



PERU "MACHUPICCHU & TITICACA LAKE"

08 days /07 nights

LIMA – CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU – TITICACA LAKE

DAY 01.- LIMA

Reception at Lima Airport and transfer to the chosen hotel. Accommodation in Lima.

DAY 02.- LIMA – CUSCO

At the convenient hour, transfer to the airport to take flight to the city of Cusco; flights in the morning with 01 hour and 20 minutes. Reception and transfer to selected hotel; accommodation in Cusco.

****Additional: City tour with nearby ruins, Koricancha and Cathedral (\$ 50 per person)**

The city tour starts at your hotel in Cusco, our guide will pick you from there. Our first stop takes place at the Inca Ruins of **Sacsayhuaman**. Unlike other sites, this Inca building features high massive walls. Likewise, the stone on the wall is precisely cut and fitted without mortar.

Sacsayhuaman origin'sis uncertain, however, most scholars agree it was built for ceremonial purposes. Among all the ruins in Cusco, Sacsayhuaman is perhaps the most beautiful Inca construction after Machu Picchu. Later on, we will reach a mysterious Inca site known as Qenko.

Qenko means labyrinth or zig-zag, perhaps named like this due to a series of canals carved on its main rock. Long ago the canals carried some sort of liquid, maybe blood, which make us believe it was used for death rituals. In addition, under the big rock exist a sort of sacrificial altar, which reinforces the death rituals theory. Afterward, we arrive at the **Puka Pukara** ruins, better known as "red fortress", due to its reddish stones. Puka Pukara was military look outpost, built by the Incas to protect the capital of Cusco. Further up, lies the ruins of **Tambomachay**, a site that springs crystalline water through fountains. Its real purpose is unknown, however, some believe, it served as a sort of spa for the Inca elite.

Later on, you will return to the city center to visit the colonial part of Cusco. Once at the center, we will visit the temple of **QoriKancha**, also known as Santo Domingo temple. QoriKancha was perhaps the most important religious building during the Incas heydays. Walking around its interiors you will learn about fine Inca masonry as well as unique Inca stories. Finally, we will visit the **Cathedral** of Cusco, which was built in the XVI by the Spaniards. Inside the cathedral, you will see a gorgeous silver altar, several small chapels, among other treasures. Moreover, the site contains unique paintings, including many from the old Cuzco School.

Among the paintings stands out the Last Supper, showing Christ and the apostles eating guinea pigs. After the tour, our driver will take you back to your hotel.

DAY 03.- CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY

We will take a road that winds over the mountains north of Cusco. On the way we will stop at a point known as El Mirador, from where we will be able to see the whole **Sacred Valley** and receive a good insight of the Inca history. The Sacred Valley was undoubtedly a key area of settlement to the Incas; its combination of agreeable climate and fertile plains bestow an unusual abundance for the high Andes. Here the Incas sculpted the mountain flanks with vast contour terracing and irrigation channels. Our driver and guide will suggest you the best points for pictures.

Later on, we will drive towards the ruins of **Pisac**. At the ruins you will see and learn about different aspects of Inca culture. You can see a great fine art of stone works and impressive a gricultural terraces all over the place.

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After touring around we will get back to the car and will drive back to the modern town of Pisac, where there is a peculiar market that deserve to be visited. At the market you will have free time to walk around and do some shopping. Afterwards we will meet for lunch in a nice local restaurant to enjoy good Andean food.

After lunch we will continue our tour. We will drive along the Urubamba River towards the town of **Ollantaytambo**. Once we get there we will visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo, an important Inca construction built during the Inca's heydays. This is an extraordinary Inca place where besides the ruins you may also see an amazing rock formation representing the Inca god Wiracocha.

Then transfer to Ollanta train station; the train leaves at 16:36 hrs to Aguas Calientes, a modern little town close to the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. The train ride to Machu Picchu is one of the most beautiful journeys that visitors can experience in our country. Arrival and transfer to your selected hotel; accommodation in Aguas Calientes.

DAY 04.- MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

Depart from the local bus station that go up to the ruins of **Machu Picchu**. The bus ride to the sanctuary of Machu Picchu lasts around 25 minutes and it follows a steep winding path, offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. Upon our arrival, we will get into the archaeological zone of Machu Picchu and our guide will show us the most important sectors of this great Inca City, such as the great Intiwatana (solar clock), the Sun Temple, the urban sector, the agricultural sector among others. Machu Picchu was long thought to be legendary. Then in 1911, the explorer Hiram Bingham stumbled upon it remains. Machu Picchu stands 2,430 m above sea-level, in the middle of a tropical mountain forest, in an extraordinarily beautiful setting. It was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The natural setting, on the eastern slopes of the Andes, encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna. The guided tour in Machu Picchu will last about 2 hours, and afterwards you will have free time to explore the ruins on your own. At around 14:00hrs, we will take the bus down to Aguas Calientes, where you will have time for lunch and also to explore this colorful town that utterly filled with souvenirs shops, restaurants, bars, internet cafes etc. (Lunch is not included).

Return by train to Ollanta departing 19:00 arriving at 20:41 Hrs. Reception and transfer by car to Cusco arriving 22:00 Hrs. approximately; accommodation in Cusco.

To entrance to Wayna Picchu, add \$ 20 per person (Without guide). Wayna Picchu ("Young Mountain" in Quechua) climbing to the summit is an extraordinary experience to appreciate the sacred enclosures and terraces built on the cliff. The ascent is made from the main square of Machu Picchu by a road, built by the Incas themselves, which is signposted and in good condition. The view is impressive: Machu Picchu in all its splendor, the Vilcanota canyon and the surrounding mountains. The walk lasts between 1 hour 30 m. and two hours.

***If you want to return by Superior Train from Machu Picchu to Cusco, leaving at 16:12 arriving at 19:40 Hrs to Poroy. Reception and transfer for 15 minutes to Cusco. Add per person....\$ 30*

DAY 05.- CUSCO – RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

Pick up from your Hotel in Cusco 05:00 am 3 Hrs drive on a private transport to Quesiuno located at 4,320 masl (start of the trek). Breakfast will be provided once we arrive to Quesiuno. We start our hike from 4200 m to 5100 masl to **RAINBOW MOUNTAIN** aka: (Cerro Colorado, Montaña de Colores or "Vinicunca") lead by our expert guide, here we can see the stunning colors that are natural formations of minerals since ages that give colors to the mountain. Beautiful views of red and colors mountains, streams and herds of alpacas and llamas and the south side of Ausangate ranges of mountains. We will hike through small traditional andean villages a see the local people with their colorful dresses. After a total hike of approximately 3-4 hours, we finally will reach to this mirador spot to have an impressive views of Rainbow Mountains located at 5,100 masl. Time to explore the area. Time to rest and enjoy our packed lunch. You will have time to take pictures and soak in the environment. (We will spend approximately 30-45 minutes at the top). Then we start our return back hiking a downhill the way thru we came. The hike will take 3 hours. Our private van will be waiting for us when we return. 3 hour drive back to Cusco and drop you off at your Cusco hotel. Approximate arrival time is between 7 and 8 pm; Accommodation in Cusco.

DAY 06.- CUSCO – PUNO

06:30 Hrs. Departure on **Tourist Bus** visiting the tourist corridor "Manco Capac" that joins the cities of Puno and Cusco, the bus has professional guides that will allow you to know the places of "Andahuaylillas" The Church

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called "the Sixtine of America" where we can see the paintings of the Colonial art besides of visiting the temple of Raqchi or Temple of the "Wiracocha" Sun, main God of the Inca Empire. Lunch in "Sicuani" and then we'll go to the highest point of "La Raya's" route where we'll appreciate the snow, the "alpacas", and the "vicuñas". Finally we'll visit "Pukapukara" Archeological Complex formed by a big pyramidal structure. Arrival to Puno City at 16:30 approximately. Reception and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in Puno.

DAY 07.- PUNO TITIKAKA ISLAND – LIMA

Transfer from the Hotel to go to the port's lake (5 minutes). After we'll take our motorboat to visit the floating islands of the "Uros", which is located at 40 minutes. The **Uros** are considered one of the most singular world attractive: The Floating Islands built by a dense vegetation of "Totora" and "Llachu"(Typical plant of Puno) called also "Khili", for your conservation the Uros environment has a constant job to knit the Totora each 3 months and of this way avoid the disintegration. After of this brief visit we'll continue with the tour where after 2 more hours of travel we'll appreciate "**Taquile Island**". Taquile is a place of great cultural and landscape art interest, where its habitants are dedicated mainly to activities like agriculture, handicraft and fish. The habitants continue living conserving the ancient traditions and Inca laws: with manifestations of their customs, religious rituals and folklore like the marriage ("sirvinacuy"), the payment to the land ("Pachamama"), their divinities of the good and the bad called: "Apus" and its archeological vestiges that belongs to the "Tiahuanaku" and "Inka" culture. Return to Puno. Transfer to the airport to depart for Lima. Reception and transfer to the hotel; Accommodation in Lima.

DAY 08.- LIMA – DEPARTS

Transfer to the Airport to take the flight to the country of your final destination.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Breakfast; included in all the cities of the tour.
- Transfer airport/hotel/airport, bus station/hotel/bus station
- **In Lima:** 2 nights of accommodation.
- **In Cusco:** 3 nights of accommodation, Tour Sacred Valley of Urubamba w/buffet lunch, excursion to Machu Picchu by Tourist train, 01 night of accommodation in Aguas Calientes. Excursion to Rainbow mountain with lunch. Bus Ticket Cusco/Puno with lunch and entrances.
- **In Puno:** 1 night of accommodation, Excursion to Uros and Taquile Islands with lunch.

PRICE PER PERSON IN AMERICAN DOLLARS

REGULAR SERVICES SHARED WITH A GROUP (Tour Guides in English/Spanish)

Type of accommodation	Tourist	Superior Tourist	First Class	Superior First Class	Deluxe	Deluxe II
Double room	\$ 940	\$ 1020	\$ 1080	\$ 1140	\$ 1400	\$ 1765
Triple room	\$ 890	\$ 985	\$ 1035	\$ 1100	\$ 1345	\$ 1795

* Request prices in single room

AIR DOMESTIC TICKETS INSIDE PERU

Lima/Cusco Departs 08:00 Arrival 09:20

Juliaca/Lima Departs 19:57 Arrival 21:30

Price per person from.... **\$ 160.00 - \$ 200.00 - \$ 225.00**

Subject to change and availability

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*** HOTELS CONSIDERED FOR TOUR...**

Place	Tourist	Superior Tourist	First Class	Superior First Class	Deluxe	Deluxe II
LIMA	Mariel San Agustín Exclusive Carmel Libre	La Hacienda Miraflores Jose Antonio Sonesta Miraflores Casa Andina Centro Estelar Bellavista	Casa Andina Select Estelar Miraflores Tierra viva	Jose Antonio Deluxe Four Points Costa del Sol Salaverry Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn Aeropuerto	Casa Andina Premium Sonesta Olivar Estelar (Hab. Junior Suite) Costa del Sol Aeropuerto	The Westin Lima Country Club Atemporal
CUSCO	Mabey Eureka San Blas Casa Elena Anden Inca	Maytaq San Agustín Dorado Los Portales Cusco Tierra viva	San Agustín Plaza Abittare Jose Antonio Casa Andina Koricancha Casa Andina San Blas	Casa Andina Catedral Casa Andina Plaza Sonesta Cusco (Hab. Standard)	Casa Andina Premium Novotel (Contemporánea) Costa del Sol (Hab. Colonial) Sonesta Cusco (Hab. Ejecutiva)	Libertador Palacio del Inca
AGUAS CALIENTES	Andina Hotel Waman	Tierra Viva Machu Picchu Casa Andina Mapi (Hab. Tradicional)	El Mapi (con cena) Casa Andina Mapi Superior (con cena)	El Mapi (con cena) Casa Andina Mapi Superior (con cena)	Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (con cena) Sumaq (con cena)	Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (con cena) Sumaq (con cena)
PUNO	Plaza Mayor Balsas Inn	Casa Andina Tikarani Tierra Viva Hacienda Puno	Jose Antonio Sonesta Puno s/vista	Casa Andina Premium s/vista Sonesta Puno con vista	Casa Andina Premium Vista al Lago	Libertador Lago Titicaca

RESPONSIBILITY:

In all of our arrangements Our Tour Operator **CLUB DE VACACIONES** operates by order and count of our clients, we organize means of transport, accommodation or another tourist services required, so that we are not responsible in case accidents, losses, robberies, delays or interferences happen to the tour by chance or any other events which we are not responsible for them. We recommend you to hire an international insurance in your country to face something could happen suddenly.

Our Tour Operator **CLUB DE VACACIONES** is not responsible for any change made at the last time by airlines and bus lines, they can modify or cancel their operations for their own reasons, and the consequences that these produce such as additional transfers, accommodation (not included), tours scheduled for the dates shown on this itinerary.

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