

BIRDING
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Follow part of the route of the Birding Rally Challenge 2012 and 2013.

A great way to discover Peru's ornithology richness and biodiversity in a unique experience from the amazon rainforest to the cloud forest within the country's most attractive and varied environments, during which you will be able to watch some of the 700 bird species registered by the most renowned birders during the Birding Rally Challenge. A great experience exploring different environments coastal and Andean marshes, the andes, the amazon rainforest and the cloud forest places surrounded by incredible wildlife as mammals, reptiles, butterflies among others, also orchids, ferns, bromeliads, as well as natural beauty. Experience the cultural contrasts of Peru and visit the most remarkable Inca landmark, Machu Picchu, one of the new 7 Wonders of the World.

13 days / 12 nights: *Lima (2 nights), Puerto Maldonado (4 nights), The Sacred Valley of the Incas (2 nights), Machu Picchu (3 nights), Cusco (1 night)*

DAY
1

LIMA

400

bird species
registered in Lima

Arrive in Lima. Welcome and transfer to your hotel.

Lima, the Spanish Vice-Royal capital of South America, is home to some of the most remarkable colonial mansions, churches, and squares on the continent. The cosmopolitan districts of San Isidro, Barranco, and Miraflores offer a great variety of museums, restaurants, and shopping opportunities.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at recommended hotel.



DAY
2

LIMA

120

bird species
registered in Pantanos
de Villa

Breakfast at your hotel

Morning excursion to the "Pantanos de Villa" or Villa Wetlands. Transfer from your hotel in Lima to the Villa Wetlands for a private guided visit. This portion of marshlands, located at about 20 minutes south of the Capital, is one of the few protected areas found within the Metropolitan city of Lima where it is possible to observe: Peruvian Thick-knee, Peruvian Meadowlark, Many-colored Rush-tyrant, Wren-like Rushbird, Peruvian Pelican, Kelp Gull, Belcher's Gull, American Oystercatcher.



Lunch and dinner at leisure. Overnight at recommended hotel – B / - / -

DAY
3

LIMA
PUERTO MALDONADO

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to Lima International airport. You will soon be arriving in Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to one of the world's most remote

and extraordinary rainforest environments. Your journey will take you into the heart of the Tambopata National Reserve.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted at the Puerto Maldonado Airport by our staff members, who will assist you with your luggage. Next, you will be driven to the river port for a 45-minute boat ride on the Madre de Dios river that will end upon arrival at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica.

Our Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica staff will greet you and will provide information about the lodge's safety rules and the schedule of excursions during your stay. They will also assign you to your cabaña.

Lunch in the dining room.

We suggest you to get familiarized with the area as this may be your first rainforest experience. For your first day, join our Trail System excursion.

Trail System.

A guided walk along one of the trails is a wonderful introduction to the incredible world of the Amazon rainforest. The trails wind past such important giant trees of the forest as the kapok and the strangler fig, and you may see superb examples of bird and insect life.

Cocktails and dinner in the dining room of the lodge's main pavilion.

Relax on the porch of your cabaña, listening to the forest sounds at night, before retiring for the night. B / L / D.

DAY
4

PUERTO MALDONADO



Buffet Breakfast at the Lodge

Wake up early to observe the sun rise over the Madre de Dios River.

Enjoy a trip to Valencia Lake 4 hours down the river in the middle of a Brazil nut forest on the way a stop in Gamitana Farm, located 25 minutes from the Inkaterra lodge, to look for birds as tanagers, flycatchers among other that feed on the agricultural fields of the Farm. Then continue the navigation to the Valencia Creek where is possible to find more birds as the Sunbittern, Ringed Kingfisher, Pale-legged Hornero and the prehistoric looking bird Hoatzin.

There is a trail into a Terra Firme forest in Valencia Lake where is possible to find interesting birds of that habitat as the Pale-winged trumpeter, Pavonine Quetzal, manakins, antbirds, and more. Valencia Lake offers the chance for a good fishing activity. Picnic lunch and return to the lodge.

Dinner and overnight at your cabaña – B / L / D



Royal Flycatcher / (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*)



Hoatzin / (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)



Scarlet Macaw / (*Ara macao*)

DAY
5

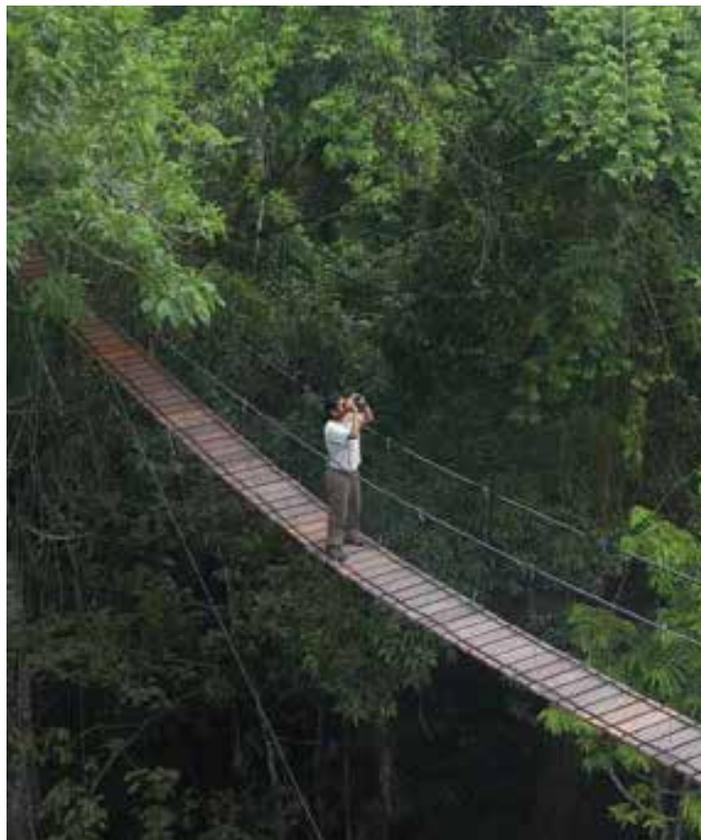
PUERTO MALDONADO

Our specialized guide will recommend several birding routes, and you will be able to tailor made your day. Wake up really early to start your adventure and go down the river to start your birding activity, you will then enjoy breakfast at the boat to continue your excursion in Hacienda Concepcion.



Continue during the afternoon to Rolin Island for birding around the island and then visit the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, ascend the first tower, 30 meters (99 feet) above the forest floor. Spend an hour-and-a-half walking on the bridges that stretch between seven platforms, as you see giant strangler fig trees, orchids, toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, and with luck, monkeys or a three-toed sloth. Next, a 30-minute walk takes you to a nearby wetland area, an important rainforest ecosystem that is host to many exotic plants and birds. You may find the Amazonian Umbrellabird, Curl Crested Aracari and Band-tailed Manakin.

Dinner and overnight
at your cabaña – B / L / D



DAY
6

PUERTO MALDONADO*

540 bird species registered at
Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica

Buffet breakfast at the lodge.

Morning excursion to Sandoval Lake. A 40-minute boat ride takes you to the Tambopata National Reserve. Spend an hour-and-a-half walking the 3 km. (1.8 mile) trail through the wildlife-rich reserve, parrots, macaws and the rare Black-faced Cotinga are possible to find there. Here you will have an excellent opportunity to see the endangered giant river otter. Also residing in and around the lake are some monkeys like the rare Red Howler, Brown capuchin and Common Squirrel monkeys, red-bellied macaws, black caymans, and side-neck turtles.



Take a walk inside Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción nature trails. Learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components, uses and transformations by the humans, and its relevance for the world. See the cacao plantation, bread fruit trees, rubber trees, etc.

Return to the Lodge. Cocktails and dinner at the dining room.
Spend the night in your cabaña - B / L / D

*The different excursions at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica have been organized based on the Birding Rally Challenge routes, please consider that there could be modifications according to weather conditions.

DAY
7

PUERTO MALDONADO
THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS



Breakfast at the lodge.

Morning check-out. Assistance with your luggage and return by boat on the Madre de Dios river to Puerto Maldonado. Visit to the Butterfly House in Puerto Maldonado, where you will be able to observe several dozens of the more than 3,800 varieties of butterflies and moths found in Peru.

Assistance with your luggage, prior to boarding your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival at Cusco International airport, transfer to your hotel at the Sacred Valley and rest of the day to relax.

Overnight at recommended hotel - B / L / -

DAY
8

THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS



Breakfast at the lodge.

Early in the morning will depart to Ollantaytambo and then to Abra de Málaga, an interesting Polylepis forest located at 4.200 m.a.s.l. Good place to look for the rare and endemics

Royal Cinclodes and White-browed Tit-Spinetail also are possible to find birds as the Stripe-headed Antpitta, Masked Trogon, seedeaters, finches, flycatchers, hummingbirds among others.

Picnic Lunch. Afternoon for leisure.

Dinner and overnight at Sol y Luna Hotel or similar – **B / PNL / D**

200

bird species
registered in Abra Malaga

DAY
9

THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS
MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO



Breakfast at your hotel.

At due time you will have a transfer to Ollantaytambo train station where you will board a train through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, you will be greeted at the train station by our staff and taken to Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

Lunch at the hotel dining room.

In the afternoon, birding at the hotel gardens is a good option to find tanagers, hummingbirds, the Peruvian endemic Green-and-white Hummingbird or the emblematic Andean Cock of the Rock. You can also find the world's largest collection of native orchid species in their natural setting within a private facility (372 species).

Dinner and overnight in the comfort of your casita at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel – **B / L / D**

DAY
10

MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast buffet at the restaurant

A four-hour excursion will take you along the Vilcanota river into the Mandor Valley, inhabited by varied and fascinating birdlife, like the Andean Guan, Green jay, colourful tanagers among others. Relax enjoying the waterfall, before walking back to the hotel in the shadow of Machu Picchu.

Back at the hotel, walk early in the morning for birding at the hotel grounds a great chance to find some of the 207 species reported at the Inkaterra property. Bird species you may find include the Masked Fruiteater, Green and White Hummingbird, Booted Racket-tail Hummingbird and Cuzco Brush-finch.

Dinner and overnight at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel – **B / L / D**



207

bird species reported
at the Inkaterra property.

DAY
11

MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast buffet at the restaurant

Transfer to the bus station for a 25-minute to Machu Picchu to enjoy a privately guided visit through the world renowned Inca Citadel, and one of the best spots to find the endemic Inca Wren and other bird species like: Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Mountain Caracara and Golden-billed Saltator.

Return to the hotel for lunch.

Dinner and overnight in the comfort of your casita at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel – **B / L / D**



DAY
12

MACHU PICCHU
CUSCO

Walk early in the morning for your last day of birding within hotel grounds and continue your search for some of the 207 species reported at the Inkaterra property.

In due time our staff will assist you back to the train station to take your train to Cusco or Ollantaytambo. Upon arrival at the train station, welcome by our staff and transfer to your hotel in Cusco.

Cusco was the ancient capital and spiritual heart of the Inca Empire, as well as an important colonial center. Strolling its cobblestone streets, you will spot both marvellous Incan architecture and Andean Baroque structures from the Colonial Period. Cusco today is also known for its extraordinary handicrafts, and is home to some of Peru's most talented textile and ceramic artists, as well as to superb restaurants and lively nightlife.

Spend the rest of the day and dinner at leisure.
Overnight at Inkaterra La Casona – **B / L / -**



DAY
13

CUSCO

Breakfast at the hotel and time for leisure.

At a proper time you will have a transfer to Cusco airport to take your flight to your next destination.

End of our Services

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NOTES:

Meal Symbols: B: Breakfast – L: Lunch – PNL: Picnic Lunch – D: Dinner

Included:

- Transfers in private transportation except at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica
- Train tickets to and from Machu Picchu Pueblo
- Bus tickets to and from the Machu Picchu citadel
- Entrance ticket to the Machu Picchu citadel
- Excursions and tours with private local English speaking guide.
- Eco-activities at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, exclusive to our guests
- Accommodation as indicated in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- 10% service, and local tax (VAT 18%) where applicable

Not Included:

- International and local airfares
- Hotels, and meals not described in the itinerary
- Visits and entrance tickets to unspecified ruins, parks or other sites
- International airport tax (TUUA)
- Local tax (18% V.A.T. only applicable to Peruvian and foreign residents in Peru for their stay and meals taken at hotels); to be exempted from this tax you will need to show your original passport and Andean Immigration Card at the moment of registration at hotels.
- Personal expenses and insurance

Starting from
USD5,560.00

per person based on double
occupancy.
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stays until December 31st,
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