

Machu Picchu by Train

9 days | Lima to Cusco



Discover the incredible highlights of Peru, from the buzzing culinary capital of Lima to the dense bio diverse Amazon Rainforest, on this exciting 9 day tour. Visit sacred sites, colourful markets and travel by scenic train through the Andean Mountains. Explore some of Peru's most enchanting destinations as you visit the mysterious Inca ruins at Machu Picchu as well as the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo. Spend two nights in the Amazon Jungle learning about some of the numerous species of birds and animal that live here.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- The Amazon – spend two nights in the jungle at a unique eco lodge and explore the world's largest tropical rainforest
- Cusco – take in the highlights of the captivating capital of the Inca Empire on a guided tour and explore the Sacsayhuaman Fortress
- Sacred Valley of the Incas – roam around the Pisac ruins, the temple of Ollantaytambo and local markets

- Machu Picchu – enjoy a scenic train ride to explore the spectacular Inca citadel, which is one of the New 7 Wonders of the World
- Lima - explore the capital of Peru with its vibrant Plazas & Spanish colonial architecture

What's Included

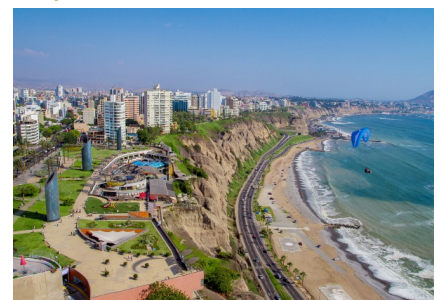
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- 7 nights 4 star hotels and jungle lodge and 1 night 3 star hotel in the Sacred Valley
- 2 economy flights: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Cusco
- Airport transfers on day 1 and day 9
- Guided tour of Lima, Cusco, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu
- Expedition train to Machu Picchu
- Escorted by English-speaking local tour leader (for groups of 4 or more) and specialist local guides for included sightseeing
- Transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees and Cusco Tourist Ticket

What's Not Included

- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Lima



Welcome to Peru! Upon arrival at the Lima airport you'll be transferred to our hotel in the popular Miraflores district of the city. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore the city before our welcome meeting at 6pm this evening where you will meet your tour leader.

Overnight - Lima

Day 2 : Lima

Today we explore the beautiful city of Lima, also known as the 'city of kings', we'll visit the well preserved historical centre. Making our way through Plaza San Martin, we'll also take in Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace and the City Hall. Our tour of the city continues with a visit to the San Francisco Monastery and it's famous underground crypts which are home to an estimated 70,000 remains. This bright yellow architectural wonder is also home to an incredible library, holding

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thousands of antique texts, some of which pre-date the conquest in the 16th century. Later we'll head through the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by Huaca Pucllana, a clay pyramid that was the ceremonial and administrative centre of the Lima culture and later considered a sacred town by the Inca's. Next up we'll stop at El Olivar park, a peaceful space where we'll find olive trees that were brought to Peru in the 15th century from Spain. Our final stop on today's tour of Lima is El Parque del Amor, this romantic spot is situated on the cliffs of Miraflores overlooking the Pacific ocean.

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore this fascinating city at your own pace. With Lima fast becoming one of the gastronomic capitals of the world, be sure to taste some of the delicious local cuisine.

Overnight - Lima (B)

Days 3-4 : The Amazon Jungle



Lima - Puerto Maldonado. This morning we head to the airport for our flight to Puerto Maldonado, our gateway to the Amazon jungle. Upon arrival we'll travel by canoe to our lodge for the next two nights. After a break for lunch we'll stretch our legs with a jungle walk, during which we'll learn all about primary and secondary rainforest. This evening we'll embark on a Twilight River excursion to learn about ecosystems, constellations and nocturnal animals, followed by a delicious dinner.

On day 4 we hop in a canoe and sail out onto our lodge's private cocha. Whilst floating on the peaceful water, you can try some native fishing techniques and admire the stunning surroundings. We'll then disembark the boat

at the ruins of the Fitzcarrald steam boat and learn a bit about its history before heading back to our lodge for lunch. Next up is a cruise to Rolin river island, where we'll do a spot of bird-watching and wander through its beautiful vegetation. Finally we will check out the lodge's inland collpa, walking to one of their four clay licks. After learning all about collpas and looking for animal tracks we will head back to the lodge for dinner. **Overnight - The Amazon (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Days 5-6 : Cusco



Puerto Maldonado - Cusco. We take a canoe ride back to Puerto Maldonado for our flight to Cusco on day 5. After hotel check in spend the rest of the day at leisure adjusting to the altitude. This beautiful city full of history and intrigue, is located 3,399m above sea level.

The following morning we enjoy a tour of Cusco and its nearby ruins taking in some of the city's most important landmarks. We'll start at the Plaza de Armas, built on the remains of one of the most important Incan gathering spots, it's one of the most beautiful squares in the country. We'll also visit the Cathedral, the Kenko Amphitheatre and the impressive Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Built between 1438 and 1474, Sacsayhuaman Fortress took over 20,000 labourers to build and some of the magnificent stone work measures over 4 metres in height and over 100 tons in weight. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to do any independent exploring of Cusco. **Overnight - Cusco (B:2)**

Day 7 : Sacred Valley



Cusco - The Sacred Valley. Today we enjoy a full day tour of the Sacred Valley. Our first stop is the popular Pisac Markets, where artisans from the region get together and exchange or buy and sell their products. Originally only held on Sundays, Pisac Market was a place for artisans from across the region to trade in their products. Today the market is a daily occurrence where locals and visitors alike can find some of the finest textiles, jewellery and clothing typical of this area of Peru. There's plenty of time to explore the market, see the variety of colourful handicrafts and textiles on offer, and barter for souvenirs.

This afternoon we visit Ollantaytambo's fortress with its enormous Inca terraces constructed on the side of a steep mountain. One of the best examples of Incan architecture, many of the inhabitants of Ollantaytambo still live according to the customs and traditions they have inherited from generations of ancestors, leading to it being known as a living Inca town. After a tour through the area we check into our hotel for the night. **Overnight - Sacred Valley (B)**

Day 8 : Machu Picchu



Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu - Cusco. Today is the day you've been waiting for as you finally get a chance to witness first hand one of the most fascinating ancient sites in the world.

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In the morning we will take the train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and then board the bus to Machu Picchu – remember to look out the windows as the scenery along the way is utterly breathtaking.

Situated on a mountain ridge above the Urubamba River and surrounded by tropical forest, the Inca city enjoys a truly spectacular setting. When we get there, a guided tour will take us through the citadel. Built in the classical Inca style with polished dry-stone walls and terraces that seem to have been crafted naturally from the rock escarpments, Machu Picchu is a spectacular testament to the greatness of the Inca civilisation. The ruins are divided into the Urban and Agricultural Sectors with features ranging from terraced fields and water fountains to storage buildings, guardhouses and religious temples as well as bridges on the trails leading out of the citadel. After the tour there's plenty of time independently explore and take photos before we take the train back to Cusco from Aguas Calientes. **Overnight - Cusco (B)**

Day 9 : Cusco



Our tour comes to an end after breakfast today. A transfer will take you to Cusco airport for your onward travel. Adios! (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Hotel Jose Antonio Lima

The modern and well-designed Jose Antonio Hotel offers a comfortable stay in Lima's flourishing Miraflores district. The contemporary guestrooms feature classy neutral decorations and furnishings with an excellent selection of amenities. The hotel's Las Espuelas restaurant serves delicious Peruvian and international cuisine in an elegant setting whilst the La Jalca bar is a great place to unwind over a cocktail. The Jose Antonio Hotel is located in the residential district of Miraflores with many options for shopping and dining nearby. The international airport is 30 minutes away and it's only a 20 minute drive to the historic centre of Lima.



Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion

Built in a former cacao and rubber plantation, Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion is a rustic chic jungle lodge. Guests stay in rooms or cabanas, all with beautiful interiors, delightful en suites and comfortable beds. Meals are served in a buffet style, using only the best local ingredients and especially good homemade breads. The lodge also a friendly bar with free Pisco sours served between 5 and 7pm! Positioned within walking distance of the beautiful and secluded Lake Sandoval in the Peruvian Amazon.



Xima Cusco Hotel

Boasting a fantastic location by Cusco's largest craft market, Xima Cusco Hotel is just a short walk from the city's main square, as well as plenty of local shops and restaurants. Its modern guestrooms provide free internet access and a flat-screen TV, with some also

featuring a balcony with views over Parque Orellana. The hotel's spa offers a range of massage treatments using techniques from the Inca culture, the perfect way to unwind after visiting the world-famous citadel of Machu Picchu. Guests can also enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the Atrium Café.



La Casona de Yucay

Located in the spectacular Sacred Valley, this Peruvian property exudes local charm and has a stunning mountainous backdrop to match. The hotel itself is situated in a colonial house dating back to the 1810, which has since been remodelled and now consists of 54 cosy guest rooms; a restaurant serving a variety of international and local dishes; and bar serving nibbles and traditional Peruvian Pisco Sour. The courtyard with its chairs and tables is the perfect place to sit back and appreciate the view.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' is compulsory for solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room and the amount needs to be added to the per person price. The single supplement offers the comfort of your own room and is also

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available to any other person wanting their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Mar	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
27 Mar	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
03 Apr	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
17 Apr	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
01 May	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
15 May	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
29 May	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
16 Jun	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
26 Jun	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
10 Jul	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
17 Jul	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
31 Jul	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
07 Aug	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
14 Aug	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
21 Aug	USD 4,195	USD 5,145
04 Sep	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
18 Sep	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
09 Oct	USD 3,995	USD 4,945
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