

# club de vacaciones PERÚ



## PERU & ECUADOR

*12 days / 11 nights*

LIMA – CUSCO – MACHU PICCHU – QUITO – GALAPAGOS

### 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.

**Qenqo** 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.

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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 agricultural terraces all over the place. 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 deserves 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 goes 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 its 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 is utterly filled with souvenir shops, restaurants, bars, internet cafes etc. (Lunch is not included).

Return by train to Ollanta departing 16:36 arriving at 18:25 Hrs. Reception and transfer by car to Cusco arriving 20:00 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 16:43 arriving at 20:23 Hrs to Poroy. Reception and transfer for 15 minutes to Cusco. Add per person....\$ 30*

#### **DAY 05.- CUSCO - DAY FREE**

**Additional: RAINBOW MOUNTAIN** *Per person \$ 40*

Pick up from your Hotel 05:00 Hrs. then head towards the south of Cusco for 2 hours approximately to the town of Pitumarca where we will have a breakfast, later we will continue for 1 hour more until Hanchipachi parking area 4,530msnm approx. From where we will start with our walk along an easily accessible path for an estimated time of 1:30 to 2:00 hours and we will arrive at the **Rainbow Mountain**, where we will be able to appreciate magical landscapes located at 5,000m. Approx. After enjoying the wonder that our mother nature presents to us, we will return by the same route, where our transport awaits us and then we will move for 1 hour to lunch, later we will return to Cusco, approx. 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Transfer to your selected hotel; Accommodation in Cusco.

#### **DAY 06.- CUSCO – QUITO**

Transfer to the airport to take flight to Quito (stopover in Lima). Reception and transfer to the hotel; accommodation in Quito.

#### **DAY 07.- QUITO – CITY TOUR**

We begin in the northern part of the city with a tour along the most important commercial areas, where most of the hotels in Quito are located. Then we head to the historic center to visit the Basilica del Voto Nacional, where

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we will make a brief stop and explanation to later reach the Plaza de la Independencia, where through a walking route you will see the Cathedral, the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace and the La Compañía Church, recognized for its adornments and gold altars. Tour will continue towards the Church of San Francisco, built in the seventeenth century. (Entrance to churches are not included). Then headed to the Mirador del Panecillo, a place renowned for its beauty, where you can admire a beautiful landscape of colonial and modern Quito. Accommodation in Quito.

#### **DAY 08.- QUITO – GALAPAGOS – SCIENTIFIC CHARLES DARWIN**

Transfer to the airport to take flight to Galapagos. Welcome at the Baltra airport and free transfer by bus to the tip of the Itabaca canal, where you will proceed by a public ferry service in the Island of Santa Cruz. Transport will be waiting in order to transfer you to Puerto Ayora, area where the hotels are located on the Island. On the way, you will have the opportunity to visit the lava tunnels and a Turtle reserve. Visit to the Scientific Charles Darwin Station, where you can learn more about the Galápagos Islands; the species that live in this enchanted place, its origin, the theory of Evolution, the conservation programs, and observe some Giant Turtles in captivity. Accommodation.

#### **DAY 09.- ISLAND OF GALAPAGOS**

Breakfast at hotel.

Excursion in yacht to one of the following Islands: Plazas, Seymour, Bartolomé, Floreana or similar ones. Lunch included and return to Puerto Ayora to accommodation.

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#### **DAY 11.- GALAPAGOS – QUITO**

Breakfast at hotel. Our tour guide will pick you up at your hotel to go to the canal of Itabaca, where a ferry will take you to Baltra Island. At the port you will board a bus of your airline that takes you to the airport. En route you are going to visit a coffee plantation which is part of a social responsibility program. The encouragement for the organic coffee cultivation contributes to the conservation of plants and soil and therefore is deemed to be a perfect model of sustainable tourism.

Transfer to the airport and take your flight to Quito. Arrive and transfer to hotel in Quito. Accommodation in Quito.

#### **DAY 12.- QUITO - LIMA**

Transfer to the airport going back to your destine.

#### **THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Breakfast is included in all the cities of the tour.
- All Transfers
- **In Lima:** 1 night 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.
- **In Quito :** 2 nights of accommodation, city tour
- **In Galapagos :** Transfer Baltra / hotel in Puerto Ayora, visiting the highland part of Santa Cruz Island (Includes lava Tunnels and a turtle reserve) + Visit to the Scientific Charles Darwin Station. (Transfer operates at 12h00pm, except on Saturdays at 11h00am). 3 nights of accommodation in Galápagos (Santa Cruz Island) with breakfasts, Excursion to Tortuga Beach & Bay Tour, 2 Full day Excursion in yacht to one of the following islands Bartolomé,

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Seymour, Plazas, Floreana or similar ones (Lunch included). Transfer hotel / airport & Finca de café. (Transfer operates at 8h30am)

**IT IS NOT INCLUDED:**

\* International and domestic airfare

\* Galapagos: Tax to the Galapagos National Park US \$ 50.00 (Andean Pact and Mercosur) / US \$ 100.00 (Other countries) + US \$. 20.00 (TCT Transit Card)

**TICKETS AEREOS DENTRO DE PERU**

Lima/Cusco	Departs 09:07	Arrival 10:34
Cusco/Lima	Departs 08:13	Arrival 09:45
Lima/Quito	Departs 12:05	Arrival 14:29
Quito/Galápagos	Departs 12:08	Arrival 13:20
Galápagos/Quito	Departs 10:35	Arrival 15:02
Quito/Lima	Departs 04:30	Arrival 06:49

Price per person from.... **\$ 1230.00**

*Subject to change and availability*

**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
<b>Double room</b>	\$ 1945	\$ 2125	\$ 2330	\$ 2520	\$ 2905

**\* HOTELS CONSIDERED FOR THE TOUR...**

City	Tourist	Superior Tourist	First Class	Superior First Class	Deluxe
<b>LIMA</b>	Mariel San Agustin Exclusive Carmel Libre La Paz	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
<b>CUSCO</b>	Mabey Eureka Casa Elena Anden Inca	Maytaq San Agustin Dorado Tierra Viva Los Portales Cusco	San Agustin Plaza Jose Antonio Rumipunku Abitarre Casa andina Koricancha y San Blas	Casa Andina Plaza / Catedral Sonesta Cusco hab. standard	Casa Andina Premium Novotel Hab. Contemporanea Costa del Sol Sonesta cusco hab. ejecutiva
<b>AGUAS CALIENTES</b>	Andina Hotel Waman	Tierra viva Machu Picchu Casa Andina Mapi Hab. Estandar	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)
<b>QUITO</b>	Rio Amazonas Nu House	Wyndham Garden Holiday Inn Express	Kaia	Hilton colon	Swissotel
<b>GALAPAGOS</b>	Deja vu	Maidith	Isla sol o Ikala	Sol y Mar	Royal Palm

**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.