

ITINERARY 02



FROM THE ANDES TO THE AMAZON

- Learn about Cusco and Sacred Valley
- Community Service and Learning about Quechua Culture
- Experience Machu Picchu
- Explore the Living Incan Town
- Visit the Heart of Amazon and Service issues with Local
- Visit Puerto Maldonado and Lima

DAY 01 – WELCOME TO PERU!

Arrive at Cusco, your program Leaders will take you to the hotel. This first day will be spent getting to know your experienced local guides and getting acclimated to high Andes.

DAY 02 - 03 – SACRED VALLEY SERVICE AND QUECHUA CULTURE

Hike to rural communities, visit with local families, explore Inca ruins, and witness majestic mountain scapes to better understand life and culture here in Peru. Participate in a meaningful service project. Play soccer and enjoy the beautiful surroundings after service.

DAY 04 – TRAVEL TO AGUAS CALIENTES AND EXPERIENCE MACHU PICCHU

Take a train ride to Aguas Calientes, the base town of the Machu Picchu ruins. Upon arrival, hike up from town to the ruins and take a guided tour of this incredible complex. After a guided tour to orient the group with the site's history, spend the morning exploring the intricate stonework of this magnificent structure or steal a moment of relaxation with the breathtaking views of the perched terraces.

DAY 05 – CAPITAL OF THE INCA EMPIRE

Travel to Cusco and explore the ancient Inca capital and UNESCO World Heritage site. In the afternoon, we'll have the chance to visit the Chocolate Museum and learn to make our own handmade chocolates from Peruvian cacao.

DAY 06 – TO THE AMAZON

Today it is straight into the heart of the Amazon Jungle. We will wake up early and fly to Puerto Maldonado, our gateway to the Amazon. Upon arriving, we will head up the river to a secluded jungle lodge located deep in one of the worlds most biodiverse ecosystems and first excursion into the jungle in search of animals and insects.

DAY 07 - 08 – ISSUES OF THE AMAZON

Over the next two days you will learn about many of the complex issues that threaten the Amazon through activities and exploration. Excursions and activities can include visiting the salt lick to hopefully spot scores of macaws, going to a local cacao farm where locals are learning to live sustainably with the forest, day hikes looking for the families of monkeys that live near the camp, night walks to see what nocturnal creatures and insects we can see, and night boat rides in search of caimen.

DAY 09 – PUERTO MALDONADO, LIMA, AND HOME

We genuinely hope your time spent here, the experiences you've shared, and the things you've reflected on will stay with you for a lifetime. After some final group photos with Team Peru, your Program Leaders will take you to the airport for your departure as you say goodbye and reflect on your adventure.