

El Chimu Grande Tour

Chimu Rating



Ideal for:	Those wanting a comprehensive tour of Peru's major attractions including a trip to the Amazon jungle
Departs:	Regularly (please see webpage or ask your travel agent)
Trip Length:	23 days
Accommodation:	Hotels and Camping

This tour includes all activities and transportation as mentioned in the Inca Tour itinerary plus an eight day Manu tour. All meals are provided in the jungle lodge in Manu nature reserve.

Itinerary beyond day 16 of the Inca Tour:

Day 16 – Cusco: Leave from Cusco early and ascend to the high mountain area of Paucartambo before descending through a mysterious cloud forest. In the evening we stay at the village of Pilcopata.

Day 17 – Manu: Bus to the Alto Madre de Dios River. During the journey you can see a variety of bird life such as herons, egrets, kingfishers, and the ever present vultures. There is a walk in the evening to spot caimans in the lake. Night camping on covered platforms.

Day 18 – Manu: After the bus journey into the Manu we visit the Macaw clay lick. From a floating hide you can observe how dozens or even hundreds of parrots and macaws gather to eat the clay, which they need in their diet. Lodge accommodation.

Day 19 – Manu: The boat trip continues and you will begin to appreciate why Manu is so famous for its wildlife. On the river edges you may be able to observe groups of turtles, white caimans, capybaras and maybe a jaguar. Later on we visit the trails around the Otorongo Oxbow Lake and the giant otter observation tower. Camping on covered platforms.

Day 20 – Manu: Today we visit another oxbow lake called Salvador. Paddling silently on a catamaran, you may observe a family of giant otters fishing and playing, black caimans and many different types of rare birdlife like the Hoatzins. In the afternoon we return to our campsite in Otorongo. Camping on covered platforms.

Day 21 – Manu: The call of the red howler monkeys will wake us up. After breakfast we start our return to Cusco. In the afternoon the group arrives to Yanayaco Lodge. Later on we take a 45 minute walk to visit a mammal clay lick where tapirs may be seen. Lodge accommodation.

Day 22 – Manu: We continue the boat trip to the port of Atalaya, where our bus will be waiting for us. Lodging and dinner in Pilcopata. Showers and toilets available.

Day 23 – Return to Cusco: Bus trip back to Cusco, visiting the cloud forest again. Arrival in the afternoon.

