Hike the legendary Inca Trail and marvel at Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, explore the Sacred Valley and ancient Inca archaeological sites on this 7 day tour which starts and ends in the captivating city of Cusco.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights
- Cusco - independently explore the captivating capital of the Incas
- Sacred Valley of the Incas – roam around the Pisac ruins, the temple of Ollantaytambo and local markets
- Inca Trail Trek - complete one of the most famous treks in the world with spectacular scenery en route
- Machu Picchu - explore the spectacular Inca citadel set high in the Andes Mountains

#### What's Included
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- 2 nights 4 star hotel in Cusco, 1 night 3 star hotel in the Sacred Valley and 3 nights camping on the Inca Trail
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 7
- Guided tour of the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu
- 4 day Inca Trail Trek (alternatively hike the Lares Trek or travel by train to Machu Picchu)
- Escorted by an English-speaking local tour leader in Cusco and the Sacred Valley, with specialist local guides for trek and included sightseeing
- Transfers & transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- 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 : Cusco

Arrive into Cusco airport where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Cusco is a charming city which is easily navigated on foot. Tonight at 6pm our welcome meeting takes place.

**Please note:** You may wish to arrive a day or two earlier in order to adjust to the altitude. Pre tour accommodation can be booked upon request. **Overnight - Cusco**

#### Day 2 : Sacred Valley

Cusco - Sacred Valley. This morning we travel to the Sacred Valley. En route we stop at the Pisac market, which is a colourful marketplace filled with handicrafts, textiles and produce. After shopping for souvenirs, we head to the remarkable Incan fortress and the citadel of Ollantaytambo with its giant Inca terraces built into a steep mountainside. The fortress was constructed to guard the entrance to this part of the valley and protect it from possible invasions of tribes from the jungle lowlands. **Overnight - Sacred Valley**
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Days 3-5 : The Inca Trail

Sacred Valley – Km. 82 – Huayllabamba – Pacaymayo - Winaywayna. On day 3 we begin the legendary Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu, hiking for four days through spectacular mountain scenery, discovering ancient Inca ruins en route. We begin the trek at Km. 82, following the Urubamba River through the Urubamba Valley, with an incredible back drop of snow-capped mountains. After an 11km trek we camp for the night at Huayllabamba.

On day 4 we hike across the 'Dead Woman's Pass' at 4200m, which is the highest pass on the trail and the most challenging. Hiking for approximately 7km today, we will see the Runkurakay ruins en route to our camp at Pacaymayo, located at 3,600m above sea level.

The following day we trek for 9km through forest and jungle to Winaywayna where we camp for the final night of our trek. En route we stop to explore the Runkurakay, Sayacmarca and Phuyupatamarca Inca ruins.

Note: If the Inca Trail is not available, we offer the Lares Trek and if you prefer not to trek at all, you can opt to take the train to Machu Picchu on day 3 and enjoy extra time in Cusco on days 4 - 6 with some additional included excursions. Breakfasts included only. Please refer to the Trip Notes for further information.

Overnight - Inca Trail (camping) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 6 : Machu Picchu

Winaywayna – Machu Picchu – Cusco. This morning we set off early for the final leg of our momentous trek to Machu Picchu. En route we visit the Winay Wayna ruins, the second most important archaeological site after Machu Picchu, and pass through the famous Sun Gate, where we will catch our first glimpse of the legendary lost city of Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu enjoys a truly spectacular setting, perched on a mountain ridge, surrounded by tropical forest. Built in the classical Inca style with polished dry-stone walls and terraces that seem to have been crafted naturally from the rock escarpments, Machu Picchu is a spectacular testament to the greatness of the Inca civilisation. The ruins are divided into the Urban and Agricultural Sectors with features ranging from terraced fields and water fountains to storage buildings, guardhouses and religious temples as well as bridges on the trails leading out of the citadel. After a guided tour there's plenty of free time to explore this incredible site and take photos before we head down to the town of Aguas Calientes. In the afternoon we board the train back to Cusco. Overnight - Cusco (B)

Day 7 : Cusco

Our tour comes to an end after breakfast today. Included transfer to the airport. Alternatively consider extending your stay to explore Cusco, the captivating Inca capital. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Xima Cusco Hotel

Boasting a fantastic location by Cusco’s largest craft market, Xima Cusco Hotel is just a short walk from the city’s main square, as well as plenty of local shops and restaurants. Its modern guestrooms provide free internet access and a flat-screen TV, with some also featuring a balcony with views over Parque Orellana. The hotel’s spa offers a range of massage treatments using techniques from the Inca culture, the perfect way to unwind after visiting the world-famous citadel of Machu Picchu. Guests can also enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the Atrium Café.

La Casona de Yucay

Located in the spectacular Sacred Valley, this Peruvian property exudes local charm and has a stunning mountainous backdrop to match. The hotel itself is situated in a colonial house dating back to the 1810, which has since been remodelled and now consists of 54 cozy guest rooms; a restaurant serving a variety of international and local dishes; and bar serving nibbles and traditional Peruvian Pisco Sour. The courtyard with its chairs and tables is the perfect place to sit back and appreciate the view.

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PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. ‘Twin/Double’ prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The ‘Single supplement’ applies to travellers who would like the comfort of their own room/tent throughout the tour and needs to be added to the ‘Twin/Double’ price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

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