

Andean Luxury And Wonders of Machu Picchu

8 Days / 7 Nights

Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley
Departures: Every Sunday

Day 1 Lima - Arrival

Arrival in Lima, the "City of Kings" famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture, extraordinary museums and cuisine. Lima is internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its cuisine is considered among the most diverse and exquisite in the world on par with French cuisine. Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and in registering.



Accommodation in Lima, 1 night

Day 2 Lima – Cusco (B)

Early morning transfer from the hotel to the airport for a short but spectacular flight over the snowcapped Andes to the oldest inhabited city in the hemisphere, Cusco, at an elevation of 11,440 feet.

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Tour of Cusco and Nearby Ruins – Visitors are caught up in the excitement of touring the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, a delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture. The tour visits important landmarks such as Cusco's Cathedral, Santo Domingo Church, Plaza de Armas and Koricancha "The Temple of the Sun". This tour of the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere also includes the nearby ruins of Kenko, Puca-Pucara, Tambomachay as well as the Sacsayhuaman fortress, an imposing example of Inca military architecture.



Accommodation in Cusco, 3 nights

Day 3 Machu Picchu (B)

Morning train ride through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Perched 8,200 feet above the valley, it was hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungles for 400 years until discovered by Hiram Bingham of Yale University in 1911. Archaeologists believe that the Inca "Virgins of the Sun" took refuge from the Spanish Conquistadors here. Guided tour of the ruins upon arrival. By the afternoon train back to Cusco. Transfer to your hotel.



Day 4 Cusco – Free Day (B)

Wandering through this lovely city, exploring the astonishing narrow streets of this tile roof colonial town will be your unforgettable experience. You will find something astounding at every turn. Great buys are the traditional Peruvian handicrafts, alpaca-wool sweaters and rugs, ponchos, pottery, gold and silver jewelry, leather goods, etc. Because there are such a variety of products, we strongly suggest that when you like any particular item, you should buy it - you may not find the same item in other store. Many visitors to Cusco return home wishing they had a free day to discover this imperial city on their own; a free day in Cusco is a MUST!



Day 5 Visit to Awana Kancha, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Archaeological Complex (B,L)

Awana Kancha, the Living Museum of the Andes showcase the South American Camelids such as llamas, vicuñas, guanacos and alpacas in their native environment. You will also enjoy a spinning and weaving demonstration of ancient techniques on how to make clothing from the wool fibers of these animals. You can also see native flowers and some agricultural terraces from the Inca times.



Pisac Market and Ollantaytambo Archaeological Complex

Continue to the Pisac Indian Market and the Ollantaytambo Fortress - Morning departure for a drive through the fertile countryside of the Urubamba Valley to the colonial village of Pisac to experience an extraordinary Indian Market. During your visit to the bustling marketplace you will have the opportunity to bargain with the natives for many different types of Peruvian handicrafts and jewelry.



Afternoon visit to the Ollantaytambo archaeological complex, the Incas built it as a fort that included a temple, agricultural terraces, and an urban area. There are two distinct sectors: The religious and worship zone, and the residential area. Ollantaytambo was an important administrative center with probable military functions if one considers the walls and towers. There are also traces of ancient roads and aqueducts. The town of Ollantaytambo is called a "Living Inca Town" since the inhabitants maintain very old practices and customs. Lunch is at a beautiful country estate on the shores of the Urubamba River.



Accommodation in the Sacred Valley, 3 nights

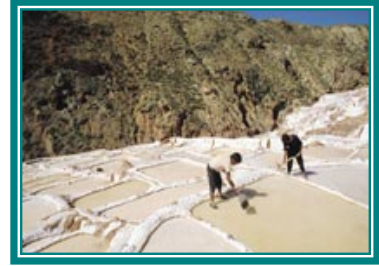
Day 6 Sacred Valley – Moray, Maras and Quechuas (B,L)

Moray, Maras Salt Pools and Authentic Quechua Village – Pass through unspoiled and picturesque Andean communities on your way to the Incan agricultural experimental center of Moray, famous for its sunken amphitheater, made up of four circular terraces, which appear to fade away into the earth like an artificial crater. The site was apparently an Inca agricultural research station filled with fertile earth and watered by complex irrigation systems, designed for experimenting with crops at various altitudes (some of which run down to depths of 100 meters).



Continue to the impressive Maras salt pools formed by water emerging from a lake inside a mountain in the Urubamba Valley. An amazing view of evaporating ponds for the extraction of salt. Learn about ancestral techniques, which are still used, in agricultural, irrigation and salt-recollection tasks, as well as in Andean festivals and rites.

After lunch, visit an authentic Quechua Village to feel the way of life of the Inca's ancestors. The Inca himself was a noble Quechua. They live off the land and are always wearing their colorful ponchos, see Quechua children scamper about while women are weaving their family's clothes. A meaningful experience! Lunch is included.



Day 7 Sacred Valley – Luxury Spa and Inca Sauna (B)

Enjoy the Spa at the Aranwa Hotel. The “Inca Sauna” is included, a unique experience, a ritual with the purpose of cleaning the body with the aid of steam and essential oils, an infusion of coca leaves and incense of eucalyptus poured on hot rocks to generate even more steam in the sauna. A spiritual guide leads the ceremony, chanting and directing visitors toward catharsis. An incomparable spiritual cleansing.



Day 8 Sacred Valley - Cusco – Lima (B)

Transfer from the Sacred Valley to Cusco airport for your flight to Lima where you will wait for your international flight.



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Tour includes:

- All airport transfers listed in the itinerary.
- Baggage handling at airports and at hotels.
- All tours and excursions indicated in the itinerary.
- All entrance fees and train tickets needed to operate the tours and excursions.
- Excursion to Machu Picchu is aboard the Orient Express' First Class Service “Vistadome”
- All bus tickets, train tickets and entrance fees to operate the tours and excursions.
- All meals indicated in the itinerary. B for breakfast, L for lunch. D for dinner.
- Hotel accommodation and hotel service charge.
- Hotel taxes are exempt for foreigners visiting Perú.

Not included:

- Expenses such as beverages on meals, tips, laundry, phone calls and other personal expenses are not included.
- Domestic airfare within Peru.
- Airport departure taxes are not included: Approximate cost is US \$31.00 for international flight, and US \$6.05 for each domestic flight.



Hotels used in Tour Packages For Andean Luxury Series - 2010

City	Hotels
Lima	Country Club Lima
Cusco	Monasterio
Sacred Valley	Aranwa Hotel Spa Sacred Valley