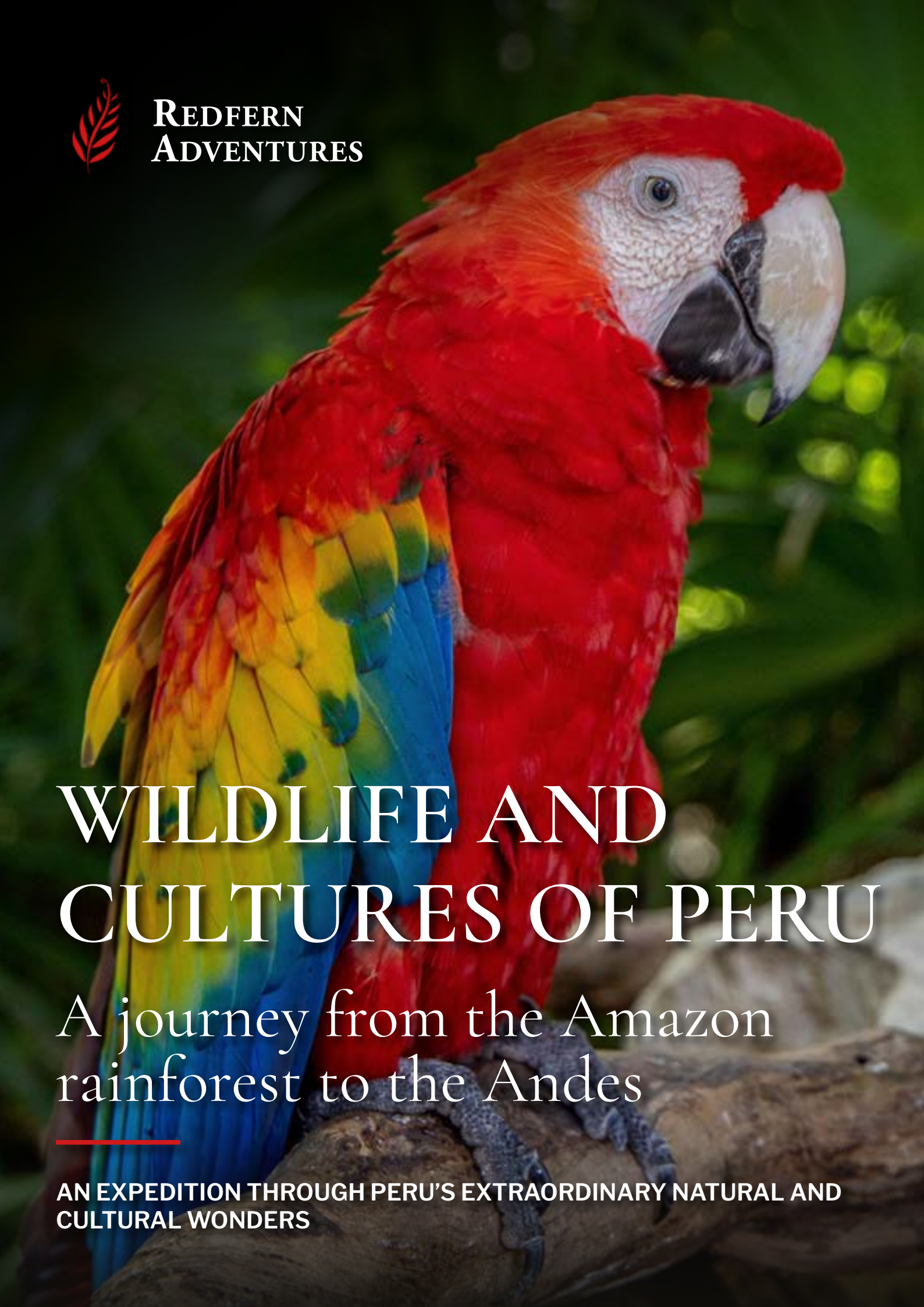


REDFERN ADVENTURES

WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF PERU

A journey from the Amazon rainforest to the Andes

AN EXPEDITION THROUGH PERU'S EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL AND CULTURAL WONDERS

A LAND OF EXTRAORDINARY WONDERS

Peru is one of the most remarkable countries on Earth.

From the immense Amazon rainforest to the mist-shrouded cloudforests and towering peaks of the Andes, this extraordinary country supports an astonishing diversity of wildlife, plants and landscapes. Colourful macaws gather at rainforest clay licks, giant river otters inhabit secluded lakes, and spectacular hummingbirds and orchids flourish in the mountain forests.

During this expedition, we journey from the wildlife-rich rainforests of Tambopata into the magnificent Andes, searching for extraordinary birds, elusive mammals and beautiful orchids. We also explore ancient Inca temples, spectacular archaeological sites and traditional Andean communities, discovering the wonderful heritage of Peru.

REMOTE

Explore Amazonian rainforests and the spectacular Andes

WILDLIFE

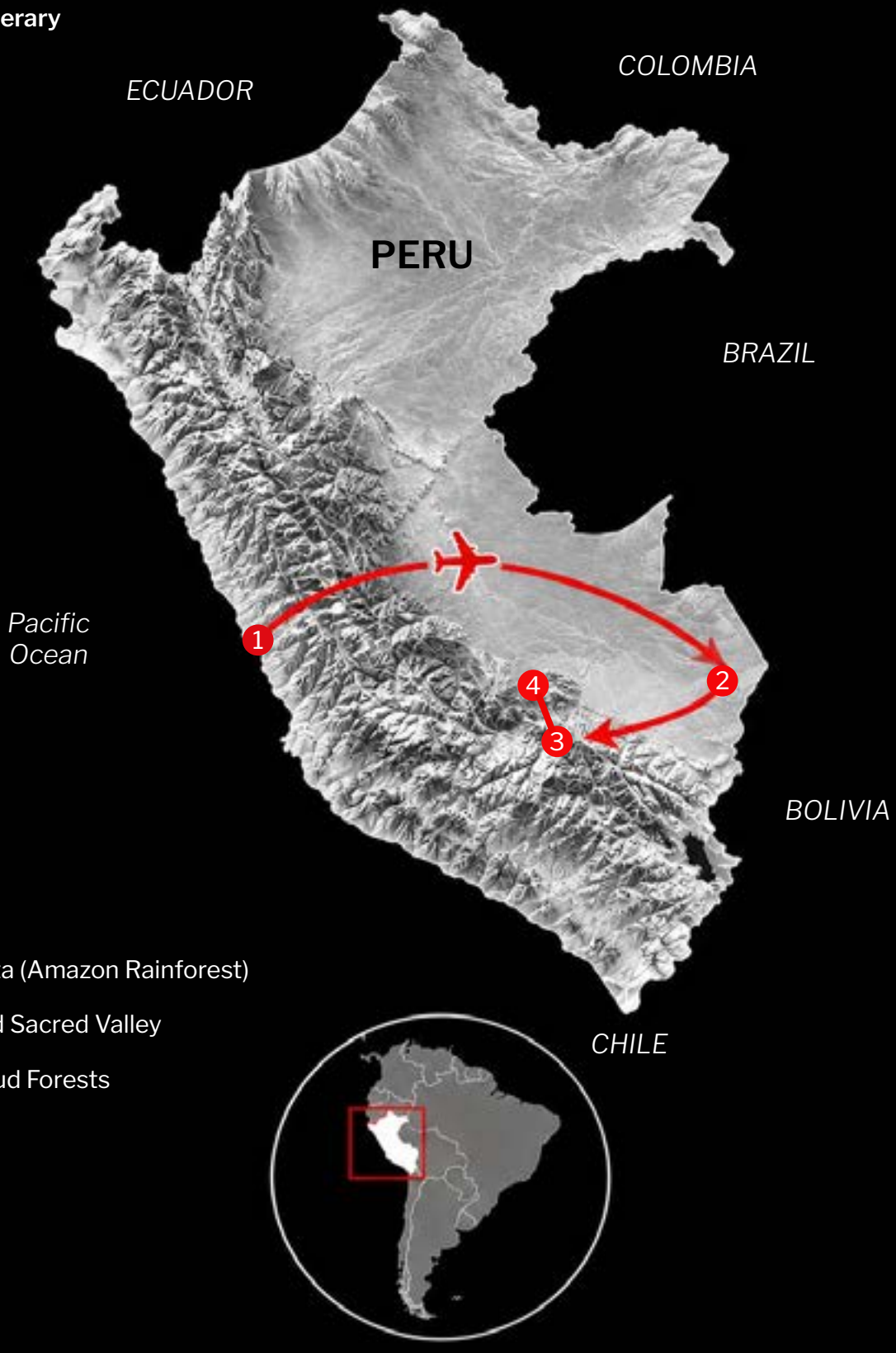
Encounter macaws, giant otters and beautiful hummingbirds

EXPLORATION

Discover ancient Inca ruins and traditional Andean cultures

WHERE WE GO

Simplified itinerary



1. Lima
2. Tambopata (Amazon Rainforest)
3. Cusco and Sacred Valley
4. Manu Cloud Forests

Route may vary depending on weather conditions

EXPEDITION SNAPSHOT

DATES

***Only* 10 weekdays** required. The trip starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday, allowing you to travel during weekends before and after the trip.

Dec 6th - Dec 17th **2027**

Optional Add-On Extension:

Three add on trips can be run (before or after the main trip)

DURATION

12 Days / 11 Nights

START POINT

Lima, Peru

END POINT

Lima, Peru

PRICE

US $4,450 per person

All-inclusive (from start to end)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Moderate – Longer walks, uneven terrain and steep paths expected. No special skills needed

GROUP SIZE

Up to 10 participants

ACTIVITIES

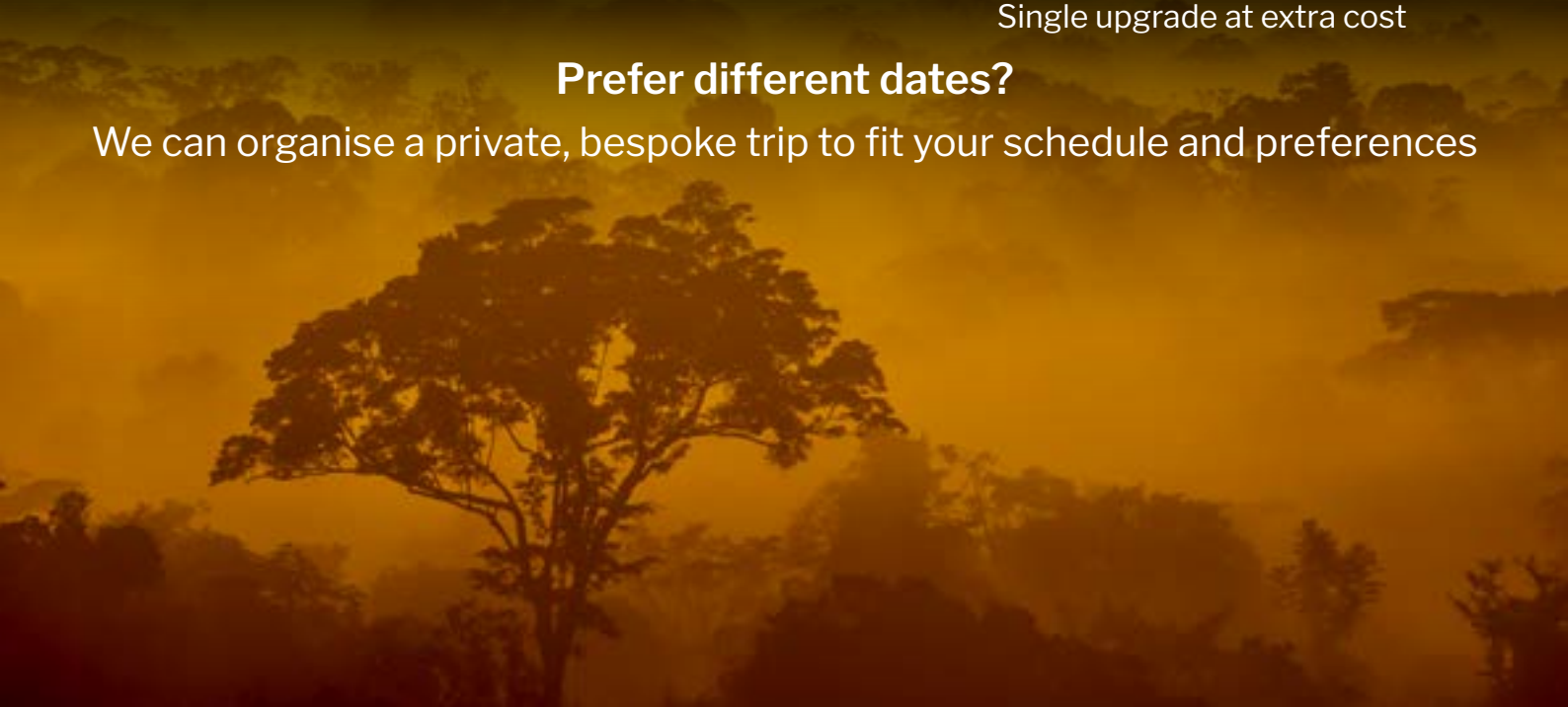
Wildlife watching, birdwatching, rainforest walks, boat excursions, archaeological and cultural visits

ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable hotels with shared twin or double room as standard. Single upgrade at extra cost

Prefer different dates?

We can organise a private, bespoke trip to fit your schedule and preferences



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

MACAWS & PARROTS

One of the Amazon's greatest wildlife spectacles is the gathering of hundreds of colourful macaws and parrots at rainforest clay licks. At the famous Chuncho clay lick, we hope to witness magnificent scarlet, red-and-green and blue-and-yellow macaws descending from the forest canopy to feed on mineral-rich clay. This extraordinary gathering offers unforgettable opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.



GIANT RIVER OTTERS

The secluded oxbow lakes of Tambopata provide an opportunity to encounter the endangered giant river otter, one of South America's most remarkable mammals. These highly social predators live in family groups, hunting fish and communicating through an extraordinary variety of calls. We explore Tres Chimbadas Lake in search of these magnificent animals.

AMAZON RAINFOREST WILDLIFE

The immense rainforests of Tambopata support an astonishing diversity of wildlife. We will search for monkeys, capybaras, caimans, toucans, colourful butterflies and unusual reptiles. With luck, we may encounter tapirs and jaguars too.



ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK



One of the most spectacular birds in South America, the Andean cock-of-the-rock is famous for its brilliant orange-red plumage and extraordinary courtship displays. We visit a traditional display site, known as a lek, where males gather to perform elaborate dances and compete for the attention of females. Witnessing these magnificent birds displaying in the misty cloudforest is one of the great highlights of our expedition.

HUMMINGBIRDS & CLOUDFOREST BIRDS

The eastern slopes of the Andes support an astonishing diversity of birds, including spectacular hummingbirds, colourful tanagers, toucans and quetzals. We explore specialist birdwatching locations and feeding stations in search of remarkable species such as the Wire-crested Thorntail, Rufous-booted Racket-tail, Buff-tailed Sicklebill and the extraordinary Amazonian Umbrellabird.

ORCHIDS & CLOUDFORESTS



Peru's mist-shrouded Andean forests harbour an extraordinary diversity of orchids and other unusual plants. At Wayqecha, we explore beautiful montane forests where moss-covered trees support delicate miniature orchids, bromeliads, ferns, countless epiphytes and other botanical treasures of the Andes.



INCA CIVILISATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

Peru is home to some of South America's most extraordinary archaeological treasures. We explore the ancient Inca capital of Cusco, the immense stone walls of Sacsayhuamán and the magnificent terraces and temples of Pisac. These remarkable sites reveal the extraordinary engineering, architecture and cultural achievements of one of the world's greatest ancient civilisations.

SPECTACULAR ANDEAN LANDSCAPES

The Andes form one of the world's most magnificent mountain ranges, with towering peaks, deep valleys and spectacular high-altitude landscapes. We journey through breathtaking mountain scenery to visit the famous Rainbow Mountain, where extraordinary bands of colourful minerals create one of Peru's most remarkable natural wonders. Along the way, we may encounter wild vicuñas, Andean birds and other wildlife adapted to life at extreme elevations.



TRADITIONAL ANDEAN CULTURES

Throughout our journey, we encounter the fascinating living traditions of Peru's Andean communities. We visit colourful markets, historic villages and traditional settlements, discovering beautiful handwoven textiles, local crafts and centuries-old customs.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CLIMATE & WEATHER

Our expedition explores remarkably diverse environments, from the hot, humid Amazon rainforest to the cool cloudforests and spectacular high mountains of the Andes. Temperatures in the Amazon are generally warm throughout the year, with occasional heavy tropical rainfall. At higher elevations, conditions can be considerably cooler, particularly during early mornings and evenings. The weather around Rainbow Mountain can be especially cold, windy and unpredictable.



ALTITUDE & ACCLIMATISATION

This expedition includes travel at considerable altitude. Cusco lies approximately 3,400 metres above sea level, while our excursion to Rainbow Mountain may reach elevations approaching 5,000 metres, depending on the route taken. At these heights, reduced oxygen levels can make even relatively short walks physically demanding, and altitude sickness can affect anyone, regardless of fitness.



Our itinerary allows some time for acclimatisation, but participants should be aware of the potential effects of altitude. We recommend seeking medical advice before travelling, particularly if you have any concerns about high-altitude activities. An alternative excursion may be available for those who prefer not to visit Rainbow Mountain.



WALKING & FITNESS

This expedition is classified as Moderate. Most activities involve relatively short walks along rainforest trails, archaeological sites and mountain paths, although surfaces may be muddy, slippery, steep or uneven. The Rainbow Mountain excursion is considerably more demanding because of its altitude. No technical climbing skills are required, but a reasonable level of fitness and mobility is recommended.

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

We stay in a combination of comfortable hotels and specialist rainforest and cloudforest lodges, selected for their locations and access to wildlife and archaeological sites. Travel includes domestic flights, private vehicles and motorised boats. Some journeys involve winding mountain roads, rough surfaces and extended travel times, particularly when travelling between remote regions.



WILDLIFE & ITINERARY FLEXIBILITY

Peru supports an extraordinary diversity of wildlife, but sightings of individual species can never be guaranteed. Our expert guides may adjust activities according to weather, wildlife activity, local conditions and the interests of the group. The order of excursions may change to maximise opportunities and ensure the safety and enjoyment of participants.

HEALTH & PERSONAL PREPARATION

Participants should consult a travel health professional well before departure regarding recommended vaccinations, mosquito-borne diseases, altitude-related precautions and personal medical requirements. Comprehensive travel insurance, including suitable medical and evacuation cover, is essential. We recommend bringing comfortable walking footwear, lightweight rainforest clothing, warm layers, waterproof protection, insect repellent and sun protection.



GETTING THERE & AWAY

GETTING THERE

Our expedition begins in Lima, Peru (LIM), the country's principal international gateway.

Lima is well connected to major international destinations, with flights from Europe, North America and South America. Travellers can fly directly from New York, Madrid and other international hub cities.

We recommend arriving in Lima one day before the expedition begins, allowing time to rest after your international journey.

GETTING AWAY

Our expedition concludes in Lima, Peru (LIM).

International departures can be arranged for the same evening, although we recommend allowing sufficient time for connections or booking an additional night in Lima to accommodate possible domestic flight delays.

For travellers joining our optional add-on extension trips, these excursions all end in Lima.

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

Extend your adventure with a visit to the magnificent Inca citadel of Machu Picchu and the spectacular Sacred Valley.

Contact us for more information:
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EXPEDITION DIFFICULTY



MODERATE

Longer walks, uneven terrain and steep paths involved. No special skills needed.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Rainforest walks, boat excursions, birdwatching, archaeological visits and mountain hikes.

WEATHER

Hot, humid conditions in the Amazon. Cooler cloudforests and cold, high-altitude mountains.

MOBILITY

Guests must be able to walk distances of a few kilometres / miles unaided.

PACE

Early starts for wildlife, occasional long journeys and time for photography and exploration.

This is an adventure in a remote environment.
Flexibility and a sense of adventure are essential!

ALTITUDE

During this expedition, we travel from the lowland Amazon rainforest to the spectacular high Andes, reaching elevations of more than 5,000 metres (16,400 feet).

Cusco lies approximately 3,400 metres (11,150 feet) above sea level, while our excursion to Rainbow Mountain reaches approximately 5,000–5,100 metres (16,400–16,700 feet).

These elevations can cause altitude sickness, even in otherwise healthy and physically fit travellers. This itinerary includes time at intermediate elevations to help with acclimatisation, but participants should be prepared for the effects of altitude.

We recommend consulting a medical professional before departure, particularly if you have previously experienced altitude sickness or have relevant medical conditions. The Rainbow Mountain excursion involves walking at high altitude and may be omitted by participants who prefer a less demanding alternative.



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

From the wildlife-rich Amazon rainforests of Tambopata to the misty cloudforests of Manu and the spectacular peaks of the Andes, this expedition reveals Peru's extraordinary natural and cultural heritage, combining unforgettable wildlife encounters with ancient Inca ruins and breathtaking mountain landscapes.

1	Day 1	Into the Amazon Rainforest
2	Day 2	Macaws & Giant River Otters
3	Day 3	Anacondas & Rainforest Canopy
4	Day 4	Amazon to the Andes
5	Day 5	Sacred Valley & Inca Ruins
6	Day 6	Journey into the Cloudforests
7	Day 7	Andean Cock-of-the-Rock
8	Day 8	Into the High Cloudforests
9	Day 9	Orchids & Andean Wildlife
10	Day 10	Journey through the Andes
11	Day 11	Rainbow Mountain
12	Day 12	Historic Cusco & Departure



DAY 1 | INTO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

Our expedition begins in Lima, where we board a domestic flight to Puerto Maldonado, gateway to the magnificent Amazon rainforests of southeastern Peru. This extraordinary region is home to some of the richest tropical ecosystems on Earth, supporting an astonishing diversity of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and plants.

Upon arrival, we meet our experienced local guides and travel to the Tambopata River, where we board a motorised canoe for a spectacular journey deep into the rainforest. During our two-to-three-hour river journey, we search the riverbanks for capybaras, caimans and monkeys, while colourful macaws, parrots, toucans and kingfishers may be encountered among the surrounding trees. With exceptional luck, we may even glimpse an elusive tapir or jaguar.

Arriving at Finca Sachavacayoc, our beautiful rainforest lodge, we settle into our accommodation before exploring the surrounding forest on foot. Towering trees, enormous buttress roots, strangler figs, palms and climbing vines create a remarkable tropical environment, while butterflies, unusual insects and colourful birds inhabit the forest.

As darkness falls, we undertake our first guided night walk, discovering an entirely different side of the rainforest. We search for tree frogs, tarantulas, whip spiders, stick insects and other fascinating nocturnal creatures, while listening to the extraordinary sounds of the Amazon after dark.

After an exciting introduction to the rainforest, we return to our lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Finca Sachavacayoc.









DAY 2 | MACAWS & GIANT RIVER OTTERS

We depart before dawn for one of the Amazon's greatest wildlife spectacles: the magnificent Chuncho Clay Lick. Travelling upriver by motorised canoe, we search the riverbanks for capybaras, caimans and other wildlife, with an outside chance of encountering elusive tapirs or even jaguars.

At Chuncho, hundreds of colourful parrots and macaws may gather at an exposed clay bank to consume mineral-rich earth. Among the most spectacular are Scarlet Macaws, Red-and-green Macaws and Blue-and-yellow Macaws, whose brilliant plumage creates an unforgettable spectacle as they descend from the surrounding rainforest. We enjoy breakfast overlooking the clay lick, watching and photographing these magnificent birds.

Returning to our lodge for lunch, we later travel to the beautiful Tres Chimbadas Lake, a secluded oxbow lake surrounded by pristine rainforest. Here, we search for the endangered Giant River Otter, one of South America's most extraordinary mammals. These remarkable predators live in family groups, hunting fish and communicating through a fascinating variety of calls.

The lake also supports an abundance of other wildlife, including Black Caimans, Hoatzins, kingfishers, herons and monkeys. As evening approaches, we return along the river, watching for wildlife emerging along the banks as the forest settles into darkness.

Overnight: Finca Sachavacayoc.



DAY 3 | ANACONDAS & RAINFOREST CANOPY

Today we explore some of the most beautiful and wildlife-rich habitats of the Tambopata rainforest. Following breakfast, we venture to either Condenado Lake or Sachavacayoc Lake, two secluded oxbow lakes surrounded by magnificent tropical forest.

These tranquil waterways offer opportunities to search for one of the Amazon's most extraordinary reptiles: the Green Anaconda. Among the world's heaviest snakes, these remarkable predators inhabit swamps, rivers and flooded forests, where their exceptional camouflage makes them notoriously difficult to observe. We also search for caimans, monkeys, colourful birds and other wildlife inhabiting the lakes and surrounding vegetation.

Returning to our lodge for lunch, we spend the afternoon exploring the rainforest from an entirely different perspective. We visit a spectacular 50-metre-high canopy tower, rising above the surrounding trees and offering magnificent views across the immense Amazonian forest.

From this elevated vantage point, we search for colourful toucans, aracaris, macaws, parrots and tanagers, alongside monkeys moving through the treetops. Raptors may soar overhead, while the forest canopy reveals an extraordinary diversity of plants, including orchids, bromeliads and other epiphytes.

As evening approaches, we return to our lodge after another remarkable day exploring one of the world's richest tropical ecosystems.

Overnight: Finca Sachavacayoc.









DAY 4 | AMAZON TO THE ANDES







We begin our day with a final journey along the magnificent Tambopata River, travelling by motorised canoe through the Amazon rainforest towards Puerto Maldonado. As we navigate downstream, we enjoy further opportunities to observe the region's extraordinary wildlife, searching the riverbanks for capybaras, caimans and monkeys, while colourful macaws, parrots and kingfishers may be encountered among the surrounding trees.

Upon reaching Puerto Maldonado, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. The contrast is extraordinary as we leave the tropical Amazon Basin behind and ascend into the magnificent Andes, where towering mountains, deep valleys and historic settlements create an entirely different landscape.

Situated approximately 3,400 metres above sea level, Cusco is one of South America's most fascinating historic cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once the political and spiritual heart of the Inca Empire, the city preserves remarkable examples of Inca stonework alongside magnificent Spanish colonial architecture.

Following our arrival, we transfer to our hotel in the historic centre. Depending on our flight schedule and how everyone feels at altitude, we may enjoy a gentle introductory walk through Cusco's beautiful streets, visiting the Plaza de Armas, historic squares and colourful markets.

We spend the evening relaxing and acclimatising to the altitude, preparing for our exploration of the extraordinary archaeological treasures and mountain landscapes of the Andes.

Overnight: Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco.

DAY 5 | SACRED VALLEY & INCA RUINS

Today we explore some of the most extraordinary archaeological treasures of the Inca civilisation. Leaving Cusco, we journey into the magnificent Sacred Valley, where dramatic mountains, traditional villages and ancient agricultural terraces create one of Peru's most beautiful landscapes.

Our first destination is Pisac, home to an immense archaeological complex perched high above the valley. Here, spectacular Inca terraces sweep across the mountainsides, while ancient temples, ceremonial buildings and remarkable stonework reveal the extraordinary engineering achievements of this ancient civilisation. We explore the ruins and enjoy magnificent views across the surrounding Andes.

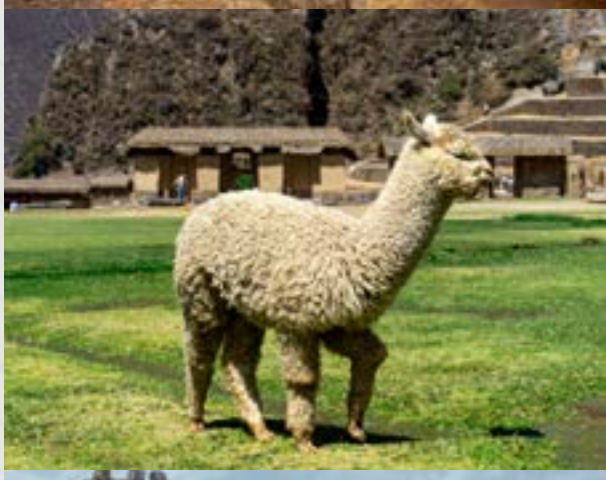
We also visit Pisac's colourful traditional market, where local artisans sell beautiful handwoven textiles, ceramics and other crafts. Along the way, we keep watch for Andean wildlife, including hummingbirds, colourful flowerpiercers, mountain caracaras and other birds inhabiting the surrounding valleys and hillsides.

After lunch, we return towards Cusco to visit Sacsayhuamán, one of the most impressive Inca archaeological sites in South America. This immense complex is renowned for its enormous, precisely fitted stone walls, constructed from individual blocks weighing many tonnes. We explore the remarkable ruins and learn about their ceremonial significance and the extraordinary architectural skills of the Inca people. As evening approaches, we return to Cusco after a fascinating day discovering the history, culture and spectacular landscapes of the Andes.

Overnight: Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco.





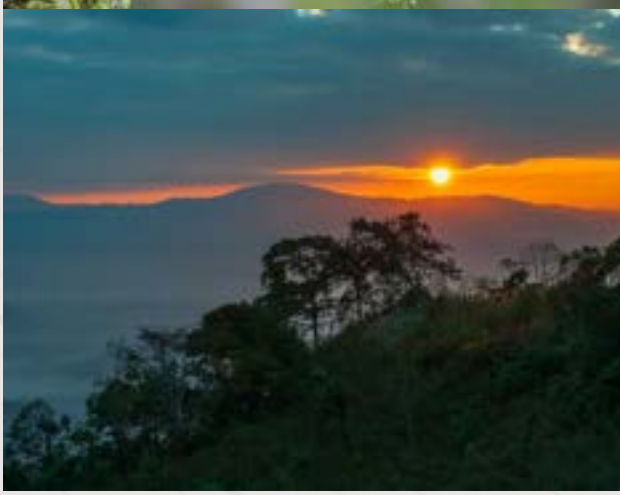




DAY 6 | JOURNEY INTO THE CLOUDFORESTS

Today we begin one of the most spectacular journeys of our expedition, travelling from Cusco into the magnificent cloudforests bordering Manu National Park. This extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site protects an immense wilderness stretching from the high Andes to the Amazon Basin, encompassing some of the richest ecosystems on Earth.





Our route takes us across the high Andean mountains towards Acjanaco Pass, approximately 3,500 metres above sea level. Here, windswept grasslands and mountain shrublands gradually give way to beautiful elfin forests, before we descend into a spectacular world of mist-shrouded cloudforests. Moss-covered trees, magnificent tree ferns, bromeliads and orchids flourish in the cool, humid mountain air.

We make numerous stops along the famous Manu Road, exploring different elevations in search of extraordinary birds. Among our targets are the spectacular Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, colourful Grass-green Tanagers, Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanagers, Hooded Mountain Tanagers and beautiful hummingbirds. With luck, we may also encounter magnificent quetzals and other elusive cloudforest species.

As we descend further, the vegetation becomes increasingly luxuriant, with towering trees draped in mosses, vines and epiphytes. The extraordinary diversity of plants and wildlife reflects the dramatic changes in elevation and climate across the eastern slopes of the Andes.

By late afternoon, we arrive at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, beautifully situated within the cloudforest. The lodge's feeding stations attract colourful tanagers, barbets and remarkable hummingbirds, offering wonderful opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.

Overnight: Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

DAY 7 | ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK

Today we explore the magnificent cloudforests surrounding Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, one of Peru's finest birdwatching destinations. These lush mountain forests support an astonishing diversity of wildlife, including spectacular birds, unusual mammals, beautiful orchids and countless other tropical species.

One of our principal objectives is to witness the extraordinary courtship displays of the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Peru's national bird. We visit a traditional display site, known as a lek, where brilliantly coloured males gather to perform elaborate dances, accompanied by loud calls and remarkable displays of their magnificent orange-red plumage. Watching these spectacular birds displaying in the wild is an unforgettable experience. Throughout the rest of the day, we look for the remarkable Amazonian Umbrellabird, beautiful quetzals, Andean Motmots, colourful tanagers, barbets and toucanets. The lodge's feeding stations also attract spectacular hummingbirds, including the Wire-crested Thorntail, Rufous-booted Racket-tail, Buff-tailed Sicklebill and endemic Peruvian Piedtail.

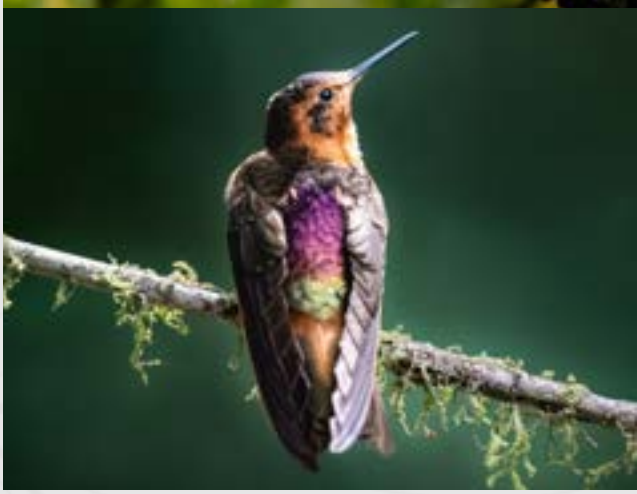
The surrounding forests also provide opportunities to encounter monkeys, colourful butterflies, unusual insects and beautiful orchids. We may explore streams in search of Torrent Ducks and White-capped Dippers, two remarkable birds adapted to life along fast-flowing mountain rivers.

Overnight: Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.



DAY 8 | INTO THE HIGH CLOUDFORESTS





We begin our day with a final opportunity to explore the magnificent forests surrounding Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge. Depending on our previous sightings, we may revisit the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock display site or spend time observing the spectacular hummingbirds, tanagers and other wildlife attracted to the lodge's feeding stations.

We then begin our ascent along the famous Manu Road, travelling through an extraordinary succession of cloudforest habitats. As we gain elevation, the vegetation changes dramatically, with towering tropical trees gradually giving way to beautiful montane forests draped in mosses, lichens, bromeliads and delicate orchids.

We make numerous stops to search for remarkable Andean birds, including colourful mountain tanagers, toucanets, flowerpiercers and hummingbirds. These higher elevations support species rarely encountered in the lower cloudforests, providing wonderful opportunities to appreciate the extraordinary biodiversity of the tropical Andes.

Our destination is Wayqecha Biological Station, situated approximately 2,900 metres above sea level. This important conservation and research centre protects magnificent montane cloudforests bordering Manu National Park and provides access to an exceptional diversity of plants and wildlife.

Following our arrival, we settle into our accommodation and explore the surrounding gardens and forest trails. Depending on conditions, we may encounter beautiful orchids, unusual birds and other fascinating cloudforest wildlife, while enjoying spectacular views across the mist-shrouded mountains.

Overnight: Wayqecha Biological Station.

DAY 9 | ORCHIDS & ANDEAN WILDLIFE

Today we explore the magnificent montane cloudforests surrounding Wayqecha Biological Station, one of the most remarkable botanical destinations in the Peruvian Andes. These mist-shrouded forests support an extraordinary diversity of orchids, birds, mammals and other wildlife, including many species found only in the tropical Andes.

Accompanied by our expert local guides, we explore beautiful forest trails in search of orchids and other unusual plants. Moss-covered trees support an astonishing variety of epiphytes, including delicate miniature orchids, bromeliads, ferns and lichens. Of particular interest are the remarkable pleurothallid orchids, including species of *Stelis*, *Masdevallia*, *Pleurothallis* and *Andinia*. Among the botanical treasures recorded from this region are *Andinia wayqechensis*, *Stelis machupicchuensis* and *Masdevallia antonii*, illustrating the extraordinary diversity of orchids inhabiting these mist-shrouded Andean forests.







We also explore the station's spectacular canopy walkway, which offers a unique perspective on the surrounding forest. Suspended amongst the treetops, the walkway provides wonderful opportunities to appreciate the complexity of the cloudforest canopy and search for colourful birds moving through the upper branches.

Throughout the day, we try and spot remarkable Andean wildlife, including beautiful mountain tanagers, hummingbirds, flowerpiercers, antpittas and other cloudforest specialists. The forests are also home to woolly monkeys and the extraordinary spectacled bear, although encounters with these animals are rare.

As evening approaches, we return to our accommodation, enjoying magnificent views across the mist-shrouded mountains and valleys of the eastern Andes.

Overnight: Wayqecha Biological Station.

DAY 10 | JOURNEY THROUGH THE ANDES

Today we bid farewell to the magnificent cloudforests of Wayqecha and begin our journey back into the spectacular high Andes. Travelling along the famous Manu Road, we ascend through beautiful montane forests, passing moss-covered trees, orchids and tree ferns before emerging into the open grasslands and dramatic mountain landscapes of the Andean highlands.



We make several stops along the way to admire the scenery and search for wildlife. The high-altitude grasslands support an interesting variety of birds, including Mountain Caracaras, Andean Flickers, ground-tyrants and colourful sierra-finches. We may also encounter Andean Viscachas, remarkable rabbit-like rodents that inhabit rocky slopes, and observe llamas and alpacas grazing across the mountainsides.



Our journey continues through traditional Andean villages and beautiful agricultural landscapes, where local communities maintain centuries-old farming practices and produce magnificent handwoven textiles. Depending on our route and available time, we may visit a traditional village to learn about local customs and the cultural heritage of the Andes.

By late afternoon, we arrive in Checacupe, a charming historic town surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery. Time permitting, we may explore the town's famous historic bridges, which reflect different periods of Andean history, including Inca and colonial traditions.



We settle into our accommodation and prepare for tomorrow's exploration of one of Peru's most spectacular geological wonders: Rainbow Mountain.

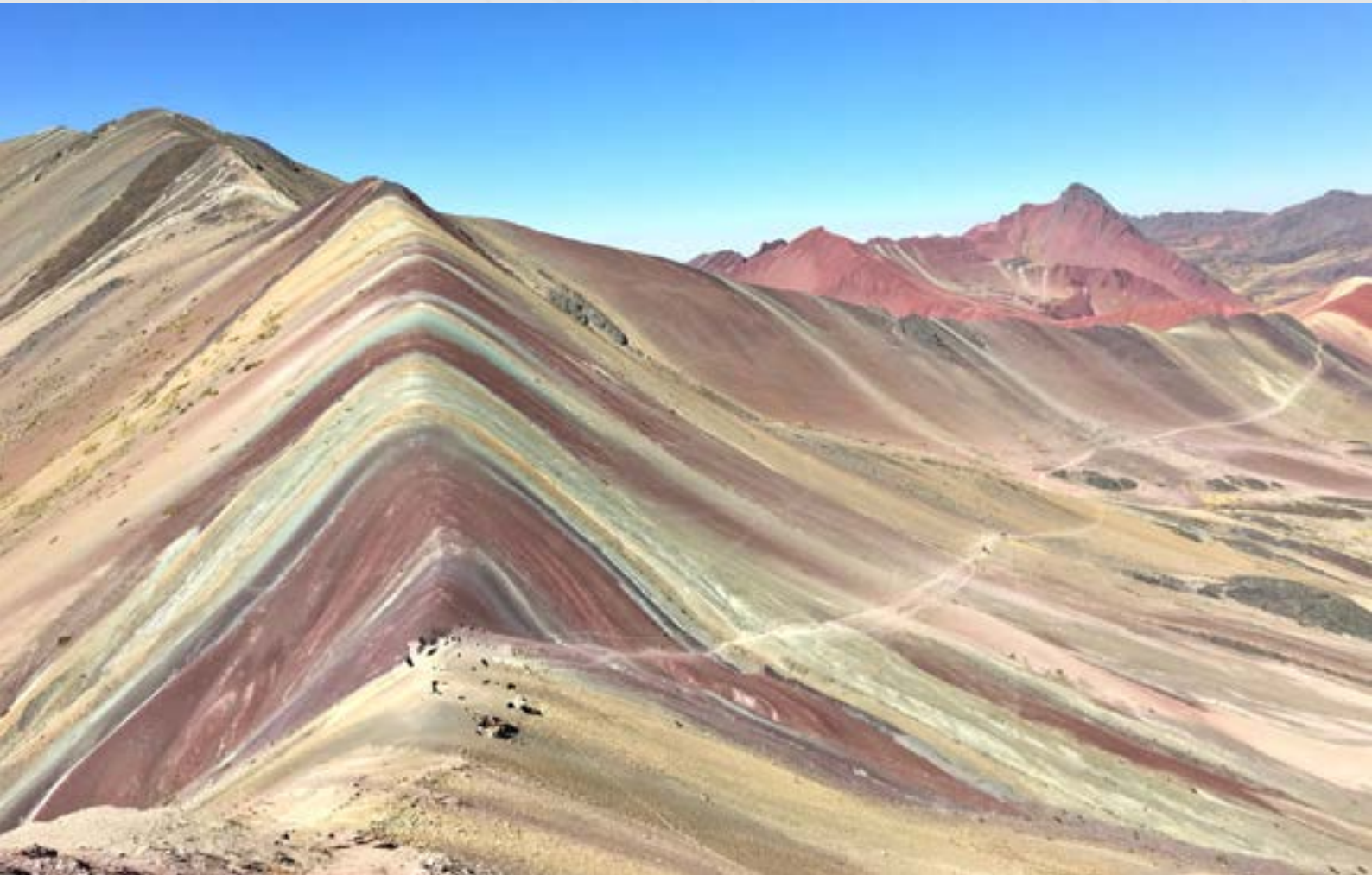
Overnight: Casona Checacupe.

DAY 11 | RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

Today we explore one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders: the magnificent Rainbow Mountain, also known as Vinicunca. Rising to more than 5,000 metres above sea level, this remarkable mountain is famous for its spectacular bands of red, yellow, green and purple, created by mineral-rich geological layers exposed over millions of years.

We depart Checacupe early, travelling through breathtaking Andean landscapes towards the mountain. Our route passes traditional villages, immense valleys and high-altitude grasslands, where herds of alpacas and llamas graze beneath towering peaks. We keep watch for wild vicuñas, elegant relatives of the alpaca, alongside Andean Geese, Mountain Caracaras, colourful sierra-finches and other birds adapted to life at extreme elevations.

Upon reaching the trailhead, we begin our walk towards the famous Rainbow Mountain viewpoints. The scenery is extraordinary, with beautifully coloured ridges, rugged mountains and sweeping panoramas across the high Andes. Although many photographs circulating online exaggerate the mountain's colours through digital enhancement, the natural landscape is magnificent and well worth experiencing.







Important: This excursion takes place at high altitude, potentially reaching approximately 5,000–5,100 metres (16,400–16,700 feet). Even relatively short walks can be physically demanding because of reduced oxygen levels, and altitude sickness can affect anyone, regardless of fitness. We proceed at a gentle pace, but participants should be appropriately acclimatised and comfortable walking at high altitude. An alternative activity may be arranged for those who prefer not to undertake the hike. After our exploration, we descend and begin our return journey towards Cusco. Along the way, we aim to visit Pikillacta, an extraordinary pre-Inca archaeological complex built by the Wari civilisation, which flourished centuries before the rise of the Inca Empire. This remarkable ancient settlement preserves an extensive network of stone walls, streets, plazas and buildings, offering a fascinating insight into one of the great civilisations of ancient Peru. If time permits, we may also visit the beautiful colonial church of Andahuaylillas, renowned for its magnificent religious paintings and richly decorated interior.

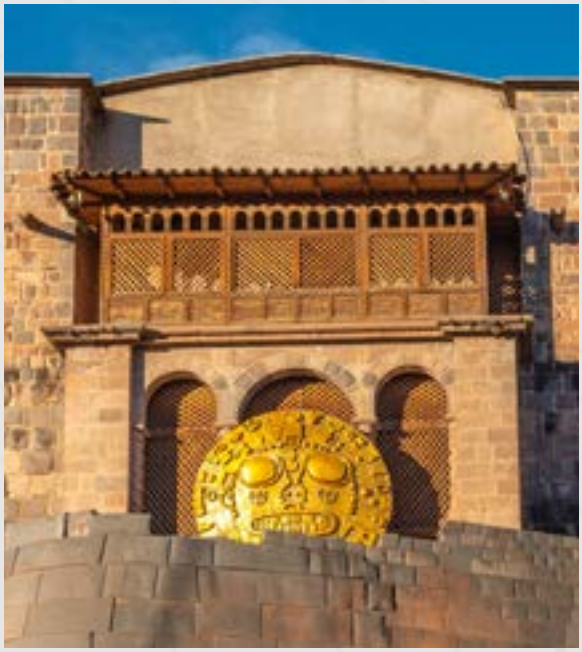
We arrive in Cusco during the late afternoon and return to our hotel after an unforgettable day exploring the spectacular landscapes, ancient civilisations and cultural heritage of the Andes.

Overnight: Costa del Sol Wyndham Cusco.



DAY 12 | HISTORIC CUSCO & DEPARTURE

Our final morning in Peru provides an opportunity to explore the magnificent historic city of Cusco, once the capital of the Inca Empire and today one of South America's most fascinating cultural destinations.



Accompanied by our local guide, we wander through the beautiful streets of this UNESCO World Heritage city, discovering magnificent colonial architecture, ancient Inca stonework and picturesque squares. We may visit the famous San Pedro Market, where colourful stalls display an extraordinary variety of traditional foods, tropical fruits, Andean crops, medicinal plants and local handicrafts. Depending on our available time, we may also visit Qorikancha, once the most sacred temple of the Inca Empire, or enjoy a traditional Peruvian cooking experience, learning about the ingredients and culinary traditions that make Peru's cuisine so distinctive.

During the afternoon, we transfer to Cusco Airport for our flight to Lima, where our expedition concludes. We depart with wonderful memories of colourful macaws, giant river otters, ancient Inca ruins and the magnificent landscapes of the Amazon and Andes.

End of Main Expedition.



EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE IN PERU

Discover more of Peru's extraordinary archaeological heritage with our **three** optional add-on extension trips. Each journey can be arranged individually or combined with the others, allowing you to explore ancient civilisations, magnificent archaeological sites and spectacular landscapes at your own pace.

The suggested durations and itineraries are flexible and can be tailored to your interests, available time and travel arrangements.

Please contact sales@redfernadventures.com for further information, itineraries and pricing.



ADD-ON 1 | MACHU PICCHU

Extend your adventure with an unforgettable three-day / two-night journey to Peru's legendary Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the world's greatest archaeological treasures.



We explore the extraordinary circular agricultural terraces of Moray, believed to have been used by the Incas to investigate cultivation under different environmental conditions, and the salt pans of Maras, where traditional salt harvesting continues today. We also visit Ollantaytambo, an Inca settlement famous for its immense stone terraces, temples and extraordinary architecture.

Along the way, we can visit specialist hummingbird gardens in search of beautiful Andean species, including the sword-billed hummingbird, giant hummingbird and other remarkable birds.

The highlight is a guided exploration of Machu Picchu, where temples, ceremonial buildings and agricultural terraces occupy a dramatic mountain ridge surrounded by lush cloudforests.

This extension can be tailored to individual interests, with additional time available for archaeology, birdwatching or exploring the Sacred Valley.



ADD-ON 2 | ANCIENT RUINS COASTAL PERU

Discover the extraordinary civilisations that flourished along Peru's Pacific coast thousands of years before the rise of the Inca Empire. We recommend allowing four days / three nights for this remarkable archaeological journey, beginning in Lima and travelling north towards Trujillo.

Our first destination is Caral, one of the oldest known urban centres in the Americas, dating back approximately 5,000 years. Here, immense pyramidal structures, ceremonial plazas and ancient residential complexes reveal the astonishing achievements of one of the world's earliest civilisations.

Continuing north to Trujillo, we explore the magnificent archaeological remains of the Moche and Chimú civilisations. Highlights include Chan Chan, the immense adobe capital of the Chimú Empire, with its extraordinary ceremonial courtyards, intricate geometric decorations and monumental walls.

We also visit the famous Temples of the Sun and Moon, constructed by the Moche civilisation. The immense Huaca del Sol is one of the largest adobe structures in the Americas, while Huaca de la Luna preserves spectacular painted reliefs depicting deities, warriors and ceremonial scenes.

Depending on available time, we may also explore the fascinating El Brujo archaeological complex, famous for the richly adorned burial of the Lady of Cao, or visit Huaca Pucllana, an impressive pre-Inca ceremonial pyramid situated within modern Lima.









ADD-ON 3 | KUÉLAP & CHACHAPOYA

Venture into the spectacular mountains of northern Peru to discover the extraordinary civilisation of the Chachapoya, often described as the Warriors of the Clouds. We recommend allowing four days / three nights for this adventure, travelling from Lima into the remote Amazonas region around Chachapoyas.

Depending on flight schedules, our journey may begin with a visit to Huaca Pucllana, an extraordinary pre-Inca ceremonial complex situated in the heart of modern Lima. Built principally by the Lima culture more than 1,000 years ago, this remarkable adobe pyramid and its surrounding archaeological remains offer a fascinating introduction to the ancient civilisations that flourished long before the Incas.

We then travel north towards Chachapoyas, gateway to one of Peru's most remarkable archaeological treasures: Kuélap. Situated approximately 3,000 metres above sea level, this immense pre-Inca stone citadel occupies a dramatic mountain ridge overlooking the Utcubamba Valley. Its enormous walls enclose hundreds of circular stone buildings, ceremonial structures and ancient dwellings.

Depending on available time and local arrangements, we may also visit the remarkable sarcophagi of Karajía, where ancient Chachapoya funerary figures stand high on a limestone cliff, or explore the magnificent Gocta Waterfall, one of Peru's most spectacular natural landmarks.

This extension offers an exceptional combination of archaeology, remote mountain landscapes and natural history, with opportunities for additional exploration tailored to individual interests.







WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ All accommodation throughout the itinerary (shared twin or double room)
- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Expert expedition team and professional guides
- ✓ All activities and excursions as per the itinerary
- ✓ All ground transport, internal flights and logistics during the itinerary
- ✓ All permits, permissions and archaeological site entrance fees
- ✓ Basic medical kit and emergency communication equipment

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International flights to the start point and from the end point
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Passport and travel documents (e.g. visa, if required for your nationality)
- ✗ Pre- and Post-expedition accommodation
- ✗ Tips and gratuities (optional)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Souvenirs
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Optional single room upgrade

Note: The itinerary includes travel through remote Amazonian rainforest and high-altitude Andean environments. Participants should be prepared for variable weather, changing travel conditions and some demanding excursions. The visit to Rainbow Mountain involves high altitudes, and an alternative excursion may be available for those who prefer not to participate.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PASSPORT & VISAS

A valid passport is required. No visa is needed for many nationalities (please check for your nationality).

WHAT TO BRING

We provide a detailed list of recommended clothing and equipment.

INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is mandatory.

HEALTH

Vaccinations and malaria prevention may be recommended. Consult a travel health professional for advice.

CLIMATE

Hot and humid in the Amazon; cooler in the cloudforests and potentially freezing at night at high altitude.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Endless opportunities for landscapes and wildlife. Bring macro, wide-angle and telephoto lenses.

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

— John Muir

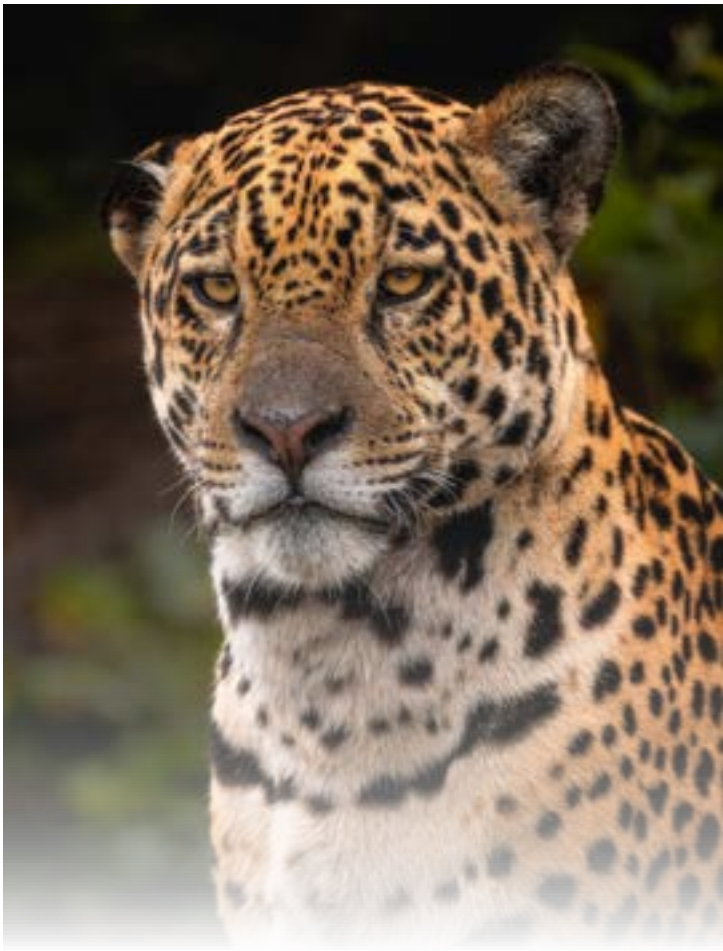


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