



ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

Day 1- Lima

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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 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 in Lima at the Belmond Miraflores Park or similar hotel.

Day 2- Lima

(B/L/-)

Full day Colonial & Modern Lima City tour plus Larco Museum (private)

Enjoy a full day guided sightseeing tour to the most attractive and important sites in Lima, the "City of Kings". Visit Lima's Historical Center, passing by Plaza San Martin, Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral and its Religious Art Museum (closed on Sunday and Saturday pm; Santo Domingo Convent is provided instead on these days) as well as San Francisco Monastery and its famous underground crypts known as the Catacombs.

Continue your visit through the residential Districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by the Huaca Pucllana, a Ceremonial and Administrative Centre of the Lima Culture built in the II Century A.C. that the Incas considered as "Ñaupallaqta" or Sacred Town. Also visit El Olivar Park with olive trees brought from Spain in the XVth Century, the Central Park of Miraflores and El Parque del Amor, or Peruvian Love Park.

The Love Park, located on the cliffs of Miraflores overlooking the Pacific Ocean, is a beautiful natural lookout, where you can see the waves of the Pacific rolling in towards the coast below and the Morro Solar in Chorrillos at a distance, with the coast extending further along the bay until the port of Callao. This is also the perfect spot for a romantic view of the setting sun in the late afternoon, right in front of you.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

After lunch, your visit continues with a stop at Larco Herrera Museum, for an excellent overview of Peru's ancient past as it holds the best private collection of pre-Columbian art in the country. You will have the chance to tour through this old Hacienda House in the Pueblo Libre district, which was built upon a pre-Incan sacred site (huaca), housing the private collection of a great Peruvian scholar: Don Rafael Larco Hoyle.

The museum chronologically exhibits hundreds of ceramic, textile, metal and precious stone pieces and inside you will find the vault which safeguards precious pieces of gold and silver with semiprecious stones.

The Larco Herrera Museum is one of the few museums in the world that allows such intimate access to its deposits, in this case around 45,000 pieces. Another attraction of the museum and of great interest to visitors is the exhibition of erotic pre-Colombian art.

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

Overnight in Lima.



Day 3- Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley Transfer Hotel / Lima Airport (private)

(B/BL/-)

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 Airport / Sacred Valley Hotel including ... (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.

Full day Awanacancha Textile Center & Pisac Market (private)

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” and as its name announces, it is all about textile production. 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.

After the visit, you will be transferred to your hotel

Overnight in Sacred Valley at the Tambo Del Inca or similar hotel.



Day 4- Sacred Valley

(B/L/-)

Full day Maras Saltpans, Moray Terraces & Ollantaytambo (private)

Enjoy a 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.

It is produced naturally in about 5,000 pools of approximately 5 square meters each forming different levels of terraces, nourished by salty water from a creek that permeates the pools and then evaporated by the intense sun, forming thick crystals. They are extracted once a month, as soon as they have reached a height of 10 cm. It is impressive to see the variety of colors created by the reflection of the sun's rays in this field of salt deposits, and to learn about the Incas striking ability to generate resources.

Continue your excursion to admire the Moray terraces, believed to be a former gigantic agricultural laboratory, an astronomical observatory or a place of worship, or maybe all three. It is thought that Moray was used for plant adaptation to new climatic environments thanks to its circular terraces in immense cone-shaped depressions of 47 to 84 m that resemble giant fingerprints or contour lines. These create a series of microclimates at the different heights of the terraces, which enabled the Incas to experimentally improve a great variety of crops. Today, it is an evidence of the high level of agricultural knowledge they reached.

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'.

Then, you will head to 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. 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 Sacred Valley.



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 5- Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

(B/L/D)

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

Morning transfer to the train station for an amazing 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 at the Sanctuary Lodge.



Day 6- 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).

PM: Return to Cusco (private)

In the afternoon, take the shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes and then board your return 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 Belmond Monasterio or similar hotel.

Day 7- Cusco

(B/-/-)

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 Qenqo 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



Day 8- Cusco**(B/-/)****Transfer Hotel / Cusco Airport (private)**

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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 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
- 01 Bus ticket to and from the Machu Picchu ruins per person
- Accommodation according to the itinerary
- 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
- 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
- Tips to guides and hotel staff
- Local VAT taxes (18% applicable only to Peruvian and foreign residents of Peru; 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