

PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The town of Atalaya is situated 280 km / 174 miles from the city of Cusco taking the Cusco-Paucartambo Highway (12 hours by 4x4 vehicle). The trip continues on the river to the town of Boca Manu (7 hours). Then, you have to navigate again on the Madre de Dios River to arrive at the park. It is also possible to get to the town of Boca Manu taking a small airplane from Cusco (45 minutes). Manu National Park is spread out between two departments, Cusco and Madre de Dios, and covers an area of 1'692.137 hectares (or the entire Manu River basin).

MANU NATIONAL PARK

Since 1977, the Manu National Park has formed the Nucleus of the Manu Biosphere Reserve, which was declared a Natural World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 1987. Although no one is allowed to enter, visitors can stay in authorized lodges in the Reserved Area and in the Cultural Zone adjacent to the park.

The park has a great variety of animal species: more than 800 bird species like the harpy eagle, the jabiru stork, the Orinoco goose, the Andean cock-of-the-rock, and the roseate spoonbill, 200 mammal species like the common woolly monkey, the black spider monkey, the giant otter, the jaguar, the little spotted cat, the anteater, and the Andean deer, and over a hundred bat species.

In addition, there are trees over 45 meters high and 3 meters in diameter. The most characteristic species are the cético, the topa, the cedar, the tornillo tree, the white kapok, and the mata palo. Today, 30 Quechuan speaking farming communities are spread throughout the Manu National Park as well as numerous Amazonian native peoples such as the Matsigenka, Amahuaca, Yaminahua, Piro, Amarakaeri, Huashipaire, and Nahua.

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