

**PERU - ANDES AND AMAZON**



**TRIP CODE**

PETSAAM

**DURATION**

10 Days

**LOCATIONS**

Cusco, Machu Picchu,  
Puerto Maldonado



**INTRODUCTION**

This itinerary really packs a punch – three must-see destinations in one. And so many contrasts! One moment you are enjoying a pisco sour in Cusco’s Colonial central square, the next you are hiking over Andean passes and through cloud forest to Machu Picchu on one of the world’s classic treks; the Inca Trail. Then, you are in the steamy atmosphere of the Amazon jungle enjoying the richest biodiversity on the planet. Almost too much for the senses to take in!

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Cusco**

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with a driver only.



**DAY 1: Cusco**

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobblestoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



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**DAY 2: Cusco Walking City Tour**

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to explore the wonders of Cusco, the ancient Inca capital city on foot. With your private guide, explore the city's fascinating history, from the Inca times to colonial rule to the present day. Winding through narrow cobble-stoned streets and markets, this half day tour will show you the baroque Cathedral, which took 96 years to complete commencing in 1550. The Cathedral includes many priceless colonial religious paintings including the Black Christ. Cusco is famed for its mix of Colonial and Inca architecture, and you will also sample impressive Inca constructions at the Korikancha ruins - the Inca temple of the Sun. With the entire city a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this tour will be one of the highlights of your adventures in Peru.



**DAY 2: Pre-Trek Briefing**

This evening the trek operator will hold a pre-trek briefing at your hotel. Time will be reconfirmed with you directly on arrival. Please note your sleeping bag which is included will be provided to you at this briefing.



**DAY 3: Inca trail to Wayllabamba**

Depart your hotel very early and travel along the Sacred Valley by bus to Piskacucho at 2,700m above sea level. Embark on the unforgettable trek beginning as you cross the bridge over the Rio Urubamba. From here the trek takes you along the left shore of the river and after roughly three hours, you reach the first Inca site - Patallaqta. After another half-hour walking along the Rio Kusichaca valley, arrive in Taravoc and stop for some well-earned lunch. The afternoon is spent walking through a wonderful variety of flora and fauna with splendid views en route including Rio Vilcanota, the Urubamba mountain range and the snow-capped peak of Mt Veronica. In the mid-afternoon you reach Wayllabamba at 3,000m (9,840 ft), where the camp will be set up and you will enjoy a hearty-but-healthy dinner before your first night under canvas.



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### DAY 4: Inca Trail to Pacaymayu valley

A demanding day of ascents and descents awaits, around 9km over seven to eight hours. In the morning, you will slowly make your way up to Warmihuañusca (4,200m / 11,111ft) otherwise known as the 'Dead Woman's Pass'. You will see alpacas and llamas feeding on pastures of Ichu, a type of Andean grass. This is not only the highest point of the Inca Trail, but also the half way point on your trek to Machu Picchu! Continue downhill through an area of Cloud Forest, home to many birds including sparrows and hummingbirds. You may also be lucky enough to see the rare Spectacled Bear. Your camp for the night will be in Pacaymayu valley at 3,600m (11,810 ft). There will be time to relax before an early dinner and a much needed sleep.



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### DAY 5: Inca Trail to Wiñayhuayna Inca site

The third day is the longest day of the trek, but not the most strenuous. Begin the day with an hour's walk up original Inca steps to the archaeological site of Runkurakay at 3,800m (12,470ft). Pass a number of small lagoons to Runkurakay Pass before the trail snakes down to Yanacocha (the Black Lagoon) and continues to the archaeological site of Sayacmarca. Stop at Chaquicocha camp for lunch. Continue along the paved Inca path, through a preserved Inca tunnel to reach the Phuyupatamarca Pass and its ruins. From here, there are often incredible views of the snow-capped Mount Salkantay, the most beautiful mountain in the region. There is then a steep decent to Wiñayhuayna, an Inca site built into the hills with fountain structures and curved terracing, overlooking the Urubamba River. Your final night of the trail will be spent here.



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**DAY 6: Arrival to Machu Picchu**

The most anticipated day of the trek begins early with a trek to Into Punku (The Sun Gate), where you will catch the first glimpse of the breathtaking Machu Picchu Ruins. On arrival at the ruins, there will be a two and a half hour guided tour giving you an insight into the history behind the principal remains and monuments before some time to explore the ruins at leisure. You may choose to scale the Huayna Picchu Mountain, which gives you spectacular views of Machu Picchu from a different perspective. (Please note that access to Huayna Picchu Mountain requires an extra, limited-availability permit - please enquire at time of booking if you require one.) Or you may choose to visit the hot springs (wonderful for aching legs!) down in the village of Aguas Calientes. The train back to Cusco will depart from Aguas Calientes in the late afternoon.



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**DAY 7: Reserva Amazonica Day One**

Upon arrival to Puerto Maldonado you will be welcomed at the Butterfly House. Transfer to the pier for a 45 minute boat ride to arrive at Inkatererra Reserva Amazonica. Enjoy the Trail System adventure and the Twilight River excursion or, if you prefer, the nature presentation at the Eco Center with cocktails available to all. After dinner, you will overnight in your cabin.



**DAY 7: Transfer to the airport for onward destination**

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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### DAY 8: Reserva Amazonica Day Two

After breakfast, you can enjoy an excursion to Lake Sandoval and the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk. In the afternoon, you will enjoy an Eco-media nature presentation with cocktails available to all. After dinner, you will overnight again in your cabin.



### DAY 9: Amazon activities

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the Gamitana Creek. After lunch, you can choose to enjoy the optional ENA Spa service before a delicious dinner and overnight.



### DAY 10: Reserva Amazonica Day Four

After buffet breakfast, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado by outboard motorised canoe to catch your departure flight.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Hotel in Cusco. Camping on the Inca Trail. Jungle Lodge in the Amazon.

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<b>Inclusions</b>	Private airport transfers Internal flights 3 nights hotel accommodation in Cusco with breakfast 3 night Inca Trail Trek with all meals 3 night Amazon lodge with all meals Tours as detailed in itinerary Sleeping bag hire for Inca Trail Entrances and permits <b>EXCLUSIONS</b> International Airfares Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for porters, guides and drivers
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	5 (High altitude and good fitness required in many areas)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	Porters can be hired to carry personal items at an extra charge.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

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Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further

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encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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