

Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, & Amazon River

March 20 – 29, 2012



March 20 – Depart in the afternoon to Cusco. Fly from your departure city to Los Angeles for your evening flight to Lima Peru.

March 21 - Upon arrival in **Lima** you will be met and transferred to your domestic flight to the beautiful city of **Cusco, Peru**.. You will visit the Temple of the Sun, Koricancha, where you will appreciate the incredible masonry work of the Incas. Next the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral with its carved woodwork, alters of silver and gold, and Inca paintings. Then you will be driven to the Inca fortress of Sacsahuaman, to the underground cave and temple of Kenko, and to Tambomachay.

March 22 - You will drive through the scenic landscape of the "**Sacred Valley**" of the Incas". Arriving at the town of **Pisac**, you will visit the Inca ruins that lie above the town. Next you will visit the ancient stronghold **Ollantaytambo**, where you will climb up this imposing Inca fortress at the top of the mountains. In addition, you will visit **Moray**, with its huge circular agricultural terraces created by the Incas. (B,L)

March 23 - After breakfast you will be transported to the Ollantaytambo train station for a scenic train ride through the Majestic mountains of the Andes. After arriving at Aguas Calientes you will be transported by motor coach to the top of the mountain to view one of the truly magnificent wonders of the world, **Machu Picchu**.. (B,L)

March 24 - Today is market day in **Pisac** and **Chincho** where all the local Indians come to town to sell their wares. You will experience the smells, sights, and sounds of a local market, with many varieties of vegetables to local weaving and more. (B,L)

March 25 - Enjoy a free day to explore the beautiful alleys and markets of lovely **Cusco**, or just relax in the Plaza.

March 26 - You will be transported to your short flight from Cusco to Lima, and then to your domestic flight to Iquitos on the banks of the Amazon River. After a short city tour of Iquitos you will begin your 25 mile boat ride down the **Amazon River** to arrive at the Ceiba Topps resort. In the afternoon, hike in the beautiful primary rain forest reserve surrounding the hotel. In the afternoon enjoy a swim in the pool and enjoy local flute or guitar music that Peru is famous for. (B,L)

March 27 - Morning boat excursion to "**Monkey Island**", a private reserve where more than five species of monkeys are protected. Afternoon boating excursion in search of sloths and the two species of freshwater river dolphin, pink and grey, found in Amazonian waters. You will have a chance to catch piranha as well. (B,L,D)

March 28 – Today you will visit the rustic Explorama Lodge and hike the "Bushmaster Trail". Continue on to visit a small village of Yagua Indians where your guide will explain their culture and how it has been affected by the passing of time. After lunch walk along a local Amazon River trail stopping at a "ribereños" house, corner store and sugar cane rum factory. Return by boat and transfer to the airport for your night flight home. (B,L,D)

March 29 -Continue your flight home with memories of your experience in Peru.

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