

TOUR: MANU

NATIONAL PARK OF MANU – CULTURAL ZONE

ITINERARY FOR 04 DAYS

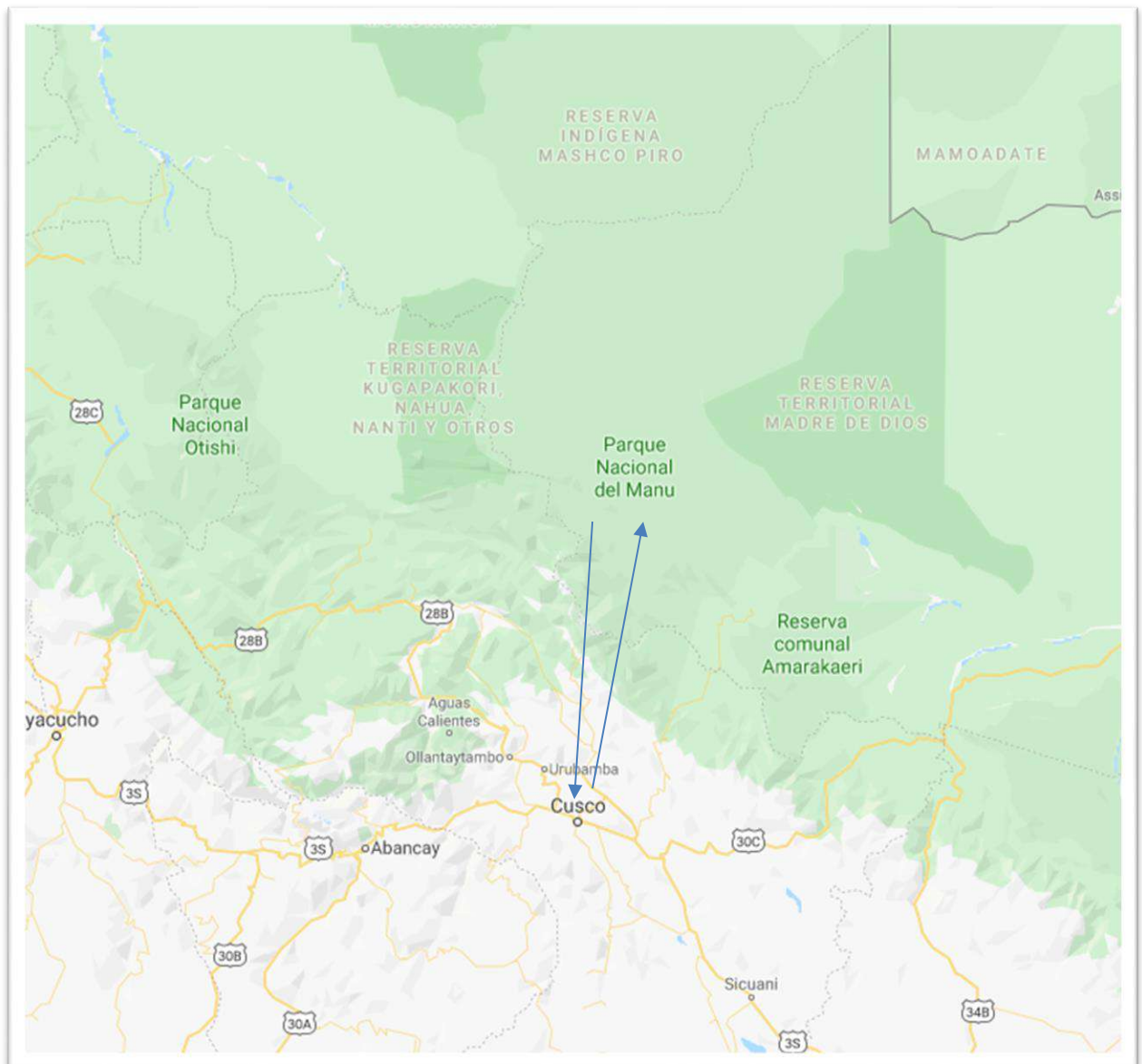
Day 1. Cusco/Manu

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End of itinerary and services



Manu National Park, located in southeastern Peru, is one of the largest parks in South America. The area of the park encompasses parts of the Andean department of Cusco and the jungle department of Madre de Dios. Manu protects over 2 million hectares (4.5 million acres) of territory rich in flora and fauna species in a variety of habitats including high Andes, cloud forests, and lowland tropical rain forests.

UNESCO officially recognizes this natural paradise as a world heritage site. In 1977 they designated Manu as a World Biosphere Reserve because it contains the best existing example of biodiversity in protected areas of rain forest, as well as endemic areas of cloud forest.

Humans have altered the majority of forests in the world. Fortunately, Manu has remained intact and untouched by civilization. Thus, we can observe a variety of animals in their natural habitats, including: Giant Otters (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), Black Caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*), the majestic Jaguar (*Panthera onca*), the strange Spectacled Bear (*Tremarctos ornatus*), the Tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), the Ocelot (*Felis pardalis*), 13 species of primates, and an estimated one thousand species of birds including seven species of Macaws (*Ara* sp.).

Manu also contains 10% of the world's vascular plant species, including several species of figs and palms, as well as countless species of medicinal plants that scientists are currently cataloguing. A single hectare of forest in Manu can have up to 220 species of trees, while a hectare of temperate forest in Europe or North America may only have 20 tree species.

Manu National Park may be the most biologically diverse and protected park on the planet.

DAY 1. - Cusco (3,300 m.a.s.l.) – Andes- (3650 m.a.s.l.) Cloud Forest (1,700m.a.s.l.)

We leave Cusco early in the morning in one of our vehicles. We will pass through interesting valleys and picturesque communities. We will stop in Paucartambo, a beautiful colonial town. Here we will visit a very interesting museum. We will have a packed lunch en route. We continue to the cloud forest, an area rich with endemic species like the Spectacled Bear, the Cock of The Rock, a variety of orchids, bromeliads and ferns etc. Take in the beautiful nature as we make our way to San Pedro de Orquideas Lodge where we will spend our first night in our comfortable accommodation.

DAY 2. –Cloud Forest – Erika Lodge (400 m.a.s.l.)

Early in the morning, we will go in search of the Cock of the Rock, the National bird of Peru, that has a unique courtship dance. After breakfast we will continue to the small town of Pilcopata*, then to the Port of Atalaya, which is located on the shores of the Madre de Dios River (700 m.a.s.l.). Here we will take a boat to our Private Reserve of "Erika"*. From the boat we will be able to see an enormous diversity of bird species such as Herons, vultures and cormorants etc. We will walk along the interesting trails that are in the transition zone between high and low jungle and your guide will point out and explain the interesting diversity of wild life that surrounds you. We will have the chance for a night walk to catch a glimpse of insects and amphibians. We overnight in our Erika Lodge.

* **1 Free Option** - Rafting: In Pilcopata you will have 90 minutes of rafting (grade I & II) on the Koñeq and/or Madre de Dios Rivers. You can enjoy the beautiful landscape and have a swim in the refreshing water.

DAY 3. –Erika Lodge

During the morning walk, the guide will point out and explain the interesting variety of wildlife around you. We board our boat to cross the river and follow a trail for 30 minutes and observe the interesting flora such as the sensitive plants, heliconias, fruit, etc. We walk until we reach lake Machuwasi where we paddle rafts to observe the birds like the primitive Hoatzin, alligators, monkeys, and capybaras with luck. We will have a night walk around our lodge to catch a glimpse of a variety of insects and amphibians.

* **2 Free Option – Canopy Zip Line:** In Erika our guests can glide from tree to tree and from platform to platform with a harness on a horizontal cable rail system at high speeds above the trees in the incredible amazon jungle. You then rappel from a height of 15m back to the jungle floor.

DAY 4. –Erika Lodge – Cusco

Very early we board our boat and make our way to Collpa, a clay wall by the river where a variety of parrots such as the blue headed parrot, the White eyed parakeet, possibly the Maracana Macaw and others come every morning to substitute their diet with minerals and salts. After this activity we return to Erika for breakfast. After breakfast we pack up and take our boat back to Atalaya Port where our vehicle will be waiting to take us back to Cusco. We have lunch en route to Cusco and arrive early evening.

End of our services

*All activities and excursions are subject to change depending on weather condition



NOTAS

- The excursions are in groups with a guide in Spanish or English, but if you want it to be private or in another language, please let us know to quote it.
- The itinerary could vary due to weather or other factors.
- Tour times are subject to change without prior notice, as they may be affected by different circumstances.
- Domestic flights are not included in the program, but we can include them at the request of each client.
- The program includes meals and drinks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT:

- ✓ Towel for the entire trip
- ✓ Personal hygiene supplies & medicines for 4 days
- ✓ Shoes for walking/hiking sandals
- ✓ Headlamp or torch
- ✓ Hat, sunglasses and sun block
- ✓ Insect repellent (recommend 40% DEET),
- ✓ Waterproof gear, t-shirt with long sleeves, long pants, swimming gear/bathers
- ✓ Warm clothing in case of cold weather
- ✓ Binoculars, Camera
- ✓ Backpack, day pack, plastic bags

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

Land transportation, river transportation, 01 night in our San Pedro de Orquideas Lodge, 02 nights in our Erika Lodge, all meals (vegetarian option available) bilingual specialized guide, all equipment for rafting, first aid kit, luggage storage, safety deposit box for valuables.

Not Included:

First breakfast, water for the first day, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, souvenirs, tips and the last dinner

RESERVATIONS

If you want to get a quote for a program or make a reservation, please send us an email to hola@andean-tours.com with the following information:

- ✓ Number of adult passengers:
- ✓ Number of children (specify their age):
- ✓ Type of room: single, double (two beds or matrimonial), triple:
- ✓ Arrival date:
- ✓ Departure date:
- ✓ Special request:

Take into consideration that the Lodges are subject to availability.

PAYMENTS

- Once we send you the quote and finish any modification, we will make the reservations which will take about 24-48 hours.
- Once we confirm all the reservations, we will send you an email with all the information and we will specify the payment date if a pre-payment is required.
- We accept bank transfer (must include transfer expenses), Visa credit card (additional charge of 4%).

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