

PERU LAND OF THE INCAS

TOUR – May 1-8, 2016



MACHU PICCHU PERU WONDER OF THE WORLD

**Lima - Cusco - Sacred Valley – Maras - Moray - Salineras – Chinchero-
Ollantaytambo Machupicchu - Lima**

(8 days _ 7 Nights)

Day 1 - USA – LIMA – CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY

I will be at the airport waiting for you, ready to transfer you to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. **Depending on your flight arrival time**, on route we will visit Pisac, the market and the archaeological site. After lunch, which is included, we will drive to the little town of Yucay where your hotel is located.

MEALS (L/D)

Total time driving 1 hour 50 minutes

Altitude Cusco 3,300 meters (10,826 feet)

Altitude Sacred Valley 3,000 meters (9,842 feet)

H Overnight at Sonesta Posada de Yucay or any similar hotel in the Sacred Valley

Day 2 - SACRED VALLEY - MARAS TOWN – MORAY – SALT PANS

In the early morning we depart, by vehicle, from the Sacred Valley to the Town of Maras. Here we will walk and visit and enjoy some local families to learn about their daily life. Continuing to the southwest of Maras is Moray, a very unique archaeological site in the region, where enormous natural depressions or hollows in the ground surface and were used for constructing irrigation farming terraces. What is surprising is that the average annual temperature between the top and the bottom reaches about 15°C (59°F) in the main depression that is about 30 meters (100 feet) deep. In these natural formations, nature has created environmental conditions or microclimates that in modern times people create in greenhouses or hothouses.

There is an option to walk for 30 minutes and enjoy the fantastic landscape.

Towards the northwest of the Maras village are the famous "salt pans", where a considerable volume of solid salt is obtained. The pans are about 10 centimeters (4 inches) high from the floor. That solid granulated salt, is packed in sacks and sent to the region's markets.

After our picnic lunch, with beautiful views of the surrounding landscapes, we will return to our hotel in the Sacred Valley.

MEALS (B/L)

H Overnight at Sonesta Posada de Yucay or any similar hotel in the Sacred Valley

Total time driving round trip 2 hours 30 minutes

Altitude Maras Moray 3,500 meters (11,482 feet)

Altitude Sacred Valley 3,000 meters (9,842 feet)

DAY 3 – SACRED VALLEY – OLLANTAYTAMBO - AQUAS CALIENTE TOWN– MACHU PICCHU

Early morning pick up and transfer from your hotel to Ollantaytambo to visit the fortress on top of a hill overlooking the village which contains Cyclopean stonework. We will have a chance to roam this Inca village with its unique layout and Inca houses. Then we head to the train station for our ride down the Urubamba Gorge as it changes from mountain vegetation to cloud forest, and arrive at the station of Machu Picchu town.

After lunch a half hour bus ride will bring us to the citadel for a guided 2 hour visit. As your official guide I will walk you through the different sectors of the hill top citadel, with astonishing views. We will stay to see the sun set and take the last bus at 5pm. Most of the people stay until 3 pm and after that they take the train

back to Cusco. This means there are not many people in the Inca site.

MEALS (B/L/D)

Total time driving round trip 55 minutes

Total time journey by train 1 hour 30 minutes

Altitude Aguas Calientes 2,000 meters (6,561 feet)

Altitude Machu Picchu 2,400 meters (2874 feet)

H Overnight in Aguas Calientes town.

Day 4 MACHU PICCHU

Early rise for a full day tour of the seventh wonder of the world, Machu Picchu. We can climb to the top of the mountain call Wayna Picchu, it takes 2 hours round trip and from the top you have the most amazing views. There are only 400 hundred tickets for sale and if you want we can do it. We have an option to do the hike to the Sun Gate, Inca Bridge or just relax and enjoy Machu Picchu. After the visit to MP we will have lunch in Aguas Calientes and then take the train back to the sacred valley where we will spend the night.

MEALS (B/L)

H Overnight in the Sacred Valley.

Total train journey 1:40 min.

Total time by bus is 30 min.

DAY 5 – SACRED VALLEY - CHINCHERO TOUR ON THE WAY BACK TO CUSCO

We will be picked up by our vehicle for the 1 hour drive to Chinchero. This is a small village that has a fantastic location, colonial church, Inca sites, and costumes and traditions since the Inca time. The residents are known for using the Inca techniques in their weavings and textiles.

Back to Cusco, check into hotel and dinner on your own. We will provide a list of options for restaurants.

MEALS (B/L)

H Overnight at a very comfortable accommodation in Cusco.

Total time journey by train 1 hour 30 minutes

Total time driving from Ollantaytambo to Cusco 1 hour 40 minutes

DAY 6 CUSCO CITY TOUR

In the morning we go by vehicle to Sacsayhuaman, a vast fortress built on three platforms overlooking the city of Cusco. From there we continue to Qenko, a site of worship with a high rock carved into the shape of a Puma, which dominates over a series of canals, passageways etc. The road continues uphill to reach Puca Pucara and Tambomachay, a site with Inca baths. As an option we can walk a bit of the Inca trail near by Qenko - 40 min. This trail was used by the Incas to go to the jungle. Return to the Cusco center and after lunch we will visit the cathedral.

MEALS (B/L/D)

H Overnight at a very comfortable accommodation in Cusco.

Total time driving 40 minutes

Total time of our tour 7 hours

Altitude during the city tour 3,800 meters (12,467 feet)

DAY 7 – VISIT THE SCHOOL – PM FREE

In the morning we will visit the Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls where we will have a great time sharing our time and snack with the girls. Back to Cusco and afternoon free.

MEALS (B/D)

H Overnight at a very comfortable accommodation in Cusco.
Total time driving round trip 40 minutes
Altitude at the school 3,450 meters (11,318 feet)

DAY 8 – CUSCO – LIMA BACK TO USA

AM free - PM transfer to the airport and end of the service

MEALS (B)

Total Price Per Person: \$2250 - Airfare Not Included

Single supplement is \$200

Deposit of \$800 to reserve your space

INCLUDED

Entrance fees to all archaeological sites mentioned in the itinerary, all transportation, transfers on arrival and departure, travel insurance with medical evacuation, meals specified in the tour, official tour guide.

B- Breakfast / PL- Picnic Lunch / L- Lunch / D- Dinner

Meals that are not mention in the itinerary, alcoholic beverages, extras, taxes, tips, laundry services, additional tours and international airline tickets to Cusco - ARE NOT INCLUDED.

The tours are very flexible if necessary and in case we need a doctor we have a clinic that works with us. If you have any please let me know.

One of the hotels that we are planning to use in Peru is listed below (more to come)

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