

THE TRAVEL CLUB

A Week in Peru

Lima, Cuzco & Machu Picchu

8 DAYS: Saturday, April 6-Saturday, April 13, 2019

\$3,139 per person double occupancy; \$3,499 for single reservations

PERU IS UNDENIABLY ONE OF SOUTH AMERICA'S CROWN JEWELS: from its array of celebrated archaeological ruins and ancient cultural heritage to its place on the world gastronomy stage (Lima is renowned as South America's food capital!) to Cuzco—thought to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Americas. And then, there's Machu Picchu—dream destination, bucket-list topper—the mysterious citadel of the Incan civilization. This six-night program highlights the best of Peru's iconic sights.

Your tour package includes

- 6 nights in handpicked hotels, 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Huaca Huallamarca, Lima's Plaza Mayor, Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo, PeruRail train ride,
- Sacred Valley of the Incas, Pisac, Machu Picchu,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails, at high altitudes.

FEATURES

Lima highlights tour. Cuzco highlights tour including the ruins at Kenko and Cristo Blanco, traditional dinner and folklore show. Sacred Valley including Pisac Market and ancient Ollantaytambo ruins, scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes. Tour of Machu Picchu, scenic train ride to Urubamba. Free day in the Sacred Valley. **OPTIONAL: Sacred Valley—Incan Traditions: Moray, Maras & Cinchero Village.**

TRAVEL TIP!

Make sure you leave space in your suitcase to indulge in gifts of Peru's crafts and textiles, from colorful, hand-dyed cushion covers to carefully woven quilts. Along with the textiles, pick up some Peruvian chocolate, a bottle of the national drink, Pisco, and some alpaca-wool scarves.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Flight from Boston

Hotel Jose Antonio, Lima

DAYS 2-3 Hotel Jose Antonio, Cuzco

DAY 4 El MaPi by Inkaterra, Machu Picchu region

DAYS 5-6 Sonesta Posadas Del Inda Yucay, Sacred Valley

DAYS 7-8 Overnight flight to Boston or similar hotel accommodations



Lima

Day 1: Arrival in Lima

Welcome to Peru! Transfer to your hotel in Lima and get settled in.

Cuzco

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Lima & transfer to Cuzco

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

This morning, follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour highlighting Lima's modern and UNESCO-recognized colonial quarters. • Visit the Miraflores district and Parque del Amor • Stop in the San Isidro district to visit Huaca Huallamarca temple and its museum • View Plaza Mayor and the Municipal Palace in Lima's historic center • Enter the Cathedral of Lima and descend into the catacombs below the Church of San Francisco Get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at this afternoon's welcome lunch, then transfer to the airport for your flight to Cuzco.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Cuzco

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Set out on a sightseeing tour of Cuzco, the UNESCO-recognized ancient capital of the Inca Empire. • Stroll through ruins at Kenko, the "red fortress" of Puca Pucara, and Sacsayhuaman, which was once completely covered in gold • Stop to view the Cristo Blanco, the towering Christ statue Palestine gave to the people of Cuzco • Admire La Merced Church, Plaza de Armas, and the Convent of Santo Domingo, built by the Spaniards where the Inca temple of Quirikancha stood Tonight, get a taste of Peruvian cuisine at a traditional dinner and folklore show.

Machu Picchu Region

Day 4: Aguas Calientes via the Sacred Valley

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transfer to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. First, make a stop in the Sacred Valley to take in the sights. • Peruse the colorful stalls of the open-air Pisac Market, where you'll find local fare and

traditional crafts on display • Continue to the ancient Ollantaytambo ruins to explore still-standing Inca homes and fortress stone walls with a guide • Board a scenic train to Aguas Calientes, soaking in views of the Sacred Valley

Sacred Valley

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Machu Picchu

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Uncover the UNESCO-protected city of Machu Picchu, one of the most spectacular archaeological sites on the entire South American continent. • Tour the ruins of the ceremonial center, cultivation terraces, and guard house • Visit Funeral Rock, the Main Temple, Temple of the Three Windows, Chamber of Ornaments, the Sacred Plaza, and the Intihuatana stone • Travel through the Sacred Valley on a scenic train ride to Urubamba, where you will spend the night

Day 6: Free day in the Sacred Valley

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in the Sacred Valley or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Incan Traditions: Moray, Maras & Chinchero Village

\$89/pp

Spend an afternoon learning about the roots of the Sacred Valley. Start in Moray, the site of famous Incan ruins that feature large circular terraces used for agricultural experiments. Then continue on to Maras, known for its patchwork of terraced salt-evaporation ponds that have been used since pre-Incan times. Finish your day in the quaint village of Chinchero to visit a local cooperative of families known as the Balcon del Inka. Here, artisans will demonstrate their traditional weaving and dyeing techniques and even give you a chance to try your hand at spinning on the loom. Afterward, enjoy dinner before heading back to Cuzco. Please Note: Lunch may replace dinner during winter departures between January and February. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$99)

Day 7: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer to the airport in Cuzco, where you'll board your flight to Lima. In Lima tonight, celebrate with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. Then, return to your dayroom to relax before a late-night or early morning flight home.

Overnight Flight

Day 8: Travel day

Arrive home today.