



Peruvian Highlands/ Amazon Jungle combination

This itinerary is designed to be a comprehensive introduction to the Cuzco region and the history of the Inca Empire, as well as great introductory excursion to the Amazon rainforest. We'll visit multiple Inca archeological sites, the most famous being the mysterious citadel of Machu Picchu, where we'll spend two days. We'll learn about the secrets of this ancient city from our expert Peruvian guide. We'll also spend two days touring the Sacred Valley, where we can visit other Inca sites, local markets, and enjoy the flavors of the local cuisine, all set amid the spectacular Andean region where llamas are an everyday sight and roasted guinea pig may be the blue plate special!

Next we visit *Reserva Amazonica*, the number one best lodge in the Amazon basin, offering the best in local cuisine and lodging. Here will be our base of operations for our jungle adventures. We'll visit native communities, fish for Piranha, climb into the jungle canopy on an excellent elevated walkway 90 feet into the treetops, and more!

General Itinerary (subject to modification):

Day 1: Arrive Cuzco. We meet you at the airport. Check in to your hotel, then relax or take an afternoon stroll with your One Moon trip leader to the hills above Cuzco to get your first glimpse of Inca ruins. Perhaps we'll meet later at one of the great restaurants around the Plaza de Armas.

Day 2: Today we spend the day getting to know Cuzco, with an afternoon tour of the old city, and we'll begin to learn more of the Inca history. With our local guide, we'll see colonial churches, historical sites, and markets. There will be plenty of time to shop, explore, and relax.

Day 3: We leave for the Sacred Valley, visiting the village of Chinchero and the Salt Mines at Maras. We'll spend the night at the quaint village of Ollantaytambo, sight of the ancient fortress.

Day 4: We'll catch the train from here to travel to the small town of Aguas Calientes, the place where we'll begin our adventure to Machu Picchu. Our local guide will lead us into the ancient city. He'll begin to explain the mysteries of this lost culture.

Day 5: We'll have a second day at Machu Picchu, to explore at your leisure this fascinating archeological park. You may want to take an exhilarating hike to the top of Huayna Picchu, explore the hidden corners of Machu Picchu, or just relax and soak it all in at the hot springs.

Later in the afternoon, we'll re-board the train and return to Ollantaytambo.

Day 6: We'll finish our tour of the Sacred Valley today, traveling up valley, visiting Pisac and Urubamba (ceramic studio) and returning to Cuzco early in the afternoon. Plenty of free time today. Back to the square for more shopping, dining, or perhaps a disco. There's even an authentic Irish pub!

Day 7: NEW! Unique cultural visit to a remote Quechua village. Accompanied by a HoPe representative, to see the work they are doing. Involves some hiking, as these places are inaccessible by car. Or you may just want stay in Cuzco to souvenir shop, sight-see, or just hang out. Breakfast included, other meals are your expense.

Day 8: Transfer to airport, depart Cuzco for Puerto Maldonado, our jumping off point to the Amazon Jungle! / Set out on outboard motorboat down the Madre de Dios River to Reserva Amazonica (45 min) / Welcome, see your accommodations, and lunch at the lodge

/ Walk through the trails inside the INKATERRA Ecological Reserve, with guide: Our Trails System includes four clearly-cut trails and extends across roughly 8 km (6 miles) of the lodge's surrounding rainforest, providing access to the various Amazon habitats: seasonably flooded forests and groves, Amazon palms, and primary and secondary forests, among others. Walking slowly and cautiously is advisable, as well as magnifying your senses in order to take in the surrounding views and sounds.

/ Cruise the Madre de Dios River by Night: This expedition gives visitors the opportunity to spot eye-catching caimans at the river beaches hunting for their prey. Madre de Dios River is home to three species of alligators: black caiman, white caiman and the dwarf caiman. Capibaras (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*), the biggest rodent on earth, can also be spotted during this expedition.

/ Dinner at the lodge / Evening Nature Presentations on Amazonian topics / Overnight at Reserva Amazonica.

Day 9: Tropical breakfast buffet / Hike for one hour through the primary forest in Tambopata National Reserve, before reaching the beautiful oxbow lake called Sandoval. Paddle a rustic canoe and if the time is right, watch a glorious sunset.

Local guides provide environmental interpretation of the reserve, forest, and lake.

Navigation in canoe around the Lake Sandoval / Lunch at the lodge / Visit the Canopy Interpretation center and walk through treetops and Wetlands / Dinner at the lodge / Evening Nature Presentations on Amazonian topics / Overnight at RA.

Day 10: Visit the Rolin Island and Community: We'll travel ten minutes by boat to Rolín Island, to learn about the island's ecosystem and about the project to protect endangered primates there. Take a brief transfer to Rolín Community, for a one-hour guided visit to learn about the local lifestyle and about Inkaterra's school project there. Rolin Island (also known as Monkey Island), located in the Madre de Dios River, is a large property in front of RESERVA AMAZÓNICA. In association with INRENA PERU (National Institute of Natural Resources), INKATERRA runs a conservation project to protect endangered primates and reintroduce them to their natural environment. This lush island is unique to the area and a favorite excursion destination for RESERVA AMAZÓNICA guests. Hiking trails, huge trees, and beautiful beaches in summer that embellish the isle scenery. Rolin is a special location to watch particular monkey species such as the white fronted capuchin, the brown capuchin, the saddle backed tamarin and the squirrel monkey. / Return to the lodge by boat.

/ Lunch at the lodge/ Visit the Canopy Interpretation Center and walk through treetops and Wetlands: This spectacular activity, unique to RESERVA AMAZÓNICA in the Madre de Dios region, allows visitors to appreciate the Amazon from a unique perspective and to observe the flora and fauna of the treetops. At 40-meter (130 ft) above the ground, guests can walk and explore more than 320 meters (1050 ft) of treetops, observing orchids, diverse fruits, insects and a large variety of tree-dwelling animals. The Canopy Walk features 2 observation towers and several circular observation platforms.

Day 11: Tropical breakfast buffet / Gamitana Creek Exploration: Visitors board a motorboat and travel upstream to the marvelous and calmed Gamitana Creek. In this exploration the travelers are able to sight birds, monkeys, caimans and turtles, and enjoy a day of fishing. Lunch includes tasty Amazon fish served in one of the creek's beaches. Also, visitors may have the option of paddling in local canoes.

/Free Afternoon, for swimming or other activity

Dinner at the lodge / Evening Nature Presentations about Amazonian topics / Overnight at RA

Day 12: Return to airport for your flight to Cuzco/Lima.

Tour includes:

1. Your experienced One Moon Trip Leader - travels with group, insuring that you have an enjoyable worry-free adventure.
2. Roundtrip train between Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes.
3. Shuttle between Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu two days.
4. All hotels-3 star or better. Breakfast is usually provided by the hotel.
5. Airport transfers
6. Sacred Valley Tour, accompanied by a local, trained, bilingual, expert guide, with private transportation.

7. Cuzco half-day tour, accompanied by a local, trained, bilingual. expert guide, with private transportation.
8. Entry fees to Machu Picchu both days. First day accompanied by local expert guide.
9. Cuzco tourist ticket.

10. All room and board at *Reserva Amazonica*- **the number one first-class Amazon lodge.**
11. All necessary equip for Amazon activities
12. All Amazon jungle guides and activities listed.
13. **All meals** during your 12 day trip are included, provided you dine with the group.
14. Vegetarian menus, when requested, are included.
15. Round trip airfare Cuzco to Puerto Maldonado.

Tour does not include:

1. R/t Airfare to Cuzco from your origin. We are happy to assist you with your itinerary.
3. Tips for guides, etc.
4. Cab fares on your free time.
5. Other incidentals not mentioned.

Cost for 2007: \$2895 per person, dbl occupancy.