12-DAY PERUVIAN WILDLIFE AND BOTANICAL EXPEDITION
Designed and escorted by
Marie Cope Nicholson

Projected cost: $4395 per person, double occupancy
All-inclusive from Lima, Peru
Departs May 24, 2017
Marie Cope Nicholson, ’76 EC graduate and biology major invites you to join her 12-day expedition to Peru for an introduction to the wildlife, culture and ancient history of this amazing country.

Marie worked at Earlham for more than 20 years in admissions, alumni development and as a faculty leader or assistant for several off-campus programs including; Tanzania, Southwest Field Studies, August Wilderness trips, New Zealand and several May terms. In addition, she has had extensive travel experiences in other countries through Earlham’s educational travel program, which she coordinated.

She says “I have benefited by exploring new places, not only to learn about their people, culture, history and wildlife, but for the unexpected opportunities that often arise. It’s these serendipitous moments I remember most: bartering goods with the Yagua Indians in the Peruvian Amazon; finding and meeting the farmer in a remote area in Japan’s northern island to learn the secrets and art of making indigo dye; or snorkeling with penguins and swimming with sea turtles in Galapagos Islands”.

Machu Picchu has always piqued Marie’s curiosity and, after several missed opportunities when she visited Ecuador and Peru years ago, has been high on her “bucket list” of destinations she would like to visit. “This unique and fascinating travel program to Peru, designed by Richard (Dick) Mills, ’69 EC graduate and owner of World Discovery Safaris, provides an excellent vehicle for an in-depth, hands-on and educational opportunity. Join us as we delve into the cultures, history and wildlife of Peru and seek opportunities for serendipitous moments. I look forward to sharing them with you.”

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DAY 1- WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 – U. S. / LIMA
Our expedition to Peru begins with our arrival in Lima, the capital and most important city in Peru. After clearing immigrations and customs we are met and transferred to the Wyndham Cosa Del Sol for the remainder of the night.

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, MAY 25 - LIMA / PUERTO MALDONADO / RESERVA AMAZONICA
Following an early breakfast we transfer back to the Lima Airport and board the scheduled flight to Puerto Maldonado. Here we are met and transferred, by boat, to our comfortable Jungle Lodge in the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica. B/L/D
LP flight 075 dpts. Lima at 0720 hrs. and arrvs. Puerto Maldonado at 0950 (subject to change)

DAYS 3 & 4 – FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 26 & 27 - RESERVA AMAZONICA
We have two full days to explore the rainforest in this, one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world. Three hundred sixty six species of birds, more than 300 species of butterflies and over 60 amphibians have been recorded from the Reserva Amazonica and many of these can be easily observed on the lodge grounds. Some of the indigenous species are quite rare with very few specimens in other places of the world. Your naturalist guides, who have grown up here, have a profound knowledge of the many plants and animals we encounter. They explain the ecological niche each organism fills in the complex rainforest ecosystem and describe how many plants are utilized by the local people. The wildlife is remarkable and includes colorful macaws, toucans and parrots, tapirs, gorgeous southern Amazon red squirrels and several species of monkeys. B/L/D

DAY 5 – SUNDAY, MAY 28 - RESERVA AMAZONICA / PUERTO MALDONADO / CUSCO
In the morning we travel back up river to Puerto Maldonado and board the scheduled flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival, in this ancient Inca capital, we meet our English-speaking Peruvian guide, descend from the city into the sacred and historic Urubamba River Valley and visit the village of Pisac, which on Sunday hosts one of the most vibrant and colorful markets in these Andean highlands. Later in the afternoon we check into our rooms at the Hotel Posada Del Inka Yucay. B/PL/D
LP flight 072 departs Puerto Maldonado at 12:45 and arrvs. Cusco at 13:35 (subject to change)

DAY 6 – MONDAY, MAY 29 - YUCAY / WILLOQ / OLLANTA / YUCAY
After breakfast we drive to a remote Willoq village where a community of Indians lives a way of life that has not changed very much since pre-Columbian times. Their language, dress, social organization, homes and occupations are much the same today as they were in the days of the Incas. The people of Willoq have chosen to ignore the outside world and they continue to spin and weave the wool of their llamas into beautiful, naturally dyed, rugs, and garments. Following an Andean lunch we drive to the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo, where ancient temples and
fortresses were built to protect the Sacred Valley. These enormous structures so impressed early European visitors; they believed them to be the work of giants. This stronghold of the Incas was constructed on a steep slope and is surrounded by a high wall of massive stones. Walkways, pools and canals were expertly fashioned, demonstrating the unrivaled skill of these ancient engineers and builders. The walk up to the ruins requires a good deal of climbing up steep pathways and narrow stairways but the view from the top is worth the effort. At dusk we may glimpse an Andean Condor as it soars high above us over the steep-sided valley. In the evening we return for dinner and to overnight at the Hotel Posada Del Inca Yucay. B/L/D

DAY 7 – TUESDAY, MAY 30 - YUCAY / OLLANTA / AGUAS CALIENTES
In the morning we transfer to the Ollanta Railway Station and board the Vistadome Valley train for Machu Picchu - the "Lost city of the Incas." We arrive mid- morning at the Aguas Calientes Rail Station and check into our accommodations at the beautiful Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. In the afternoon we join our naturalist guide for an introduction to the hotel’s Orchid Gardens. Located on this eastern slope of the Andes amid humid montane and premontane forests this is an ideal habitat for ferns, orchids, bromeliads and other flowering plants. In addition more than 400 species of birds and numerous butterflies have been recorded from the area and we are free to join one or more of the hotel’s naturalists on a guided trail walk in search these natural wonders. The village of Aguas Calientes, with its colorful shops and open air markets, is within easy walking distance of our hotel. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are at the Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. B/L/D.

DAY 8 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 - MACHU PICCHU
After an early breakfast we board a minibus for the 2,000-foot climb up the steep winding road to the most memorable Inca site of them all. Our objective is to get here before the first trains arrive from Cusco and the site become crowded with other tourists. The impressive ruins of Machu Picchu, hidden for 400 years by semitropical jungle, lies in a saddle with sheer mountainsides on either side that fall vertically to the Urubamba River far below. Machu Picchu's existence was virtually forgotten until its rediscovery by Hiram Bingham in 1911. As we wander through a maze of empty plazas, chambers and dwellings, we can only guess at what inspired this archaeological wonder. Why was this city built here at the end of the world, how was it constructed, why was it suddenly abandoned by its inhabitants, and how could it have remained hidden for four centuries? Built in the late Imperial Inca style with no evidence of pre- or post-Inca habitation, the site was constructed, occupied and abandoned, all within the span of a century. Our guide points out the significance of various stone structures and discusses some of the theories that have been suggested to solve the mysteries of Machu Picchu. Possible explanations of the site’s purpose include: a fortress, the walls and trenches as well as lookout platforms and a drawbridge indicate strong fortifications; a religious center, many of the larger buildings have religious and astronomical significance; an agricultural center, the extensive terraces would have provided more food than would be required by the estimated population of 1,000. Perhaps the excavation work that is still going on in the area will provide answers to some of these questions, but for now Machu Picchu remains a mysterious place. After touring the archeological site we hike along the Intipunku Inca trail to the Sungate. Following lunch in the Sanctuary Lodge Restaurant we visit the adjacent orchid collection. In the afternoon we take the bus back down the mountain and visit the New Museo de Sitio and Inkaterra Orchid Collection. B/L/D

DAY 9 – THURSDAY, JUNE 1 - MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO
Those who wish may get up at dawn to join one or more of the nature walks conducted by the hotel naturalists guides. With a bit of luck we may see the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock (Rupicola peruviana). The unmistakable bright orange-red male birds put on quite a show as they display for the drab brown females. After breakfast we walk through the village of Aguas Calientes and a moist montane forest, past unique giant tree ferns, orchids and birds-of-paradise. Birds, such as Torrent Duck, Mitred Parakeet and Roadside Hawk are frequently seen here. Huge rock formations and falling water provide beautiful surroundings for the interesting wildlife
of this area. We also have the option of visiting some ancient thermal baths and a prolific trout farm before returning to the hotel for a delicious Andean-style buffet lunch. In the afternoon we make our way to the railway station and board the afternoon train to Cusco. Upon arrival in Cusco we are met and transferred to the **Hotel San Agustín** for dinner and to overnight. B/L/D

**DAY 10 – FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - CUSCO**
After breakfast we set out by bus and ascend into the mountains surrounding Cusco. One of our first stops is at the famous amphitheater of Kenko, which is a rare example of curvilinear construction in Inca architecture. Animalistic geometric carvings show animals important to the culture; pumas represented power; condors, justice; and snakes, wisdom. Tambomachay, also known as the Inca Baths, was built around a natural spring and fortified with military posts and observation decks. It was a royal bathing place used by the Inca and royal women of the court. High above the city at a height of 12,136 feet, the Inca built a truly amazing structure. Sacsayhuaman is a huge fortress built of massive stones, which zigzags across the side of the mountain. Its shape has been described as representing the teeth of a gigantic puma, of which Cusco is the body. The shape probably would have made surprise attacks almost impossible, but the fortress was still incomplete when the Spanish arrived and it was never finished. Our guide tells us of the history as well as the many legends attached to this site. We also have the opportunity to look for hints of how these immense stones were worked and stacked so perfectly. Following our visit to Sacsayhuaman we have a picnic lunch accompanied by traditional Inca music. In the afternoon we visit several of Cusco’s historical sites and have time for shopping in this, the center of Andean culture and handicrafts. In the evening we have reservations at one of Cusco's leading restaurants for a farewell dinner and a colorful program of Andean folklore before returning to our hotel. B/L/D

**DAY 11 – SATURDAY, JUNE 3 - CUSCO / LIMA**
In the morning we transfer to the airport and fly to Lima where dayrooms have been provided for us at the **Hotel Costa Del Sol, Ramada**. Following lunch at a local restaurant we visit the Gold of Peru Museum (Museo de Oro del Perú). This privately operated museum houses the most magnificent collection of ancient Peruvian gold, ceramic and textile masterpieces in the world. The collection includes monumental necklaces, funerary masks, scepters, ceremonial cups, tumis (sacrificial knives), nose rings, earrings and idols, all fashioned of sumptuous gold and semi-precious stones. The second floor gallery contains marvelous ceramics and textiles and the annex gallery features textiles and feather mantos of unbelievable quality. Upstairs from the Gold Museum is the equally fascinating Arms museum, which displays weapons and armor from many cultures. Artifacts from Peru's history, such as items owned by the Pizarro brothers and Simon Bolivar, are also on display. In the evening we depart for La Rosa Nautica, one of Lima’s loveliest restaurants. Following a leisurely seafood dinner we transfer to the airport and check in for our flight to the U.S. B/L/D

*LP flight 115 dpts, Cusco at 0915 and arrvs Lima at 1040 (subject to change)*

**DAY 12 – SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - LIMA / U. S.**
Our flight arrives back in the U.S. Later in the day we return home with numerous impressions and memories of our visit to Peru and the "Heart of the Inca Empire." (B)

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner; ( ) = an In-flight meal.
Safari name: __ Marie Nicholson Wildlife and Cultural Expedition to Peru _____ Departure Date _____ May 24, 2017 ________

Enclosed is my check for $___________ as (     ) deposit     (     ) full payment     (     ) final payment for a total of _______ persons on the travel program indicated above. Your registration form and a $500.00 per person deposit are required to reserve space on this safari. Deposits may be charged to Master Card, Visa or American Express (see attached CC authorization form) but subsequent payments for this travel program must be made by check or money order. The total cost of this 14-day expedition, exclusive of international air, is $4395 per person based on double occupancy. Please call World Discovery Safaris (205-972-8733) if you would like our help as you shop for international air.

Please note: the cost of this travel program is based on 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group. Although we make every effort to find suitable roommates for each participant, the single supplement will be charged for any single for which no suitable roommate is available.

Accommodations Requested:

(     ) Double - based on two persons sharing a room  (     ) Smoking  (     ) Non-Smoking. Name of roommate, if known ________________________________

(     ) Single - based on one person occupying a room (adds $1250 to program cost)

NAMES: (Please Print)-NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (Provide a photocopy of the picture page from your passport.)

1. ____________________________________________________________ Age________ Nickname___________________________ Sex ______

2. ____________________________________________________________ Age________ Nickname___________________________ Sex ______

Address: ____________________________________________ City: ______________________________ State: _________ Zip: _____________

Phones: (Home) _________________________________ (Office) ______________________________ E-mail __________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________________ Today's Date: _______________________________________

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris, all accommodations and meals, as per this itinerary, top-quality, English speaking, naturalist/guide services, all land and domestic air transportation, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, entrance fees to parks and sites visited, and porterage while in Peru.

NOT INCLUDED: International air to and from Lima, Peru, the costs of obtaining passports & visas (visas for U.S. passport holders to enter Peru are not currently required), excess baggage charges, traveler’s insurance and items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, excursions and services not included in the itinerary, tips to boat drivers, lodge staff and naturalist guides, drinks not included with meals, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.

CANCELLATION: Regardless of the reason, a cancellation fee of $500 per person will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to World Discovery Safaris and are effective only upon their receipt in our office. Cancellations received ninety (90) days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be given for unused services, including, but not limited to scheduled activities, meals, accommodations and airport transfer.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS - World Discovery Safaris, Marie Nicholson and our representatives, agree to work for you in the making of reservations and other arrangements on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel services with whom we make your travel arrangements. We are an agent for certain travel service providers, including inbound operators and air carriers. We make your travel arrangements with them in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning these, please contact either the travel service provider or World Discovery Safaris. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to the applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of force majeure, such as disease, terrorist acts, political instability, acts of war, adverse weather & climatic conditions, earthquakes, or for inadequate travel documents. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. Our sole knowledge and expertise on which you may rely is in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the travel supplier. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris.

AIRCRAFT SCHEDULES AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical or mental condition requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing to World Discovery Safaris when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris and Marie Nicholson reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who, in their sole judgment, is in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which we can provide.

Passenger Name: ____________________________

Person to contact in case of emergency: ____________________________

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc.): ____________________________

Address: Street______________________ City____________ State/Zip____________

Their Phone #: Home ______________ Office: ______________ E-Mail ____________________________________________

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program: ____________________________________________

List any allergies, including food allergies: ____________________________________________

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: ____________________________________________

List any dietary requirements: ____________________________________________

Health Insurance Company: ____________________________________________ Policy # ____________________________

Travel Insurance Company: ____________________________________________ Policy # ____________________________

By my signature below I certify that I have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms and Conditions" paragraphs included in this document. I also certify that I have been offered travel insurance.

I. I hereby release World Discovery Safaris, Adam Jones Photography and their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I am participating in this travel program and do further agree to absolve from all responsibility World Discovery Safaris, Adam Jones Photography and their staff from all loss, damage or expense which I may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expertness

III. I hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I am participating in this trip. (Please note: many health insurance plans do not provide coverage outside of the U.S.)

IV. I will ___ will not (circle one) cover myself for this travel program against unforeseen circumstances with the purchase of traveler’s insurance.

V. I understand that weather and other unforeseen conditions may necessitate changes in the activities and scheduled activities of this program.

Date: ____________________________  Your Signature: ____________________________

WE RECOMMEND TRAVELER INSURANCE

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Authorization for Credit Card Use

Credit Card Type __________________ Number ____________________________
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CC Holder Name: ___________________________ Credit Card Security # __________
Address _________________________________________________________________
Phone Number (home) ____________________ (office) _________________________

Passport Name of Passenger(s) __________________________________________
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Authorized charge amount in USD $ __________________

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card as a deposit and to confirm my/our space on Marie Nicholson’s May 2017 Expedition to Peru. I am aware some restrictions may apply to any air tickets purchased by this transaction and am satisfied these restrictions have been explained to me.

Confirmation Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Please attach legible photo copies of your credit card, driver’s license and of the photo page from your passport.

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