

## Peru Ultimate Wildlife 9 day Accomodations

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Peru Ultimate Wildlife Eco-Tour - Amazon and Machu Picchu

Type: Rainforest Lodges and Boutique Hotels

Our Ultimate Wildlife itinerary specializes in small, one-of-a-kind rainforest and jungle lodges, many of which have been featured on the Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and in top travel magazines such as Travel & Leisure and Conde Naste Traveler. Great

care has gone into our selection of lodging partners, with particular emphasis on lodges that offer outstanding wildlife viewing opportunities. Our partners in Tambopata are recipients of Conservation International's Ecotourism Excellence Award and Condé Nast Traveler Magazine's Best Ecotourism Award. Our Manu partners are recommended by Lonely Planet, Insight Guides of

Discovery Channel and Moon Handbooks, and Conde Naste Traveler raves: "hands down the most intense wildlife experience I've had in the Amazon....."

Note: The lodges below are representative samples, but specific lodges are not guaranteed. Wild Planet Adventures reserves the right to substitute lodges based on conditions, logistics and availability.

Posada Amazonas Posada Amazonas stands in a 2,000 - hectare reserve set aside 25 years ago by the local Ese'ja community to protect primary forest and wildlife. The project is a joint venture with the Ese'eja community, under the representation of the Ke'eway Association. The Ese'eja take home 60 percent of the lodge's profits, have an equal say in all decisions and enjoy training and jobs at the Posada. After 20 years, full ownership of the lodge will transfer to the Ese'eja.

The lodge is a model of sustainable operating practices: It was built using only local materials. combining traditional native architecture and materials (wood, palm fronds, wild cane and clay) with modern, low-impact, eco-lodge technology. Guides are local community members and English-speaking Peruvian naturalists: the unsurpassable field lore of the former complements the technical knowledge and communication skills of the latter. There are ample opportunities for culteral interaction with the Ese'eja during daily wildlife-viewing excursions to nearby natural attractions such as an oxbow lake with giant river otters, parrot clay licks and rainforest trails that are home to 8 species of primates.

### Tambolpata Research Center

The Tambopata Research Center is a comfortable 13 room Amazon Rainforest lodge deep in the Tambopata Reserve. It is 75 km upriver from Posada Amazonas and only 500 meters from the world's largest macaw clay lick. It was built using traditional, low impact native architecture with the object of lodging tourists together with scientific researchers.

The macaw clay lick is a huge, 50 meter tall cliff of reddish clay with high concentrations of minerals that extends for 500 meters along the west bank of the Tambopata River. On most clear mornings of the year, depending on the season, hundreds of parrots and macaws flock to the lick as well as guans, tapir, capybara, and monkeys.

There are also outstanding photographic opportunities in the nearby palm swamp, where Blue-and-gold and Red-bellied macaws nest during the breeding season (November to March). A 20 meter tower with an open platform allows for eye-to-eye observation and outstanding photographs of nesting macaws from just 20 yards away.

The forests around Tambopata Research Center offer excellent probabilities of seeing primates such as Brown Capuchin, Squirrel, Dusky Titi, Red Howler Monkeys, Saddleback Tamarins and Spider Monkeys. Other mammals such as Tayra and Agouti are seen almost daily around the TRC clearing. Tapir are seen recurrently from the beach in front of the clay lick where they often cross the river. The TRC clearing is almost as good as our trail system for encounters with foraging agouti, tayra, nocturnal pacarana, and ocelot.

In addition to the parrot family, other colorful spectacular birds include the Blue-crowned Motmot, six species of trogons, the Bluish-fronted Jacamar, the Scarlet-hooded Barbet, the Band-tailed Manakin and numerous tanagers. Also, a flock of semi-wild, hand reared, rescued macaws, the Chicos, divide their time searching for wild fruit in the forest and playing with researchers and visitors at Tambopata Research Center.

**Posada Yucay** This ancient monastery is located in the middle of the Sacred Valley, at 8,600 feet. It was built in the colonial style of the XVIII century, and is surrounded by beautiful gardens and the spectacular foothills of the Andes. Enjoy the relaxing ambiance with warm weather, sunshine and fresh air year round. Near to the arts and crafts markets of Pisac and Chincheros, the Salt mines of Maras, the town of Moray, Ollantaytambo ruins and Machu Picchu.

**Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel** The Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is a collection of comfortable small and charming cottages located at the lower part of the Machu Picchu mountain, very close to the ancient ruins. It is surrounded by more than 12 acres of private ecological tropical gardens and trails with many orchids and a large variety of colorful birds.

**Picoaga Cusco** Originally the mansion of the Marquis of Picoaga, a Spanish noble, Picoaga is now an exquisite hotel. It's rooms are beautifully decorated to compliment the classic spanish colonial style. Its most commanding feature is a magnificent courtyard framed by two levels of fine stone archways with beautiful columns. Graceful capiteles and a Spanish patio make the Picoaga an authentic example of 17th Century architecture.