

Classic Program

From
\$2534

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08 days / 07 nights

An unforgettable specially designed journey to enjoy a perfect blending of culture, history, and beautiful colonial architecture while visiting the Historical Lima City, then you will be fascinated by the Inca Citadel of Cusco and the mysticism of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and finally experience the incredible Wonder of the World Machu Picchu.



Flight



Accommodation



Transfer



Excursions



Food



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Machu
Picchu

Cusco

Sacred Valley

Arequipa

Puerto Maldonado

Puno

Lake Titicaca

Day 1

Lima

(-/-/-)



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.

Day 2



Larco Herrera Museum

Lima

(B/L/-)



Enjoy a half 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 Banco Central de Reserva Museum with a representation of Peruvian Art dating from ancient times to the 21st Century, and the Santo Domingo Convent.

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 also inside you will find the vault which safeguards precious pieces of gold and silver with semiprecious stones.



Larco Herrera Museum

Lima

(B/L/D)



The Larco 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.

Continue with a delicious meal at Café del Museo Restaurante, located within the Museum compound.

After the tour you will be driven to your hotel.

*On Mondays the visit to the BCR will be replaced with a visit to Torre Tagle Palace. Torre Tagle Palace (1735), now home to the government's foreign ministry, was once home to the 1st Marquis of Torre Tagle, who was the treasurer of the Spanish fleet. The exterior of the palace has a baroque stone doorway. The main facade is made from stone in the first wing and plaster in the second. The style is Sevillian baroque with a strong Mudéjar influence. The interiors feature Sevillian tiles, plasterwork, wooden columns, lobed Moorish arches and soaring coffered ceilings. It is considered to have a true "Limeño" architectural originality, harmoniously

Afternoon at leisure for activities on your own.



Overnight in Lima

Day 3



Sacred Valley

Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley

(B/-/-)



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.

Upon arrival into Cusco International Airport, you will be met by our representative and private driver and will be transferred to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Our representative will assist you with the corresponding check-in procedures.



Overnight in the Sacred Valley

Day 4

Sacred Valley

(B/L/-)



Today you will set off in the direction of the Sacred Valley to the town of Chincheros, an authentic Andean village with lots of character, where we will find the colonial church that houses a large collection of painting from the Cusqueñan School of Art.

Chincheros is well known for its continuing tradition as a commercial town and on Sundays the townsfolk gather in the main square to trade their products in a bartering system.

Next, continue your 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.

Salt Maras Ponds



Moray Terraces

Quechua Theatre in Maras



An experience for those with passion for learning about new cultures and a need to submerge and be a part of them. It begins with a transfer to the small rural town of Maras, known for the magnificent scenery of its salt plans. In a local house, you will meet with a local who will tell you more about the Quechua, a millenary language which is proper of the region, and how it has managed to be preserved through the years. Once you have learned about their language and traditions, you be able to appreciate it by being a spectator of a short play in Quechua, a very unique experience from travelers from all over the globe.

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 included at Unu Restaurant



After the tour you will be transferred to your hotel and overnight in the Sacred Valley

Day 5

Sacred Valley/Aguas Calientes

(B/L/-)



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 minutes 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.



Machu Picchu Citadel



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 - Belmond Sanctuary Lodge
A high-quality NoVo Andean-international buffet restaurant situated right at the entrance of Machu Picchu, located in the same building as the luxury Belmond Sanctuary Lodge property.



Overnight in Aguas Calientes

Day 6



Machu Picchu Citadel

Aguas Calientes/Sacred Valle/Cusco (B/-/-)



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 perform some of the following activities (not included in the prize): visit the Citadel of Machu Picchu for a second time, or, for more active and adventurous people, we suggest climbing up the Huayna Picchu from where you can appreciate the immensity of Machu Picchu, even more amazing being so high and distant (private guide services, shuttle bus & entrance tickets included this day).

In the afternoon, return to Ollantaytambo station by train and upon arrival you will be met by our representative and driver for your transfer to the hotel in Cusco.



Overnight in Cusco

Day 7



Cusco

(B/L/-)



Enjoy a guided tour through the Santo Domingo church built upon the foundations of the Inca temple Koricanha, dedicated to worship the Sun God.

The tour continues walking to the to the San Pedro Market, a typical local Mercado, and a popular place for locals to eat a hot meal or fresh juice.

They offer almost all the regional produce from fruits, vegetables, herbs and meats to hand-woven sweaters other clothes and crafts. Here you will learn a little bit about them and how they are used to prepare Peruvian specialties.

You will also be able to taste some of the fruits varieties.



Chocolate Museum

Cusco

(B/L/-)



Then stroll through beautiful cobblestone streets to the Chocolate Museum where you will get to see and touch real cacao beans and pods. Learn about the history of cacao and chocolate and the whole process from the harvest to the chocolate production and transformation.

Or embark on a coffee workshop experience and visit Museo del Café (Coffee Museum) whose goal is to rescue in a simple, didactic and sensorial way the magical and fascinating world of coffee.

At Museo del Café, discover the Peruvian coffee-making process, from the agricultural plantations in the nearby Andean foothills to local cafés in Cusco and hip coffee shops around the world.

During this educational journey, explore various roasting techniques and taste a cup or two of Cusco's finest coffee as you learn about various preparation methods and how to attain the richest flavour.



San Blas

Cusco

(B/-/-)



But there is still more...visit Cusco city's most important historical monuments that reveal the influence of different cultures. In the center of the Imperial City and archaeological capital of South America, admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture as are the Plaza de Armas or Main Plaza and 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.

Continue to the neighborhood of San Blas where most folk artists of Cusco live, who for centuries have used their hands to tell the tale of their longings and frustrations working in stone and woodcarving, sculpture, doll-making, silverware, weaving and textile arts, gold-leaf, mask-making, and an array of ceramics in utilitarian, architectural, sculptural, monumental, grotesque and many other styles.

Can't avoid stopping at Tater Vera Workshop, a small ceramic store where you will be able to appreciate beautiful pieces of art by Tater Camilo Vera Vizcarra, a respected ceramist from Cusco whose work has been recognized by the UNESCO granting him the Excellence Award for Handicrafts in 2014. Tater specializes in the traditional glazed ceramic technique following the arrival in Cusco of the Spaniards back in the 15th century.



Pachapapa Restaurant



Lunch will be served at Pachapapa Restaurant, offering traditional dishes from Cusco and more, in an atmosphere that pays homage to the region's customs, art, and mystique, local handicrafts and cuisine that have been passed down from generation to generation.

After lunch, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Lunch Set Menu at Local Restaurant



Overnight in Cusco

Day 8



Lima airport

Cusco/Lima

(B/-/-)



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.



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.

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