Peru Luxury Program

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10 days / 9 nights

A unique, top notch and a lifetime experience in Peru specially designed for exclusive travelers. Explore one of the New 7 Wonders of the World: Machu Picchu; and experience the new, first Luxury Sleeper train in Peru: Belmond Andean Explorer!









Day <u>01</u>

Lima



(-/-/-)

Transfer Lima Airport / Hotel (private)

Upon arrival into Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative and private driver and will be transferred to your hotel. Our representative will assist you with checkin procedures and provide you with a detailed itinerary, vouchers covering all the services included in your tour and additional information on the organization of your Peru trip. You will also receive a contact information sheet with all the hotel details as well as our offices contact information for each city and a 24-hour emergency number.

Overnight at Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel



Lima Airport



, Day <u>02</u>

Lima



(B/L/-)

AM: Half day Aristocratic Lima (private)

Today we will go to the Colonial part of Lima, visiting the Archbishop's Palace, situated directly on the Plaza de Armas, Lima's main square, next to the Cathedral. This important place whose construction, together with the Cathedral, started shortly after the foundation of Lima in 1535 is in the middle of town reflecting the immense power the church had in Colonial Lima.

The palace was built using only the finest materials shipped in from the old world, like cedar wood and mahogany, tiles from Seville, bronze and marble. In 1924 the Archbishop's Palace was completely reconstructed and renovated. Since 2009 the palace is open to the public.

Continue with the visit of "Casa de Aliaga", the oldest Colonial mansion in Lima, maybe even in whole South America. The house has been owned and lived in by the Aliaga family and their descendants since Francisco Pizarro granted the

land to Jerónimo de Aliaga in 1535. After the tour you will be driven to the Huaca Pucllana Restaurant to enjoy lunch in a restaurant located in the same area of the Huaca Pucllana Archaeological Center.





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This is a renowned restaurant that offers a sample of the best international Peruvian food.

PM: Half day Bohemian District of Barranco and Pallas Store (private)

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the quieter side of Lima, the picturesque district of Barranco (Spanish word for cliff), known as the bohemian heart of the city because towards the end of the 19th Century it became the favorite hangout of poets, writers, painters and sculptors who were inspired by its coastal scenery.

Your visit continues with a stop at Las Pallas Peruvian Folk Art Boutique (closed on Sundays), located in the bohemian district of Barranco, is an Aladdin's cave packed with treasures sourced by Mari Solari herself from all over Peru. She opened her own shop Las Pallas in 1986 and has created a flamboyant and colorful collection of native folk art that is well worth a visit for travelers looking for souvenirs or gifts to take home from their Peru adventure.

After the visit you will be driven to your hotel.

Overnight at Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel.



Barranco District



• Day <u>03</u>

Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

(B/L/-)

Transfer Hotel / Lima Airport (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to the Lima Airport to board your next flight. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities.

Transfer Cusco Airport / Sacred Valley Hotel including en-route Awanacancha Textile Center & Pisac Market (private) Upon your arrival in Cusco, you will be met by our guide who will assist you with your luggage and drive you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Today you will have the opportunity to visit Awanacancha, an Andean textile center whose key objective is to maintain the wealth of Incan textile art and keep their traditions alive. Awanacancha means "the palace of weaving", here we will learn about the dyeing techniques and instruments used for hundreds of years in the weaving of

these famous textiles.

Continue to the Pisac Markets, which was the place of reunion for all artisans of the region to get together and exchange or buy and sell their products. Originally held only on Sundays, but due to the increase of tourism in the area during the XXth century it became increasingly popular to the point that now it is held daily.





Farm Chic Lunch (private) Further into the Sacred Valley, reach working Hacienda Sarapampa, a vivid expression of the culture of corn farming from its beginnings in ancient Peru until today.

In Hacienda Sarapampa, learn how corn influenced the Andeans and those who followed during colonial and recent times. Visit the Giant White Corn fields and learn more about this unique crop, the stages in the process of cultivating corn (fallow, sowing, hilling, harvest) and its importance in the economy of the Sacred Valley of the Incas and its farmers.

Then, enjoy a countryside five-course gourmet lunch hosted by the landowners of the Hacienda, full of anecdotes about the hacienda life, the culture of corn and the legends that surround the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

After lunch you will be transferred to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at Belmond Rio Sagrado Hotel – Sacred Valley.



Hacienda Sarapampa



Day 04

Sacred Valley



Full day Chinchero Village, Maras Saltpans & Ollantaytambo Fortress (private)

Today you will set off in the direction of the Sacred Valley to the town of Chinchero, an authentic Andean village with lots of character, where we will find the colonial church that houses a large collection of painting from the Cusqueñan School of Art.

Chinchero is well known for its continuing tradition as a commercial town and on Sundays the townsfolk gather in the main square to trade their products in a bartering system.

Next, continue your journey through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, to the salt fields of Maras and its seemingly never-ending terraces, where salt extracted from springs is stored. Although these waters have been used for centuries, even before the time of the Incas, Maras was founded by the Spanish in 1556. It supplied salt to the southern highlands during the viceroyalty, so it was an important town. The use of Maras Salt dates back thousands of years and is inherited from generation to generation and managed communally.



(B/L/-)

Maras Saltpans



Sacred Valley Lunch at Wayra Restaurant with Peruvian Paso Horse demonstration

Lunch will be served at a local ranch including a Peruvian Paso Horses demonstration; with their elegance and noble spirit, the Peruvian Paso Horse symbolizes a centuries-old tradition of cultural fusion and folklore that defines and enriches Peru. In this presentation, Paso horses from the ranch stables demonstrate their flowing gait and graceful motion to the rhythm of 'la marinera'.

Finally, visit the Inca fortress and citadel of Ollantaytambo. This site was built just as the Spaniards arrived and evidence of how it was constructed is still visible. This fortress was believed to be constructed in order to guard the entrance to this part of the valley and protect it from possible invasions of tribes from the jungle lowlands. Later it served as a temporary capital for Manco Inca, leader of the Inca resistance in 1537 during the Spanish conquest of Perú, who fortified the town to stop the advance, as Cusco had fallen under Spanish domination.

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After the tour you will be transferred to your hotel.



Overnight at Belmond Rio Sagrado Hotel – Sacred Valley





Day <u>05</u>

Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

(B/-/D)



Full day excursion to Machu Picchu via roundtrip train (private)

Morning transfer to the train station for an amazing Hiram Bingham train journey to the famous Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, the great mountain-top city abandoned by the Inca Empire, reclaimed by the jungle and lost to humanity until its rediscovery in 1911.

Along the way you will enjoy the changing landscape as you travel from Andean highlands to the beginnings of the jungle ("eyebrow of the jungle"), before finally arriving at the town of Aguas Calientes.

From here, board the bus that will take you on a 20-minute ride up to the citadel of Machu Picchu, or Lost City of the Incas, which sits upon the summit bearing the same name, and is one of the most representative and recognized examples of Incan architecture. A guided tour of the Citadel includes the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Sun Dial, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.





The legendary 'Lost City' is without a doubt one of the world's most impressive archaeological sites. Built by the Incas on the summit of "Machu Picchu" (old peak), overlooking the deep canyon of the Urubamba river in a semi-tropical area 120 Kms (75 miles) from the city of Cusco at 3,400 m.a.s.l (11,155 f.a.s.l).

Dinner will be served at the hotel

Overnight at Belmond Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge



Machu Picchu Citadel



Day <u>06</u>

Machu Picchu / Cusco

(B/L/D)



AM: 2nd entrance to Machu Picchu & Wayna Picchu (without guide)

Excellent opportunity to wake up early and enjoy with a beautiful sunrise. Then, you will have time visit the Citadel of Machu Picchu for the second time (2nd entrance fee included).



Lunch will be served at the hotel

PM: Return to Cusco (private)

In the afternoon, take the shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes and then board your return Hiram Bingham train.



Dinner will be served on board the train

Upon arrival at the train station you will be met by our representative and private driver who will transfer you to the hotel.

Overnight at Belmond Monasterio Hotel – Cusco



Aguas Calientes



Day <u>07</u>

Cusco



(B/-/-)

AM: Half day Cusco City tour including a visit to San Pedro Market (private)

Get ready for a guided sightseeing tour of Cusco, the Imperial City and archaeological capital of South America, where you will be able to admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture. Visit the city's most important historical monuments that reveal the influence of different cultures: the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral dating from Spanish viceroyalty times, built with great slabs of red granite renaissance style in contrast with the baroque style silverwork of its interior and, the Santo Domingo church built upon the foundations of the Inca temple Koricancha, dedicated to worship the Sun God.

The tour continues with a visit to the San Pedro Market, a typical Mercado, and a popular place for locals to eat a hot meal or fresh juice. They offer almost all the regional produce from fruits, vegetables and meats to hand-woven sweaters other clothes and crafts.



After the visit you will be transferred to your hotel. **PM: At leisure**

Afternoon at leisure for activities on your own.



Overnight at Belmond Monasterio Hotel – Cusco.



Cusco Main Square



Day <u>08</u>

Cusco / Puno



Transfer Hotel / Cusco train station (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to Cusco train station to board your train to Puno.

Andean Explorer train – Spirit of the Water 2d/1n Program (shared)

This morning board the Belmond Andean Explorer in Cusco. The Andean Explorer is one the most of luxurious and interesting ways of travelling through southern Peru. Opulently decorated, it includes a dining car and a bar with outdoor observatory.

Board the train at approximately 11:00 hours in Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca empire. Relax as you begin your journey southeast through the Andean Altiplano to Puno. Enjoy lunch on board in the refined dining car where Andean specialities are served with a contemporary flair.



(B/L/D)

Andean Explorer



After lunch stop at the site of Raqchi; once an important Inca settlement, today the archaeological site boasts a number of architectural gems. You will spend about an hour at this site before returning to the train for afternoon tea. Continue the journey stopping at La Raya briefly to soak up the stunning sunset over the La Raya mountain range (this is the highest point of the journey at 4,300ft).

After this stop relax over dinner then enjoy a drink in the Lounge car as the train continues to Lake Titicaca where you will spend the night in the station right next to the lake.

Overr Train

Overnight on board Belmond Andean Explorer Train





Day <u>09</u>

Puno/Lima



(B/L/-)

Awake early and enjoy breakfast on board. Catch your first glimpse of Lake Titicaca as you witness the sunrise across the lake.

After a wonderful overnight trip disembark the train and continue with your onward arrangements.

FD Llachon & Kayaks + Taquile Island inc. lunch (private) Full day tour from Llachon, Capachica peninsula, by Kayaks crossing by an average of 1 hour along the banks and the coast watching on the way; the villages, farms and tutelary hills of the peninsula and nearby islands.

We continue our motorboat trip to Taquile Island, inhabited by Quechua-speaking natives who have developed efficient and unique social systems, as well as fine hand weaving techniques, passed down through the generations.



Upon arrival at the Town of Taquile you will take your box lunch. After lunch, take a walk through the various hills and archaeological sites of this 6km long Island.





Return to your hotel in Puno after the visit.

Transfer to Juliaca Airport (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will transfer you to the Juliaca Airport to fly to Lima. Our representative will assist you with the corresponding check-in procedures and all departure formalities.



Transfer Lima Airport / Hotel (private)

Upon arrival into Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative and private driver and will be transferred to your hotel. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures.



Overnight at Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel





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Lima /...

(B/-/-)

Day at leisure in Lima



Transfer Hotel / Lima Airport (private)

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to the Lima Airport to board your next flight. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities.

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L= Lunch

B= Breakfast

D= Dinner



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