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PUSHARO PETROGLYPHS 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

The Petroglyphs of Pusharo are a unique and extensive ancient rock art site situated in the southeast of Peru's Manu National Park. Manu is a jungle expanse that still contains unexplored and little known areas, and because of this, an official government permit is required for entry. The site is made up of an array of deeply incised rock carvings that reach up to a height of 9 feet on a rock face that is over 100 feet long and 75 feet high. Its location is on the south shore of the Palatoa River.



o DAY 1:

We will pick you up in our private minivan between 7:00 and 7:30am from your accommodation. We will make our way through Andean valleys and visit the pre-Inca tombs of Ninamarca. We then continue to Paucartambo, a Spanish colonial town that hosts the Virgen del Carmen festival every 16th of July. Here we will visit the museum. We then make our way to the Acjanacu pass, which is the highest point of our journey and marks the beginning of the cultural zone of the Manu Biosphere Reserve. We then descend through the cloud forest which is home to the Cock of the Rock, the National Bird of Peru and other animals and plants such as the spectacled bear, a variety of birds, orchids and tree ferns. We will have a packed lunch at the entrance of the National Park. We will arrive at Orquideas de San Pedro lodge late in the afternoon.



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o DAY 2:

Today we wake up early to observe the Cock of the Rock and their courtship dance. We return to Orquideas de San Pedro for breakfast. After breakfast we make our way to Pilcopata in our vehicle taking in the beautiful scenery of waterfalls and canyons (1). We make a brief stop in Pilcopata and then head to the Port of Atalaya. We have a packed lunch on our motorized, covered boat as we cruise for about an hour down the Madre de Dios River towards Erika Lodge. We arrive at Erika lodge late in the afternoon.

- Free option: In Pilcopata we have the option of rafting (weather conditions permitting)
- Free Option: Canopy zip line and rappelling while in Erika lodge

o Day 3:

We will travel in our minivan for about 2 hours to Santa Cruz and visit the ranger station to get authorization to visit Pusharo. We then continue by boat and arrive at Palotoa. There are at least five Amazonian Indigenous groups and each one has its own language, religion and hunting and gathering techniques. "Palotoa Teparo" is a beautiful native community with an ethnic group of Matsigenka that are becoming involved in economy through tourism. Overnight camping.

o Day 4

We board our small boat early in the morning to "Pongo de Meganto" to visit the rock engravings. Many scientists believe that the area of Pusharo is related to the legend of Paititi or the "Lost Golden City" better known as El Dorado. Overnight camping.

o Day 5

After breakfast we make our way back to Erika lodge. We will do some hikes in the primary forest, where you can have a swim and we will have lunch on the Palotoa River. We return to Palotoa Campsite. In the afternoon we will have another chance to walk and see animals. We will spend the last night in the jungle in our comfortable lodge.

o Day 6

Early in the morning, we will have our fresh breakfast, and then make our return back to Cusco, on the way we may stop at times to observe some birds in the cloud forest. We will arrive back in Cusco late in the afternoon.