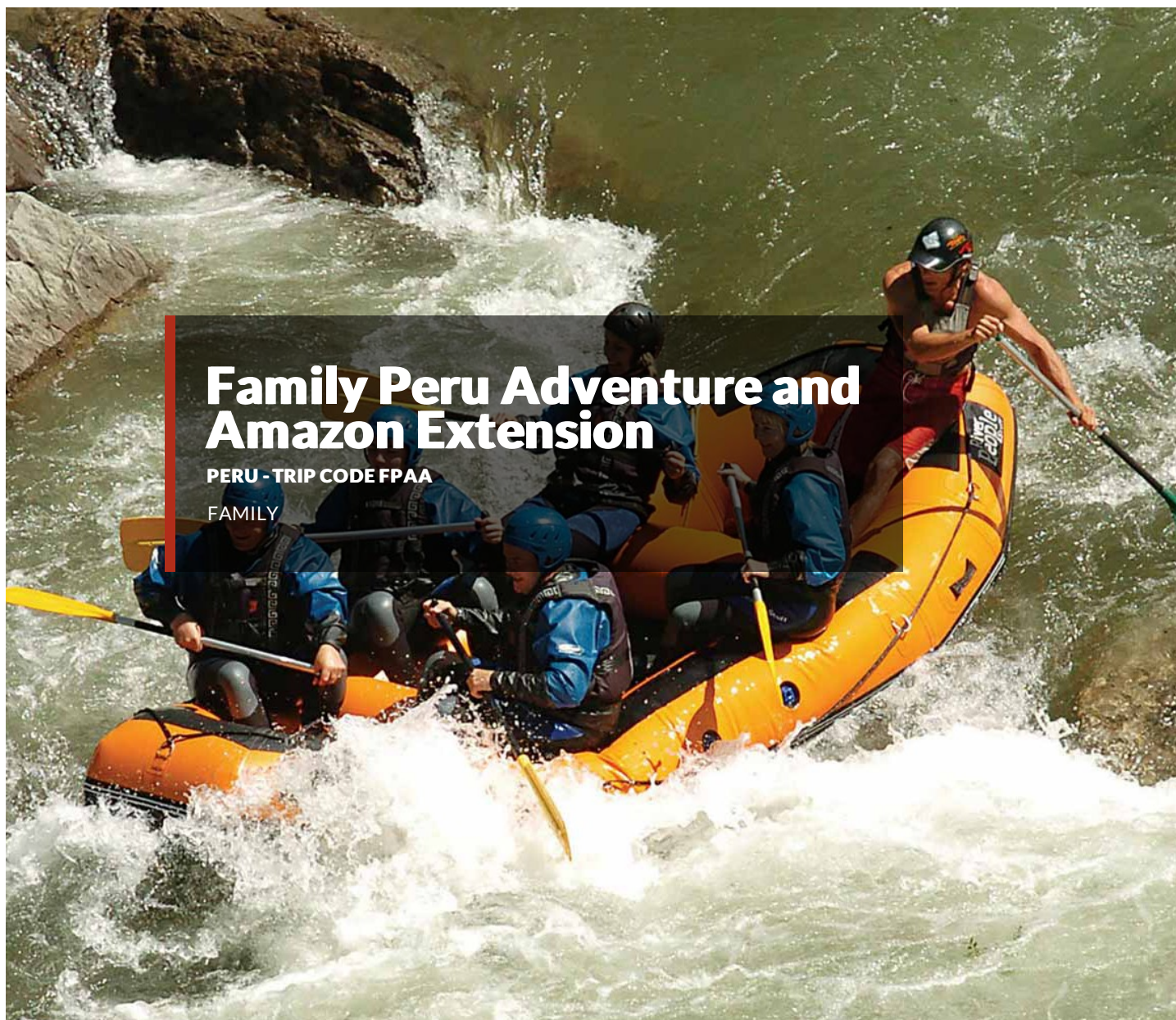


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## Family Peru Adventure and Amazon Extension

PERU - TRIP CODE FPAA

FAMILY

### Why book this trip?

This family adventure takes in the footsteps of the Inca people and one of the world's most incredible sites - Machu Picchu. We raft, bike and walk with the emphasis also on exploring and understanding the country, we visit the ancient capital of Cusco, learn how to weave traditional clothing, make local dishes, experience colourful markets and stay in an Andean village where the Inca Trail porters are from.



INCLUDED MEALS	TRIP STAFF	TRANSPORT	ACCOMMODATION	TRIP PACE:	GROUP SIZE:
Breakfast: 14 Lunch: 7 Dinner: 5	Explore Tour Leader Driver(s) Local Guide(s)	Bus Bicycle Flight On Foot Train		Moderate	10 - 16

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

## Trip information

### Country information

#### Peru

##### Climate

There is a rainy season from Dec - Mar however on the coast it rarely rains. Jun-Oct is damp and misty, but temperatures never drop below 10°C. At high altitudes although there are sunny days temperatures can drop dramatically, and conditions can change suddenly.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
-5	2 Pin Flat	Catholicism	Spanish

### Budgeting and packing

#### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Lima - Magic fountains US\$ 45 with transport and guide US\$ 45 (minimum of 2 people); Dinner show at Tunupa US\$ 20

Cuzco - Night city tour with Pisco Sour lessons US\$ 38 (min 2 pers), Dinner show at Tunupa US\$ 18.00

(Without transfers); Dinner show at Tunupa US\$ 33.00 (With transfers)

## Clothing

In the highlands, conditions are generally dry and sunny during the day. Nights can be very cold at altitude so it is essential to bring adequate warm clothing especially between May and August. It can drop as low as -10°C at night. Be prepared for rain. Take your swimming costume for the thermal baths at Aguas Calientes. A sunhat is essential.

### Socks

It is best to wear a pair of liner socks under a pair of fairly thick loop stitch socks. This helps to protect your feet against blisters. Avoid nylon socks, they are abrasive, don't breathe well and can cause blisters.

T-shirts We recommend polyester/polypropylene fabrics which keep you warm even when wet.

### Waterproofs

Breathable waterproofs not only protect against rain and wind but also stop you from overheating. They breathe and avoid condensation which you will experience from nylon waterproofs.

### Thick jumper/fleece jacket

A thick jumper or fleece jacket is necessary as nights can be very cold at altitude, especially in July.

Make sure that your waterproof jacket is loose enough to wear over your sweater or fleece.

### Shorts

Shorts can be very comfortable to walk in but you must carry long trousers with you in case you get either sunburned or cold.

Please remember we shall be passing through the occasional remote areas and villages and short shorts (especially on ladies) can give offence to the local inhabitants. Longer, looser fitting shorts are, in any case, more comfortable to walk in.

### Gloves & Hat

Especially useful around camp in the morning and in the evening at higher altitudes.

## Footwear

### Trainers or Trekking sandals

Useful in towns and when travelling. Sandals are ideal for rafting as they protect the soles of your feet and also keep them cool.

## Luggage

20kg

### Luggage: On tour

One main piece of luggage, a daypack plus one small bag for your nights in the Amazon.

On the Amazon Extension, due to limited space on the boats your luggage will be limited to 10 kilos - your main bag will be left in Puerto Maldonado while you stay at your Amazon Lodge. There will be time before departing Cusco to re pack enough for four days including clothes, toiletries, shoes, torch, sun cream and insect repellent.

Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage (i.e. on and off transport etc.) so don't overload yourself. It is recommended you bring lockable bags.

## Equipment

You will need a good insect repellent, suncream, a small torch and a personal water bottle. Please note drones are prohibited in most tourist areas in Peru.

Toiletries - Try to keep heavy cosmetics etc to a minimum. Essentials are toothbrush/paste, soap and a small towel. Wet Wipes are great for a quick clean up in your tent, so bring a pack of those.

## Tipping

### Explore leader

Your Leader - Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline

### Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$ 50, approx. 160 Peruvian Soles per family member for group tipping. For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

## Peru

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Breakfast price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£4.00 - 7.00	£6.00 - 8.00	£2.00 - 4.00	£1

### Foreign Exchange

#### Local currency

Nuevo Sol

#### Recommended Currency For Exchange

Local currency in Peru is the Nuevo Sol. You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. ATMs can also be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in Nuevo Soles. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange rate isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they might be difficult to exchange.

#### Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

### **ATM Availability**

ATMs can be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in Nuevos Soles. Always have some cash back up as they are not always reliable

### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

### **Travellers Cheques**

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

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## **Transport, Accommodation & Meals**

### **Transport Information**

Bus, Bicycle, Flight, On Foot, Train

### **Accommodation notes**

The Ecoamazonia Lodge is a relatively large property located in the middle of the Tambopata ecological reserve; only 30km from Puerto Maldonado on the Madre de Dios River. The accommodation comprises of simply furnished individual wooden bungalows with a porch. The bungalows have mosquito nets on their windows and each have en suite bathroom. The property has a main dining room where buffet breakfasts and lunches are served, a games bar and indoor pool where guests can relax. The property is accessed by a network of bridges and pathways where you'll likely spot some of the resident wildlife. Electricity is provided by a generator twice a day 5am to 6am and from 5pm to 10pm so room lights can be used, batteries charged, etc. but a strong torch is also required. Hot water can be intermittent, the lodge use solar panels to obtain hot water therefore if overcast this may be luke warm.

### **Family swimming**

This tour does not lend itself to included swimming opportunities

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## **Essential Information**

### **FCO Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if

this applies to your party.

## Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information.Booking Conditions

## Visa and Passport Information

Peru: Visas are not required for UK, New Zealand, Australian, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their relevant consulate. All visa information is subject to change hence you should confirm all visa related issues with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

USA: (including those in transit) Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can enter the United States without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) - where you apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), which applies if you enter the country by sea or by air. This must be done on line - <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> no later than 72 hours prior to travel. Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely be refused boarding.

You must have an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover.

If you have visited Iraq, Syria, Iran or Sudan since 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel.

Please note for your ESTA application you will be required to supply Point of Contact information. Explore' s USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure. If you are leaving for the USA before this, please call the Explore team to get this information.(Not necessary if in transit)

For further information please check out the US embassy website. Visa applications - <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the

United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## **Flight information**

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### **Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore**

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## **Altitude information**

As this tour reaches altitudes of 4200 meters, we strongly recommend that travellers with heart or lung conditions, anaemia, asthma, high blood pressure or on the pill should seek the advice of their GP.

You must have adequate travel insurance for your trip. Please ensure that your insurance policy covers you to the maximum altitude indicated above. If you have Explore insurance you will be covered to this altitude.

## **Ability to swim**

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

## **Peru**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website -

<http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.



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## Family information

**Triple Rooms:** This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on all nights of this trip. If you would like this option, please ask our Sales team for further information.

**Average Age:** As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 14 years old; this trip is suitable for children of all ages.



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