



TOURS TO MACHU PICCHU & AMAZON RIVER 9 DAYS

- ✓ **TOUR ITINERARY:** Tours to Cusco, Machu Picchu, Amazon river exploring
- ✓ **TOTAL DAYS:** 9 Days / 8 Nights
- ✓ **TOUR SERVICE:** SHARED GROUPS
- ✓ **HIGHLIGHTS:** Lima city, Cusco city, Machu Picchu, Iquitos city, Amazon river basin
- ✓ **ACCOMODATION :** 2 ** Hotels Economic Class (3 * and 4 * hotels available upon request)
- ✓ **MEALS:** Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)

Tour itinerary:

DAY 1 : LIMA CITY

Upon arrival to Lima city, a local tour guide will meet you at international airport, the guide assigned will be waiting holding a sign and your name on it with a logo of Trippers Peru. Then will bring you to your hotel selected where you will have a pre briefing of your tour in Peru.

Overnight in Lima city hotel.

01 night of accommodation in Lima

DAY 2 CUSCO CLASSIC CITY TOUR & 04 ARCHEAOLOGICAL RUINS

Breakfast in your hotel, at estimated time, hotel pick up and private transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco city. Upon arrival to Cusco city, a representative of your Agency will pick you up in the airport and bring you to your hotel, you will receive information of your tour activities in the city.

Rest of the morning leisure to acclimatize.

Around 13:30 hrs. our guide will pick you up in your hotel and bring you to the meeting point for the classic Cusco city tour & main attractions that involves : - The Cathedral - : Cusco Cathedral is a Baroque-style cathedral built on the foundations of the palace of the Inca Wirachocha in Cusco. Construction began in 1550, using many stones looted from the site of the hillside Sacsayhuaman fortress, and was completed a century later. It is considered one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in America. Within the cathedral's high walls are some of the best examples of the





Cusqueña School of painting, including a Marcos Zapata painting of the Last Supper with a local specialty, cuy (guinea pig), as main course.

The cathedral's centerpieces are its massive, solid-silver altar, and the enormous 1659 Maria Angola bell, the largest in South America, which hangs in one of the towers. The cedar choir has carved rows of saints, popes, and bishops, all in stunning detail down to their delicately articulated hands. Five chapels flank each side of the nave; one dedicated to Nuestro Señor de los Temblores (Our Lord of the Earthquakes) contains a solid-gold crucifix that, legend has it, minimized damage to the chapel during a 1650 earthquake. There's no-Christian imagery in Cusco Cathedral too: figures of pumas, the Inca representation of the earth, are carved on the enormous main doors. Normal access to the cathedral is not via those doors but through the adjoining Iglesias del Triunfo, the city's first Christian church.

- [The Koricancha Palace and Convent of Santo Domingo](#). Koricancha is a classic example of the fusion of Inca and Western cultures, and was one of the most important temples in the Tahuantinsuyu. Its finely polished stone walls were used as the foundations of the Convent of Santo Domingo. The temple walls were said to have been sheathed in gold and silver, it was dedicated to sun worship, as well as containing images of the gods of thunder and Wiracocha, deities brought from various regions and the mummified bodies of Inca rulers. The temple worship was reserved for the highest-ranking figures of the era, and was visited by representatives of communities all over the empire to render homage to the gods of the Tahuantinsuyu. The tour continues visiting 4 archeological complexes located around the city:

- [Sacsayhuaman](#).- Sacsayhuaman is one of the most amazing Inca constructions for tourists. Its Quechua name means "satisfied falcon", it was the falcon that guarded the capital of the empire, since it was possible to overlook Cusco from the hill in where it was erected. If, as it is known, Cusco was designed with the shape of a lying puma, Sacsayhuaman would be its head, and the Coricancha would correspond to the feline's genitalia. It is said that the work was started by Pachacutec and continued by Tupac Yupanqui, even though some chroniclers state that it was Huayna Capac who gave it the final touch. Inca Garcilaso de la Vega says that Apu Hualpa Rimachi was the main architect, and that Inca Maricanhi, Acahuana Inca and Calla Cunchuy successively took control of the works. Its construction took over seven decades and required the work of



20,000 men approximately, both for the foundations and hewn stone works, the transportation of materials, carving and stones setting. Hewn stones could have been located at Muina, Huacoto and Rumicolca, 20 kilometers away from Cusco, and at closer places such as Sallu, Rumi, Chita, Curovilca and Viracocha. Sacsayhuaman Some of its external walls exceed the 9 meters of height and 350 tons of weight.

Spectacular fortress built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy, this astounding sample of the Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyu. But, in addition, it proves the undeniable firmness of the great administrative capacity of the empire and its powerful logistic system capable of mobilizing and organizing such a work.

It is located 2 km away from the city of Cusco, that is, 10 minutes by car. As of the Spanish arrival its aspect has changed a lot, since this fortress was used as a hewn stone to build the colonial Cusco.



- **Qenqo**.- At 4 and 6 km, 5 minutes to the northeast of Cusco, by asphalted road, we can find the two archaeological sites of Qenqo: Qenqo Grande, which is located near the road that goes from Sacsayhuaman to Pisac; and Quenko Chico, which is located at 350 meters to the west from the latter, on the hillside. Both of them are worship places whose nature has not been deciphered yet, but in which we can highlight the Inca's predilection for stone and their thoroughness with regard to the carving process. These sites are limestone outcrops on which intricate mythical representations had been carved. It is believed that it was destined to the worship of the land. Its Quechua name means zigzag, probably due to the labyrinthine underground galleries, or due to the small channels carved on rocks with that shape.

- **Puca-Pucara**.- Located at 7 km to the northeast of the city, by the road leading to Pisac (30 minutes by car and 2 hours on foot), we find this inca site which Quechua name means "red fortress" due to the color of the rocks when the twilight reflects on them. (puca = red and pucara = fortress or defended place). It would deal about a military building made up by overlapping terraces, interior squares, aqueducts, watchtowers, high walls and staircases.

However, its presence along the road may also indicate that it was a wayside inn, though its structure does not belong to the standard outlining that characterizes those buildings along the Inca trails. On this possibility, there is a version that says the Inca accommodated there his numerous delegations each time he decided to visit the Tambomachay baths. The site occupies another typical rocky place standing out in the Sacsayhuaman plain. Towards the western side, it shows a facade on a free area like a small square. On the opposite site, there is a medium size building, which main characteristic is its strategic location since it controls the whole surrounding territory.

- **Tambomachay**.- **Tambo Machay**, 7 km northeast of Cusco, is believed to have been built around 1500 AD. This site, sometimes referred to as Inca's Bath or El Baño del Inca, is thought to have been used for religious functions. Some theories suggest Tambo Machay was involved in an Inca water cult. Fountains or waterfalls fed by spring water were used to channel water to a ceremonial stone bath. The fountains are still functional at this well preserved site. Above the baths is an Inca wall. Tambo Machay is located in a sheltered area about 300m off the road to Pisac. Frequency: everyday in the afternoons.

Around 18:00 p.m. we will return to Cuzco city and drop you off in your hotel, rest of the night leisure to explore the city by night.

1 night of accommodation in Cusco (B)

DAY 3. MACHU PICCHU DAY TOUR – OVERNIGHT IN AGUAS CALIENTES

After our breakfast we will drive to Ollantaytambo train station



and start our journey to Machu Picchu. After leaving the village of Ollantaytambo, the train will start to descend more and more, along the edge of the Urubamba River, till finally reach the cloud forest. After approximately 2 hours we will have arrived in Aguas Calientes, where a representative from our agency will welcome you and then will escort to the following bus terminal that will bring us to the main gate of Machu Picchu.

Guided tour in the Incan city of Machu Picchu will last about 2 hours, our professional and expert native guide will take you through the main streets and monuments of the temple, then the tourist will have free time to explore on your own the citadel taking pictures and enjoy an invaluable landscape.

At appropriate time we will return to your hotel, rest of the day to

your leisure .you can relax and enjoy this picturesque town, its traditional market or just relax in the thermal baths located just minutes' walk from the village. Driving first past there is also a walk through an orchid garden to get to the falls of Mandor.

We will spend the night in Aguas Calientes Machu Picchu village.

01 night of accommodation in Aguas Calientes Machu Picchu (B)



DAY 4: TRIP TO CUSCO BY TRAIN



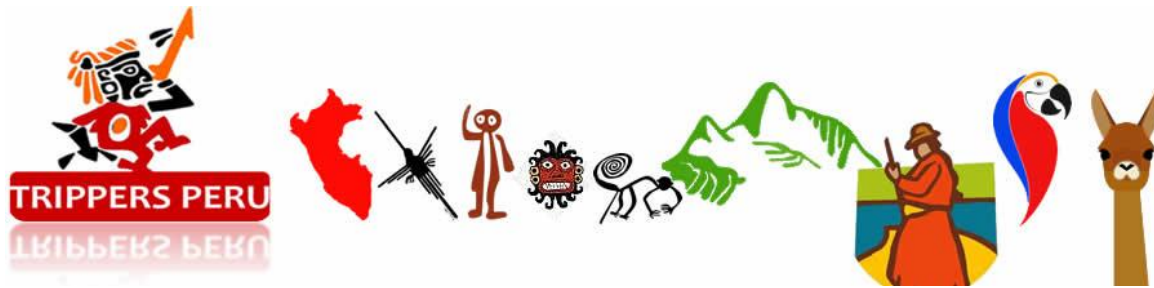
After breakfast , you have Free morning, you can optionally return to the Inca city of Machu Picchu (on your own) or carry out the above activities as hiking to the waterfalls of Mandor crossing a Orchids botanic garden or visit the town's thermal baths.

You will have free time to explore this picturesque village, This town is in the midst of lush vegetation and a chain of mountains that form a valley, Aguas Calientes Aguas, is a pretty town but it grew very fast and in disarray, things in town are expensive, much more expensive than in Cusco and the high price is because the locals have to bring things in Cusco. Offers to travelers At an appropriate time transfer to the train station and travel by train to the city of Cusco.

Upon arrival in Cusco, our local guide will take you to your hotel where you will spend the night..

the trip back to Cusco takes approx. 4: hrs..

01 night of accommodation in Cusco (B)



DAY 5: FLIGHT CUSCO TO IQUITOS VIA LIMA (STOPOVER)

Breakfast in the hotel, at time transfer to the airport for your flight to Iquitos city (Stopover in Lima city), Upon arrival in Iquitos city , reception by our guide

Our guides are biologists, tourism professionals, or community members.

Transfer Airport to Iquitos hotel selected.

Upon arrival from Cusco, we will welcome you at the airport and drive you ten minutes to your hotel selected (you will briefly sightsee the tourist highlights of Iquitos along the way).. Iquitos is a Peruvian port city and gateway to the jungle lodges and tribal villages of the northern Amazon. Its district of Belén is known for its massive open-air street market and rustic stilt houses lining the Itaya River. In the historic center, the Plaza de Armas is surrounded by European-influenced buildings dating to the region's turn-of-the-20th-century boom in rubber production. .

101 night of accommodation in Iquitos . (B)

DAY 6: AMAZON RIVER BASIN EXCURSION & JUNGLE LODGE

Breakfast, Transfer in the morning from your hotel to the river wharf.

Speed boat trip on the Amazon, the world's largest river. During the trip, you will see the magnificence of the Amazon, the exuberance of the jungle and the picturesque villages appearing on the shores with their particular color and joy.

Arrival and accommodation in the Jungle Lodge located 45 minutes from Iquitos. The native-style lodge built with natural materials is upon high ground, surrounded by trees, plants and flowers, where birds and butterflies roam.

Refreshing “welcome drink” made with regional fruit (cocona, camu camu, copoazu, other) and brief instructions about the sustained conservation standards that must be observed in the lodge and its surroundings in order to make your tour best enjoyable.

[Eco-cultural Circuit \(The Sinchicuy Watershed Ecosystem\)](#)

Short walk or canoe ride in the afternoon –depending on the season- to “Nuevo Peru” where a Yagua community has established. You will get acquainted with their customs, see their unique apparel made of palm fibers and even try their “pucuna” or blowgun.

Lunch at the Lodge. Gastronomy in the lodge is based upon the ample use of natural and fresh products from the river and the local farmlands.

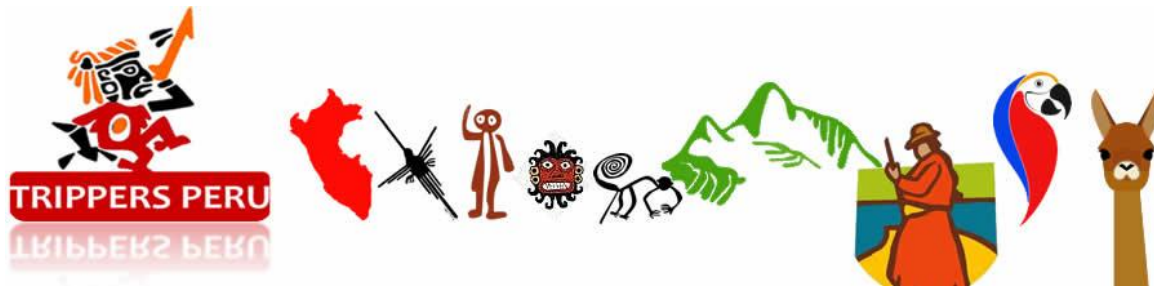
[Guided ethnobotanic walk in the afternoon.](#) You will be able to identify species of the Amazon plant kingdom (Cat’s Claw, Sour Cane, Copaiba, Aguaje and even Ayahuasca, the hallucinogen vine).

Visit the local “shaman” who will explain about the marvelous healing properties and use of some of these plants and roots.

Tour the Santa María del Ojeal farmlands where you will visit the sugar cane squeeze, the fruit orchard, the fish culture pond; see the Amazon breed cattle and artisanal dugout canoe fishing performed on the river by locals. Visit a typical village on the shores of the Amazon, see the homes, schools, churches, shops and interact with its people.

Visit the community’s sustained development projects and the Wildlife Rescue Center that are being made possible with ecotourism support.

Observe the beautiful sunset on the Amazon River.



Evening canoe ride or walk to discover the awesome world of night insects, cicadas, spiders, praying mantis, etc. Listen to the owls and pootos.

Dinner.

Tales and legends from the rich Amazon myths told by the guides after dinner and/or a short pleasant musical performance by our lodge staff.

Overnight at Amazon River Jungle Lodge (B) (L) (D)

DAY 7: AMAZON RIVER BASIN EXCURSION & JUNGLE LODGE

Bird watching during the morning early hours (before 6 a.m.).

Breakfast at the jungle lodge

Flora and Fauna Circuit (The Yanayacu Watershed Ecosystem)

After breakfast you will motorboat to the opposite side of the Amazon River. During the trip you might spot river dolphins, main characters of fantastic tales and legends of the Amazon Myths.

See typical riverside landscape plantations. Walk on tropical rainforest trail and boat or canoe on the Yanayacu River to the Tambo Lodge located in the “Kingdom of the Giant Trees”., Watch the rich avian fauna of the area. See the diverse medicinal plants, epiphyte plants (bromeliads) growing high on the trees, and giant flora like the “Iupuna” or ceiba tree species over 150-feet high. Search for primates and sloths that mimitize with the forest canopy.

Lunch at the Tambo Yanayacu (38 Miles NE of Iquitos). Native-style fishing on the river for piranhas and other species. Return to our Lodge in the afternoon. After a few minutes to rest in our Lodge, you will be part of the reforestation program activity Plant-a-Tree in an area near the lodge.

Dinner at the Lodge.

Overnight at Amazon River Jungle Lodge (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8: AMAZON RIVER BASIN + FLIGHT TO LIMA CITY

Breakfast at the jungle lodge.

Excursion to an Amazon River village.

Return by boat in the afternoon to Iquitos and transferred back to the airport at a convenient time to board your flight. Back to Lima city where our guides will be waiting in order to take you to the hotel selected.

We will spend the night in the city of Lima (it will be our last night here)

01 night of accommodation in Cusco (B)

DAY 9: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Breakfast in the hotel ,you will have the rest of the day to your leisure in case of shopping or any other activity while we wait for your transfer back to the international airport for your flight back home.



(According to your international flight schedule, we will arrange the hotel pick up and the transfer to the airport for your flight, usually for international flights it is recommended 3 hrs in advance at the counter of the airline in order to avoid any delayed

Tour includes:

- ✓ Professional guide in English or Spanish
- ✓ All private transfers in / out. Airport - Hotel - airport in Lima and Cusco city
- ✓ 3 nights in Lima city
- ➔ Domestic flight tickets Lima to Cuzco / Cusco to Iquitos and Iquitos to Lima
- ✓ Cusco classic city tour + main attractions + 04 archaeological ruins + BTC (Touristic Ticket Cuzco)
- ✓ Travel to Machu Picchu 2 Days 1 night
- ✓ Train tickets Cusco - Aguas Calientes - Cusco.
- ✓ Round trip bus tickets to/ from the citadel Machu Picchu
- ✓ Entrance tickets for the Citadel of Machu Picchu
- ✓ Guided tour in the citadel of Machu Picchu (approx. 3 hours).
- ✓ 2 night in Cusco city hotel (food and beverages are on your own)
- ✓ 1 night in Aguas Calientes Machu Picchu village hotel (food and beverages are on your own) All transfers In/Out in Iquitos city
- ✓ 1 Night of hotel in Iquitos city
- ✓ 2 nights in Amazon River lodge (private rooms)
- ✓ 3 Days excursion to Amazon River
- ✓ 2 Lunch, 2 Dinners 2 Breakfast in the Amazon River Lodge

Tour not includes:

- Foods
- International or domestic flights
- Extra tips or gratitude

Accommodation:

- ✓ In Lima : [Hotel Tinkus In](#)
- ✓ In Cusco : [Carlos V Inn](#)
- ✓ Aguas Calientes Machu Picchu : [Mistico Hostal Machu Picchu](#)
- ✓ In Iquitos : [La Casona Hotel](#)



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