



PERU: LAND OF THE INCA



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Tours*



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9 or 11 DAYS

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Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.



Visit Lima's San Francisco Monastery, a reminder of Peru's colonial heritage.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension)
- Breakfast and dinner daily, 2 lunches (4 with extension)
- Full-time guide
- 2 sightseeing tours: Lima • Cuzco
- 10 visits to special attractions:
 - San Francisco Monastery
 - National Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
 - Korikancha Temple • Cathedral
 - Sacsayhuaman Fortress
 - Tambomachay • Kenko • Puca Pucara
 - Ollantaytambo • Machu Picchu

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 2 days in the Peruvian Amazon

Day 1 Flight

Flight to Lima • Board your flight to Lima, capital of Peru. After you arrive and clear customs, meet your guide, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Day 2 Lima

Guided sightseeing of Lima • Built on a coastal oasis at the foot of the Andes, Lima has served as Peru's capital since 1535. Your guide shows you vestiges of the city's rich colonial heritage, including the Government Palace, the Plaza Mayor, the city's cathedral and the 17th-century San Francisco Monastery. Prior to the Spanish conquest, the area was home to several civilizations, such as the one that built Huaca Huallamarca, a pre-Incan pyramid you'll view on your tour. Later, get a taste of contemporary Lima with a visit to the suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores, which overlooks the Pacific.

Guided visit to the Museum of

Archaeology and Anthropology • On a guided visit to this fabulous showcase of Peru's pre-Spanish native cultures, see the Raymondi Stone Slab and the Tello Obelisk, along with other outstanding examples of art and archaeological artifacts.

Day 3 Lima • Cuzco

Flight to Cuzco • Board your flight to Cuzco, center of the once-powerful Inca Empire.

Guided sightseeing of Cuzco • In the Quechua language, the name "Cuzco" means "navel of the Earth." The Inca named it when this city ruled over a vast empire stretching from Colombia to Chile. Your guided tour starts at the Korikancha Temple, scene of Incan religious rites in bygone times. Later, go inside the cathedral, which sits atop the ruins of an Incan pyramid. Continue to the outskirts of Cuzco and the Sacsayhuaman fortress, which overlooks the city. You'll also see the ruins at Kenko and Tambomachay.

Day 4 Cuzco

Excursion to Pisac • At the entrance to the Sacred Valley lies Pisac, a traditional Indian market town. On your way, admire the incomparable beauty of the Cordillera. In the afternoon, visit Ollantaytambo, the oldest continuously occupied settlement in the Americas. The town retains its Incan heritage with exquisitely preserved canals and narrow streets.

Day 5 Machu Picchu

Excursion to Machu Picchu • Catch a morning train for a tour of Machu Picchu. Archaeologists have yet to determine why the city, perched atop a mist-shrouded peak, was abandoned or forgotten. Some believe only an elite class of the Inca priesthood ever knew of its existence. You'll see remnants of temples and terraces that have yet to reveal the true purpose of Machu Picchu.

Overnight in Machu Picchu • Spend the night in proximity to Machu Picchu, Peru's famed Incan city.

Day 6 Machu Picchu • Cuzco

Morning walk in Machu Picchu • The Inca Trail winds about 27 miles through desert, cloud forest and an orchid-filled jungle before reaching the fabled "Lost City of the Inca." As you hike to Intipunku, you'll quickly understand why it's known as the "Gateway to the Sun." Take in the stunning views from 8,860 feet. Nearby Huayana Picchu, or the Young Mountain, at 9,000 feet, also offers panoramic glimpses of the entire area. Spend time walking through this wonder, complete with fountains, terraced hillsides and livestock.

Return to Cuzco • This afternoon, enjoy a train ride back to Cuzco, where you will spend the night.

Day 7 Cuzco

Free day in Cuzco • Spend your final day in Cuzco exploring on your own. You may choose to go horseback riding in the Sacred Valley. You can ask your tour director for more suggestions.

Days 8-9 Cuzco • Lima • Home

Flight to Lima • After breakfast, your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll board your flight to Lima.

Flight home • Connect to your return flight home, arriving on Day 9.

EXTENSION

Day 8 Cuzco • Puerto Maldonado

Transfer to Puerto Maldonado • Fly from Cuzco to Puerto Maldonado, situated on the Madre de Dios River. The city's main attraction is its proximity to the rainforest, and it allows convenient viewing of exotic wildlife, including 1,000 species of birds and 20 kinds of monkeys.

Arrival at an Amazon lodge • Transfer by boat to your lodge in the Amazon, offering unparalleled access to Peru's incredible biodiversity.

Day 9 Amazon lodge

Full-day of activities • Revel in a full day to explore the natural wonders of the Amazon rainforest. Activities may include boat rides, bird watching, day and night walks and ecotourism lectures.

Day 10 Puerto Maldonado • Lima

Return home • Fly from Puerto Maldonado to Lima. Then board your overnight flight for home. Arrive home on Day 11.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Condition

Machu Picchu, whose stone terraces date from pre-Columbian times, was discovered largely intact by archaeologist Hiram Bingham in 1911.





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