



Machu Picchu and Sacred Valley Post Cruise Tour

4 Nights – March 19 to 23, 2023

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Callao/Lima/Urubamba

Welcome to Peru! Your driver will be waiting at the port to transfer you to the airport in Lima for your short flight to Cuzco. Due to the altitude in Cuzco, your driver will meet you at baggage claim and whisk you to Urubamba in Sacred Valley. Enjoy the spectacular views and topography of this historic region. Located at the center of the Sacred Valley, Urubamba is popular, providing close access to Machu Picchu, while only being an hour from Cuzco. The town is situated beside the Urubamba River, under the snow-capped mountain of Chicon, with a population of about 18,000.

Accommodations: Inkaterra Hacienda

March 20, 2023

Sacred Valley

After your included breakfast, your guide will meet you at the hotel for a full day tour.

Discover the "authentic" Sacred Valley of the Incas. The day begins with a visit to Inca's Balcony, beautifully terraced farmland with impressive views of the nearby weaving town of Chinchero. Having seen Chinchero from afar in its picturesque location within the Sacred Valley, you travel to the town itself. Home to 12 families that maintain the traditions of their forebears the town is now famous for its market and amazing examples of weaving and wools. Your visit will take you into the home of one of the families where you will have a firsthand demonstration of the ancient weaving techniques and the processes of extracting the colorful dyes from the produce growing in the region.

Photographic opportunities abound as your hosts are dressed in traditional clothing and the indigenous dress only add to the authenticity of your visit. From here you travel further down the Sacred Valley to where the main road ends, and the famous fort town of Ollantaytambo is located. Strategically located as a choke point in the valley, the fort and village form a living Incan town, inhabited since the 13th century with much of the original structure and irrigations systems still functional. The town is also the central meeting place for porters assigned to Inca trails which start from just outside the town as well as the main train station to and from Machu Picchu. It is always a chaotic mix of locals, and travelers, colors, smells and activity. The fort that sits above the town and the valley dominates the region, and it is one of very few locations that the Incan forces during the conquest, were able to defeat the Spanish in battle. With its "Andenes" (terraces dug into the slopes of mountains for agricultural use), Ollantaytambo was a highly effective fortress, that also served as a temple.

Accommodations: Inkaterra Hacienda or similar (night 2 of 2)

March 21, 2023

Machu Picchu

Enjoy your included breakfast before departing for the train. The Vistadome is the ideal train for those who want to be in contact with the environment and appreciate the wonderful journey to Machu Picchu. Surrounded entirely by glass and wagons with large panoramic windows offering incomparable scenic views and innumerable opportunities to capture amazing pictures, Vistadome travelers feel connected and part of the impressive landscape of Peru. Perurail provide travelers on board personalized and first level service providing an unforgettable life experience.

You will be met by your guide you upon disembarking from your train, at the Aguas Calientes train station. He/she will then escort you to the nearby bus stop where buses transport travelers from the town of Aguas Calientes to the ruins of

Machu Picchu (it's about a 20-min bus ride up to the idyllic mountain top location). On arrival at the ruins, you will begin your guided tour.

Machu Picchu! Machu Picchu is a magical, mysterious place that, for nearly a century, has intrigued archaeologists and visitors alike. Perched atop a steep emerald green peak, 8000 feet high in the Andes, it is reachable only by a long road that zigzags up the slope from the roaring Urubamba River. One can imagine the excitement when intrepid Yale professor -explorer Hiram Bingham, led by local peasants in 1911, first glimpsed the jungle-invaded citadel that was abandoned by the Incas four centuries earlier. The Incas built their mysterious city here to be closer to the gods. It was placed so high in the clouds, that the conquering Spaniards never found or destroyed it. Visitors to Machu Picchu will see well-preserved ruins hidden among the majestic Andes, including palaces, baths, temples, tombs, sun dials, and farming terraces, along with llamas that roam among hundreds of gray, granite houses. Everyone must exit the ruins by 5:00PM. After the tour, you will exit with your guide who will assist you with check in at the Sanctuary Lodge, located right at the entrance of Machu Picchu.

Accommodations: Belmond Sanctuary Lodge

March 22, 2023

Machu Picchu - Cusco

Enjoy breakfast before heading out to Machu Picchu for an unguided morning adventure. As you are staying right at the gates, your ticket will let you into the park as early as 6am. Mornings are magical on the mountain. This afternoon you will be taking the Vistadome train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo Station and then transferred via car to the hotel in Cusco with a guide.

Cusco, located in southern Peru, is a city with perhaps the most beautiful views in the world. It is surrounded by six mountains, some more than 6000 meters high; it is the oldest city in the western hemisphere and the cradle of the ancient Inca civilization.

Hotel: Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel or similar

March 23, 2023

Cusco - Lima

Enjoy your included breakfast at the hotel. Your driver will meet you at the hotel to take you to the airport for your flight to Lima for your connections home.

Rate: \$2949 per person Double Occupancy
\$4199 Solo Occupancy

Please note that inter-Peruvian air is not included. As of July 2022, the estimate is \$246-\$350 per person round trip. Meals are not included other than breakfast daily. Rates are per person double occupancy or solo occupancy as indicated on the flyer. Hotels are not held in advance and are subject to availability until the deposit is placed. The tour operator reserves the right to modify or substitute in cases where absolutely necessary. Deposit is \$300 per person and is non-refundable. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and becomes nonrefundable 60 days prior to departure. Please note that Cusco is the highest altitude of the trip, and we have designed this tour to be as comfortable as possible, however you should consult with a doctor if you have any conditions or concerns regarding the altitude and activity. This tour requires moderate activity and is not recommended to those who use walking assistance.

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