

Extension Amazon from Cusco 3 Day/2 Night

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OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

Sandoval Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes in Peru; a great body of water protected in the Tambopata National Reserve. It is home of a family of Giant Otters in danger of extinction, but we do have an excellent chance to see them during our stay. The banks of the lake are populated by jungle and flooded Mauritia Palm forests, which are home to monkeys from six different species, as well as with a huge variety of colorful birds.



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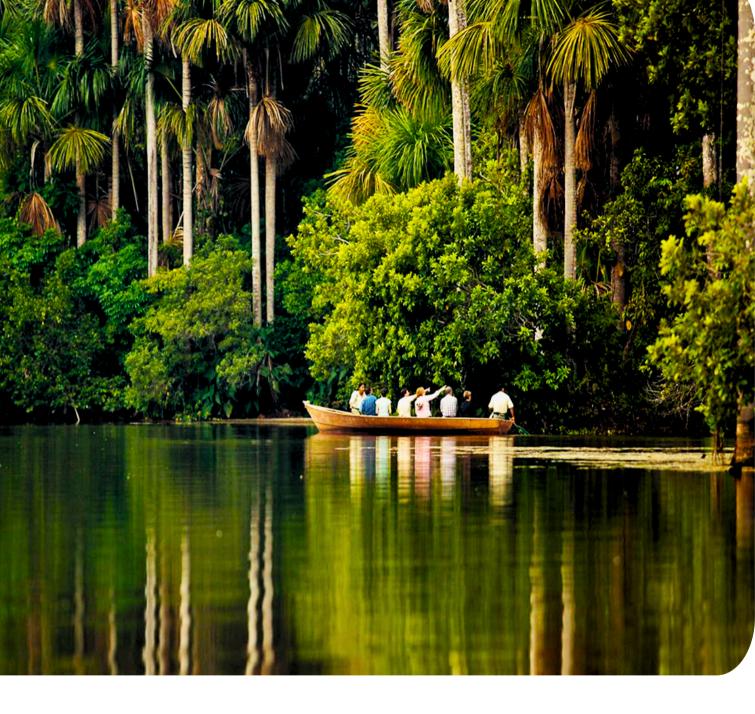
CUSCO - PUERTO MALDONADO - SANDOVAL LAKE

We will pick you up from your hotel in Cusco to transfer you to the airport and help you board the flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado.

Our staff will welcome you at the airport in Puerto Maldonado and drive you through the city to the boat dock on the Tambopata River. Here we board a motorized canoe and head towards the nearby confluence of the mighty Madre de Dios River, the source of the Amazon tributary. Just 30 minutes down river is landing at the port that will lead to Sandoval Lake. We walk a trail of 3 Km (2 mi), stopping to watch birds and butterflies, up to a narrow canal boat.

From there, we navigate the flooded forest of palm trees that leads to the open waters of this peaceful lake. Our crew will row the boats across to the lodge (motors are prohibited on the lake). Under the surface of the lake, we may see the huge Paiche (an Amazonian fish that can weigh up to 100Kg/220lbs). Or you may hear strange and unsettling screams and see heads peering from the lake surface, which will mark our first encounter with Pteronura brasiliensis, the Giant Otter of the Amazon. After a brief rest, we start again by boat to explore the entire eastern end of the lake, following the sound of hundreds of Blue and-Yellow and Red-Breasted Macaws as they return to the palm forest for the night. Our view from the boat often allows close and extensive encounters with birds and mammals. In Sandoval Lake the Capuchin Monkey, in particular, has nearly lost its fear of humans.

We return to the lodge at dusk for dinner. Afterwards we take the boat again, in search of caimans, which are now extremely rare in the Amazon, but are still common in this protected lake. They grow up to 4m long, and dispute their share of fishing with the otters. On clear nights we go by boat farther into the lake for a view of the vast southern sky, unobstructed, with its magnificent views of constellations and the Milky Way.



•MEALS: LUNCH AND DINNER •ACOMMODATION:SANDOVAL LODGE



Just before dawn we will be on the lake for what is often a spectacular sunrise; and hope for an encounter with the Giant Otters that roam the lake in a closeknit family, very active at this time of day. At this time most of the birds that inhabit the lake are also very

active. There will be time and tranquility to observe the birds fishing; while they stalk and capture prey. We will also have close-up views of the primitive Shansho (Ophistocumus hoazin) eating leaves.

After enjoying a late breakfast, we'll walk the trail through the cool understory of the impressive

primary rainforest that surrounds the lake. We will see the great Chestnut trees that abound here.

After lunch we rest for an hour and then explore the west side of the lake where we will have chances to observe different species of monkey; including the most common Capuchin Monkey.

Before dinner there is a video presentation on the Peruvian Jungle and after dinner, we will have the opportunity to spot caimans in the lake.



•MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER **•ACOMMODATION: SANDOVAL LODGE**

3 DAY

SANDOVAL LAKE - PUERTO MALDONADO - LIMA

After breakfast we make a final paddle through palm swamps on the west end of the lake. On the clearer mornings a glorious sunrise and its reflection can be seen in the lake. We return to the Madre de Dios River and head towards Puerto Maldonado and from there on to the airport to board the flight to Lima.



·M·MEALS: BREAKFAST **·ACOMMODATION:** NOT INCLUDED

WHATS IS INCLUDED:

- Professional Bilingual English-speaking tour guide
- All the transportation included in tours and transfers
- Warm meals during the trip
- Meals: 2 Breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners,
- Activities in the Tambopata jungle
- 02 nights at Lodge in Sandoval Lake
- Domestic flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado

DOES NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals no mentioned
- International fights
- Personal Snacks
- Travel insurance



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WHAT TO BRING AND ADVICES:

- Please make sure to inform us about your health/food/physical restrictions in advance so we can prepare them for you
- Be always ready for rain and cold, take some rain poncho waterproof clothes and warm clothes.
- Insect repellent, some mosquitos are really annoying especially at lower altitude. You will probably visit Machupicchu so this advice is for you
- Original Passport is very important to enter to Machupicchu
- Extra money is advisable just in case to buy souvenirs or in case of emergency.
- Camera and Memory cards (recommended)
- Rechargeable batteries and adapters (recommended)
- Small towel and swim wear
- Hiking boots, walking shoes (with ankle protectors, recommended)
- Sun block
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight (headlight recommended)





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