Fascinating Peru:
Iquitos
Madre de Dios
The rainforest enchants you with its mystery, wild geography, and massive biodiversity. Iquitos is one of the most important cities in the Peruvian rainforest. It is located in the middle of the Amazon, which during the rubber boom (1800-1914) was the richest city in the country. Its tropical climate is an invitation to celebration; its colors and flavors challenge the traveller.
Extraordinary cruises, which take you down the Amazon for several days, let travellers experience the vast and exciting nature. The luxury options for sailing down one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World include sophisticated and exclusive suites with Jacuzzi and a panoramic view over the river, beauty and relaxing treatments, and daily gourmet lunch and dinner. Service is personalized and each dish is a sensorial experience.
Taste

The Amazon is considered the greatest natural pantry in the Americas. While local communities still guard their traditional recipes, others create new refined dishes that make the most out of the ingredients' flavor and essence.
Exploring Pacaya Samiria National Reserve is the dream of anyone who loves nature and biodiversity. Cruise down the river and experience “The Jungle of Mirrors” or discover the almost 527 bird species, 102 mammal species, 69 reptile species, 58 amphibian species, 269 fish species, and 1,025 plant species that inhabit the area.

Lodges and luxury cruises invite the traveller to plunge into unique adventures which include jungle treks in the Amazon rainforest, birdwatching, scientific excursions, canoe rides, pink river dolphin watching, and even piranha fishing excursions; it is an experience like no other.
What a better way to share the history of Iquitos than through its architecture and the evidence left from the rubber boom. Exquisite buildings such as the neo-gothic style churches, The Iron House (brought over in pieces from Les Forges D’Aisseau, a factory in Brussels) that featured in the 1889 Universal Exhibition in Paris; the former Hotel Palace, built in 1912 and considered the most beautiful and luxurious hotel in the Amazon; and the old Morey Mansion, nowadays a boutique hotel that dates back to 1913 and once belonged to the rubber magnate Luis F. Morey, will take us back in time.
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Fascinating Iquitos

Location
Iquitos is located in the province of Maynas, in northern Loreto.

Altitude
104 masl / 341 fasl

Average Temperature
Maximum annual temperature: 33 °C / 91 °F
Minimum annual temperature: 21 °C / 70 °F

How to get there
By plane from Lima (1 h 30 min).

When to travel
Visiting the rainforest is always a great experience. The dry season runs from July to November.
The department of Madre de Dios is located on the lowland forest in southern Peru and is crossed by the Madre de Dios river. This is a fascinating area and features tropical climate (warm and humid) with average annual temperatures that go from 30 ºC / 86 ºF to 38 ºC / 100 ºF from August to September. Its capital, Puerto Maldonado (183 masl / 600 ft), is located at the confluence of the Tambopata and the Madre de Dios rivers. It can be reached from Lima or Cusco by plane. Boats set sail from its river port taking you to luxury lodges that ensure unforgettable and even healing adventures.
Feel

There are eco-friendly lodges in the middle of the jungle that offer safe premium locations to enjoy the nature, including rooms in thatched roofed cottages sit on raised platforms, cotton sheets, organic bath products, and even relaxing treatments by the river; all designed to give the traveller endless pleasurable days.
Madre de Dios offers ancestral dishes like inchicapi (hen soup), patarashca (roasted fish), and juane (steamed rice with palillo, a local turmeric, and hen wrapped in bijao leaves) as well as avant-garde dishes such as ceviche in cocona or camu camu juice, causa de chonta (mashed potatoes filled with chonta palm), sophisticated rice dishes with cecina (dried and salted beef or pork), and exquisite crocantes (a crunchy dessert) where the Brazil nut is the main ingredient. This contemporary cuisine has successfully adapted the best flavors and quality in new surprising dishes.
Tambopata National Reserve, located 45 km / 28 mi south of Puerto Maldonado, amazes travellers with its great biodiversity offering the possibility to experience a unique adventure. Eight types of forests, lakes hosting herons, waterfalls, swamps, clay cliffs visited by hundreds of macaws, and rivers with white sandy beaches are some of the secrets waiting to be discovered. The Reserve is an almost virgin rainforest with breathtaking landscapes, and offers a way of enjoying, deeply sensing, and being in contact with nature.
Venture into the forest of aguaje palms and observe the different species; learn about fruits and plants surrounding you; be amazed by fantastic night canoe rides or walks. Enjoy the excursions around the luxury lodges with your friends and family. Spend mornings on the extraordinary Sandoval Lake or fishing on the immense Valencia Lake; visit Hacienda Concepcion, botanic gardens or butterfly farms. Get some adventure and adrenaline canoeing on the local rivers and canopying through the tree tops on hanging bridges that test the balance and boldness of travellers.
Fascinating Madre de Dios

Location
The department of Madre de Dios is located on the lowland forest in southern Peru and is crossed by the Madre de Dios river. Its capital, Puerto Maldonado, is located at the confluence of the Tambopata and the Madre de Dios rivers.

Altitude
183 - 500 masl / 500 - 1640 fasl
(Puerto Maldonado - Boca Manu)

Average temperature
Maximum annual temperature: 38 °C / 100 °F
Minimum annual temperature: 30 °C / 86 °F

How to get there
By plane from Lima (1 h 15 min) or Cusco (45 min).

When to travel
The rainforest offers unforgettable experiences. The dry season runs from April to October.