

# TOUR TO PERU

**Lima / Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu / Cusco / Puerto Maldonado**

**October 25 – November 7, 2018**

**DAY 1: Thursday OCT 25 USA Departure City / LIMA**

- Either taxi to hotel or schedule pick up with COLTUR (See Terms and Conditions).

**DAY 2: Friday OCT 26 LIMA**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel **B / L**
- **AM- Lima city tour**

*The tour will begin with an exploration of Colonial Lima. First, you will stop off at the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). There, you will explore the square by foot and admire the exteriors of the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima, and the City Hall, all examples of Lima's still-present colonial architectural opulence. Afterwards, you will visit **La Casa Aliaga**, a colonial mansion that currently holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously inhabited private residence in the Southern Hemisphere. Next, you will make your way to the **Santo Domingo Convent**, a religious and architectural gem that houses holy paintings, images, and relics of Peruvian saints, as well as written accounts of the endeavors of the Dominican Order across the country. Finally, you will leave behind Lima's Historic Center and begin your journey through the streets of modern Lima as you head toward the most traditional of the residential zones of the capital: San Isidro and Miraflores. In San Isidro, you will pass through the heart of the city's financial district and then enjoy a panoramic view of the Huaca Huanacamanca Pyramid, an important pre-Inca and Inca ceremonial center and cemetery built out of adobe mud bricks. Soon afterwards, you will travel to the district of Miraflores, a perfect spot to enjoy wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean.*

- Menu lunch at Cafe del Museo
- **PM- Larco museum**

*You will visit the Larco Museum, an eighteenth-century vice regal mansion that houses more than 3,000 years of Peru's pre-Columbian history. The museum boasts a supremely fine collection of gold and silver jewelry and worship paraphernalia that demonstrates the superb skill of ancient Peruvian gold and silversmiths. The Larco Herrera also contains a famous collection of erotic ceramic tomb art that gives insights into various aspects of pre-Columbian sexuality.*

- Overnight in Lima

**DAY 3: Saturday OCT 27 LIMA**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel **B / L**
- *Today you will be visiting a satellite community on the outskirts of Lima, Villa El Salvador, which has a unique and fascinating history to share. You will visit several family-operated businesses, hear a professor speak about the history of this town during the 'Shining Path Guerrilla War' in Peru in the 1980's.*

- Lunch in the home of a local family of the community.
- Overnight in Lima

**DAY 4: Sunday OCT 28                      LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY                      L**

- Morning flight to Cusco
- Greet and transfer to the Sacred Valley

**Andean weaving demonstration at Chincheros town en route**

*You will set out for the district of Chincheros, a place which is famous for the extraordinary beauty and quality of its textiles, and for its Sunday fair, where local people dress in traditional colorful outfits and travel down from their villages to trade their goods. After walking along its traditional alleyways, you will visit the weaver's workshop of Nilda Callañaupa, who 28 years ago decided to bring together like-minded women who shared her passion for weaving, and in time was able to motivate younger women who had lost interest in weaving to learn from their elders and connect once more with this ancestral art. This initiative became the Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco (Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco), a strong organization dedicated not only to the preservation, but also the commercialization of beautiful, high quality textiles.*

- Lunch included & hosted by Nilda
- Balance of PM at leisure
- Overnight in the Sacred Valley

**DAY 5: Monday OCT 29 SACRED VALLEY                      B / L**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- **AM- Maras salt mines & Moray terraces**

*You will resume your journey by visiting Salinas de Maras (Salt Pans of Maras). The sight of this still-operating salt mine, in use since Incan times, will amaze you--the stark white of its steeply descending salt pans juxtaposed against the green of the surrounding mountain slopes. Your journey will continue on until you reach the archeological site of Moray. Used as an agricultural testing ground, the site's system of circular terraces descends 490 feet (150m) from where you will be standing, serving as a perfect testament to the level of advancement achieved by the Incas, who excelled at building masterful constructions in harmony with nature.*

- Lunch at a local family's home at Misminay community
- **PM- Ollantaytambo town & fortress + local chicheria**

*In the afternoon, you will visit one of the last remaining Incan towns, Ollantaytambo, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. Discover the large archaeological complex of what used to serve as a wayside inn for royal delegations on long journeys. Surviving structures here include multiple walls and towers that were used to protect the citadel from possible invasions. You will get a chance to mingle with the locals at a typical Peruvian Andes establishment, either at a "chichería" (establishment for the brewing and sale of chicha, the famous traditional Andean drink made of fermented corn).*

- Overnight in the Sacred Valley

**DAY 6: Tuesday OCT 30 SACRED VALLEY / MACHU PICCHU B / L / D**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Ollantaytambo train station
- 10:32 VISTADOME train to Machu Picchu
- 12:11 Arrival and short walk to hotel
- Buffet lunch at hotel
- Shuttle bus to the citadel
- **PM- Guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel**

*The ruins of Machu Picchu, rediscovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, are one of the most beautiful and enigmatic ancient sites in the world. While the Inca people certainly used the Andean mountain top, erecting many hundreds of stone structures from the early 1400's, legends and myths indicate that Machu Picchu was revered as a sacred place from a far earlier time.*

- Shuttle bus down to Aguas Calientes
- Menu dinner at hotel
- Overnight in Machu Picchu

**DAY 7: Wednesday OCT 31 MACHU PICCHU B / D**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- **2nd Guided visit to the Machu Picchu citadel**

*Perfect opportunity to visit the ruins early in the morning to appreciate the sunrise in Machu Picchu. Continue exploring different sides of the citadel lead by your guide.*

- Balance of PM at leisure
- Menu dinner at hotel
- Overnight in Machu Picchu

**DAY 8: Thursday NOV 1 MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO B**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- 10:55 VISTADOME train to Ollantaytambo
- 12:32 Arrival and transfer to Cusco (1 ½ hrs)
- Balance of PM at leisure (rest required since Cusco sits at 11,000 ft.)
- Overnight in Cusco

**DAY 9: Friday NOV 2 CUSCO B / L**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- **AM- Special tour of Cusco**

*You will begin your tour as you enjoy the best view of the city of Cusco from atop **Cerro Pukamayo** (Red Peak), a natural scenic overlook from which the outstretched arms of Cristo Blanco, a massive white statue of Christ, embrace the city in a benevolent gesture.*

You will then visit nearby **Fortress of Sacsayhuamán**, a colossal structure of enormous stones, carved and fitted together with incredible precision. As you return to the lower part of the city, you will stop off at the **Mercado de San Pedro** (Market of St. Peter), which being the city's main street market, will give you an opportunity to get to know the products of Cusco, overwhelming you with the sights, aromas, tastes, and colors of the region. Just a few blocks away, you will discover one of the most impressive buildings of Incan Cusco: the **Korikancha** (the Golden Temple)—a temple dedicated to the worship of the Sun God, whose interior walls were said to have been covered in gold. You will complete the day with a stroll through the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), where you will visit the **Cathedral** and admire its exquisite vestibules and priceless paintings from the Cusco School of the 17th and 18th centuries.

- Lunch at a local family home
- Balance of PM at leisure
- Overnight in Cusco

**DAY 10: Saturday NOV 3                      CUSCO / PUERTO MALDONADO                      B / L / D**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport and assistance with flight
- Flight to Puerto Maldonado
- You will be welcomed at the airport and driven ten minutes to our office where you can enjoy the facilities and natural areas or organize your luggage if needed. You will then be transferred to the port for boarding the boat and riding for about two and a half hours to *Refugio Amazonas Lodge*.
- Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you with important navigation and security tips
- After some time to explore, dinner will be served. Following dinner, you will have the option of a guided night hike, when most of the mammals are active but difficult to see. Easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.
- Overnight at the Refugio Amazonas.

**DAY 11: Sunday NOV 4    PUERTO MALDONADO                      B / L / D**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- We will paddle around an Amazon lake on a canoe or a catamaran, looking for lakeside wildlife such as hoatzin, caiman and horned screamers, hoping to glimpse the otters which are frequently seen here. You will also be rewarded with overhead sightings of macaw parrots.
- Then, a 30-minute walk from Refugio Amazonas leads to the 25-meter scaffolding canopy tower. A banister staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. The tower has been built on high ground, therefore increasing your views of the continuous primary forest extending towards the Tambopata National Reserve. From here views of mixed species of bird flocks such as toucans, macaws and raptors are likely to be seen.
- Lunch at the Lodge.
- In the afternoon we will head 5 minutes downriver from the lodge to visit a farm owned and managed by charismatic Don Manuel from the neighboring community of Condenado. He grows a variety of popular and lesser known Amazon crops - just about every plant and tree you see serves a purpose.

- You will also have the option of experiencing an walking Ethnobotanical Tour, where we will find a variety of plants and trees that are used by the local population for a variety of purposes. We will learn about the medicinal (and other) uses of Ajo -Sacha, Yuca de Venado, Uña de Gato, Charcot-Sacha, Para-Para, among several others.

Dinner will be served at the lodge.

Each evening the staff of Refugio Amazonas organizes nightly lectures where they explain opportunities, projects and wildlife in the Tambopata National Reserve.

- Overnight at the Refugio Amazonas.

**DAY 12: Monday NOV 5 PUERTO MALDONADO B / L / D**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- A fifteen minute boat ride and sixty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas is a clay lick used both by parrots and parakeets. From our blind you will see parrots and parakeets descend on most clear days to ingest the clay on a bank. Species such as Dusky Headed and Cobalt Winged Parakeet descend at this clay lick. With luck we will also see some or all of the following species in the early morning rush: Mealy and Yellow-crowned Amazons, Blue-headed Pionus, Severe macaw and Orange-cheeled (Barraband's) Parrot. We visit the lick at dawn, when parrots are most active.
- Lunch at the lodge
- In the afternoon, a few minute's hike from the lodge is a beautiful old growth forest of Brazil Nuts that have been harvested for decades (if not centuries) where the primitive remains of a camp used for two months a year by Brazil Nut gatherers can still be experienced. We will have demonstrated for us the whole process of the rainforest's only sustainably harvested product from collection through transportation to drying.
- Twenty minutes walking from Refugio Amazonas is a peccary clay lick. These wild rain forest appear in herds of five to twenty individuals to eat clay in the late morning. Chances of spotting them are around 15%, but well worth the short hike. Other wildlife also shows up including deer, guan and parakeets.
- Dinner will be served at the lodge.
- Overnight at the Refugio Amazonas.

**DAY 13: Tuesday NOV 6 PUERTO MALDONADO / LIMA B**

- Buffet Breakfast at hotel
- We retrace our river and road journey back to Puerto Maldonado, our office and the airport of Puerto Maldonado. Depending on airline schedules, this may require dawn departures.
- Flight to Lima
- Greet upon arrival and assistance to the airport hotel
- **Rooms available until flight departure time**

**DAY 14: Wednesday NOV 7 LIMA / ORIGIN**

- Assistance with international flight out

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### LAND SERVICES

Pax #	20 - 24	25 - 29	30	SGL Sup
US\$	\$3560	\$3476	\$3550	\$1,069

*Net prices per person based in double occupancy. Please see last column for single supplement. Prices in US\$ and valid for 2018.*

## **HOTELS**

### **LIMA**

[Htl 4 \\* - Casa Andina Select: Superior Room + Buffet Breakfast](#)

Check-In: 14.00 / Check-Out: 12.00

### **SACRED VALLEY**

[Htl 4 \\* - Casa Andina Premium Valle: Superior Room + Buffet Breakfast](#)

Check-In: 12.00 / Check-Out: 10.00

### **MACHU PICCHU:**

[Htl 4 \\* - El Mapi: Superior Deluxe + Half Board](#)

Check-In : 13:00 / Check-Out : 11:00

### **CUSCO:**

[Htl 4 \\* - El Mercado: Superior Room + Buffet Breakfast](#)

Check-In: 11.00 / Check-Out: 10.00

### **PUERTO MALDONADO:**

[Htl - Refugio Amazonas: Superior Room + Full Board](#)

### **LIMA:**

[Htl 4 \\* - Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport: Standard Room + Buffet Breakfast](#)

Check-In: 14.00 / Check-Out: 10.00

## **INCLUDED**

- Transfers and excursions on private basis (except for Puerto Maldonado portion)
- English-speaking guides

- Accommodation in selected hotels
- Mentioned meals
- Entrance fees to sites
- Round trip train tickets to Machu Picchu
- Round trip bus tickets to the Machu Picchu ruins
- Tips for luggage porters at airports and hotels

**NOT INCLUDED**

- International and domestic airfare
- Tips for guides, drivers and waiters
- Expenses of personal nature

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DAY 1: Greet upon arrival in Lima and transfer to hotel

Pax #	1	2	4	6	8	10
US\$	99	51	27	27	21	20

*Net prices per person, in US\$ and valid for 2018.*