the south of Colombia, southwards to northern Chile and Argentina, and eastwards across the Andes to the Amazon basin. Begin your visit in the Plaza de Armas in the city center. Make your way around the city as you are filled in with all of the enriching history and important moments that took place in the streets and buildings before you. Visit the renaissance-style Cathedral, certainly one of the most imposing structures in the city, and admire the exquisite stonework of Koricancha, or the Inca "Sun Temple." You'll also get to walk around the bustling, open-air San Pedro market, where you will be mesmerized by the variety of unique fruits and potatoes, before sojourning to the outskirts of the city to view the important Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman. Following this series of most informative visits, you will be returned to your Cusco accommodations.

**Overnight at Palacio Manco Capac**

## Day 8

**Transfer from hotel in Cusco to airport** | An Aracari representative will meet you at your hotel 2 hours before your flight departure and escort you to the airport for your domestic flight to Puerto Maldonado.

**Domestic flight Cusco to Puerto Maldonado.**

**Tambopata Research Center (4 day / 3 night program)**



Located in one of the richest and most biodiverse regions on the planet, today you will begin your journey to the Tambopata National Reserve - 3.7 million acres of protected jungle. The national reserve protects habitats ranging from the Andean highlands around the rivers' headwaters through some of the last remaining cloud forests, to the lowland rainforests of the Amazon. On the way into the reserve you will stop for a night at Refugio Amazonas before continuing on to the heart of the reserve where you will spend two nights at Tambopata Research Center. Both are Rainforest Alliance Verified lodges and engage directly with native communities to develop tourism in Peru's jungle. Their focus is on sustainable, community-based tourism and they provide employment for guides, cooks and lodge staff. The lodges are also built with local materials, using water and energy efficiency programs.

**Arrival & Reception by Guide** | All guides speak English and are professional certified ecotourism guides with ample knowledge of the flora and fauna of the region. One guide is provided for every six guests, which means that groups smaller than six individuals will be merged with other groups. If you would like a private guide or a guide in a language other than English please let us know.

**Transfer Airport to Puerto Maldonado Headquarters** | Upon arrival from Cusco, you will be welcomed at the airport and driven ten minutes to the Puerto Maldonado headquarters. Here you will have some time to separate your luggage and pack only the necessary gear for your jungle excursion, helping to keep the boats and cargo light. The rest of your luggage will be stored safely at headquarters.

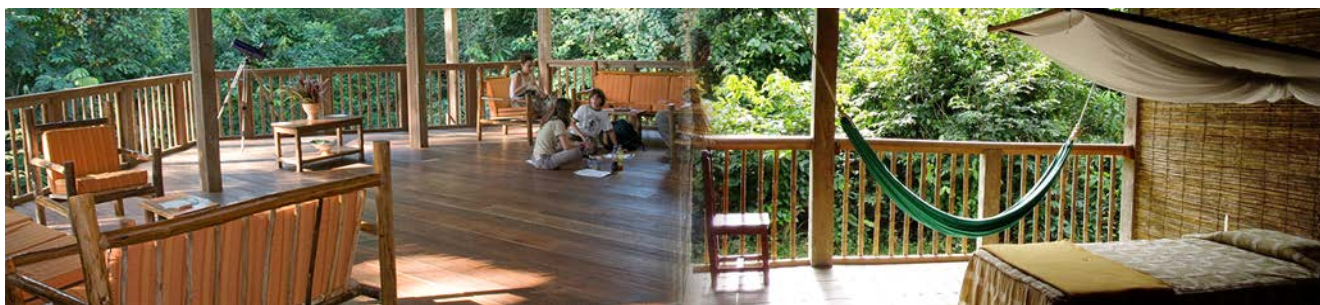
**Transfer from Puerto Maldonado Headquarters to Tambopata River Port** | Skirting the town of Puerto Maldonado, you will drive 20 kilometers to the Tambopata River port, entering the native community of Infierno.

**Transfer from Tambopata River Port to Refugio Amazonas** | The two and a half hour boat ride from the Tambopata port to Refugio Amazonas will take you past the community of Infierno and the Tambopata National Reserve's checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. Enjoy a delicious boxed lunch en route to your rainforest lodge.

**Arrival & Orientation** | Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you with important navigation and security tips.

**Wired Amazon** | This evening you can learn about the Wired Amazon initiative, which is a collection of science projects powered by the lodges on your program. The goal of Wired Amazon is to connect guests with the research that is taking place in the forest, and give you an opportunity to participate in the important scientific data collection. For example, you can partake in wildlife investigations with scientists in the field-setting light traps and camera traps or you can help out by counting species. This project is unique in that when you head home, you can continue your involvement via your computer. Through the Wired Amazon website, you can help identify fauna and flora and new species by watching live videos and photos taken by the camera traps and mini drones across the jungle.

**Night walk** | After enjoying dinner, you'll have the opportunity to go on a night hike. This is the time when most mammals are active, but difficult to see. Your guide will help you spot a variety of critters including frogs with a multitude of different shapes and sounds.



**Overnight at Refugio Amazonas** | Refugio Amazonas is a comfortable 32-bedroom eco-lodge adjacent to the 1.3 million hectare (3.2 million acre) Tambopata National Reserve and located four hours (one hour by land and three by boat) from the nearest town, Puerto Maldonado. The lodge was built combining traditional native architecture and materials with modern, low impact technology and features open-air rooms that overlook the rainforest. The rooms are separated by light cane fencing and drapes, are equipped with mosquito nets and have private bathrooms with warm water showers and ecological bath products. There is electricity via a 110V generator, which is turned on three times a day to provide light, recharge batteries for guests and for lodge facilities. It is an excellent option for introductory nature tours and the ideal stepping-stone for longer explorations to the Tambopata Research Center.

## Day 9



**Canopy Tower** | Following breakfast, take a thirty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas to the 25-meter scaffolding canopy tower. A staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. The tower has been built upon high ground, increasing your views of the primary rainforest extending out towards the Tambopata National Reserve. Once at the top, enjoy views of toucans, parrots or macaws flying along the horizon.

**Transfer from Refugio Amazonas to Tambopata Research Center** | Transfer four and a half hours by boat from Refugio Amazonas to the Tambopata Research Center which lies in the pristine heart of the Tambopata National Reserve. As you cross the confluence with the Malinowski River, you will leave the final traces of human civilization behind. Within the 700,000 hectare reserve, sightings of capybara, caiman, geese, macaws and other large species will become more frequent.

**Chuncho Clay Lick** | Two hours from Refugio Amazonas, deep in the Tambopata National Reserve, we will stop at the Chuncho Clay Lick. After a brief 5 minute walk, you will have the chance to see dozens of large macaws feeding on the special sodium rich clays of the riverbank. The Chuncho clay lick is thought to attract more large macaws than any other claylick in the world and the sight of dozens of macaws taking flight is truly unforgettable. This stop is weather dependent as the birds do not visit the claylick if it's raining. You will then continue your journey to Tambopata Research Centre and enjoy a box lunch en route.

**Arrival & Orientation** | Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you with important navigation and security tips.

**Overlook Trail** | A three to five kilometer hike will take you to several overlooks commanding magnificent views of the winding Tambopata River below. The forest on this trail will provide opportunities to view howler monkeys and dusky titi monkeys.

**Macaw Project Lectures** | After dinner scientists will provide an in-depth look at the biology of macaws, their feeding habits, the theories for clay lick use, their breeding and feeding ecology, population fluctuations and the threats to their conservation.



**2 nights at Tambopata Research Center** | Located around eight hours up river from the city of Puerto Maldonado, the Tambopata Research Center (TRC) is one of the most remote rainforest accommodations in South America and is the only lodge located within the actual Tambopata National Reserve. Its secluded location deep in the jungle gives guests the unique opportunity to fully engage with the wonders of the Amazon, and the activities at the lodge boast some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Peru. The 24-room lodge is located just a short walk from the largest known macaw clay lick in the Amazon and the surrounding forest is home to various species of monkeys, birds, insects, and other spectacular wildlife. There are a range of room categories and suites, all with en-suite bathrooms with warm water, and mosquito nets are provided. Electricity is provided three times a day for light in the evenings and to recharge batteries, via a 110V generator.

## Day 10



**Macaw Clay Lick** | On most clear mornings dozens of macaws and hundreds of parrots congregate on this large river bank in a raucous and colorful spectacle which inspired a National Geographic cover story. Discretely located fifty meters from the cliff, you will observe green-winged, scarlet and blue-and-gold macaws as well as several species of smaller parrots descend to ingest the clay. The best time to view the macaws and parrots is at dawn when the clay lick is most active.

**Floodplain Trail** | Following breakfast, you will walk along a five kilometer trail through the lush rainforest and past several creeks and ponds. Amongst the figs, ceibas and shihuahuacos trees you will look for squirrel, brown capuchin, and spider monkeys as well as peccaries.

**Pond Platform** | After an enjoyable lunch, you will walk ten minutes upriver from the lodge to a tiny pond with a platform in the middle. This is a great place to spot waterfowl such as muscovy ducks, sunbitterns and hoatzins as well as woodpeckers, flycatchers and parakeets.

**Night walk** | After dinner, you will have the option of participating in a night hike to view mammals and frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.

**Overnight at Tambopata Research Center**

## Day 11



**Transfer from Tambopata Research Center to Tambopata River Port to Puerto Maldonado** | Following breakfast, board your boat for your return journey to the river port, where you will be transferred by land to the Puerto Maldonado headquarters to pick up your luggage and ready yourself for your flight. Depending on airline schedules, this may require dawn departures.

**Domestic flight Puerto Maldonado to Lima.**

**Domestic Arrival and Transfer to Hotel** | An Aracari representative will be expecting you from domestic flight with a sign bearing your name. He will escort you to your hotel to assist you with check-in and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have at this point.



**1 night at Villa Barranco** | Housed in a stately Republican Home build in the twenties, Villa Barranco has been lovingly restored, preserving many of its beautiful original architectural features. Offering a range of Deluxe Rooms and Junior and Master suites with private terraces or gardens, the spacious en-suite rooms are tastefully decorated with clean lines, high-quality linen and handpicked artwork. In the heart of Lima's cultural and bohemian neighborhood Barranco, the terrace offers a wonderful view out to the Pacific Ocean and the tranquil gardens provide a quiet retreat for relaxing.

Check-In time: 14:00 hrs. / Check-Out time: 12:00 hrs.

De Luxe room

Includes: Breakfast

## Day 12



**Island Wildlife** | *4 hour tour led by an expert guide* | Suitable for families and wildlife enthusiasts alike, a visit to the Palomino Islands is a chance to get up close with marine animals, a short boat ride away from Lima's shores. After being collected from your Lima hotel and transferred to Callao Harbour in the north of the city, you will head out on to the ocean on a speed boat for the short trip to the Palomino Islands. Once there, you'll see the magnificent limestone cliffs of the islands as well as an abundance of seabirds including the Humboldt penguins, boobies, and Inca tern. If you're feeling adventurous, you can enjoy a swim with the friendly and curious sea lions that inhabit the islands and surrounding waters.





**Callao Monumental** | 4-hour tour accompanied by one of our friends in the city | Not only is Lima firmly grounded in artistic traditions born in pre-Columbian times and developed throughout the colonial period, the city is at the forefront of a thriving contemporary art movement in Latin America. During this excursion, you will visit Callao Monumental, an avante gardé artistic space for contemporary and urban art in Lima, gaining insight and perspective on what's currently happening in the art scene.

The port district of Callao was founded in 1537 by Spanish colonists and quickly became the principle port for Spanish commerce in the Pacific. Once one of the most affluent parts of Lima, Callao has suffered much economic decline over the years. The Callao Monumental project showcases contemporary urban art, champions local artists and engages with the community through its outreach and regeneration work. The heart of the project is located in the historic Ronald Building, a covered market built by a British engineer, and renovated for this project. It consists of six floors of independent restaurants, artisanal fabric boutiques, galleries and studio space for resident artists. From the rooftop of the building there is a spectacular view of the surrounding area, including the harbor and the modern commercial port, the naval base and the historic Real Felipe fortress.

Your tour will take you through Plaza Matriz Pisconi and include a private walking tour through Callao's vibrant street art scene with a leading graffiti artist for a unique perspective on contemporary Peruvian urban culture. Inside the building you'll peruse the private galleries, art studio spaces and interact with artists in residence.

The area is also home to a range of popular restaurants including Veggie Pizza, Ramen y Deli Callao and El Italo. Graffiti Street Art workshops can also be arranged on request with advance notice (supplementary price applies).

\* Attractions to be visited subject to opening hours, availability of artists and length of visit.

**Transfer to the Airport for International Flight** | An Aracari representative will escort you to the airport three hours and thirty minutes before your international flight to assist you with check-in. After you have checked in your luggage, he will accompany you until you pass through to the departure area.

**International departure.**

**END OF SERVICES**

# Pricing

Land services - NET Price per Person (ADULTS) in:

Paddington Bear 2 - Itinerary accommodation based on a party of **2** persons **US\$5,288.2**  
(traveling together)

**Total Price per Booking (not including Flights): **US\$9,977.82****

- Please be aware that this is a suggested itinerary and is subject to availability.
- All flights (International and Domestic flights within Peru) are only as reference. Airfares are not included (quoted separately below).
- Domestic flights within Peru are suggested and their schedules can vary.
- Please be aware that we offer private guide and services on all tours **except**:
  - Train services to/from Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu train station)
  - Shuttle bus (to/from Machu Picchu site)

Domestic Flights - Approximate NET Price per person (ADULTS):

Lima / Cusco:	<b>US\$245.00</b>
Cusco / Lima:	<b>US\$245.00</b>
Lima / Chiclayo:	<b>US\$225.00</b>
Trujillo /Cusco	<b>US\$245.00</b>
Cusco / Puerto Maldonado:	<b>US\$225.00</b>

**IMPORTANT:** Please be aware that airfares are subject to change until payment is made.

Domestic flights (within Peru) booked are non-refundable and can be flexible according airline policies with a surcharge starting at **US\$100.00** per person per route.

This itinerary includes:

- Accommodation at hotels as mentioned above.
- Meals where indicated.
- Local English speaking guides throughout.
- Entrance tickets.
- All transfers to and from the airport.
- A customized detailed itinerary which includes historical information about the places you will visit, tips for the traveler, where to eat and where to shop, maps of the places you will visit, and a comprehensive reading list.
- Local airport taxes.

Not included:

- Domestic flights (quoted separately).
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- International Flights and airport taxes.
- Neither personal expenses nor any other service not specified in the itinerary.

**COMMENTS:**

- All prices in this quotation are per person, NET and non-commissionable.
  - Please check carefully that this quotation matches what you have requested. We will be providing the exact services that are included in this quotation.
  - If you request different services at later stage, there will be additional charges.
  - We offer private services with private guides **except:** on flights, on the trains to/from Cusco and Puno, to/from Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu train station), on the shuttle bus (to/from Machu Picchu), at lodges, and on cruises in the Amazon (unless private services are requested).
  - All flights (International and Domestic flights within Peru) are only as a reference.
  - International flights are not included. Domestic flights are quoted separately.
  - Prices of trains are subject to change until payment is made due to circumstances beyond our control.
  - We recommend you travel with a passport that is valid 6 months after your return date.
  - On domestic scheduled flights in Peru, luggage allowance is restricted to a maximum of **23 kg** per person. Extra per kg costs approximately **US\$5.00** or according to the local airline policies. Only small carry-ons are allowed as cabin luggage (maximum 5 kg per carry-on).
  - In general, soft luggage is encouraged for the duration of your trip.
  - On trains, passengers may take one piece of hand luggage (a bag or backpack) aboard the train. The maximum weight and dimensions are detailed below for different train services:
    - a) Hiram Bingham, Vistadome and Andean Explorer
      - Maximum weight: 5 kg / 11 lb
      - Maximum size: 62 in / 157 cm (length + height + width)
    - b) Inca Rail First Class and Executive Service
      - Maximum weight: 8 kg / 17.6 lb
      - Maximum size: length: 50 cm x height: 40 cm x width: 25 cm
- For those travelling by train to Machu Picchu, the remainder of your luggage will be safely stored until your return to Cusco or the Urubamba Valley. Your guide will advise you of specific arrangements.
- For those travelling by train between Puno and Cusco or Arequipa on the Andean Explorer, the remainder of your luggage will be transported in a separate luggage car.
- Please be aware that tripods, selfie sticks, and all other camera support equipment are prohibited from Machu Picchu.
  - Please check with the nearest Peruvian consulate or embassy in your country for the most up-to-date information about Visa requirements as it varies by country and entry requirements are subject to regular change. For most countries, a 183 day tourist visa is issued upon arrival in Lima, but it is important that you check before you depart for Peru to ensure that you have no issues with entry.

## AMAZON RAINFOREST

- In the Amazon, all services are on a shared basis (not private).

## **METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

1. Payment by Credit Card: Available through our website (<http://www.aracari.com/payments/>). For safety reasons, the maximum amount per transaction is \$3,000.00 (for VISA) and \$8,000.00 (for AMEX and Master Card). Please advise your bank that you authorize this charge to your Credit Card, before making a payment.
2. Payment by Wire Transfer: This is how most of our clients pay and most can do an electronic transfer through their online account.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Please be advised that travel in Peru and Bolivia, and South America in general, is occasionally subject to disruptions due to circumstances beyond ARACARI's control. These disruptions may affect your trip and may result in delays and changes of plans. These include but are not limited to: adverse weather conditions, unannounced schedule changes in museums and other attractions' opening times, flight cancellations and delays etc. (Please refer to our booking conditions under "force majeure").

Likewise, infrastructure is still limited in places so water and power shortages might occur as well as substandard service even in the best hotels. Therefore, to enhance the enjoyment of your holiday, we **STRONGLY ADVISE** you to be understanding and patient, as nobody can or will be held responsible for changes to your itinerary as a result of the aforementioned. ARACARI is there to mitigate the hassle and rearrange activities wherever possible to suit your needs, but sometimes the circumstances are beyond our control. The upside is the privilege of visiting a largely unspoiled country and region, with a rich culture and delightful population.