

Amazon, Incas & Titicaca 2020

13 days | Starts/Ends: Lima



Explore the Amazon, Inca Ruins, Lake Titicaca and much more on this 13 day tour of Peru, starting and ending in Lima. Starting in the cultural capital of Lima, explore Plazas, monastery's and underground crypts. Delve into the flora and fauna of the Amazon Jungle during our 2 night stop at an eco lodge before exploring the incredible Cusco and the Sacred Valley. Enjoy a scenic train ride to the breathtaking Machu Picchu ruins and enjoy lunch with a local family on Taquile Island in Lake Titicaca.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- The Amazon – spend two nights in the jungle at a stunning lodge and explore the world's largest tropical rainforest
- Cusco – take in the highlights of the captivating capital of the Inca Empire on a guided tour and explore the Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Also enjoy a cooking class and a visit to Chinchero Village

- Sacred Valley of the Incas – roam around the Pisac ruins, the temple of Ollantaytambo and local markets
- Machu Picchu – take a scenic train ride to explore the spectacular Inca citadel, which is one of the New 7 Wonders of the World
- Puno & Lake Titicaca - visit the Uros floating reed islands & Taquile Island on South America's largest lake
- Lima - explore the capital of Peru with its vibrant Plazas & Spanish colonial architecture

What's Included

- 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 2 dinners
- 11 nights 4 star hotels & jungle lodge, 1 night 3 star hotel in the Sacred Valley
- 3 economy flights: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Cusco and Juliaca - Lima
- Airport transfers on day 1 & day 13
- Guided tour of Lima, Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu
- Excursions to the Amazon Jungle and Lake Titicaca
- Escorted by English-speaking local tour leader (in Peru for groups of 4 or more) & specialist local guides for included sightseeing
- Transfers & transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles and on a tourist bus from Cusco to Puno
- Expedition train to Machu Picchu

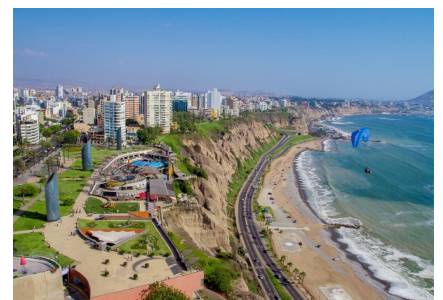
- Entrance fees and Cusco Tourist Ticket

What's Not Included

- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- Tipping - refer to the Tipping paragraph in the Trip Notes for further information

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Lima



Welcome to Peru! Upon arrival at the Lima airport you'll be transferred to our hotel in the popular Miraflores district of the city. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore the city before our welcome meeting at 6pm this evening where you will meet your tour leader.

Overnight - Lima

Day 2 : Explore Lima

Today we explore the beautiful city of Lima, also known as the 'city of kings', we'll visit the

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well preserved historical centre. Making our way through Plaza San Martin, we'll also take in Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace and the City Hall. Our tour of the city continues with a visit to the San Francisco Monastery and it's famous underground crypts which are home to an estimated 70,000 remains. This bright yellow architectural wonder is also home to an incredible library, holding thousands of antique texts, some of which pre-date the conquest in the 16th century. Later we'll head through the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by Huaca Pucllana, a clay pyramid that was the ceremonial and administrative centre of the Lima culture and later considered a sacred town by the Inca's. Next up we'll stop at El Olivar park, a peaceful space where we'll find olive trees that were brought to Peru in the 15th century. Our final stop on today's tour of Lima is El Parque del Amor, this romantic spot is situated on the cliffs of Miraflores overlooking the Pacific ocean.

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore this fascinating city at your own pace. With Lima fast becoming one of the gastronomic capitals of the world, be sure to taste some of the delicious local cuisine.

Overnight - Lima (B)

Days 3-4 : The Amazon Jungle



Lima - Puerto Maldonado. Transferring to the airport this morning we board our flight to Puerto Maldonado. We'll then travel by canoe to our wonderful jungle Eco lodge. After lunch we will embark on a walk along the property's nature trails. Your guide will explain the importance of the rainforest and the vital role that this ecosystem plays in the equilibrium of the planet. As the sun begins to set we head back in the canoes, hopefully

spotting some of the nocturnal animals that are found in this area as well as learning about the constellations.

Day 4 starts with an excursion on the lodge's private cocha. You'll be able to try your hand at some native fishing, one of the main techniques being the 'catch and release' method. Disembarking the boat we'll visit the remains of the old Fitzcarrald steamboat to learn. After this take a boat trip to Rolin, this river Island has an abundant and interesting ecosystem. Exploring the island you can admire the vibrant vegetation, also be sure to keep an eye out for the birds who will be making their way back to land. **Overnight - The Amazon (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Days 5-6 : Cusco



Puerto Maldonado - Cusco. This morning travel back to Puerto Maldonado before flying onwards to Cusco, after arriving into Cusco you'll have the chance to relax and adjust to the altitude. This beautiful city full of history and intrigue, is located 3,399m above sea level.

On the morning of day 6 enjoy a guided tour of the highlights of the beautiful city of Cusco. Along the way we will visit some of the most famous landmarks of the city, starting at the Plaza de Armas, built on the remains of one of the most important Incan gathering spots. We'll also visit the Cathedral, the Kenko Amphitheatre and the impressive Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Built between 1438 and 1474, Sacsayhuaman Fortress took over 20,000 labourers to build and some of the magnificent stone work measures over 4 metres in height and over 100 tons in weight. The rest of the day is at leisure for you

to do any independent exploring of Cusco. **Overnight - Cusco (B:2)**

Day 7 : Sacred Valley and Ollantaytambo



Cusco - The Sacred Valley. Bidding farewell to Cusco we travel on to the Sacred Valley today. Our first stop is the popular Pisac markets where we will have the chance to see the variety of colourful handicrafts on offer. Originally only held on Sundays, Pisac Market was a place for artisans from across the region to trade in their products. Today the market is a daily occurrence where locals and visitors alike can find some of the finest textiles, jewellery and clothing typical of this area of Peru. Then we travel on to the remarkable Ollantaytambo fortress which was constructed to guard the entrance to this part of the valley and protect it from possible invasions of tribes from the jungle lowlands. One of the best examples of Incan architecture, many of the inhabitants of Ollantaytambo still live according to the customs and traditions they have inherited from generations of ancestors, leading to it being known as a living Inca town. **Overnight - Sacred Valley (B)**

Day 8 : Machu Picchu



Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco. We have an exciting day ahead, starting with a short drive to the Ollantaytambo

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train station where we'll take a scenic train journey to Aguas Calientes early this morning, remember to look out the windows as the scenery along the way is utterly breathtaking. Watch as landscape changes from Andean Highlands to the beginning of the Jungle. Upon arrival we board the bus up to Machu Picchu where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent lost city and have plenty of free time to explore and take photos.

For many visitors to Peru, Machu Picchu is the main highlight and rightly so, with its incredible history and beautiful views it's a truly mystical part of the country. Machu Picchu was built in the 15th, believed to be as an estate for the Inca Emperor Pachacuti, it was abandoned only a century after completion during the Spanish conquest, however, it lay largely unknown until 1911 when the American historian and explorer Hiram Bingham brought it to the world's attention. Later this afternoon take the train back to Cusco. **Overnight - Cusco (B)**

Day 9 : Free time in Cusco

Enjoy a free day in Cusco today to explore the city at your own pace. Alternatively you may wish to partake in one of the optional activities on offer today. You may wish to join a trip to the small town of Chinchero, an authentic Andean village. Or perhaps try your hand at a Peruvian culinary experience, with a unique insight into Peru's food and culture. A local chef will aid you in creating some exquisite dishes. **Overnight - Cusco (B)**

Days 10-11 : Lake Titicaca

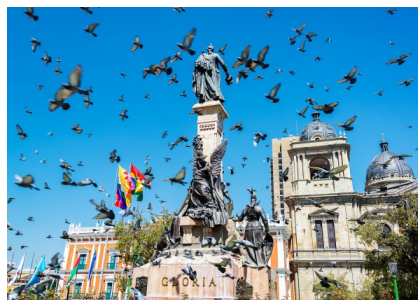


Cusco - Puno. After an early breakfast, we'll travel by bus to Puno, passing by the lovely Wacarpay Lake, with spectacular views of the mountains reflected in its calm waters. Along the way we'll make a couple of stops,

the first one being in Andahuaylillas to see the Church of San Pedro, which has been given the nickname the Sistine Chapel of the Americas. Moving along, we pass through herds of llamas and spectacular landscapes until we get to Ayaviri, an important livestock and textile centre. Here, we'll be able to lay eyes on the Temple of Kalasaya, remnants of a Pucara structure. After a stop for lunch at a countryside restaurant, we continue on to Puno, our base for the next two nights.

The following day we take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca to see the remarkable floating islands of Uros. These unique islands are made of a certain type of reed called totora, which enables it to float, despite the weight of a civilisation upon it. We'll then move on to Taquile Island, where we can mingle with the Quechua-speaking locals and learn about their efficient and unique social system as well as their fine hand weaving techniques, passed down from generation to generation. Next we'll be invited into a local home for lunch to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal. After lunch we'll discover more of this remarkable island including some of the islands archaeological sites. Later this afternoon we return to Puno. **Overnight - Puno (B:2, L:2)**

Day 12 : Return to Lima



Puno - Lima. Today we head to Juliaca Airport for our flight back to Lima, upon arrival in Lima we'll be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the beautiful Peruvian capital of Lima. Why not visit one of the many fantastic museums around the city, showcasing everything from pre-Colombian art to archaeological gems. **Overnight - Lima (B)**

Day 13 : Lima



Today our amazing tour through Peru comes to an end with a transfer to Lima airport. **(B)**

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Apr	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
18 Apr	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
02 May	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
16 May	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
30 May	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
13 Jun	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
04 Jul	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
25 Jul	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
08 Aug	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
22 Aug	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
05 Sep	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
19 Sep	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
03 Oct	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
24 Oct	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
07 Nov	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
21 Nov	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
19 Dec	USD 5,495	USD 6,795
26 Dec	USD 5,495	USD 6,795

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
09 Jan	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
30 Jan	USD 5,295	USD 6,595
13 Feb	USD 5,295	USD 6,595

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