



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Julie



Introduction

Did you know that Peru is home to over 3,000 varieties of potatoes? This diverse country offers not only world-famous archaeological wonders but also a vibrant natural and cultural landscape. You're planning a 13-night getaway as a couple from January 31 to February 13, 2026, with a preference for guesthouses and eco lodges, and a budget of €1,000 per person. This program is auto-generated based on local expert experience to match your style and interests.

Why Peru?

Peru is a dream destination for adventurous couples looking to blend ancient history, breathtaking nature, and authentic local encounters. From the misty peaks of Machu Picchu to the lush Amazon and colorful Andean villages, Peru's diversity aligns perfectly with your preference for eco lodges and guesthouses. Traveling in early February means you'll experience the tail end of the rainy season—ideal for fewer crowds, but with some weather considerations for hiking and rural travel. Peru's well-developed tourism infrastructure makes it possible to explore highlights while keeping logistics manageable.

Custom Program

Day 1: Arrival in Lima

- **Morning:** International arrival in Lima; private transfer (45 min) to your guesthouse in the Miraflores district.
- **Afternoon:** Stroll along the Pacific cliffs, visit Parque Kennedy, and sample Peruvian coffee.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a local cevichería; relaxed start to acclimatize.
- **Highlight:** Sunset over the Pacific from the Malecón.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Hotel Antigua Miraflores** (boutique guesthouse, Miraflores, colonial charm with lush gardens, from €90/night)
 - **Second Home Peru** (boutique B&B, Barranco, art-filled villa with ocean views, from €110/night)
 - **Casa Andina Premium Miraflores** (eco-friendly, Miraflores, modern comforts with sustainability focus, from €120/night)
- **Activity: Malecón de Miraflores Sunset Walk** – Stroll along Lima's iconic cliffside promenade for panoramic Pacific views and local street performers.

TIP: Early check-in can be arranged if your flight arrives in the morning; confirm in advance.

Day 2: Lima to Cusco (Andes Gateway)

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Lima airport (45 min), flight to Cusco (1h

20min).

- **Afternoon:** Settle into guesthouse; gentle walk in San Blas, visit artisan shops and acclimatize (Cusco is at 3,400m altitude).
- **Evening:** Try Andean cuisine in a local eatery; rest and hydrate.
- **Highlight:** Evening views over Cusco's tiled rooftops.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Casa San Blas Boutique** (boutique, San Blas, traditional courtyard and rooftop terrace, from €100/night)
 - **El Balcón** (guesthouse, historic center, cozy rooms with colonial charm, from €80/night)
 - **Eco Inn Cusco** (eco-lodge, city outskirts, sustainable practices and mountain views, from €110/night)
- **Activity: San Blas Artisan Walk** – Explore Cusco's bohemian quarter, famous for its galleries, workshops, and panoramic city vistas.

ALTITUDE: Cusco sits at 3,400m—rest, hydrate, avoid alcohol, and consider coca tea to ease acclimatization. Oxygen is available at most hotels on request.

Day 3: Sacred Valley Exploration

- **Morning:** Private transfer (1h 30min) to Pisac; visit vibrant market and Inca ruins.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Ollantaytambo via scenic drive (1h 15min); explore fortress and cobbled streets.

- **Evening:** Overnight in Ollantaytambo; dinner at a local café.
- **Highlight:** Panoramic valley views and traditional weaving demonstrations.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **El Albergue Ollantaytambo** (boutique, train station, organic farm and artisanal distillery, from €90/night)
 - **Hotel Pakaritampu** (eco-lodge, gardens, views of Ollantaytambo ruins, from €110/night)
 - **Casa de Wow** (guesthouse, village center, family-run with local charm, from €70/night)
- **Activity: Pisac Market & Ruins** – Wander one of Peru's most colorful markets, then hike (or drive) to the hilltop Inca citadel for sweeping valley views.

TIP: A local guide can deepen your understanding of Inca history and contemporary Quechua culture—highly recommended for the ruins.

Day 4: Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Village)

- **Morning:** Early train (1h 45min, PeruRail or Inca Rail) through the Urubamba Valley to Aguas Calientes.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the village, visit hot springs, or the Machu Picchu Museum.
- **Evening:** Early night to prepare for Machu Picchu visit.

- **Highlight:** Scenic train journey along the river.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Tierra Viva Machu Picchu** (boutique, village center, modern comforts, from €100/night)
 - **Casa del Sol Machupicchu** (eco-lodge, river views, sustainable design, from €130/night)
 - **Hostal Machupicchu** (guesthouse, simple and central, from €70/night)
- **Activity: Machu Picchu Museum Visit** – Small but insightful museum with artifacts and context before your citadel visit.

TIP: Book Machu Picchu entry and train tickets months in advance—limited availability, especially in high season.

Day 5: Machu Picchu Wonder

- **Morning:** Early shuttle (30 min) up to Machu Picchu; guided tour of the citadel (entry time slot required).
- **Afternoon:** Optional short hike (e.g., Sun Gate or Inca Bridge); return by shuttle to Aguas Calientes.
- **Evening:** Train back to Ollantaytambo (1h 45min), private transfer to eco-lodge in Sacred Valley (30 min).
- **Highlight:** Sunrise over Machu Picchu's terraces.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Hotel Pakaritampu** (eco-lodge, Ollantaytambo, gardens and

mountain views, from €110/night)

- **Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado** (eco-lodge, Urubamba, riverside setting, from €120/night)
- **Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay** (boutique, Yucay, colonial hacienda vibe, from €100/night)
- **Activity: Machu Picchu Guided Tour** – Expert-led exploration of the iconic Inca citadel, with options to extend to lesser-visited sectors or short hikes.

TIP: Machu Picchu entry is strictly timed—coordinate your guide and shuttle to maximize your visit. Rain gear essential in February.

Day 6: Chinchero & Maras/Moray

- **Morning:** Visit Chinchero (weaving village, 45 min transfer), then the circular Inca terraces of Moray.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Maras salt pans; picnic lunch with valley views.
- **Evening:** Return to Sacred Valley lodge; stargazing in the clear Andean sky.
- **Highlight:** The surreal white salt terraces of Maras.
- **Hotel options:** Same as previous night.
- **Activity: Maras Salt Pans Visit** – Walk among thousands of pre-Inca salt pools still harvested by local families, with optional tasting.

TIP: Add a weaving workshop in Chinchero for hands-on cultural

immersion—arrange in advance with your hotel or guide.

Day 7: Return to Cusco & City Discovery

- **Morning:** Transfer back to Cusco (1h 30min); check into guesthouse.
- **Afternoon:** Guided walking tour: Plaza de Armas, Qorikancha, San Pedro Market.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a pisco sour at a rooftop bar.
- **Highlight:** Street art and lively Andean music in San Blas.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Casa San Blas Boutique** (boutique, San Blas, traditional courtyard and rooftop terrace, from €100/night)
 - **El Balcón** (guesthouse, historic center, cozy rooms with colonial charm, from €80/night)
 - **Eco Inn Cusco** (eco-lodge, city outskirts, sustainable practices and mountain views, from €110/night)
- **Activity: Cusco City Walking Tour** – Discover the blend of Inca and Spanish colonial architecture, vibrant markets, and hidden plazas with a local expert.

TIP: For a deeper dive, join a small-group or private tour—especially rewarding in the historic center and San Blas.

Day 8: Cusco to Amazon (Puerto Maldonado)

- **Morning:** Flight to Puerto Maldonado (1h), transfer by boat (1h) to

jungle eco-lodge.

- **Afternoon:** Settle in, introductory rainforest walk with naturalist guide.
- **Evening:** Night walk to spot wildlife (caimans, frogs, insects).
- **Highlight:** Immersion in Amazonian biodiversity.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica** (eco-lodge, full board, luxury cabañas in primary forest, from €180/night)
 - **Posada Amazonas** (eco-lodge, community-owned, canopy tower and wildlife viewing, from €150/night)
 - **Sandoval Lake Lodge** (eco-lodge, lakeside, focus on birding and wildlife, from €130/night)
- **Activity: Rainforest Night Walk** – With a naturalist, explore the jungle after dark to spot nocturnal species rarely seen by day.

TIP: Pack light for the Amazon—soft bags, quick-dry clothing, and waterproof gear are essential. Most lodges include full board and guided activities.

Day 9: Amazon Rainforest Adventure

- **Morning:** Guided canopy walk or oxbow lake canoeing; search for monkeys and macaws.
- **Afternoon:** Visit local community or medicinal plant walk.
- **Evening:** Relax in hammock, listen to jungle sounds.

- **Highlight:** Parrot clay lick at dawn (optional).
- **Hotel options:** Same as previous night.
- **Activity: Canopy Walkway Experience** – Traverse suspended bridges high in the rainforest canopy for unparalleled wildlife viewing and panoramic vistas.

TIP: Activities vary by lodge—confirm inclusions when booking. Dawn excursions offer the best wildlife sightings.

Day 10: Return to Cusco

- **Morning:** Boat transfer back to Puerto Maldonado (1h), flight to Cusco (1h).
- **Afternoon:** Free time for museums, shopping, or spa.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with Andean tasting menu.
- **Highlight:** Last views of Cusco's illuminated plazas.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Casa San Blas Boutique** (boutique, San Blas, traditional courtyard and rooftop terrace, from €100/night)
 - **El Balcón** (guesthouse, historic center, cozy rooms with colonial charm, from €80/night)
 - **Eco Inn Cusco** (eco-lodge, city outskirts, sustainable practices and mountain views, from €110/night)
- **Activity: Museo de Arte Precolombino** – Explore one of Cusco's finest museums, showcasing pre-Columbian artifacts in a beautifully

restored colonial mansion.

TIP: Late check-out or luggage storage can be arranged if your flight is in the evening.

Day 11: South Valley or Rainbow Mountain

- **Morning:** Excursion to South Valley (Tipón, Andahuaylillas, ~1h transfer) or opt for Rainbow Mountain trek (longer, ~3h drive each way; weather-dependent).
- **Afternoon:** Return to Cusco; light exploration or rest.
- **Evening:** Sample street food or join a chocolate workshop.
- **Highlight:** Surreal colors of Rainbow Mountain (if chosen, weather permitting).
- **Hotel options:** Same as previous night.
- **Activity: Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca) Trek** – Challenging high-altitude hike (5,000m+) to one of Peru’s most photogenic landscapes—only recommended if weather permits and you are fully acclimatized.

ALTITUDE: Rainbow Mountain is extremely high—only attempt if you feel well acclimatized. South Valley is a lower, easier alternative with impressive Inca sites and colonial churches.

TIP: February is rainy season; Rainbow Mountain may be inaccessible due to mud or trail closures—have a flexible backup plan.

Day 12: Return to Lima

- **Morning:** Flight to Lima (1h 20min); transfer to guesthouse.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Barranco's street art, galleries, and Pacific views.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner in a bohemian restaurant.
- **Highlight:** Sunset walk along the Barranco cliffs.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Second Home Peru** (boutique B&B, Barranco, art-filled villa with ocean views, from €110/night)
 - **Hotel B** (boutique, Barranco, historic mansion with contemporary art, from €150/night)
 - **Casa Republica Barranco** (boutique, Barranco, restored 19th-century house, from €120/night)
- **Activity: Barranco Street Art Tour** – Discover Lima's creative heart with a guided walk through murals, galleries, and the iconic Bridge of Sighs.

TIP: Late check-out or day room can be arranged if your international flight departs in the evening.

Day 13: Departure

- **Morning:** Free time for last-minute shopping or coffee by the sea.
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer (45 min) to Lima airport for international flight.

- **Evening:** Departure.
- **Highlight:** Final moments soaking in Lima's coastal vibe.
- **Hotel options:** Day use possible at guesthouse or B&B (on request, €40–€70).

TIP: Confirm airport transfer timing based on your flight schedule. Leave extra time for Lima traffic.

Customizable Options

- Private local guide for Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu (deeper insight, flexible pacing).
- Cooking class in Cusco or Lima (Peruvian cuisine focus).
- Wellness day: Andean spa or traditional herbal treatments.
- Specialist birdwatching or wildlife excursions in the Amazon.
- Photography tour in the Sacred Valley or Rainbow Mountain.
- Community visit or weaving workshop in Chinchero.

Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort:** Guesthouses and eco-lodges, mostly 3–4* with local charm and sustainable practices.
- **Seasonal caution:** February is rainy season in the Andes—expect some trail closures (notably Inca Trail), muddy conditions, and possible delays. Machu Picchu remains open, but Rainbow Mountain

may not be accessible.

- **Luggage:** Soft bags preferred; pack rain gear and layers for variable climates.
- **Budget tips:** Your €1,000/person budget is very tight for this itinerary, especially with internal flights, Machu Picchu entry, and Amazon eco-lodge stays. Consider focusing on fewer regions or increasing your budget for more comfort and activities.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodation (13 nights, midrange guesthouses/eco-lodges)	€900–€1,400
Internal flights (Lima–Cusco, Cusco–Puerto Maldonado–Cusco, Cusco–Lima)	€250–€400
Machu Picchu entry + train + shuttle	€150–€200
Amazon eco-lodge (2 nights, full board + activities)	€260–€360
Guided tours & activities (Sacred Valley, Cusco, Lima)	€150–€250
Meals (not included at most lodges)	€200–€300

Transfers & local transport	€100–€150
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Total Estimated Cost	€2,010–€3,060
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TIP: This estimate excludes international flights, travel insurance, tips, and optional upgrades. For a more realistic budget at this comfort level, plan for at least €2,000–€2,500 per person. At €1,000, consider shortening your trip or focusing on fewer regions to maintain quality and inclusions.

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