



Cuzco/MP/Amazon

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DATES: 7/2/00 - 7/23/00
EXCHANGE: 3.48 soles/dollar US
WEATHER: Warm days/Cool nights
TERRAIN: Mountains, jungle
RATE: 9

ROUTE: American Airlines from Dallas to Lima - \$630.00 RT
TANS to and from Lima/Cuzco - \$58.00 each way
TANS to and from Lima/Iquitos - 79.00 each way

Check in early and reconfirm 1-3 days in advance for flights. TANS flights routinely left up to one hour before schedule.

HOTELS:

Hostel San Isidor Laborador
440 Calle Sapphi
Cuzco
Very nice, \$30 US/night, inc. breakfast and killer coffee.
Hot water. Helpful staff (reconfirmed flights, etc.)

Gringo Bills
Aguas Calientes
\$20 US/night
Recomended by Lonely Planet, definitely not worth the price.
Breakfast, though pre-paid, not included, bar not open,
restaraunt not open. Can stay just around the corner for
s/.15.

Iquitos
Hotel la Pescana
\$12/night
Nice, safe. Friendly staff. Travel agent on premise to reconfirm flights, etc.

ESSENTIALS: A dictionary if you don't speak good Spanish. Not everyone, or every business speaks English. Pre booking hostels before leaving the US does not seem to be essential to me. Even though July is considered the high season, the only hotel I found to be full was the La Pescana in Iquitos.

COMMENTS: MP is fantastic, and climbing Huayna Picchu is definitely worthwhile, but try to do so early. As it get later in the morning, the trail gets fairly congested with other climbers it is single file in most places.