





DISCOVERPERU

Naturally spectacular

Peru is a spectacle of nature. Its one-of-a-kind geography holds an immense array of surprises that will make you want to come back for more. So, you will have to take your time because of the amazing variety there is to choose from. The territory of Peru shelters 84 of the 117 life zones existing



SPECTACLE OF NATURE. Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, Loreto

on Earth and owns 28 of the 32 different types of weather. In terms of the number of animal species, Peru tops the list in fish, butterflies and orchids, is second in birds, third in mammals and amphibians, fourth in overall biological diversity, and fifth in plants and reptiles.





PROTECTED HAVEN. Vicuñas in the Pampa Galeras National Reserve



PROTECTED AREAS

Splendor created to be shared

Nature has been so generous to Peru that

such a beauty deserves to be preserved and shared. That is why about fifteen percent of the national territory is protected by the Government through a system of sixty natural areas spread across the coast, the highlands and the jungle. Names such as Manu, Tambopata, Pacaya-Samiria, Huascarán, Pampa Galeras, Paracas and Blue Range will always be engraved in your memory.





GENEROUS NATURE. Dense forest in the Amazon of Loreto



Sea lion in the Paracas National Reserve, Ica

Jaguar in Madre de Dios

ORCHIDS Candy for the eyes

It is absolutely unnecessary for you to learn their scientific names because there are more than 3,500

Species distributed among 240 genera. But we definitely recommend remembering that almost 800 of them can be found no where else in the world since they grow only in Peru, some even at altitudes of 4,500 masl (14,760 fasl). Such wealth is explained by the amount of ecosystems existing in the country, a guarantee for the presence of hundreds of different forms, sizes and colors. You may want to write down on your trip diary the following name: Phragmipedium peruvianum, which has become Peru's representative orchid.

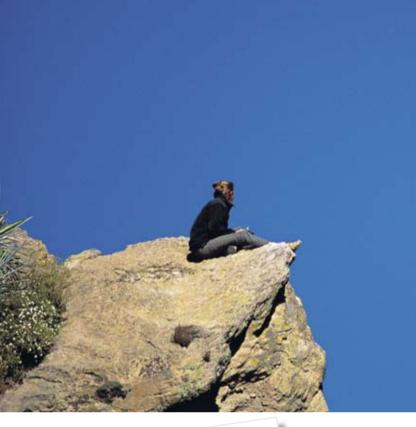
Phragmipedium kovachii

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Pleurothallis sp.

GOOD HANDS. Yanesha native people working in an orchid nursery, Oxapampa







Amazonian Royal flycatcher, Loreto

Flamingos in Virrilá, Piura

FULL FLIGHT. Condor Lookout in the Colca Cayon, Arequipa

BIRD WATCHING

See it with your own eyes. When it comes

to birds, Peru is so fabulous that it seems almost unreal. Peru is first in the world in both new bird species discovered per year and the number of birds seen in just one day (without the help of motor vehicles), a fact reflected in its skies that are decorated with close to 2,000 bird species, from the sacred Andean condor to the scarlet-banded barbet (*Capito wallacei*), which is one of the latest ornithological discoveries. Do not forget to bring your camera and your capacity to be amazed.









FISHING SPORTS Just like a miracle

Peru holds the world's record for fish diversity. Here,

the sheer quantity of fish being spawned along the coast and in rivers and lakes of the Andes and the Amazon is mind boggling. There are three Amazonian species considered trophies in the world of fishing: the chambira or payara, the tucunare (peacock bass), and the dorado. In the north, the beaches of Cabo Blanco and Máncora are famous sites for marlin fishing, where a world record breaking specimen weighing 1,542 pounds was caught. There, beneath the waters, await even larger marlins for the intrepid to come along and be conquered. Then, in the south, there is the Paracas National Reserve and farther south the coast of Mollendo, which are also waiting for your visit.











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