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Lamas Natives



Day 1 • Peru Tarapoto Arrival (L)

Assistance, meet and greet at the Tarapoto airport by your English-speaking guide. Private guided transportation to your selected hotel for registration. After check in, ride on a fun mototaxi to a traditional restaurant. After lunch, enjoy our panoramic city tour of Tarapoto. Tarapoto is a tropical rainforest metropolis dipping its toe into the Amazon Basin. After visiting a chocolate factory, we continue by mototaxi to the main square. Free time. Transfer back to your hotel in the afternoon. 3-Nights hotel stay in Tarapoto, Peru.

Day 2 • El Chullachaqui Route to Lamas Village (B/L)

09:00 pickup from hotel for a full day guided soft adventure mountain biking tour to explore Lamas and its fun bike trails. First, transportation by van to the Lamas city lookout. After gearing up, we descent through the picturesque village. The large indigenous population of Lamas has a strong folkloric tradition. We continue downwards through lush off-roads, farmland and other towns. On-route we stop for lunch. Free time for swimming. Afterwards, we return to Tarapoto.

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Alto Mayo Cloud Forest, Northern Amazon



Day 3 • Cordillera Escalera and Pishurayacu Waterfalls Excursion (B/L)

09:00 pickup from hotel lobby by your English-speaking guide. We travel by van on the Interoceanica Norte Highway to a nearby Eco-Center located inside the Cordillera Escalera Conservation Area. Go hiking with our naturalist guide on a lush trail towards a popular mountain lookout from where you can enjoy spectacular vistas of the vast San Martin region. On-route to the summit learn about native medicinal plants, butterflies,

hummingbirds and wild orchids. We stop over at a rustic Tambo (jungle cabin) for fresh fruits (seasonal) and a refreshing juice. Afterwards, we continue by van on a winding mountain road to the Pishurayacu Waterfalls. After entering through the park gate, we descent via a stone stairways into the jungle. A nice hike (not too strenuous) with adventure and up-close encounter with the waterfall. You have to ascend/descend several steep wooden ladders and cross a small river on a rustic log raft. The water at the waterfall is cool but not super cold and shallow at the entrance so you can wade in and enjoy the water even if you are not a good swimmer. We return to Tarapoto. Transportation to a lovely restaurant with the best vistas in town. Enjoy a tasty regional Amazon lunch and a cool cocona drink. Return to your hotel in the afternoon. For entertainment and nightlife, we recommend visiting the popular Anaconda Night Club. Ask your local guide for assistance and useful tips!

Day 4 • Tarapoto • Moyobamba • Waqanki • Tioyacu River • Alto Mayo Cloud Forest (B/L/D)

08:00 pickup from hotel and private guided transportation along the Mayo River towards Moyobamba (a 90-minute drive). First, we explore the Waqanki botanical garden with its beautiful orchid and hummingbird sanctuary. After an interpretative tour, we continue on to Tioyacu. Bring your swimsuit and dive into the cool and transparent waters of the Tioyacu River. After lunch, we continue through the lush Alto Mayo cloud forest to the Biological Station Abra Patricia. This untamed refuge is home to many endemic species and considered a paradise for bird watchers, hikers and nature lovers. It is also the habitat for the protected Long-whiskered Owlet. The Long-whiskered Owlet is one of the smallest owls

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Long-whiskered Owlet, Alto Mayo Cloud Forest Reserve



Day 4 • Alto Mayo Cloud Forest (continuation)

In the world and was presumably extinct, but rediscovered after 35 years. Hotel check in. Later join our interpretative hiking tour along the Owl trail in search of the emblematic and endemic Long-whiskered Owlet. This owl is the size of a clenched fist and can be seen barely with the naked eye since it camouflages perfectly with its branches and moss habitat. In order to find the owls our guides use a technique known as playback. The expertise of our naturalists is key to help us find the elusive owls hidden in nature. Bring your headlights! Welcome dinner and get together at the dining room with our onsite naturalist. Entrance fees and park admission included. 2-Nights stay at selected mountain lodge in the Alto Mayo Cloud Forest.

Day 5 • Trekking Tours inside the Alto Mayo Cloud Forest Reserve (B/L/D)

After an early breakfast, go hiking with your guide. Select a suited trail with your naturalist escort and enter the untamed Alto Mayo cloud forest and wilderness. Go in search for wild orchids, hummingbirds, monkeys and other wildlife. Most trails inside the park are steep and require a healthy fitness level. Bring rain gear, swimsuit, hiking boots, insect repellent and sun protection. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 6 • Abra Patricia • Cocachimba Village • Trekking to Gocta Falls (B/L/D)

After breakfast, departure to Cocachimba (2-hours). Hotel registration. After lunch, go trekking on a well-marked and lush jungle trail to the towering Gocta Waterfalls (the fourth highest in the world!). The roughly 4-hour round-trip hike between the hotel (trailhead) and Gocta Falls is ideal to spot Amazonian

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Kuélap Archeological Complex



Day 6 • Trekking to Gocta Falls (continuation)

Plants and wildlife. Enjoy breathtaking vistas along the way. Bring your swimsuit to cool off in the chilly and enchanted Gocta lagoon before returning to your hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant. 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Cocachimba.

Day 7 • Warriors of the Clouds • Sarcophagi of Karajía • Kuélap Archeological Complex (B/L)

07:00 after an early breakfast, we travel (off-road) through the Chachapoyas forest for about 90-minutes towards the Sarcophagi of Karajía. These sarcophagi are two-meter high, elaborated clay sculptures that stand on the edge of a rocky limestone cliff, facing an abyss. Inside the Sarcophagi rest the remains of elite Chachapoya fighters. After arriving at the Karajia trailhead, we hike for approx. 20-minutes to the cliff and resting

place of the Warriors of the Clouds. Return to the hotel. After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring with your guide the Kuélap archaeological complex. Transportation to Nuevo Tingo village. From here, take a cable car to the summit while soaking up spectacular views. Kuélap is located on a limestone ridge on top of a mountain at an elevation of 3,000 meters. Kuélap was built by the Chachapoyas culture also known as the Warriors of the Clouds in the 6th century AD. Return to your hotel in the afternoon.

Day 8 • Cocachimba Departure • Chachapoyas Airport or Jaen Airport (B)

After breakfast, shuttle transportation to the Chachapoyas Airport (a one-hour drive) or to the Jaen Airport (a three-hour drive). Drop off at your selected airport terminal.

Not ready to fly home? Your tour coordinator can help with travel arrangements to extend your journey.

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Valid from October 1.2020 to December 20.2021. Hotels are subject to availability at time of booking. Not valid during trade shows, major holidays and/or other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

Amazon and Chachapoyas Adventures in 8 Days. Package Includes

Guided departures from Tarapoto weekly • 7-Nights hotel accommodation in Peru as per program • Assistance, meet and greet • Transportation by four-wheel-drive or van • Guided sightseeing and nature tours as per program • Mountain Bike with all the gear on day two • 17-Meals included: (B) 7 Breakfasts, (L) 7 Lunches and (D) 3 Dinners • Local English-speaking guides and naturalists • Admissions and park entrances as per program • Applicable taxes • English-speaking assistance in Peru

Category Tourist Class Hotel and Eco Mountain Lodges (Room Type)
3-Nights Tarapoto • Hotel Nilas (Standard) www.hotelnilas.com
2-Nights Alto Mayo Cloud Forest • Owlet Lodge (Standard) www.owletlodge.org
2-Nights Cocoachimba • Gocta Mirador Lodge (Standard) https://gocta-miradors.negocio.site

Category First Class Hotels and Owlet Lodge (Room Type)

3-Nights Tarapoto • Hotel Tucan Suites (Suite Double) www.tucansuites.com
2-Nights Alto Mayo Cloud Forest • Owlet Lodge (Standard) www.owletlodge.org
2-Nights Cocoachimba • Gocta Andes Lodge (Suite) www.goctalodge.com

Not Included

International and domestic flights. Optional meals and optional services. Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides USD \$5 pp/day and drivers USD \$2.50 pp/day.

Optional Domestic Flights (not included)

Returning from Jaén Lima (LIM)-Tarapoto (TPP) • Latam Airlines 2640-Daily • 06:35-08:02 Jaén (JAE)-Lima (LIM) • Latam Airlines 2667-Daily • 13:01-14:25 Returning from Chachapoyas

Lima (LIM)-Tarapoto (TPP) • Latam Airlines 2640-Daily • 06:35-08:02 Chachapoyas (CHH)-Lima (LIM) • Asta Airlines 400-Mondays only! • 11:20-13:00

Prices in CAD and/or USD available upon request. Terms and conditions apply as per our website. Group quotations upon request. Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request. Optional: Design your trip your way.