

PERU

10 DAYS/ 9 NIGHTS



DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO LIMA

A transportation service with a guide will pick you up from the airport at the established time and will transfer you to your hotel. Lima is a modern metropolis full of history, which has approximately ten million inhabitants and is going through an exciting process of cultural and economic changes.



DAY 2: FULL DAY LIMA CITY TOUR

Your tour will start en route to downtown. You will arrive at the Main Square, where Lima was first founded as "The City of Kings," in 1535, and then as capital of the Republic of Peru, in 1821, when the country became independent from the Spanish Crown. There you will see the Presidential Palace and the Lima Cathedral, apart from the Aliaga House, an ancient viceregal house delivered by Francisco Pizarro to his captain Jerónimo de Aliaga, after the foundation of the city, and its construction started in 1535. You will then go to Saint Francis' Church, which has an enviable collection of old books and it is possible to visit an authentic network of catacombs. When you finish the visit to the built-up area, a World Heritage listed by UNESCO, you will visit the modern Miraflores and San Isidro districts, ending the tour at the Love Park, located in front of the ocean, which shows a spectacular sight of Lima's Bay.

Time for Lunch – Book a table at La Rosa Nautica. Passengers pay on spot.

Then you will be transferred to the Larco Museum located in the traditional Pueblo Libre district. Founded by Rafael Larco Hoyle en 1926, The museum is located inside a viceregal mansion built on a pre-Columbian pyramid of the 7th century and it houses the most complete pre-Hispanic collection of gold and silver artifacts as well pieces of erotic art. Over 45,000 archaeological artifacts bear witness of five thousand years of Peruvian history. You will return to your hotel at the end of the tour.



DAY 3: LIMA / CUSCO – HALF DAY CUSCO CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel.

Lima: A transportation service will pick you up from your hotel at the established time and will transfer you to the airport of Lima. Includes a representative.

Flight Lima/Cusco Not included. Flight takes 1hour and 20 minutes

Cusco: A transportation service will wait for your arrival at the Cusco Airport and transfer you to your hotel. You will be accompanied by a guide who will inform you about the attractions and services that the city has to offer.

You will start your tour with a visit to the Coricancha, also known as the "Temple of the Sun" (or "Premises of the Gilded One"), the construction of which was ordered by Inca Pachacútec (1438-1471) and was used as base for the construction of the Santo Domingo Convent upon the arrival of the Spaniards. This is when the Sun (Inti, in Quechua) was worshipped during the Inca Empire and at the time of the Incas its walls were fully covered with gold sheets and its courtyards were planted with golden corn and life-size llamas. You will then go to the Cathedral, the most important building on the Main Square and one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in America, which is shaped as a Latin Cross and houses about 400 colonial paintings from the Cusco art school, and impressive goldsmith, silversmith and precious stones works. Its construction lasted almost a century, it started in 1560 and ended in 1654. The Ecclesiastical Chapter ordered to extract and transport hundreds of stones from the Sacsayhuamán fortress for this purpose. You will then visit said fortress, an emblematic work of the Incas, which protected the Holy City. Conceived and built by Inca Pachacútec in the 15th century, The Sacsayhuamán complex was built with megalithic blocks, which transportation and construction continue to be a mystery.

The Inti Raymi Festival, which worships the Sun, is reenacted on June 24 of each year, during the winter solstice. You will then go to Qenqo, located four kilometers away from Cusco City, an archaeological complex mainly used for religious purposes, and it is believed that agricultural rituals took place there. You will finally visit the vestiges of Puka Pukara, located seven kilometers away from Cusco. Puka Pukara, which means "red fortress", was an architectural complex

presumably used for military purposes; it has many rooms, squares, bathrooms, aqueducts, walls and towers, and it is believed that the Incas entourage used it while he rested at Tambomachay. At the end, you will return to your hotel.



◆ DAY 4: CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Your tour will start going to the Sacred Valley, where you will visit Awanakancha, a farm of South American camelids and textiles showroom, where local families show the entire traditional process of weaving and making garments. You will then visit the Pisac, a town shaped as a partridge, which is known for two reasons: the craft market established between colonial buildings, and for housing one of the most impressive complex of agricultural terraces of the valley. The market has stands that exhibit and sell products manufactured by the residents of the area. You will then have lunch at the agreed restaurant and will arrive in Ollantaytambo, a typical example of the urban planning of the Incas, whose residents still live in accordance with their old traditions. Inca Pachacutec (1438-1471) conquered the town, destroyed it and built a new one, absorbing it as part of his empire. The Ollantaytambo Fortress is a huge archaeological complex which, although it bears the name of fortress, it was actually a tambo, a leisure city used to accommodate the delegations that traveled long distances.

Without a doubt, it is one of the most monumental works of the Inca Empire.

Lunch at Casa Hacienda Orihuela, where the Orihuelas, a family of great collectors, will be your hosts. The house has a varied collection of popular and colonial art ceramics, paintings, weapons, photography, ceremonial vessels and the ceramic bulls of Pucara. The environs include a forest of eucalyptus trees and other native species and here the famous giant white corn is cultivated for export.

*For lunch at Casa Hacienda Orihuela.

*Dinner is available at the Tambo del Inka Luxury Collection & Spa hotel in the Sacred Valley where it is highly recommended overnight.

Remark: Time between Cusco and Sacred Valley is about 1.5 – 2 hours. They will get there by land. From the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes (MachuPicchu's town) takes about 2 hours. (it's less time than taking the train from Poroy Station at Cusco).

◆ DAY 5: SACRED VALLEY / MACHUPICCHU

Breakfast at the hotel.

Sacred Valley: A transportation service with a guide will pick you up from your hotel in Urubamba at the established time and will drive you to the Ollantaytambo train station. The guide will assist you at the station.

Your tour to Machu Picchu begins with a train ride to Aguas Calientes in approximately two hours. This town is also known as "Machu Picchu pueblo" and is the last stop before the entrance to the remains of the most important archaeological site in Peru. In Aguas Calientes are the railway station, a crafts market, restaurants and accommodation of different categories for those who prefer to spend the night at the foot of the mountain and climb it early. Finally, after a short transfer you will reach Machu Picchu, a masterpiece of engineering and architecture that is believed served as a sanctuary and retreat for the Inca Pachacutec (1438 - 1572).

Machu Picchu, which means "Old Mountain", is considered a World Heritage by UNESCO and one of the new seven wonders of the world. Once in the citadel you may optionally also visit the Intipunku (Sun Gate), the Wayna Picchu (subject to space availability) and the Inca Bridge.

Dinner and overnight at Sacntuary Lodge.

*Lunch and Dinner are included in the accommodation rate.



DAY 6: MACHUPICCHU / CUSCO

Breakfast at the hotel.

This day you will have a new entrance to Machu Picchu and enjoy some time at the Citadel. We recommend visiting the Intipunku ("Sun Gate"), which is the last stop before entering the Inca sanctuary. Another interesting option is the Inca Bridge, which is part of the Inca Trail and is made of vegetable fiber or straw. The bridge is woven with ancient techniques and each year several area communities come together to renew and keep this wonderful tradition.

Train travel has always had a romantic appeal. Slow travelling through the Urubamba Canyon uphill across the Andean landscape from Machu Picchu to Cuzco is even more nostalgic. Yet doing it aboard the gleaming blue and gold Hiram Bingham is reliving a XIX century novel journey. Enjoy welcoming aperitifs, dinner and an excellent selection of wines. Taking the Hiram Bingham back to Cuzco is dancing to local music while sipping pisco sours. Step out to the open-air observation car while the sun is setting over the mountain peaks and breath in the sacred landscape.

*Dinner onboard Hiram Bingham train included.

The distance between the Poroy train station and Cusco City (11 km) will take about twenty minutes.



DAY 7: CUSCO / PUERTO MALDONADO

Breakfast at the hotel.

Cusco: A transportation service with a guide will pick you up from your hotel at the established time and transfer you to the airport. Flight Cusco / Puerto Maldonado Not included.

Puerto Maldonado: Arrive to Puerto Maldonado, the biodiversity capital of Peru. After a reception at the airport, ride a bus from the center of the city to the Capitania Port to embark downstream of the Madre de Dios River, toward the hostel. During your trip, you will see alligators, turtles, herons and other animals along the shore. When arriving at the hostel, you will be greeted with a delicious nectar of Amazon tropical fruits and taken to your comfortable room (bungalow). Once installed, a delicious lunch will be waiting in a cozy dining room of rustic design. In the afternoon, will be led by a specialized guide through a trail to the Cocha Cayman, a small lagoon where you will have the opportunity to observe both black and white caimans. At the end of the evening, witness the spectacular sunset in the Amazon, a great experience full of vivid and intense colors. Then return to the lodge for a delicious dinner and have free time to share unforgettable moments in the bar with an excellent game room and provided with all the drinks you can imagine.



DAY 8: PUERTO MALDONADO

After a delicious breakfast, you will hike to the deep forest. During the walk, you will appreciate the variety of flora and fauna in the wild.

Identify species of fruit trees, forest and medicinal trees that supports animal and human populations in the Amazonian forests. You can also spot various species of mammals, rodents, primates, reptiles, birds and butterflies. You will reach the majestic Apu Victor Lake surrounded by immense swamps and gigantic trees. There you will find the Amazon Viewpoint (huge observation deck), from which you can enjoy a panoramic view over the lake and the various animals such as alligators, turtles, fish, otters, parrots, toucans. Back at the hostel, will be waiting a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, accompanied by an expert guide, you will visit Monkey Island located just minutes from the lodge. During the walk on the island, observe extraordinary scenery and exuberant flora that shelters a variety of monkeys in their natural habitat, such as the black spider monkey, capuchin monkeys, tamarins, squirrel monkeys and South American coati, as well

as a lot species of birds. Finally complete your visit to the island, enjoying the most amazing sunset in the jungle. Back at the lodge, enjoy an exquisite farewell dinner.

—◆ **DAY 9: PUERTO MALDONADO / LIMA**

Puerto Maldonado: After breakfast you will be transferred to the Puerto Maldonado Airport. Flight Puerto Maldonado / Lima Not included.

—◆ **DAY 10: LIMA / TRANSFER OUT FOR FINAL DEPARTURE**

END OF SERVICE.

PRICE UPON REQUEST

Included services:

- Itinerary with accommodation, transfers, excursions, and guide assistance.
- Meals according to program: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / BX: Box Lunch / D: Dinner
- Entrance fees (included based on current values, subject to change)
- FD Lima city tour with Aliaga House & Larco Museum
- HD Cusco City tour
- FD Sacred Valley (Awanacancha & Lunch at Orihuela Ranch)
- One-way Vistadome Train Ollanta (Sacred Valley)-Aguas Calientes
- Excursion to Machupicchu
- Return to Cusco with Hiram Bingham train
- 2nd entrance to MachuPicchu (no guidance)
- 3d/2n at Eco Amazonia Lodge in Puerto Maldonado
- PRIVATE SERVICES (except at Eco Amazonia Lodge)

Excluded Services

- Flights and airport taxes as well as other surcharges for flights
- Flight LIMA-CUSCO// PUERTO MALDONADO
- Optional excursions
- Tips (restaurants, hotels, guides, drivers, etc.)
- Personal expenses