Join us on this extraordinary Peruvian adventure as we visit Cusco, explore a cloud forest and experience the dynamics of the rain forest. Our adventure will start in Cusco, and then move on to Manu National Park with its cloud forest, salt licks, wildlife and pristine rain forest. We'll fly home from Puerto Maldonado.

Manu National Park protects grasslands, mountainous cloud forests, and tropical lowland rain forests. It's one of earth’s most biodiverse places. Its natural riches include more than a thousand species of birds and nearly 290 species of reptiles and amphibians. The park is a sumptuous, extravagant, overwhelming landscape. The region is traversed with tapirs, 14 species of primates and crowned by flights of scarlet macaws. Butterflies are everywhere; scarlet knights, giant blue morphos and tiny transparent grasswings.

This trip has several major wildlife attractions; the Macaw salt lick and the world's only know Tapir lick where in the comfort of mattresses and mosquito nets we may watch the largest of all South American land mammals visit a mineral lick. Plus we'll visit Oxbow Lakes with floating catamarans for observing giant otters and other lake side wildlife. Two walk up canopy towers will get us up into the rainforest canopy for more wildlife observation.

We will have daily walks through the cloud and rain forest areas as well as the opportunity to hike up the mountain behind the Amazonia Lodge where we will be spending two nights.

We'll have three nights at the Manu Wildlife Center and two full days to explore the forest, lakes and trails around lodge. There are 30 kilometers of trails to hike!
This trip is designed so that everyone may experience our adventure in the Peru through shared participation in activities and tasks in an organized group environment. AMC travelers are known for their cooperative efforts, and expectations are that all participants will be considerate of others sharing this AMC Adventure Travel experience.

It may happen on any trip that a trip member is or becomes unable to participate in one or more of the planned activities. Leaders in their sole judgment have the right and obligation to refuse participation in any activity to any group member for reasons of safety, whether it be of the group or of the individual. Illness, injury or lack of proper gear or fitness for a particular activity are examples of some conditions that might result in a participant’s being unable to perform one or more activity. Leaders may try to find a substitute activity for the trip member, but this may not always be possible.

AMC Adventure Travel trips are run in a manner supportive of and consistent with the conservation, recreational and educational principles and mission of the Club. Trip leaders encourage participant conduct consistent with Leave No Trace environmental and conservation principles and local regulations.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1-April 7, 2018
Depart USA for Cusco, Peru

Day 2-April 8, 2018 (D)
Arrive Cusco, Peru and meet group at hotel for Welcome dinner

Day 3-April 9, 2018 (B)
Guided tour of Cusco

Day 4-April 10, 2018 (B, L, D)
Cusco to the Mountains of Manu Cloud Forests
Leaving Cusco after breakfast we travel through traditional Quechua communities and through the spectacular eastern ranges of the Andes to the village of Paucartambo, passing snow-peaks and small Andean farmsteads. We will have time here to look around the picturesque village with its colonial stone bridge and handsome plaza. We then descend to the last pass overlooking the Amazon basin and begin the breathtaking descent from 3500 meters to 1600 meters above sea level to our comfortable lodge in the orchid laden Cloud Forest. This is a spectacular journey passing cascading waterfalls and multicolored birds along the way. In the late afternoon, we’ll walk into the lodge to the sounds of Quetzals, Trogons and Gray-breasted Wood Wrens. Overnight at the Cloud Forest Lodge.

Day 5- April 11, 2018 (B, L, D)
A prebreakfast short drive to a nearby spot in the Cloud Forest, where the strange and beautiful Cock-of-the-Rock’s display at dawn. This is a wonderful sight, as up to 25 bright red-orange males dance and sing, attempting to attract the favors of the duller, burgundy colored females. After visiting this lick area, we return to the Lodge for a leisurely breakfast and continue in our all-terrain bus to Amazonia Lodge where we will spend the night.
Day 6-April 12, 2018 (B, L, D)

We will spend a full day based at the comfortable Amazonia Lodge. The Lodge is situated in the transitional zone at 500 meters, where the last low foothills of the Andes begin to flatten out into the lowland Amazon Basin proper. In the lodge grounds there are butterfly bushes that attract various hummingbird species including the pretty Rufous crested Coquette, Golden tailed Sapphire, Blue tailed Emerald, Black Eared Fairy, and Wire crested Thorntail, Koepcke’s Hermit and more. Fruit feeders here also attract a variety of colorful tanagers and also Taryas. A canopy tower on the hill enables us to watch and photograph canopy foothill flocks. We will visit a variety of habitats including floodplain and hill forest. Mammals we could encounter include troops of Black capped Squirrel and Black headed night monkeys and the Neotropical otter. We will be reluctant to leave this very photogenic place, but yet more awaits us in the Amazon lowlands! Those wanting hiking can walk the old jeep track to Atalaya or the hill trail to the mountain top behind the Lodge. Overnight will be at Amazonia Lodge.

Day 7-April 13, 2018 (B, L, D)

Amazonia Lodge to Manu Wildlife Center Lodge

After a morning hike we embark down the Madre de Dios River in our motorized dugouts and begin our journey down the river, through the last folds of the Andes to the isolated Pantiacolla range. Heading down the Madre Dios River after breakfast, we’ll pass settlements and native communities during the trip. Just before we get to the village of Boca Manu we pass the native community of Diamante. Their culture is Piro and this is the largest settlement of Amerindians in the area. We should arrive in time for lunch and a hot shower and get to meet whichever researchers are onsite. The afternoon is set aside to relax or, if you want, to explore through the untouched forest to a canopy platform and an observation tower. The canopy platform is assessable via a spiral staircase. One evening those who wish can participate in a night walk with our guide in search of nocturnal animals and visit the Tapir salt lick. Tapirs, the largest South American land mammals are frequent visitors with up to 12 animals visiting in one night. We watch them from the comfort of mosquito nets and mattresses from our specially constructed blind. Other nocturnal creatures are always possible. The adventurous, on consulting with our guide and AMC leaders, may pass the night here and walk back to the lodge at dawn for breakfast.

Overnight at Manu Wildlife Center

Day 8-9- April 14-15, 2018 (B, L, D)

We have two full days to explore the forest, lakes and trails around the lodge. There are 30 kilometers of trails to hike. We’ll explore trails where groups of Manakins, perhaps the most enigmatic of neo-tropical birds, perform their strange mating dances. We may want to explore a trail through the untouched forest to a lookout point on a cliff over the river to watch roosting flights of parrots and macaws as the sun sets excursion for those who wish to the canopy tower or along trails looking for primates such as Emperor and Wendell’s Saddleback Tamarins and the recently described to science Urubamba Brown Titi monkey, and the rare Goeldi’s monkey has been repeatedly sighted in the area.

One morning we’ll make an early start for the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick. This is truly one of the world’s great
wildlife spectacles as hundreds of parrots and their larger relatives, the macaws, congregate at this traditional locality to eat the mineral rich clay that is essential to their digestion. Mammals also use this clay wall as a source of needed antacids. Mammals such as tapirs, red Brocket Der, Colombian Howler monkeys also use the area. Eating the clay neutralizes the pH of their GI tract which has been acidified as a consequence of eating green fruits as well as to absorb nutrients from the clay which are not found in their daily diet. The observation blind/platform allows for extraordinary photos and due to its positioning allows for sharp pictures when the early morning sun illuminates the clay lick. A hearty breakfast is served in the comfort of this location. To enter, you have to arrive early in the morning (5:20 am) and walk for about half an hour through a trail that crosses secondary forest. The noise alone is incredible and the sight of these brightly colored birds at the lick is a sight not to be forgotten. As the lick slows down in midmorning we’ll head back to the lodge for lunch and a siesta in the hammock area of the roomy cool lounge area of the lodge. We’ll be on the lookout for Gray’s Bald faced Saki Monkey, an uncommon and rarely seen monkey of the terra firma forest that is occasionally seen here.

One morning we’ll take an excursion for those who wish, to either the canopy tower or along trails looking for primates and the strange Pale winged Trumpeter that has been sighted repeatedly in this area. We’ll also head to either Cocha Blanco or Cocha Camungo, old ox-bow lakes, in search of families of Giant Otters that live there. We’ll canoe around the lake on our floating platform looking for other wildlife, including the bizarre Hoatzin, Black Spider and Capuchin monkeys.

Each day we will take our leisurely lunch at the lodge with time to relax.

Overnight at Manu Wildlife Center

Day 10-April 16, 2018 (B)

An early morning start as flocks of birds pass over our boat, we may get to see a Capybara, the world’s largest rodent. Our destination is Boca Colorado, a frontier gold rush town, where we’ll take local transport for an hour to the Inambari river and then by paved road to Puerto Moldonado for afternoon flights out to Lima and then on to USA.

Leaders’ right to change itinerary:

While the itinerary in this prospectus is what the leaders have planned at the time of writing, various factors may require changes for reasons of safety, transportation or lodging availability, and unforeseeable circumstances (such as weather considerations, natural disasters in areas to be visited, or recommendations of governmental agencies). The leaders reserve the right to make such changes as necessary, both before and during the trip.
Leaders’ expectations of participants:

When you participate in this activity, you should be in proper condition for the challenges outlined in this prospectus and equipped with the appropriate gear as stated. You should always be aware of the risks involved and conduct yourself accordingly. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety. Prior to your acceptance as a participant in this trip, you will be asked to discuss your capabilities and experiences with us. We may also request references to confirm your fitness level and suitability for participating in trip activities.

The hiking pace will be at a steady pace that allows for photography and an enjoyment of our surroundings; this is a pace that will be used on every day hike, for intermediate and advanced intermediate. It is the pace used by the European Alpine Guides, which they recommend at these altitudes for maintaining stamina.

We like to stop occasionally to enjoy the magnificent views, look for animals, and admire the wildflowers or take photographs. The day hikes will range from hours in length, with elevation change (ups and downs) varying from

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COSTS COVERED:

Please be aware that, in accordance with AMC policy, you are subsidizing the leaders’ costs. Beyond this, the leaders are not allowed to realize any profit from this excursion. The trip price also includes an AMC overhead fee to cover the administrative expenses of offering Adventure Travel excursions. The trip fee includes emergency medical and evacuation insurance coverage, which is required by the AMC. It does not include insurance for travel delay, interruption, or cancellation, or for baggage loss. If these possibilities concern you, individual travel insurance is recommended. More information about included emergency medical and evacuation insurance, as well as about optional and recommended travel insurance, will be provided to participants in their formal acceptance letters.

Medical evacuation and repatriation insurance
AMC-AT program Expense Fee
AMC luggage tag
Expenses for 2 AMC Volunteer Trip Leaders
All accommodation in shared double occupancy rooms
Meals as stated in detailed itinerary
Group transportation other than air
Guided excursions as described in detail itinerary
Tips for guides and drivers

COSTS NOT COVERED:
Airfares to/from Peru
Transportation to/from Cusco airport to Cusco hotel
Lunches and snacks, 2 dinners
Alcoholic beverages, and dinner drinks other than plain tap water.
Individual (non-group) excursions and additional taxis, or car rentals
Optional day trips
Trip Cancellation Insurance
Items of personal nature/souvenirs

SAFETY, RISKS AND HAZARDS:
As participant safety is a high priority for all AMC-sponsored events, procedures and policies have been developed to attempt to limit participant risk. Participants are expected to work with the leaders to reduce risks and make the experience successful for all. Participants should be aware that there are risks associated with outdoor adventure activities, including but not limited to adverse weather and environmental conditions, remote locations of our trips, and transportation in vehicles, on foot, by boat, or on a bike. Aside from any personal medical problems, participants should be aware of the possibilities of bug bites and possible exposure to Lyme disease, dehydration, sun burn and other heat or cold related problems. You should regularly use sun screen, take care to be adequately hydrated and bring water on all day trips as well as wind/rain gear, warm hat and gloves. Please carefully read and sign the AMC Participant Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release and Indemnity Agreement and contact us if you have any questions. Participants’ understanding of these risks and adherence to our policies and procedures can contribute to making this experience rewarding.

When you send in your paperwork for this Adventure Travel trip, you will be required to send to the Leader your deposit of $1,000.00 made out to: Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). $100.00 of this initial $1,000.00 deposit is a non-refundable administration fee. The maximum number of participants is 16, so apply early to reserve your place.

The price for this excursion is based on quotes or estimates obtained at the time the trip was submitted to the Adventure Travel Committee for approval. The final price of the trip will be adjusted in accordance with the best final arrangements we can make. If the trip’s financial position is strong enough at the start, the leaders may make partial refunds during the trip, in the form of payments toward some meals and/or free time activities which would otherwise not be included. Any savings we achieve, as well as any cost increases we incur, will be shared by trip participants. Our cost estimates are conservative, and so a refund is considerably more likely than a price increase. All Adventure Travel trips are run on a non-profit basis and refunds, if any, are issued after the trip’s financial accounting is complete.
RESERVING A PLACE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The land cost of the trip is $3490 plus estimated airfare of $1500-1750. To reserve your place, please contact the trip leader or co-leader for an application, the Confidential Medical Form and the Acknowledgment & Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement. To apply, you must complete and submit the Participant Application, Confidential Health Questionnaire, and Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk and Release form, enclosing a registration deposit of $1000. You will be considered qualified for the trip when the leaders have determined by conversation with you that you and the trip seem to be a good match. You will be formally accepted, and your check will be deposited. A second payment of $2490 is due by Jan 1st 2018. Deposit checks from wait-listed applicants will not be cashed until we offer them a spot on the trip AND they accept. Please make payments by check payable to the “Appalachian Mountain Club” and mail to the address shown on the Participant Application.

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PAYMENT #2 DUE:

Balance due ($2490) by Jan 1st, 2018

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: if not wanting to share a double room: $666 due with initial deposit

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If you cancel after being accepted for the trip, $250 is non-refundable, but if you cancel after Sept 1, 2017 minimally $500 is nonrefundable, if (and only if) another person takes your place. We will establish a waiting list. Should another person replace you, you will be charged only the $500 cancellation fee. However, your cancellation shall not raise the cost of the trip to any of the participants or the leaders. Thus, if you cancel and are not replaced, you will forfeit the $500 plus the per capita expenses already incurred and any other unpaid expenses for which the trip cannot obtain a refund. You may forfeit the entire trip fee. Flight tickets once purchased become your property and are generally non-refundable. We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Information on a company recommended by the AMC will be sent to you.

PLEASE NOTE: The price of the AMC Adventure Travel trip is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate increases will be passed on to participants. Conversely if the minimum number of participants does not sign up, the leaders reserve the right to cancel the trip and refund the amounts paid. If the trip is full, we can put your name on a waiting list, or return your deposit.

AIR COSTS (ESTIMATED $1500-1750)

Leaders will explore the best possible options for air travel.

For this trip we estimate a range of $1500-1750. We will assist you in any way to make your reservations, but you should not make any booking on your own without consulting the leaders. We will notify you with a list of acceptable flights once we know that we have a confirmed trip. Once you purchase tickets, they are wholly owned by you.
**FLIGHTS:**

We recommend that you reserve flights directly on the airlines’ websites. Flights should arrive in Cusco, Peru no later than April 8th, 2018. Flights home from Puerto Moldanado should not be scheduled to depart prior to 1pm on April 16th, 2018.

Trip insurance is recommended, since an illness, accident or death in the family can interfere with your plans. Trip insurance can be obtained through your travel agent or the leaders will provide you with choices of approved trip insurance companies.

**YOUR LEADERS:**

**LEADER:** GINETTE BEAUDOIN

Ginette has been a member of the AMC since 1988 and has led several day and weekend trips in the White Mountains of NH, as well as various parts of Maine. She lead an Austrain Alps adventure trip with co leader Don Parker in July of 2011, with Jenni Blumenthal in August of 2012 and co lead the same trip with Terry Peters in July 2009 with 19 participants. She has also lead Adventure travel trips to Yosemite national Park, Easter Island, Peru, Minnesota, Tuscany, Dolomites, Spain, Australia and New Zealand for the AMC. She has participated in numerous AMC Major Excursions to Switzerland and Austria, involving hiking and cross country skiing. She has hiked in the Stubai valley as part of a 2006 Major Excursion and hiked to 20 high Alpine Huts throughout Austria, Germany and Switzerland. She has hiked the NH 4000 footers. Her interests include hiking, photography, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, travel, information volunteer for AMC and introducing others to outdoor activities

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