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## PERU

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*Peru is divided into three zones: the coast, the Andean mountain range, and the Amazon jungle basin, all of which are culturally and linguistically different. From the snow-peaked Andes to desert lowlands, steamy cloud forests to sun-kissed Pacific shores, Peru's tremendous range of ecosystems and the resulting diversity make the country a birder's paradise. It is also a country rich in culture and history. This 12-day program will explore biodiversity highlights from each distinct region and visit the home of the Incas. Search for birds while hiking through protected reserves, scanning from atop Machu Picchu, and cruising by boat along Amazonian rivers. Combine this with fascinating lectures and tours that expose you to the food, culture, and history of Peru and you're in for a birding bucket list dream come true.*

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe Humboldt Penguins, Inca Terns, Peruvian Boobies, and sea lions by boat off the shores of the fishing village of Pusucana.
- Spot Torrent Ducks as you travel by train along the Urubamba River on your way to Agua Calientes and Machu Picchu.
- Find some of the 400-plus species of birds that live in and around Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas.
- Explore the Amazonian lowlands by boat and foot to look for rain forest specialties of the region, including macaws, toucans, and quetzals.
- Explore Peruvian culture with visits to the Mara Salt Mines, the Sacred Valley, and the Church of San Francisco and the Cathedral in the heart of Lima's historic district.



## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER



Clay lick feeding by Pelin Karaca

### NOVEMBER 12 - LIMA

Arrive in Lima and transfer to your hotel. Check in starts at 2 pm. *Overnight at Casa Andina Select Miraflores.*

### NOVEMBER 13 - SACRED VALLEY

Breakfast and orientation at the hotel restaurant followed by a morning birding excursion to the shores of Pucusana to see penguins and sea birds. Travel back to Lima and fly to Cusco. Upon arrival in Cusco, watch for a variety of hummingbird species during your transfer to the Sacred Valley. Upon arrival, head to the hotel for dinner and a lecture on Andean birds. *Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 14 - SACRED VALLEY

Spend the day birding at Abra Malaga polyepsis forest. *Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 15 - MACHU PICCHU

Have breakfast then depart early for the Ollantaytambo train station. The scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes follows the meandering Urubamba River on a journey through the Peruvian Andes. Upon arrival, your journey continues with a bus transfer to Machu Picchu. Look for the endemic Cusco Brush-Finch, Inca Wren, and Tricolored Brush-Finch among the ruins. Dinner will be at the hotel. **Note: there is a strict hand luggage only policy on Peru Rail so be prepared to pack a backpack weighing less than 11 lbs. for the journey to Machu Picchu and the rest of your luggage will be stored until you return.** *Overnight at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 16 - CUSCO

Set off for some morning birding around the hotel grounds and around the train track near the Urubamba River. Take the afternoon train back to Ollantaytambo

Station, visiting the Maras Salt Mines en route to Cusco. After the late afternoon arrival in Cusco, check in at the hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Cusco. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 17 - CUSCO

Have breakfast at the hotel before a field trip to Huacarpay Lagoon, a small highland lake and a favorite birding spot near Cusco. Receive a lecture on the birds of the area and have some time to seek out a variety of Andean birds including ducks, herons, and grebes. The reed beds harbor species such as Wren-like Rushbird, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, and Yellow-winged Blackbird. Eat a picnic lunch on site, and then in the afternoon we will visit some of the sites of Cuzco, including its famed historic center and cathedrals. Dinner is at a local restaurant for a taste of the regional fare. *Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Cusco. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 18 - TAMBOPATA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight to Puerto Maldonado. Upon arrival, transfer to the Infierno River Port and board a boat for the 45 minute trip to the lodge, stopping along the way to search for Pied Lapwing, Collared Plover, King Vulture, Bat Falcon, Olive and Russet-backed Oropendola, Ringed Kingfisher, and Amazon Kingfisher. The lodge is a short walk from the river's edge and is located within the territory of the Infierno Community, adjacent to the Tambopata National Reserve. A welcome orientation and dinner will be provided at the lodge. *Overnight at Posada Amazonas. (BLD)*

### NOVEMBER 19 - TAMBOPATA

After breakfast, take a walk (about 30 minutes) to the 98 ft. canopy tower for bird observation. This area offers the best chance to see hawk-eagles, and on a lucky day perhaps even a Harpy Eagle. The flocks here are composed mainly of tanagers (Paradise Tanager, Green-and-gold Tanager, Flame-crested Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Opal-rumped Tanager, and others) as well as Cream-colored Woodpecker, Gilded Barbet, Plum-throated Cotinga, and Striolated Puffbird. Macaws and toucans are often seen flying along the horizon, including Chestnut-eared, Lettered, Emerald, Curl-crested, and Brown-mandibled Aracari. From the canopy tower venture towards a small clay lick that attracts Dusky-headed and Black-capped Parakeet and Cobalt-winged Parrotlet. Return to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon birding along the Shahue Trail for Fiery-capped Manakin, Round-tailed Manakin, Pale-rumped Trumpeter, and Pavonine Quetzal. *Overnight at Posada Amazonas. (BLD)*



## NOVEMBER 20 - TAMBOPATA

This morning, enjoy a 30-minute boat ride followed by a walk to an oxbow lake. Search the palm swamp and grassland vegetation for species such as the Pale-vented Pigeon, Azure Gallinule, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Gray-breasted Crake, and Rufous-sided Crake. Lunch at the lodge will be followed by afternoon birding in secondary forest. Secondary forest is characterized by a less developed canopy structure and smaller trees. This means we will focus on Barred Antshrike, Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant, Streaked Flycatcher, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Solitary Black Cacique, Gray-fronted Dove, and Ruddy Ground Dove. After dinner this evening, we will venture out near the lodge to spot Pauraque, Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, Great Potoo, Long-tailed Potoo, Ocellated Poorwill and if lucky a Mottled Owl or Crested Owl. There is also the possibility of taking macro shots of American Bullfrogs, Horned Frog, tree frogs, and other creatures of the night. *Overnight at Posada Amazonas. (BLD)*

## NOVEMBER 21 - LIMA

After breakfast and birding around the lodge, walk to the river to board the boat back to Tambopata River Port and transfer to the Puerto Maldonado airport for your flight to Lima. *Overnight at Casa Andina Select Miraflores. (BLD)*

## NOVEMBER 22 - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a morning in Lima with visits to San Francisco Church and the Cathedral. Enjoy a farewell lunch at Huaca Pucllana – a Peruvian restaurant named for the 1,500-year-old archeological ruins located just outside its walls – before heading to the airport for evening flights out of Jorge Chávez International Airport. Check out is at 12 pm. *(BL)*  
*You have the option to access to the VIP lounge in the international terminal, -- ticket cost grants four hours of services and provides a range of amenities. Please note: this is not included in program cost.*

## NOVEMBER 23

Arrive in the U.S.

## ALL INCLUSIVE PRICING

**\$5,999 EARLY BIRD RATE!** All Registrations prior to 7/10/19

**\$6,199** (ASWP Members)

**\$6,399** (Non-members)

*\*Limited to 10 participants, based on double occupancy*

Cost includes meals and non-alcoholic beverages, accommodations, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, international airfare, private vehicle transportation, internal flights, local guides in each region, bottled water on the bus, and carbon offsets.

Does not include gratuities or items of a personal nature.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

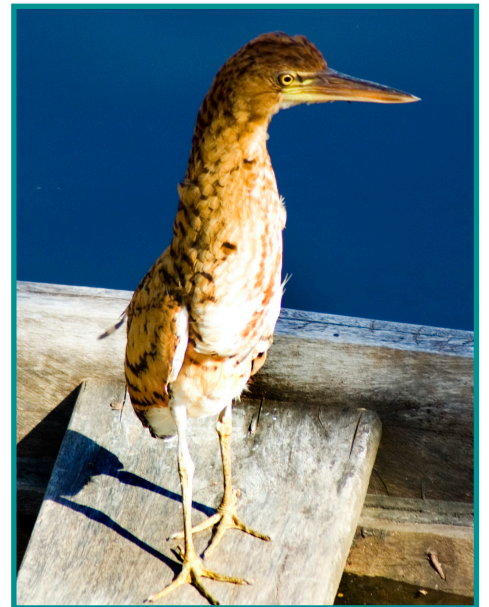
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## THE FINE PRINT

*Cost is based on double occupancy; single occupancy arrangements available at an additional cost. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable excluding a \$100 cancellation fee until August 09, 2019 at which time non-refundable final payment is due.*





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