

Explore the historic highlights of Lima, recognized by UNESCO as a World heritage Site. Visit Cuzco, the ancient capital of the once vast and mighty Inca Empire and then descend into the picturesque Sacred Valley. The fabled Lost City of Machu Picchu is certainly the single greatest landmark in Perul Your visit to Machu Picchu begins with an unforgettable rail journey on the Vistadome Rail through the Urubamba River Valley. Visit San Pedro Market, where your guide will offer fascinating cultural perspectives and personal insights into how ancient traditions still endure in the life of local citizens. An optional pre-tour trip to the Nazca lines and an optional post tour extension to Lake Titicaca are available with this tour.

From \$4,989.00 per person (Double occupancy)

AAA EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Lima Hilton Miraflores
- 2 nights Sacred Valley Aranwa Hotel and Wellness Resort
- 1 night Machu Picchu Sumaq Hotel
- 2 nights Cuzco Aranwa
- Mid-tour Economy flights:
 Lima to Cuzco, Cuzco to Lima
- Larco Museum
- Meet local textile weavers
- Shop Pisac Market
- Visit Cochahuasi Animal Sanctuary
- Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley
- Two Entries to Machu Picchu
- Lima Cooking Class
- Local guide
- Services of a AAA Tour Manager
- 13 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners



ENCHANTING PERU ITINERARY

Day I

Welcome to Lima

Upon arrival to the Lima Airport, you will be met by a local representative who will assist you on a private transfer to your hotel. You will check in and have the remainder of the day free to relax from your travels.

Hilton Miraflores, Lima, Peru - 2 nights

Day 2

Discover Lima

Today, you'll join our engaging expert guide to explore the colorful neighborhoods, vibrant city life, and splendid Colonial-era landmarks of the capital. Next is the Larco Museum; renowned for its superb collection of pre-Columbian artifacts; this guided visit is the perfect introduction to the many Inca sites you'll be exploring in the coming days. Enjoy a guided stroll through Barranco, a charming neighborhood that has attracted writers and artists and is a vibrant cultural enclave with studios, galleries, and cafes. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with wine included at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3

Lima to Cuzco - Sacred Valley

After breakfast, you'll be escorted to the airport for your included flight to Cuzco. On arrival, you'll meet your guide, an expert on the ancient Inca and contemporary Peruvian traditions. Journey down into the Sacred Valley to visit the Cochahuasi Animal Sanctuary, dedicated to the rescue and preservation of indigenous Andean wildlife including condors, macaws, parrots, and even wild cats. Then visit Manos de la Comunidad, where you'll meet native weavers as they create beautiful textiles using techniques passed down for generations. You'll see the indigenous camelids that are the source for the wool that is used. Llamas and guanacos also roam the area. Continue to the town of Pisac, set in the shadow of a spectacular mountaintop Inca fortress, with its colorful market. Later continue to the Aranwa Sacred Valley Resort, beautifully situated on the riverside grounds of a 17th -century colonial hacienda. (B, L)

Aranwa Hotel & Wellness Resort, Urubamba - 2 nights

Day 4

Sacred Valley

This morning. Witness a Pago a la Tierra – a Tribute to the Earth – performed by a local Andean shaman. Then ascend to the fortress of Ollantaytambo, Inca-built with enormous stones, strategically positioned that it was successfully defended against the Spanish in 1537. This is one of the most significant Inca sites in Peru which is truly breathtaking. You will also visit a neighborhood chicheria (a Peruvian pub) to learn about chicha, an Andean beverage distilled from corn. Sample a glass of this refreshing ancient purple drink! End your day at the ceramic studio of Pablo and Marilu Seminario – creative artisans who have incorporated ancient Pre-Columbian pottery traditions into their contemporary works. (B, L)

Day 5

Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Your visit to Machu Picchu begins with an unforgettable rail journey on the Vistadome Rail through the Urubamba River Valley, a timeless region of snow-capped Andean peaks, quiet villages and terraced fields that have been cultivated for centuries. On arrival to the town of Aguas Calientes, you'll board a coach for the 20-minute ride up the switchback mountain road to the entrance to Machu Picchu. Experience the breathtaking grandeur, the enigmatic power and aura that permeates this ancient citadel. Accompanied by your guide, your visit will bring to life the ancient Inca civilization that built Machu Picchu. Sumag Hotel, Aguas Calientes (B+L+D)

Day 6

Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, explore Machu Picchu at your own pace (transportation and entry ticket included) At this early hour, without the day visitors, this visit to Machu Picchu will be one of the most memorable travel experiences you will ever have. This afternoon, make the return rail journey on the Vistadome through the Sacred Valley. Upon arrival, continue to Cuzco where you're escorted to the hotel. (B, D)

Aranwa Boutique Hotel, Cuzco - 2 nights

Day 7

Cuzco Sightseeing

Today, ascend to the magnificent ruins of Sacsayhuaman. Built in the 1400's by the Inca Emperor Pachacútec; the massive limestone blocks were cut with such precision that they fit together without mortar. Then you'll visit the San Pedro Market and Almudena Cemetery; your guide will offer fascinating cultural perspectives into how ancient traditions still endure in the life of local citizens. At the Temple of the Sun and Convent of Santo Domingo, you'll discover one of Peru's most architecturally fascinating sites. It also demonstrates the rich layering of history, where a sacred structure, the Convent, literally sits atop and practically encloses another, the Inca-built Temple of the Sun! End your touring with the Cathedral and the other handsome Colonial-era landmarks that line the Plaza de Armas. (B)

Day 8

Return to Lima

After breakfast, you will be met and transferred to the Cuzco airport for your included early flight to Lima. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a cooking class, visit the market, and learn how to make some local foods. After the class, relax in a Day Room while waiting to be transferred to the airport to connect to your Evening flight back to the U.S. (US flight not included) (B)

Those taking the Post Package to Lake Titicaca will not return to Lima with the Group.

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