



PERU

MANU RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



- DURATION:** 12 days / 11 nights (1-2 nights tent camping)
SEASON: May through October
DEPARTURES: Guaranteed with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 12 participants
TRIP RATING: Moderate/Strenuous Rainforest Expedition, Grade (III) - This program includes travel into remote jungle regions over unpaved roads and by partially covered motorized canoes, plus guided nature hikes of up to 4 hours duration, on occasionally muddy or unmaintained rainforest trails.
- 2012 DATES:** On request any week during the season for a minimum of 4 participants.

INTRODUCTION:

At more than 4.6 million acres (approx. the size of the state of Massachusetts), Manu National Park, in southeastern Peru, is the second largest tropical rainforest reserve on earth and the most important park in the Amazon! Although only 100 miles from Cusco and Machu Picchu, its natural geographical features include one of the world's largest mountain ranges, the impassable rapids of the Madeira River, and a jungle-covered divide, helping to maintain Manu's isolation as well as preserving its incredible biodiversity from exploitation. Manu became a National Park in 1973 and was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1977. In 1987, Manu was pronounced a World Heritage Site—one of just 200 select areas recognized in 55 countries around the world representing the finest examples of major ecosystems on the planet. Encompassing an entire unlogged watershed, with ecological zones ranging from Andean puna at 13,000' to low elevation rainforest below 1,000', no other reserve on the planet can compare to Manu in terms of sheer biodiversity! There are an estimated 20,000 plant species (10% of all of the plant species on earth) plus more than 1,000 species of birds (again 10% of the earth's total) and 13 species of monkeys recorded within its boundaries. The area is home to endangered wildlife such as the Andean spectacled bear, giant river otter and black caiman, as well as several primitive Indian tribes. Manu is also one of the best places in the Amazon to spot rarely observed species such as the ocelot, jaguar or harpy eagle.

Designed to maximize wildlife viewing while learning about the rainforest, this exciting, low-impact adventure offers the best, first-hand understanding of this incredible reserve! We begin our adventure with a scenic 2-day overland journey, allowing us to witness the amazing transition from the Andes to the rainforest—opportunities missed if one flies into the reserve. From Atalaya we navigate the upper Madre de Dios and Manu rivers in a wooden motorized canoe until we reach Cocha Salvador. Here, we enjoy guided hikes through the jungle and paddle canoe excursions on the lake to observe a resident family of giant river otters. Next, we head downstream to a lodge near the Blanquillo macaw lick, one of the largest in Manu. At a blind about 150 feet from the bank, we marvel at the Amazon's most thrilling avian spectacle as dozens of parrots and macaws descend to eat the clay. A river and land journey plus a scenic flight from Puerto Maldonado brings us back to Lima where we finish our sightseeing before flying home.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 01 (SAT): USA/LIMA OR CUSCO

Those arriving this evening to Peru's capital city, **Lima**, are met at the airport and assisted checking-in to the Costa del Sol Hotel located near the International Terminal. Those arriving to **Cusco** (11,150') directly are met at the airport and transferred to the historic Libertador Hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure to begin acclimating to the altitude. Meals are on your own.

DAY 02 (SUN): LIMA/CUSCO

Those who arrived in Lima last night are picked up early this morning and guided to the Domestic Terminal to catch the one-hour flight to **Cusco**, the former Inca capital (participants already in Cusco have the morning on their own to begin exploring the city). Group members are met upon arrival and transferred to the historic Libertador Hotel near the main plaza. For those just arriving, the remainder of the morning is at leisure to begin acclimating to the 11,150-foot elevation. Lunch is on your own. Our local guide picks us up in the early afternoon for an orientation tour of the city. Our visit includes: the *Coricancha*, or Inca's Sun Temple, whose stone work is some of the finest in the country; the main plaza and Cathedral; and the Inca walls of *Hatunrumiyoc Street*, which is named for the clearly visible 12-angled stone. We return to the hotel for an expedition briefing and to finalize our preparations for the Manu adventure. Later, we join our guide for a delicious welcome dinner and pisco sour. (B,D)

DAY 03 (MON): CUSCO/TRES CRUCES (OR CLOUD FOREST)

Following breakfast, we leave **Cusco** in our expedition vehicle, heading southeast along the Huatanay Valley. We make a birding stop at Lake Huacarpay and may spot Andean gulls, Andean lapwings, white tufted grebes, an American coot or two, common gallinules, plumbeous rails and possibly a masked duck among the waterfowl in the reeds that line the shore. Perhaps a black-chested buzzard-eagle or American kestrel can be glimpsed soaring overhead. Then, near the town of Huambutío, we begin ascending a narrow dirt road that leads toward **Paucartambo** (9,530') renowned as the region's folklore center and famous for its traditional Virgin del Carmen Festival held July 16 each year. As we gain elevation to reach the highest point of our route, *Mojonpatapampa Pass* at 12,795', there are spectacular views of inter-Andean valleys and the snow-covered Urubamba and Vilcanota ranges in the distance. We enjoy a picnic lunch en route and then begin descending from this vantage point. Along the way, we stop to stretch our legs by exploring the enigmatic Inca burial towers, or *Chullpas*, near Ninamarca. Not commonly found in the former Inca Empire, these ruins indicate that they may have been built by an earlier culture. In freshly plowed fields or meadows dotted with grassy tussocks of pale yellow *ichu*, we are likely to spot flocks of puna ibises or Andean lapwings and listen as a noisy flock of buff-necked ibises prepare to land. Our route continues descending past small Andean villages and eucalyptus groves, until we reach Paucartambo. We visit the town briefly before continuing our drive uphill toward **Tres Cruces** where, during the month of June & mid July, we establish our camp. This spectacular location, with its incredible view out over the vast expanses of the Amazon Basin jungle, is famous for its beautiful and dramatic sunrises during these months. **Driving distance:** 112 miles or 6 hours; **Tres Cruces Camp elevation:** 11,975' (B,L,D)

DAY 04 (TUE): TRES CRUCES/ATALAYA

Early risers can watch the fascinating sight of the sun ascending above the Amazon forests before dawn while having a cup of hot tea. Only one other location in the world (in Japan) offers a similarly unusual sunrise experience that might include special lights, halos, double suns and reflections off the clouds, according to weather conditions. Following a hearty breakfast, we begin the drive that takes us from the eastern slopes of the Andes through the lush cloud forest transitional zone, spanning the elevations from 8,200' to 11,500', and joining the highlands with the lowland jungles. This is the kingdom of mosses, lichens, ferns and orchids, all of which grow profusely among the cecropia trees and bamboo at the side of the road. The cloud forest is simultaneously the least studied and most biologically diverse habitat in the world! Nearly 50% of the plant species here are endemic, and Manu currently protects the largest area of undisturbed cloud forest on the planet! After three hours of descending a very narrow, winding road, we arrive to the *Quebrada del Aguila* (Eagle's Gorge) where we stop for a short hike. We might observe a couple flame-red, male, Andean cock-of-the rocks at their lek or watch for tyrannine woodcreepers, long-tailed sylphs, masked trogons, golden-headed quetzals, orange-eared and beryl-spangled tanagers, orange-bellied ufonias and other birds that cannot be seen at the lower elevations. Woolly monkeys or Andean spectacled bears are also spotted on occasion in the cloud forest as they descend the steep, tree-covered slopes. Following our break, we continue down the road to **Atalaya** where we cross the upper Madre de Dios River by canoe and continue a short distance further to the **Amazonia Lodge**, where we spend the night. Once a beautiful tea plantation, the facilities have been converted to a charming jungle lodge. In the fading light of the late afternoon, we might spot magpie tanagers, smooth billed anis, purplish jays,

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chestnut fronted macaws and other bird species before joining our guide for dinner. **Driving distance:** 67 miles or 3 hours; **Lodge elevation:** 1980'. (B,L,D)

DAY 05 (WED): BOCA MANU

After a restful night, fresh shower, and good breakfast at the lodge, we enjoy an early morning hike through the forest as we begin adjusting gradually to this exciting, new tropical environment. Our walk leads to a small lake where we might glimpse the prehistoric-looking hoatzin as it scrambles awkwardly through the bushes. We then drive a short distance back to the river and board a 45-foot, motorized dugout canoe to start our journey in earnest. We head down the upper Madre de Dios River, or *Amarumayo*, the River of Serpents as it was known by the Incas, navigating toward the heart of the **Manu Reserved Zone**, which has been set aside for limited ecotourism. We observe the last range of the Andes, the *Pantiacolla Mountains*, looming behind us in the distance as we travel. Some of the birds we may spot during the day include crested oropendulas, buff-throated salteros, neotropical cormorants, large billed terns, ringed and Amazon kingfishers, yellow-rumped caciques, faciated tiger herons, red & green macaws, black skimmers, sand colored nighthawks, and more. We stop to stretch our legs and enjoy a cool drink at Diamante or **Boca Manu**, a couple of the small jungle settlements we pass along our route. In the latter community of about 20 homes, we might visit the small school house, possibly watch one of the local boats being built or try a small sip of *masato*, a fermented drink made from masticated yuca. In the late afternoon, we arrive to the nearby Madre de Dios lodge on the river bank. This evening after dark, we might hike along the sandy bank searching for nocturnal birds and caiman with our flashlights.

Travel distance: 73 miles or 7.5 hours; **Lodge elevation:** 1,150'. (B,L,D)

DAY 06 (THU): COCHA SALVADOR

Our expedition proceeds upstream, heading toward the heart of **Manu National Park**. We stop at the park's guard station at **Limonal**, beyond the confluence of the Manu and the Madre de Dios Rivers. Waking up before dawn is not a problem in the jungle. The chorus of cries from birds, monkeys and insects as they greet the day and delineate their territories starts just as the sun turns the eastern skies a pale yellow. Those who are interested may set up stools at the far end of the Limonal beach and watch for the blue-headed parrots that sometimes descend to a small clay lick on the opposite bank. We might spot a bat falcon or other predatory bird watching patiently from the treetops as we wait for breakfast. From this point on, we are journeying through primary forest where only primitive Indian tribes live. On occasion these groups, who are very removed from modern civilization, come out of the jungle to obtain medicines or supplies from the guard station or small villages in the area. Otherwise, no contact is made with them in an effort to help preserve their traditional lifestyle and culture. We begin to see more and more birds such as white throated toucans, tiger herons, jabiru storks, roseate spoonbills, horned screamers, piping guans and Spix's guans, variable chachalacas, orinoco geese and noisy flocks of parrots and parakeets. We should observe wildlife such as the white caiman or yellow spotted side-neck turtles who like to bask in the sun on fallen tree trunks. With luck, we may possibly spot a tapir (South America's largest terrestrial mammal which can weigh up to 660 pounds), wild pigs, a red deer or two, a family of capybara, or an agouti. Our boat will approach the river banks, allowing us to get a better view or take pictures of the creatures we observe. With very good luck, we might even glimpse a jaguar, puma or ocelot drinking at the water's edge or swimming across the river! We stop at several designated places en route to stretch our legs, arriving to the beach near **Cocha Salvador** around midday. The native Machiguengas Indians have built a simple and rustic Camp/Lodge in this area where we sleep in the relative comfort of mosquito-netted beds set inside raised wooden structures with native-style thatched roofs. After lunch, in the afternoon we have our first nature hike along the trail system and may go out on the lake for an evening paddle. **Travel distance:** 37 miles or 5.5 hours; **Camp/Lodge elevation:** 1,360'. (B,L,D)

DAY 07 (FRI): COCHA SALVADOR

Today is fully dedicated to exploring the area near the pristine oxbow lake, **Cocha Salvador**, which is the permanent home to a family of 6-9 giant river otters. These are one of the Amazon Basin's rarest mammals, which can reach 6 feet in length and weigh up to 70 pounds. With an estimated population of fewer than 100 individuals, Manu may protect the largest giant river otter population in the world, and Cocha Salvador is one of the best places to see them. A floating platform constructed out of canoes allows us to paddle quietly to the lake's center to observe wildlife on the shores or watch the family of giant river otters at a distance as they frolic or hunt. They are timid but curious creatures that sometimes approach the platform, sniffing and snorting as they test the air for our scent. The lake is also home to the endangered black caiman, and the surrounding forest supports several species of monkeys such as black spider, red howler, and brown or white fronted capuchins, which we might spot in the forest canopy, as well as the saddleback and emperor tamarins that feed in lower, understory trees. We watch birds such as the paradise tanager, cream colored woodpecker, spangled and black faced cotingas (the latter are known locally as Tabasco birds) in the trees, and look for others like limpkins, green ibis, green backed herons, and sunbitterns on the ground near the lake's shore.

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Various trails wind through the nearby jungle, surrounded by trees such as fichus, palm, and rubber and several species of flowering plants including orchids and heliconias. Several groups have spotted white-winged trumpeters along the trail near the lodge! This evening we might take a guided walk through the jungle, watching as diurnal creatures snooze in the trees or looking for nocturnal animals like nightjars, potoos, night monkeys or rodents whose glowing red eyes reveal their location when caught in our flashlight beams. (B,L,D)

DAY 08 (SAT): COCHA OTORONGO/BLANQUILLO

Departing early this morning, we head to a different oxbow lake, **Cocha Otorongo**, to look for additional species of birds and mammals. After crossing to the other side of the **Manu River** by boat, a 2-3 hour hike along one of the muddy trails leading inland through the forest brings us to the lake. Multicolored butterflies float above the path before us (Manu boasts 1,200 species!). Of course, along the route, we will watch for any and all wildlife we might encounter, listening for the sounds to which our ears are becoming attuned. In the mud along the trail or at the lake's edge, we look for animal tracks including those of the *otorongo*, or jaguar, for which the lake is named. At the lake there is a 25-foot-high observation platform where we can again view the abundant birds and wildlife and look out over the water (on occasion giant river otters have been spotted here as well). Returning to the river by a shorter trail, we begin the long downstream journey. Now experienced at recognizing wildlife in the dense foliage along the river's banks, we will inevitably spot many more birds and mammals than we did on the way in just a few days earlier. We navigate down the Manu past its smaller tributary, the Pinquen, and arrive to Boca Manu where the river joins the Madre de Dios. From here we travel another 2.5 hours downriver to reach the comforts of the **Blanquillo Lodge**. **Travel distance:** 54 miles or 6 hours. **Lodge elevation:** 820'. (B,L,D)

DAY 09 (SUN): COLLPA/BLANQUILLO

This morning, we again head down the river and hike 25 minutes to a position across from the 400-foot-wide *collpa*, a natural clay-lick where minerals are concentrated in the river bank. From a platform camouflaged with palm leaves to prevent the birds from observing us, we watch as medium sized, blue-headed parrots and smaller parakeets arrive, pair by noisy pair, landing in the treetops above the lick. The screeching birds circle as they prepare to descend upon the river bank to eat their fill of the mineral rich soil. Each pair surveys the area for eagles and other potential predators, calling and searching back and forth before a few bold individuals swoop down and land on the clay. Shortly afterwards, parrots swarm over the wall and jostle for space in a depression that can accommodate only a few dozen birds. As the smaller parrots eat, macaws arrive from all directions and congregate on the branches above the lick to preen themselves before descending to join the spectacle. The list of birds spotted at the lick over the years includes: 6 species of macaws, 3 species of parrots, 5 species of parakeets, piping guans, Spix's guans and predatory birds such as bat falcons, roadside hawks, the black hawk-eagle and the harpy eagle (the world's largest and strongest predatory bird). Following this thrilling experience, we board our boat and return to our lodge for lunch. This afternoon we enjoy another guided hike along one of the trails in the vicinity, or those that wish may try their hand at fishing in the river, casting for some of the more than 1,500 species of fish recorded in the Amazon Basin. Several varieties of catfish are commonly hooked and on occasion a piranha takes the bait! Overnight at the **Blanquillo Lodge**. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 (MON): BLANQUILLO/PUERTO MALDONADO

Early this morning we have time for a final exploration of this pristine rainforest, we may explore the nearby observation tower built on top of a kapok tree at 160 feet from the ground. A steel staircase leads us to the wooden platform on top where we could observe parrots and macaws flying on their way to the clay-lick. On occasion we may also see the nest of an harpy eagle or a king vulture soaring above the tree canopy. One of the most spectacular views from this tower is towards the Camungo oxbow lake. Other possible excursions this morning include the Blanco or Blanquillo oxbow lakes. Leaving the lodge late morning, we continue our route down the Madre de Dios River to the **Colorado village** (about 2.5 hours by motorboat). This journey allows us to see some native settlements and gold miners digging and panning gold along the river banks. We say goodbye to our camp and boat staff, who return to Atalaya by river. A private vehicle brings us the remaining 3.5 hours overland to **Puerto Maldonado** (660') and the comforts of the **Wasai Lodge** for the night. Later we join our Manu guide for a delicious farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 (TUE): PUERTO MALDONADO/LIMA/USA

After a leisurely breakfast, we are picked up at the lodge and driven to the airport in **Puerto Maldonado** for a **flight to Lima**. As we gain altitude, we enjoy the vast green canopy, meandering rivers and lakes of the Amazon jungle, which give way to the rugged mountains and snow-covered peaks of the Andes. After a brief stopover in Cusco, the flight continues to Lima on the coast. Back in the capital, we join our local guide for a private tour of the colonial district and the fascinating Larco Herrera Museum with an extensive collection of pre-Columbian artifacts. Lunch and dinner are on your own to try a typical seafood meal such as ceviche at one of several gourmet restaurants in Miraflores. Participants

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leaving tonight have a return transfer to the airport this evening and assistance checking-in for the international flight home. (B)

DAY 12 (WED): USA

Arrive in the US this morning and make onward connections home.

NOTES ON THE ITINERARY: Although we do our best to adhere to the schedule listed, due to the remote location of this park, changes in the day-to-day activities while on the expedition are likely to occur and an open mind and flexible attitude are recommended. These changes depend on circumstances beyond our control such as group health/interests, weather, road/trail/river conditions or flight schedule changes. The wildlife inhabiting these forests are not confined in any way. Wildlife viewing will be carefully pursued but, observation of particular species or certain numbers of birds and animals cannot be guaranteed. This program is suitable for physically fit participants accustomed to outdoor activities age 12 and up. Driving/navigating distances and altitudes are approximate and times indicated are NET, they don't include lunch breaks, rest stops, time to explore the forest, ruins, etc. On **Day 03** during the months of August, September and October, no camp will be made at Tres Cruces as the sunrise phenomenon is only visible in June and mid July. Instead we continue driving down to the cloud forest and stay at the Paradise or Cock-of-the-Rock Lodges (located at approx. 5,000'). There will then be more time the following morning for birdwatching and explorations through the cloud forest before continuing our drive to Atalaya.

2012 LAND COST: \$4,795 p.p.d. (4-6 participants)
 \$4,435 p.p.d. (7-12 participants)
 \$ 745 Single Supplement

p.p.d.=per person based on double occupancy

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Comprehensive **pre-departure planning packet** and expert travel advice.
- All **in-country transfers** as scheduled (transfers on different days are additional). Ground transportation in spacious and comfortable private vehicles with professional drivers.
- Local and return flight reconfirmation, **in-country airport check-in and luggage assistance**.
- Motor boat transportation during the jungle expedition (partially covered, wooden 45'-long dugout canoes).
- All **accommodations in first-class (4-5 star) hotels** as listed (or at similar hotels or the best ones in small cities) on a shared basis with private bath. Note: Double beds for couples (primarily queen-sized) can be requested in advance, but cannot be guaranteed as most hotels offer few rooms with double beds.
- **Accommodations in the Paradise or Cock-of-the-Rock, Amazonia, Madre de Dios & Blanquillo lodges** as listed (or similar lodges) in double rooms with twin beds and shared bathroom facilities (flush toilet & cool water showers) and in the jungle Camp/Lodge at Cocha Salvador, in elevated platforms with thatched roofs and mosquito-netted beds. Facilities are basic—there is no electricity or running water & latrines are shared.
- Single Supplement includes single rooms in the hotels & lodges. Due to the small size of the lodges & hotels in Cusco, the number of singles available per group is limited to 2. If you require single accommodations, making reservations well in advance is recommended.
- All **meals** indicated on the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner); **Vegetarian diets accommodated** on request (advance notification required). For other diets, consult your travel specialist before making a reservation.
- All **guided tours and excursions listed**, conducted on a private basis by English-speaking, local guides (includes all necessary entrance fees).
- **First-class jungle expedition** service including:
 - English-speaking, naturalist guide to accompany the group DAYS 03-10.
 - Specialized chef and camp assistant(s).
 - All group camping equipment: spacious 3-person all season Eureka K-2 or North Face VE-25 tents (shared by 2 group members) & Thermarest™ sleeping pads; kitchen and/or dining tent; tables and stools; toilet tent and First-aid kit.
 - All meals: we serve a variety of healthy food with fresh & native ingredients. A cup of hot wake-up tea or juice is brought to your tent door followed by a hot breakfast, box or picnic lunch, and a 3-course served dinner. Bottled drinking water is available at all times.

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NOT INCLUDED:

- US domestic, international flights, nor local flights within Peru.
- Peruvian airport departure taxes (approx. \$15 per person).
- Tours or other services not listed on the itinerary.
- Tips to the local staff.
- Five (5) meals at about \$20-30 each per person.
- Alcoholic beverages nor items of a personal nature; such as clothing, equipment, laundry & phone calls.
- Sleeping bag & other personal gear. Southwind has a **limited** number of REI Halo or similar synthetic sleeping bags rated to 0° or +10°F available for rent for \$30 per person. Advance reservations and prepayment are required.
- Expenses incurred in preparing for this program such as, but not limited to, non-refundable airline tickets or traveler's insurance, nor additional expenses resulting from flight delays, schedule changes, cancellations, or missed connections.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend purchasing a plan to protect your trip investment. Travel insurance helps to cover unexpected events prior to departure causing the need to cancel or change your dates. Weather, geologic events, local strikes, a personal injury/illness to you, family member or your traveling companion could cause interruption or changes to your itinerary, missed connections, delayed arrival, lost/delayed baggage or need for medical attention on the trip or evacuation which is why coverage is important. We recommend the *Worldwide Trip Protector (WTP)* plan offered by Travel Insured International (TII). **Kids 17 and under are free with related adult on the WTP plan.** Information and an application are sent upon receipt of your deposit (sooner if requested). Policies can be purchased securely online at: www.southwindadventures.com/insurance.html. If you, your traveling companion or a family member has a pre-existing medical condition, you should purchase the WTP policy within 21 days of your deposit in order to be reimbursed for non-refundable costs if a recurrence of the condition forces you to cancel your trip (some restrictions apply). Please call our office or visit our website for more information.

OPTIONAL MACHU PICCHU PRE-EXTENSION (3 days/2 nights):

DAY 01 (THU): USA/LIMA/CUSCO

Those arriving to **Cusco** (11,150') directly are met at the airport and transferred to the historic Libertador Hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure to begin acclimating to the altitude. Meals are on your own.

DAY 03 (FRI): CUSCO/MACHU PICCHU

After an early breakfast, we transfer to the train station to board the Vistadome or similar train for the 3.5 hour ride to the village of Machu Picchu (formerly Aguas Calientes) located just below the famous *Lost City of the Incas*. After checking into the charming Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel in town, we join our guide for a tour of the main sections of the ruins including the Sun Temple, Royal Tomb, the ceremonial water fountains and baths and the Sacred Plaza. Dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 04 (SAT): MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

The day is at leisure for further personal and guided explorations of this magnificent citadel. There are several optional hikes available for more active group members. A one-hour climb along a very steep and exposed trail ends at **Huayna Picchu**, or Young Peak (8,860'), providing an excellent panoramic view of the sanctuary. An hour-and-a-half downhill hike ends at the *Temple of the Moon*, or an easy 30-minute walk will take you to the Inca Drawbridge. As the day is flexible, those who prefer can relax or explore their favorite spots at their own pace. After lunch at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel we catch the early afternoon train for the return to Ollantaytambo. Reception upon arrival and transfer by private vehicle to Cusco and the Libertador Hotel. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 05 (SUN): CUSCO

As described in the Manu Rainforest Adventure main itinerary on page 2 for Day 02, with the night at the Libertador Hotel. (B,D)

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2012 EXTENSION COST:	\$1,395 p.p.d. (2 participants)
	\$1,295 p.p.d. (3 participants)
	\$1,225 p.p.d. (4-6 participants)
	\$ 360 Single Supplement

p.p.d.=per person based on double occupancy

NOTES ON EXTENSION SERVICES: Services are as per the full program with accommodations in first-class (4-5 star) hotels as listed (or similar hotels), on a shared basis. All meals, transfers and tours as indicated above conducted on a private basis by local English-speaking guides. On occasion there may be other SWA travelers from different groups in the same vehicle for transfers and the city tour in Lima. An additional deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve services on this extension.

GUIDES: Andres Laura - This 35-yr-old was born in Boca Manu and married a local *Machiguenga* woman, and they have 2 children. He has participated in several investigation projects with respected scientists Charlie Munn and John Terborgh. Andres has a pleasant personality and speaks English well in addition to Spanish and Quechua. His specialties are birds and medicinal plants. He has 12 years of experience leading US groups in Manu and other rainforest areas of Peru.

Berner Torres & David Fuerte - each with at least 5 years of experience leading groups in the southern rainforests of Peru, these native bilingual guides are also among the finest professionals working in Manu.

WEATHER: The region around the Manu River experiences distinct rainy & dry seasons. The rainy season stretches from December through March and is the period in which most of the area's 6.5 feet of annual rainfall occurs. During this "wet" season the road into Manu Park often becomes dangerous and impassable, and the Alto Madre de Dios River is frequently swollen and treacherous with huge trees that have become uprooted floating down with the raging current. The "dry" season, from April to October/ November, is often marked by rainless periods that can last several weeks, although downpours can be anticipated at any time of the year. These showers are generally quite heavy but short lived and can sometimes cause the rivers to swell unexpectedly. The months of August, September, and October are usually the driest. Daytime temperatures in the dry season range from 84°-90°F with the nights averaging between 68°-77°F. Unexpected cold fronts called *friajes* can blow in from the Andes during any month of the year, but especially in the dry season. These bring 1-3 days of rain with daytime highs of 50°-60°F and nighttime lows around 45°-50°F. Wildlife is typically not active during a *friaje* but becomes quite active immediately afterward.

PRESERVING MANU: Southwind Adventures supports the conservation efforts in this region through donations of materials and/or funds to local conservation groups. Organizations such as Ecotour Manu or ProNaturaleza also provide support & equipment for local communities in Manu, advocate the education of Peru's young people, and run campaigns against illegal hunting and commerce of endangered species.

ESTIMATED AIRFARE: The Land Cost for this trip DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY REGULAR FLIGHTS. Round-trip **international** air from US gateways (New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Atlanta) is approximately \$800-\$1,000 per person. Airlines offering service to Lima include American, United/Continental, Delta and LAN. **Local flights** are estimated at \$400 per person for Lima-Cusco & Puerto Maldonado-Lima. Upon receipt of your deposit, Southwind will send you more information about booking your flights to match your land itinerary.

✉ Please send us your flight schedule at least 45 days before departure so we can arrange your transfers. We recommend that you DO NOT purchase any airline tickets until your trip is guaranteed to operate. Southwind sends a trip confirmation letter once a trip is guaranteed or you may call to check the status of your departure.

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HOW TO SIGN UP: Submit Southwind's Trip Reservation Form along with a \$1,000 per person per trip deposit (payable by check or credit card). The form and deposit can be completed securely online at www.southwindadventures.com by clicking on "Book a Trip" at the top of our homepage. If you prefer, you can print the Trip Reservation Form and mail/fax it to our office with your deposit. You can also call us at 1-800-377-9463 to make payment arrangements (**your deposit will be charged and your reservation confirmed once we receive your Trip Reservation Form**).

Due to the popularity of Cusco & Machu Picchu, we recommend making reservations at least 4 months in advance. Once your trip is guaranteed to operate, you will receive a comprehensive pre-departure planning packet.

Land Balance: Final payment is due at 90 days by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express or check. You will receive a trip invoice indicating your balance due. Provided services and space are available, reservations can be accepted up to 21 days before departure.

Cancellation Fees and other policies are outlined under the 2012 Terms & Conditions on Southwind's website (click [Book a Trip](#)>2012 Terms & Conditions).

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