

ANCIENT PERU AND MACHU PICCHU 11 DAYS: Thursday, November 1-Sunday, November 11, 2018 \$3569 per person double occupancy \$3974 for single reservations

Evocative ruins and artifacts bring the ancient Inca civilization to life.

Lima is home to excellent museums that showcase the achievements of ancient Peru, but the country's main draw is the chance to uncover the very sites where the ancient Inca once thrived. Ascend into the Andes and explore the plazas of colonial Cuzco, the Inca sites in the Sacred Valley, and the legendary Lost City of the Incas with a Machu Picchu tour.

Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- International flights: Boston to Lima
- Internal flights: Lima to Cuzco, Cuzco to Lima
- 9 breakfasts 3 lunches 4 three-course dinners
- 4 guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Huaca Huallamarca, Lima's Plaza Mayor, Sacsayhuaman, Sacred Valley of the Inca,
- Ollantaytambo, Pisac, PeruRail train ride, Machu Picchu

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails, at high altitudes.



Lima 3n Casa Andina Select, Miraflores

Day 1 Travel to Peru

Board your flight to Lima and arrive later this evening.

Day 2 Sightseeing tour of Lima Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

View the pre-Columbian art on display at the Larco Museum, then follow a local guide on a tour of both the modern and colonial quarters of Lima. • See the city's cathedral, Plaza de Armas, and the Church of San Francisco, which houses a museum of religious art and 16th-century catacombs • Enter the Huaca Huallamarca archaeological site Later, get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3 Free time in Lima Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Lima or add excursions.

Optional Excursion Nazca Lines \$449/pp

Travel from Lima to the town of Pisco where you'll board a flight to one of the world's greatest remaining mysteries, the Nazca Lines. Visible only from the air, the Lines are massive geoglyphs (geometric designs made of rocks) in the desert, preserved for over 1,000 years in one of the driest places on earth. You'll take an aerial tour of the region, learning about the many theories behind the Lines' origin. Lunch is included. Please note: This optional requires advanced booking and payment at least 20 days prior to departure. The travel time to Pisco is approximately 3.5 hours each way. This excursion may not be appropriate for travelers prone to motion sickness. All travelers will need to report their weight to the pilot before takeoff, and passengers over 250 pounds may be required to pay a surcharge. Must book 20 days before departure

Optional Excursion Traditional Peruvian Dinner \$65/pp

At tonight's dinner in Lima, get a taste of the traditional flavors of Peruvian cuisine. Start the evening with a cooking demonstration and learn to make classic ceviche and a pisco sour, the national drink of Peru. Then, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner with a wide variety of regional specialties, including ceviche (non-fish-eaters, don't worry—there's plenty here for you, too). For some dinner entertainment, enjoy a traditional folklore show featuring indigenous dances from around the country. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$75)

Cuzco 3n Hilton Garden Inn Cusco

Day 4 Flight to Cuzco Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to the airport this afternoon for your **flight to Cuzco**. Upon arrival, enjoy free time to acclimate to the elevation as you explore on your own. Then, get a taste of Peruvian cuisine at a traditional dinner.

Day 5 Sightseeing tour of Cuzco Included meals: Breakfast

Follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour of the magnificent capital of ancient Peru. • Stroll through ruins at Kenko, the "red fortress" of Puca Pucara, and Sacsayhuaman, which was once completely covered in gold • Stop to view the Cristo Blanco, a towering Christ statue outside the city • Admire La Merced Church, Plaza de Armas, and the Convent of Santo Domingo, built by the Spaniards where the Inca temple of Quirikancha stood Enjoy a free evening in Cuzco or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Peruvian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner \$105/pp

Watch as an expert chef prepares a traditional Peruvian meal during a cooking demonstration at one of Cuzco's top restaurants on this culinary excursion. With the beautiful Andes Mountains as your backdrop, you'll discover how Peruvians use locally sourced ingredients to create authentic dishes. You'll also learn how to mix up exotic cocktails made with pisco, a Peruvian brandy. Afterwards, enjoy the delicious dinner crafted by the expert chef in the restaurant. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$115)

Sacred Valley

Day 6 The Sacred Valley Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

A local guide leads you on a full-day sightseeing tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, nestled between Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and the surrounding Andes Mountains. • Explore traditional markets in the village of Pisac • Stop in Urubamba to enjoy lunch with the group • Travel to the mysterious Ollantaytambo ruins to explore ancient homes, terraces, and temples within the fortress walls

Machu Picchu 1n El MaPI by Inkaterra, Aguas Calientes

Day 7 Machu Picchu tour Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a train to Aguas Calientes, passing through the verdant valleys that lead to the Lost City of the Incas. • Tour the ruins of the ceremonial center, cultivation terraces, and guard house • Visit Funeral Rock, the Main Temple, Temple of the Three Windows, Chamber of Ornaments, the Sacred Plaza, and the Intihuatana stone • Choose to hike to the Temple of the Sun and explore the ruins on your own

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Day 8 Free time in Cuzco or return Machu Picchu trip Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Spend a free morning near Machu Picchu or add an excursion to return to the ruins. Rejoin the group for lunch in Aguas Calientes before taking a train back to Cuzco.

Optional Excursion Machu Picchu: Return Visit \$89/pp

After experiencing Machu Picchu for the first time with your tour group, take the opportunity to continue exploring the Lost City of the Incas on your own the next morning. The Peruvian government only allows select visitors into Machu Picchu each day, but purchasing your return ticket in advance from Go Ahead will guarantee you reentrance to the site any time after 6am on the day of your excursion. Please note: It's possible to purchase return tickets to Machu Picchu directly from the Peruvian government while on tour, but tickets are limited in availability, and you may experience long wait times. The only way to guarantee reentrance to Machu Picchu is by purchasing your tickets in advance. Due to limited quantities, we require at least 45 days advance notice to obtain tickets on your behalf. Must book 45 days before departure

Day 9 Free time in Cuzco Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Cuzco or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Incan Traditions: Moray, Maras & Chinchero Village \$89/pp

Spend an afternoon learning about the roots of the Sacred Valley. Start in Moray, the site of famous Incan ruins that feature large circular terraces used for agricultural experiments. Then continue on to Maras,

known for its patchwork of terraced salt-evaporation ponds that have been used since pre-Incan times. Finish your day in the quaint village of Chinchero to visit a local cooperative of families known as the Balcon del Inka. Here, artisans will demonstrate their traditional weaving and dying techniques and even give you a chance to try your hand at spinning on the loom. Afterward, enjoy dinner before heading back to Cuzco. Please Note: Lunch may replace dinner during winter departures between January and February. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$99)

Day 10 Day room - Departure

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

<u>Fly to Lima</u> this morning to relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning. If you are continuing on the tour extension to the Amazon, you'll spend tonight in Lima.

Overnight Flight

Day 11 Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

Add an extension to The Amazon

from \$899 4 nights



Lima

Day 10 Flight to Lima

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Fly to Lima this morning and settle into your hotel.

The Amazon

Day 11 Flight to Iquitos & Yagua village visit Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Fly to Iquitos this morning to begin your adventure in the Amazon. • Board a boat for a scenic transfer to your Amazon jungle lodge, keeping your eye out for the elusive pink dolphins • Take a short river cruise to a Yagua Indian village to see local crafts and watch a piranha fishing demonstration

Day 12 Rainforest hike

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Take an invigorating hike in the rainforest reserve surrounding your lodge or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Amazon Canopy Walk \$155/pp

Go deep into the Amazon for a treetop walk. The day starts with breakfast under the palm-thatched roofs of the ExplorNapo Lodge on the Napo River. Next, hike to the spectacular Canopy Walkway for a bird's-eye view of the rainforest, taking in the lush plants and wildlife along the way. Afterward, enjoy lunch and a visit to the ReNuPeRu Ethnobotanical Garden. A local shaman will explain how the 240 plants cultivated here are used for healing. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 13 Local school visit & departure

Stop in the former Franciscan mission town of Indiana to visit a local school. Then, fly to Lima to board your overnight or early morning flight home.

Overnight Flight

Day 14 Arrival at home