

Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

12 Days | Cusco to La Paz



Discover the heartland of the Incas and the incredible scenery of the Andes on this 12 day tour of Peru and Bolivia, which starts in Cusco and ends in lofty La Paz. Trek to remarkable Lost City of Machu Picchu, explore the Sacred Valley and visit beautiful Lake Titicaca, spending a night on the stunning Isla Del Sol.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cusco - independently explore the captivating capital of the Incas
- Sacred Valley of the Incas – take a guided tour of the Sacred Valley, visiting Pisac and the temple of Ollantaytambo
- Take the Wild Andes Trek for a truly unique perspective, trek the Classic Inca trail or opt for the train package with extra time in Cusco
- Machu Picchu - enjoy a guided tour of the spectacular Inca citadel set high in the Andes Mountains
- Puno - visit the town of Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca and boat trip to the floating islands of Uros
- Copacabana - spend a night in this picturesque Bolivian town on the shores

of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake

- Lake Titicaca - take a boat trip out to stunning Isla del Sol, spend a night there and enjoy a scenic trek across the island
- La Paz - explore the highest administrative capital city in the world

What's Included

- Choice of the unique Wild Andes Trek, the classic Inca Trail Trek or the train journey to visit Machu Picchu.
- **Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek** - 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners. 4 nights basic hotel, 5 nights comfortable hotels & 2 nights wild camping.
- **Option 2 - Inca Trail Trek** - 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners. 3 nights basic hotel, 5 nights comfortable hotels & 3 nights wild camping.
- **Option 3 - Machu Picchu by Train** - 7 breakfasts & 1 lunch. 3 nights basic hotels & 8 nights comfortable hotels
- Lake Titicaca - Boat trip to the Uros Floating Islands and boat trip to Isla Del Sol with a hike across the island
- Guided tour of the Sacred Valley
- Guided tour of Machu Picchu
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment.
- Services of two crew (drivers/tour leaders) and local guides along the way.

What's Not Included

- Items of a personal nature, additional meals and drinks
- International flights and visas
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Sleeping bag and roll mat - please bring your own for camping

Local Payment

\$1070pp, paid in USD

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cusco



Make your own way to our joining hotel in Cusco for a welcome meeting at 10:00am. We strongly recommend arriving at least 24 hours before the trip begins to allow additional time to acclimatise to the altitude in Cusco. Please contact us to book pre tour accommodation. The rest of today is free to explore the wonderful city of Cusco, discover its many historical gems or take part in a choice of optional activities near the city.

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Overnight - Cusco (B)

Day 2 : The Sacred Valley

The next four days will be spent either trekking in the Andes on our pioneering Wild Andes Trek, on the Classic Inca Trail Trek or, for those not wishing to hike, our Train Package offers further free time to explore Cusco and a guided tour of the Sacred Valley.

The Wild Andes trek takes you away from the crowds that frequent the Inca Trail and is a similar trek in terms of length and difficulty. However you will hike through more pristine and unspoilt scenery and are less likely to spot any other tourists. On the Andean trek you also won't trek to Machu Picchu via the famous Sun Gate, but instead spend the night before in a comfortable hotel leaving you well-rested for exploring this magnificent site. For more information about the treks please refer to the Trip Notes.

Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek

We leave Cusco early to visit the ruined temples of Sacsayhuaman, before heading to the small Quechua-speaking village of Chinchero. We see a traditional weaving demonstration and visit the Quillarumiyoc temple, then begin our trek to Zurite where we enjoy a traditional dinner and stay in a colonial house. (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Option 2 - Classic Inca Trail

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the Sacred Valley, followed by a visit to the market town of Pisac and free time to explore the impressive archaeological site of Ollantaytambo. We spend the night in a comfortable hotel before our trek starts the following morning. (Breakfast & Lunch)

Option 3 - Train Package

Leaving Cusco with those embarking on the Wild Andes Trek, we visit the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, followed by a scenic drive via the town of Pisac to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. After lunch we return to Cusco, where we stay in a centrally located hotel for a further three nights. (Breakfast & Lunch)

PLEASE NOTE: You must advise at time of booking if you wish to book the classic Inca Trail Trek (which is subject to availability) or the non trekking Train Package, otherwise you will automatically be put on the Wild Andes Trek. **Overnight - Zurite/Ollantaytambo/Cusco (B, L, D)**

Day 3 : Wild Andes / Inca Trail



Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek

Zurite - Amaruwatana. After breakfast we start trekking towards Genteqentiyoc (the Hummingbird Temple), then continue along an ancient path to the top of our first pass at 4,400 metres, where we enjoy amazing views of the Vilcabamba and Vilcanota mountain ranges. We then make our way to our camp in the Sambor Valley. (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Option 2 - Classic Inca Trail

Ollantaytambo - Wayllabamba. This morning we catch a bus to Piscaycuscho, where the Classic Inca Trail trek begins, and we are joined by our crew of local porters and cooks. Crossing the River Urubamba, we enjoy stunning views of Mount Veronica and the Incan archaeological remains at Llapatata, before continuing through lush farmland and gradually climbing to our first campsite at Wayllabamba (3000 metres). (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Option 3 - Train Package

Spend today enjoying free time in Cusco, perhaps visiting its museums and churches, shopping for Peruvian textiles and handicrafts or enjoying delicious local cuisine in one of the many restaurants. (Breakfast)

Overnight - Amaruwatana/Wayllabamba/Cusco (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Wild Andes / Inca Trail



Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek

Amaruwatana - Ancascocha. We have an early start to trek for two hours to the top of our second pass at 4,700 metres, where we have fantastic views of the surrounding rock formations and the chance to spot Andean wildlife such as eagles, caracaras or ibises. We then descend for two hours into a stunning highland valley for an idyllic lunch beside the glacial Kengo Mayu River, before continuing downhill along the ancient trail to our campsite in the Ancascocha area. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Option 2 - Classic Inca Trail

Wayllabamba - Pacaymayo. It's the most challenging section of the Inca Trail today as we ascend for 4 hours through Andean cloud forest to reach the 'Dead Woman's Pass' at an elevation of 4,200 metres. From here we are rewarded with astonishing panoramic views of the Vilcanota and Vilcabamba mountain ranges, before we descend for two hours into the Pacaymayo Valley and to our camp for the night. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Option 3 - Train Package

Today is another free day enjoy all that the city of Cusco has to offer. (Breakfast)

Overnight - Ancascocha/Pacamayo/Cusco (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Wild Andes / Inca Trail

Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek

Ancascocha - Ollantaytambo. Descending through the Silque Canyon, we reach the

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Camicancha area and stop at a magnificent viewpoint looking towards snow-capped Mount Veronica. From here it's only a short trek to Chilca, where our trail ends, and our vehicle takes us to rest and shower at our hotel in Ollantaytambo. Later we enjoy a guided tour of the incredible archaeological site of Ollantaytambo and its world-famous Temple of the Sun. (Breakfast)

Option 2 - Classic Inca Trail

Pacaymayo - Winay Wayna. Following ancient stone steps and paths, we ascend to the well-preserved Inca remains of Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, and Phuyupatamarca, also known as the 'Town above the Clouds'. Heading down the Andean slope, we reach our final campsite at the Winay Wayna ruins. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Option 3 - Train Package

This morning you are picked up from your hotel and driven to the fortress city of Ollantaytambo and your hotel for the night. Here you rejoin the Wild Andes trekkers and your tour leader when they arrive from their trek in the afternoon. (Breakfast)

Overnight - Ollantaytambo/Winay Wayna/Ollantaytambo (B)

Day 6 : Machu Picchu



Option 1 - Wild Andes Trek & Option 3 - Train Package

Ollantaytambo - Machu Picchu - Cusco. This morning we take an incredibly scenic train journey to the spa town of Aguas Calientes. From here we board a local bus that winds up the mountainside to Machu Picchu, the awe inspiring 'Lost City of the Incas'. Here we enjoy a guided tour and plenty of free time to

explore this iconic sight, which was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. In the afternoon we return to Ollantaytambo by train and then drive back to our hotel in Cusco. (Breakfast)

Option 2 - Classic Inca Trail

Winay Wayna - Machu Picchu. Departing Winay Wayna we descend at a gradual pace to Intupunku (the Sun Gate) where we get our first glimpse of Machu Picchu at daybreak. Our local guide shows us the most important constructions and explains the site's history and mythology, before some free time to explore the ruins at your own pace. Later we head down to Aguas Calientes and take the train to Ollantaytambo, before returning to Cusco for a well-deserved rest. (Breakfast)

Overnight - Cusco (B)

Day 7 : Free day in Cusco

Spend a day at leisure in Cusco, relaxing after our trek and independently exploring this enchanting city. There is also the opportunity to take part in some optional activities available locally such as Spanish or cooking classes. **Overnight - Cusco (B)**

Day 8 : Lake Titicaca & the Uros Islands



Cusco - Puno. Leaving Cusco, we journey through the highlands of Peru to Puno today. Set on the shores of Lake Titicaca, this town is a melting pot of Aymara and Quechuan Indian cultures, where you can still witness traditional Andean customs. This afternoon we take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca to visit the remarkable floating islands of Uros, which are made entirely from totora reeds. **Overnight - Puno (B)**

Day 9 : Isla del Sol

Puno - Copacabana - Isla del Sol (Bolivia). This morning we cross the border into Bolivia and head to the picturesque lakeside town of Copacabana. From here we catch a boat to the beautiful island of Isla del Sol, which is one of the holiest sites in ancient Inca mythology and supposedly the birthplace of the Sun God Inti. **Overnight - Isla Del Sol (B)**

Day 10 : Copacabana

Isla del Sol - Copacabana. Today we embark on a scenic 14km trek across Isla del Sol. Our trek covers the whole length of the island, taking in its amazing scenery and serene atmosphere.

We return to the picturesque town of Copacabana for the evening. Set on the shores of Lake Titicaca, you can sit and watch a beautiful sunset over the water at one of the many local fish restaurants on the shoreline.

Overnight - Copacabana (B)

Days 11-12 : La Paz



Isla del Sol - La Paz. On day 11 we drive to La Paz, the largest city in Bolivia and the highest administrative capital in the world. Its skyline is dominated by the snowy peaks of Mount Illimani and, on arrival, there's an optional guided tour of the city's main sights and viewpoints.

Day 12 marks the end of our adventure through Peru and Bolivia. If you would like to extend your time in this wonderful city our reservations team are able to arrange post-tour accommodation. **Overnight - La Paz (1) (B:2)**

PRICES / DATES INFO

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PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Sep	USD 1,140	USD 1,140
09 Oct	USD 1,140	USD 1,140
01 Dec	USD 1,140	USD 1,140
05 Dec	USD 1,140	USD 1,140

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
12 May	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
15 Jun	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
17 Aug	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
31 Aug	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
04 Oct	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
05 Nov	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
27 Nov	USD 1,080	USD 1,080
01 Dec	USD 1,220	USD 2,300

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jan	USD 1,220	USD 2,300
13 Jun	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
26 Jun	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
31 Jul	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
02 Sep	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
09 Sep	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
18 Nov	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
22 Nov	USD 1,095	USD 2,175
25 Dec	USD 1,095	USD 2,175

PRICES / DATES 2021

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22 May	USD 1,140	USD 1,140
12 Jun	USD 1,140	USD 1,140
31 Aug	USD 1,140	USD 1,140

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