

14-DAY EXOTIC ORCHIDS, WILDLIFE & INCA RUINS OF PERU



DAY 1 - U. S. / LIMA

Upon your arrival in Lima you are met and transferred to the **Hotel Cosa Del Sol Ramada** for the remainder of the night.

DAY 2 -LIMA / PUERTO MALDONADO / RESERVA AMAZONICA

In the morning you board the scheduled flight to Puerto Maldonado and transfer, by boat, to your comfortable **Jungle Lodge** in the Reserva Amazonica. B/L/D

DAYS 3 & 4 – RESERVA AMAZONICA

You have two full days to explore the rainforest in one of the most biologically diverse ecosystem son Earth. The wildlife is remarkable and includes colorful macaws, toucans and parrots, tapirs, gorgeous southern Amazon red squirrels and several species of monkeys. B/L/D

DAY 5 – RESERVA AMAZONICA / PUERTO MALDONADO / CUSCO

In the morning you travel back to Puerto Maldonado and fly to Cuzco. After lunch you descend into the sacred and historic Urubamba River Valley and visit the village of Pisac, which hosts one of the most vibrant and colorful markets in the Andean highlands. Later in the afternoon you check into the **Hotel Posada Yucay**. B/L/D

DAY 6 – YUCAY / WILLOQ / OLLANTA / YUCAY

After breakfast you drive to a Willoq village where a community of Indians lives a way of life that has not changed very much since pre-Columbian times. Following lunch you visit the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo. In the evening you return for dinner and to overnight at the Hotel Posada Yucay. B/L/D

DAY 7 – YUCAY / OLLANTA / AGUAS CALIENTES

In the morning you transfer to the railway station and board the train for Machu Picchu - the "Lost city of the Incas." You arrive mid- morning and check into the beautiful **Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**. In the afternoon you join your naturalist guide for an introduction to the hotel's Orchid Gardens. In addition more than 400 species of birds and numerous butterflies have been recorded from the area and you are free to join one or more of the hotel's naturalists on a guided trail walk in search these natural wonders. The village of Aguas Calientes, with its colorful shops and open air markets, is within easy walking distance of your hotel. B/L/D

DAY 10 – MACHU PICCHU

After breakfast you board a minibus and climb up a steep and winding road to the impressive ruins of Machu Picchu which lie in a saddle with sheer mountainsides on either side. Your guide points out the significance of various stone structures and discusses some of the theories that have been suggested to solve the mysteries of Machu Picchu. After touring the archeological site you hike the Intipunku Inca trail to the Sun Gate. Following lunch you visit the adjacent orchid collection. In the afternoon you take the bus down the mountain and visit the New Museo de Sitio Orchid Collection. B/L/D

DAY 11 – MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

In the morning you may join one of the walks conducted by the hotel's naturalist guides. After breakfast you walk through a moist montane forest, past unique giant tree ferns, orchids and birds-of-paradise. Birds, such as the Torrent Duck, Mitred Parakeet and Roadside Hawk are frequently seen. You may also visit some ancient thermal baths and a prolific trout farm before returning to the hotel for a delicious Andean-style buffet lunch. In the afternoon you board the afternoon train to Cusco and transfer to the **Hotel San Agustin**. B/L/D

DAY 12 – CUSCO

After breakfast you visit the famous amphitheater of Kenko, which is a rare example of curvilinear construction in Inca architecture. Tambomachay, also known as the Inca Baths, was built around a natural spring. High above the city the Inca built Sacsayhuaman, a truly amazing fortress built of massive stones, which zigzags across the side of the mountain. Following your picnic lunch, which is accompanied by traditional Inca music, you visit several of Cusco's historical sites and have time for shopping in this center of Andean culture and handicrafts. In the evening you meet at one of Cusco's leading restaurants for a farewell dinner and a colorful program of Andean folklore before returning to your hotel. B/L/D

DAY 13 – CUSCO / LIMA

In the morning you fly to Lima and check into dayrooms at the **Hotel Costa Del Sol, Ramada**. Following lunch you visit the Gold of Peru Museum. The collection includes monumental necklaces, funerary masks, scepters, ceremonial cups, tumis (sacrificial knives), nose rings, earrings and idols, all fashioned of sumptuous gold and semi-precious stones. Artifacts from Peru's history, such as items owned by the Pizarro brothers and Simon Bolívar, are also on display. In the evening you depart for La Rosa Nautica, one of Lima's loveliest restaurants. Following dinner you transfer to the airport and check in for our flight to the U.S. B/L/D

DAY 14 – LIMA / U. S.

Our flight arrives back in the U.S. Later in the day we return to our homes with numerous impressions and memories of our visit to the "Heart of the Inca Empire." (B)

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner; () = an In-flight meal.

2010 Costs: for World Discovery Safaris 14-day Exotic Orchids, Wildlife and Inca Ruins of Peru Program

(subject to availability at the time of booking)

2 to 4 passengers – \$3495 per person, double occupancy

5 to 9 passengers – \$3050 per person, double occupancy

10 to 14 passengers – \$2,895 per person, double occupancy

15 to 19 passengers – \$2,875 per person, double occupancy

20 or more passengers – \$2,850 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement – \$ 595.00

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris, all accommodations and meals, as per this itinerary, top-quality, English speaking, naturalist/ guide services, all land and domestic air transportation, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, entrance fees to parks and sites visited, and portage while in Peru.

NOT INCLUDED: International air to and from Lima, Peru, the costs of obtaining passports & visas (visas for U.S. passport holders to enter Peru are **not** currently required), excess baggage charges, traveler's insurance and items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, excursions and services that are not included in the itinerary, tips to the boat drivers, lodge staff and naturalist guides, drinks that are not included with meals, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.

Individual departures and customized itineraries are available upon request. Please contact us for more details and costs at wds2830@bellsouth.net or call World Discovery Safaris at 205-972-8733

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