



ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

Day 1- Lima

(-/-)

Assistance Airport /Airport Hotel (private)

Upon arrival into Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative who will escort you to the Airport hotel. Our representative will assist you with check-in procedures and provide you with a detailed itinerary and vouchers covering all the services included in your tour, as well as 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 in Lima at the airport hotel (Wyndham).

Day 2- Lima

(B/-)

Assistance Airport Hotel / Airport (private)

At the proper time, our representative will meet you at the Airport hotel and escort 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 / Hotel (private)

Upon arrival into Cusco 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 the corresponding check-in procedures.

PM: Half day Cusco City tour & main surrounding ruins (private)

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city 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.

Continue to Cusco City's main surrounding ruins: the Sacsayhuaman Fortress - a ceremonial compound and magnificent example of Inca military power that boasts a panoramic view of the city, the Qenko Amphitheater - a ritualistic site with subterranean galleries that form an underground maze, Puca Pucara or red fortress and, the Inca Baths of Tambomachay.

After the tour, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Cusco at the El Mercado or similar hotel.



Day 3- Cusco / Sacred Valley / Cusco

(B/L/-)

Full day Pisac Market, Pisac Ruins & Ollantaytambo Fortress (private)

Today you will head to the town of Pisac, famous for its ruins which lie atop a hill at the entrance to the valley and separated along the ridge into four groups: P'isaqa, Inti Watana, Q'allaqasa, and Kinchiraqay. Visit the Inti Watana group which includes the Temple of the Sun, baths, altars, water fountains, a ceremonial platform, and an inti watana - a volcanic ritual stone used as an astronomic clock or Inca calendar to define the change seasons.

The Incas constructed agricultural terraces on the steep hillside by hauling richer topsoil by hand from the lower lands, enabling the production of surplus food, more than would normally be possible at altitudes as high as 11,000 feet. The narrow rows of terraces beneath the citadel are thought to represent the wing of a partridge (pisaca), from which the village and ruins get their name.

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.

It is a favorite destination for visitors from all over the world who don't want to miss the opportunity of enjoying the colorful ambience in this marketplace. This is an excellent chance to share the peasants' customs closely with plenty of time to explore and even barter all the goods and crafts typical of the areas around Cusco. Leisurely roam through the textiles and souvenir sections of the market.

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, you will 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 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.

Ollantaytambo also features the vestiges of the town built by orders of Inca Pachacutec and thought to be not only a strategic military place to control the Sacred Valley of the Incas, but also for agricultural and religious purposes. Additionally, this place is a ceremonial center dedicated to the purification and worship of water with 150 steps built with perfectly carved stones, very like those of Típon. The archaeological site includes a series of superimposed terraces and stunning finely carved stone blocks located on the upper terrace or Temple of the Sun. The main settlement has an orthogonal layout with four streets crossed by other seven parallel streets and at the center the Incas built a large plaza about the size of four blocks.

The town of Ollantaytambo is referred to as a "Live Inca Town" because inhabitants still live per customs and traditions inherited from their ancestors. Take a journey in time through its straight streets with perfectly laid stones that feature a canal for water to run through the town.

After the tour, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Cusco. *Tomorrow you are off on your next adventure to Machu Picchu!*



Important note: *On the train journey to Machu Picchu, you will be limited to one piece of luggage weighing no more than 11 pounds and a total linear dimension (length + width + height) of 62 inches. You may keep excess luggage at your hotel in Cusco city.*

Day 4- Cusco / Machu Picchu

(B/L/D)

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

Morning transfer to the train station for an amazing Vistadome 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).

It sits on a mountain site of extraordinary beauty, in the middle of a tropical mountain forest; Machu Picchu was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height, with its giant walls, terraces and ramps, which appear as though they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments.

Machu Picchu is also one of the Inca's best kept secrets, since they did not leave written records and Spanish chronicles make no mention of the citadel, it remains a mystery.

Buffet lunch at Tinkuy Restaurant at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge

In the afternoon, return to the hotel.

Overnight in Machu Picchu town at the Inkaterra or similar hotel.



Day 5- Machu Picchu / Cusco

(B/L/-)

Day at leisure (GUIDE NOT INCLUDED)

Excellent opportunity to wake up early and enjoy a beautiful sunrise or stroll around the Town of Aguas Calientes and visit its Hot Springs Thermal waters. Then, you will have time to enjoy some of the following activities: visit the Citadel of Machu Picchu for a second time, or, for more active and adventurous people, we suggest to climb up the Huayna Picchu from where you can appreciate the immensity of Machu Picchu, even more amazing being so high and distant (no guide services included this day).

Lunch a la Carte at the hotel

PM: Return to Cusco (private)

In the afternoon, take the shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes and then board your return Vistadome 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 in Cusco at the El Mercado or similar hotel.

Day 6- Cusco / Puerto Maldonado

(B/L/D)

Transfer Hotel / Cusco Airport (private)

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

03 Nights/ 4 Days Reserva Amazonica (Shared) – First Day

Welcome in Puerto Maldonado. You may visit Inkaterra Butterfly House near the airport, check-in, and in only 15 minutes you can get to the boarding wharf. Begin to experience the enchantment of the rainforest as you take a 45-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River, to arrive at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica lodge.

After a short briefing, settle into your beautiful cabaña and enjoy your lunch in the dining room. Take a siesta, share a refreshing tea time and get ready for the afternoon excursion.

After gathering with your Inkaterra Interpreter, choose from the 14 different excursions available at the Inkaterra lodge. On your first day, we recommend a guided walk along the Trail system, into the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica natural area, where you will discover the Amazon Basin. This trail offers an excellent introduction to the forest environment, winding past impressive trees such as the Shihuahuaco, and the strangely beautiful strangler fig, offering excellent opportunities for bird watching and observing exotic insects. We also recommend on the first night our Twilight River excursion — a guided afternoon boat rides on the Madre de Dios river. Witness the transformation from a diurnal to a nocturnal world: animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the night. As you enjoy their paradise, you will learn about their habits, while you search for nightjars, owls, capybaras and up to three different caiman species.

Overnight at the Reserva Amazonica Lodge.

Day 7- Puerto Maldonado

(B/L/D)

04 Days – 03 Nights Reserva Amazonica (Shared) – Second Day

Rest in bed or rise early — the choice is yours. Breakfast begins at 5:30 a.m., for those who want to avoid the heat, and enjoy nature at its fullest. A full buffet breakfast is served from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This morning you may visit the Lake Sandoval excursion into the Tambopata National Reserve. Glide in a wooden canoe, across a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Return to the Inkaterra lodge for lunch.

After lunch, consider the remarkable Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. Ascending the first tower, 29 meters above the forest ground, you begin your encounter with the treetop realm. For more than a quarter of a mile, you will literally walk through the rainforest canopy on a suspension bridge network linking eight observation platforms.

During this hour-and-a-half expedition, be on the lookout for colorful toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys, and sloths. If you wish you may extend your excursion and appreciate the sunset from one of the towers. The excursion finishes by returning to the lodge.

Once at the lodge, enjoy the daily nature presentation in the Ecomedia Center.

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.

Overnight at the Reserva Amazonica Lodge.



Day 8- Puerto Maldonado

(B/L/D)

04 Days – 03 Nights Reserva Amazonica (Shared) – Third Day

Enjoy a trip to Gamitana Creek, located 25 minutes by boat from the Inkaterra lodge. For one and a half hours, explore the rainforest along the banks of a winding, dark-water creek that is home to many piranha, caiman, turtles and birds, until the Sanipanga landing point. Navigate your way back downstream, appreciating the abundant flora and fauna along the way. You will return to Gamitana Farm to do a short-guided tour to see how local farmers raise fruits and vegetables. Return to the lodge for lunch.

After lunch, enjoy the Hacienda Concepcion excursion, with over 200 different plant species, and learn about the uses and benefits of traditional topical flora. This is followed by a 30- minute canoe trip to look for turtles, sun grebes, nightjars and exotic herons. Return to the Inkaterra lodge.

Then consider the Rainforest by Night excursion through the Inkaterra Ecological Reserve at night for an approximately 2-hour excursion. Biological activity differs greatly between night and day in the Amazonian ecosystem. Venture into the forest and experience the mystery of the animal activity that awakens in the rainforest after dark, enhancing animal resources to create new adaptation mechanisms. Listen to nocturnal forest sounds and spot species that only emerge at night. Return to the lodge.

Overnight at the Reserva Amazonica Lodge.

Day 9- Puerto Maldonado

(B/-/-)

04 Days – 03 Nights Reserva Amazonica (Shared) – Fourth Day

Enjoy a full breakfast before departure. A 45-minute return trip by boat on the Madre de Dios River takes you to Puerto Maldonado, where you may visit Inkaterra Butterfly House. Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, with 3,700 known species. Many of these can be seen at the Butterfly House, a showcase for the variety, beauty and adaptability of these fascinating insects.

Lima Airport assistance (private)

Upon arrival into Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative who will assist you with check-in procedures and any departure formalities for your next flight.

***** End of our services, Buen Viaje !! *****

Finally your South American adventure draws to an end. . You have travelled through this wondrous land and enjoyed a thrilling adventure with touches of fantasy and gratifying emotions. Peru have indeed been the perfect setting for an action-packed and truly unforgettable vacation.

END OF OUR SERVICES

The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.

NOTES

- This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary per availability
- All services stipulated above are subject to availability at the time of booking/ reservation
- **No airfare or airport taxes included in above given rates**
- All entrance fees are subject to change without previous notice.
- All tips are optional and voluntary
- Rates valid for 2017, except on Inti Raymi dates (Jun22/27), Christmas & New Year (Dec23/Jan02) and any other National or Religious Holidays which may have special rates; please verify
- Rates are subject to change without prior notice in case supplier conditions change and/or if there are USD exchange rate variations in Peru.

INCLUSIONS

- Private and shared services with local English speaking guide, except where otherwise specified
- Meals: As indicated in the itinerary
- 01 Roundtrip train ticket to Machu Picchu via Vistadome train coach per person
- 01 Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu per person
- 01 Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu including Huayna Picchu per person
- 02 Bus ticket to and from the Machu Picchu ruins per person
- Accommodation according to the itinerary
- Permanent assistance during the trip

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic airfares (actual price subject to change by the airline)
- Meals or any other item not described in the itinerary.
- Early check-in, late check-out, services and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary
- Personal expenses.
- Drinks during meals, hotel extras and personal spending
- All tips are optional and voluntary. However, we provide the following guidelines:
- Guide/transfer man: USD 5.00 per guest per day
- Driver: USD 2.00 per guest per day
- Restaurant Tips: 10% of the total check

- Local VAT taxes (18% applicable only to Peruvian and foreign residents of Peru; in order to be exempted you will need to show your passport and the Andean Immigration card given at Customs at Lima Airport upon your arrival to Peru.). Foreigner should also have stayed not longer than 60 days in Peru, otherwise Peruvian taxation will apply at hotels.
- Health and travel insurance

HOTEL INFORMATION

City	Hotel name & web link	Room type
Lima	Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport	Standard
Cusco	El Mercado Tunqui Hotel	Superior
Machu Picchu town	Inkaterra Machupicchu	Superior
Puerto Maldonado	Reserva Amazónica	Superior

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