

THE TRAVEL CLUB

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

Cuzco 2n Hilton Garden Inn Cusco

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,

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