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MANU NATIONAL PARK CULTURAL ZONE PROGRAM 5 DAYS & 4 NIGHTS

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

We leave Cusco early in the morning in one of our vehicles. We will pass through interesting valleys and picturesque communities. We will visit pre Incan tombs and then 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 (400m.s.n.m.)

Very early we will go in search of the Cock of the Rock, the National bird of Peru, that has a very 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.s.n.m). 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– Aguas Calientes – Erika Lodge

Very early we take a short walk to see a large and impressive ceiba butress tree. After breakfast we take our boat down the Alto Madre de Dios River for 90 minutes for an interesting and exciting trip to the hot springs of Aguas Calientes surrounded by our beautiful forest. After relaxing in the water and a refreshing cold lunch, we return to Erika Lodge.

DAY 5. –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



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OUR SERVICES INCLUDE: Land transportation, river transportation, 01 night in our San Pedro de Orquideas Lodge, 03 nights in our Erika Lodge, all meals (vegetarian option avail) bilingual specialized guide, all equipment for rafting, first aid kit, luggage storage, safety deposit box for valuables

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED: First breakfast, water for the first day, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, souvenirs, tips and the last dinner

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT

- Towel for the entire trip
- Personal hygiene supplies & medicines for 5 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
- Back pack, day pack, plastic bags