

EXTENSION

# PERU

Amazon Rainforest



*Classic*  
JOURNEYS





“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

## Exploring in Reserva Amazonica

Extend your time in Peru with a visit to Reserva Amazonica. Exotic, yet accessible, our luxury ecolodge is situated in a private reserve, surrounded by a vast jungle canopy. See more butterflies than any other place on earth, as well as orchids, toucans, monkeys and sloths. Wake to a symphony of tropical birdsong; end your days by lantern light, falling asleep to the gentle night noise of the Amazon rainforest. Adjacent to the lush Tambopata National Reserve, where the Madre de dios River meanders through the Southern Peru rainforest region, you'll find a pristine, remote, yet easily accessible haven only a 25-minute flight from Cusco. It's an addition to your Peru experience that you won't soon forget!



**DAILY ITINERARY**  
PERU | AMAZON RAINFOREST | EXTENSION

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## DAY 1

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### CUSCO

- Relax at your hotel in Cusco

*Continued from the last day of the main Peru tour*

As we wrap our time together on the Peru and Machu Picchu tour, we'll return you to Cusco, for an afternoon and evening at your leisure. Relax and replay your images of the last week; you have a memorable couple of days ahead!

**OVERNIGHT: CUSCO**  
**MEALS: B**

## DAY 2

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### AMAZON

- Travel to the Amazon
- Experience a twilight river excursion

Today, we head to the Amazon. After breakfast, your transfer will take you to Cusco airport for a short flight arriving in Puerto Maldonado around midday.

Upon arrival, we make our way to our luxury ecolodge by boat, journeying along the scenic Madre de Dios River. It is important that you bring only necessary clothing and equipment. Due to weight and space limitations on the boat, passenger luggage is limited to 22 lbs per person. Inkaterra provides a place for storing extra luggage near the airport in Puerto Maldonado. We recommend you include the following in your luggage:

- Long pants made from light, breathable, quick-dry material
- Long sleeve shirt made from light, breathable, quick-dry material
- Good water resistant trekking shoes
- Raingear (back-up gear is a good idea)
- Binoculars
- Sun block, sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- A converter (voltage is 220)

As we arrive at the lodge, we settle into the beautiful cabañas and enjoy lunch. Later in the afternoon we start a guided walk along the fine trail system and enjoy our first twilight river excursion.

Dinner is back at the lodge, sharing stories of our first day in the rainforest.

*Please note that the lodge has limited electricity to protect the environment. They use a generator instead of current electricity, which is available from 6:00 AM until 10:00 AM, and then again from 6:00 PM to 10:00 or 11:00 PM.*

**OVERNIGHT: RESERVA AMAZÓNICA**  
**MEALS: B, L, D**

## DAY 3

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### AMAZON

- Explore Tambopata National Reserve
- Get a chance to see the wildlife of the Amazon

After breakfast, a 30-minute boat ride takes us to Tambopata National Reserve, where wildlife surrounds us as we enjoy an easy one and a half hour walk to Lake Sandoval. Here we glide in wooden canoes across a beautiful, mirror-smooth lake that's home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, macaws and side-neck turtles.

Midday, we return to the lodge for lunch before we spend the afternoon seeing a completely different view on the rainforest. We literally walk through the treetops for one and a half hours along suspension bridges that link eight observation platforms. Enjoy landscapes and vistas that would be unimaginable from below, while on the look-out for giant strangler fig trees, orchids, toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and sloths.

**OVERNIGHT: RESERVA AMAZÓNICA**  
**MEALS: B, L, D**

## DAY 4

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### PUERTO MALDONADO / LIMA

- Depart for home

A final breakfast riverside precedes a return trip by boat to Puerto Maldonado and flight to Lima. You will be provided boarding passes and a transfer back to the airport.

**MEALS: B**

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## Tour Hotels



### **Belmond Monasterio**

Located in Cusco's historic center, this former 17th-century monastery is now a 5-star hotel. The rooms, furnished in a combination of colonial and modern styles, overlook a garden courtyard surrounded by the original stone arches of the monastery.

**OVERNIGHT: CUSCO | NIGHTS: 1**



### **Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica**

Exotic, yet accessible, this authentic lodge is situated in a private reserve, surrounded by a vast jungle canopy. Inspired by Amazon design, its private thatched roof cabañas combine natural materials with contemporary amenities.

**OVERNIGHT: PUERTO MALDONADO | NIGHTS: 2**

## Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
March 28-31, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
April 4-7, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
May 30-Jun 2, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
June 27-30, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
July 4-7, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
July 18-21, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
August 1-4, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
September 19-22, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
October 17-20, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
November 14-17, 2020	\$2,595	\$3,190
January 2-5, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
March 27-30, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
April 3-6, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
April 17-20, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
May 29-Jun 1, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
June 26-29, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
July 3-6, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
July 17-20, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
Jul 31-Aug 3, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
September 18-21, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
October 16-19, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290
November 13-16, 2021	\$2,695	\$3,290

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit [CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE](https://www.classicjourneys.com/private) to learn more about private journeys.

### INTERNAL AIRFARE

Cusco / Puerto Maldonado and Puerto Maldonado / Lima flights are included in the price

## Trip Essentials

**TRIP LENGTH:** 4 Days, 3 Nights

**START:** Belmond Hotel, Cusco, Peru

**END:** Lima Airport, Lima, Peru

**TERRAIN:** Rainforest trails

## What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 3 nights
- All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Guided activities
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Privileged Access Events**

**READY TO BOOK?**  
CLICK TO MAKE A RESERVATION

### Or give us a call

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### AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

### ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

\*\*Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.



# “Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



*EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.*

### **Congratulations! How did you get the news?**

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

### **And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?**

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

### **Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?**

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

### **What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?**

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

### **I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."**

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

### **Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?**

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



### **How can you top this?**

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

## **"I voted for you!"**

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

### **STAFF AND GUIDES**

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

### **ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS**

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

### **ACTIVITIES**

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

### **FOOD**

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

### **OVERALL VALUE**

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

### **Final thoughts?**

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.