



Machupicchu Discovery

8 Days | 7 Nights



Peru Inca
Discovery



Destination: USA-LIMA-CUSCO

Accommodation: Rio Sagrado Hotel by Belmond or Similar Hotel.

Meal Included: L

Activity note:

We will spend tonight and the next few nights at elevations above 9,000 feet. We recommend staying hydrated while at high altitude.

You depart from the U.S. and fly to Lima Peru, arriving late in the evening or early morning.

Our transfer guide will be at the airport to meet you and escort you to your next flight to Cusco.

As soon as you arrive in the city of Cusco, after luggage collection, you will be met by your PeruIncaDiscovery Tour Leader and your adventure in the Inca Land just begins.

Cusco is the former capital of the Inca Empire and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Its elevation is around 3,400 m (11,200 ft), that is why we don't stay in Cusco, we will descend by driving to the sacred valley of the Incas which is lower in elevation (9,000 ft) and therefore warmer than any other nearby area, the lower elevation of the sacred valley of the Incas eases our transition to the high altitudes of the Andes, which is a key for a great travel experience in Cusco.

Lunch:

Cusco offers an incredible variety of flavors, we have carefully selected one of the best restaurants.

Cusco's cuisine stands out for the use of local ingredients like potatoes, corn, quinoa, fava beans, different types of meat like guinea pig, alpaca, pork, trout fish and much more.

Afternoon:

We continue our journey through The Sacred Valley of the Incas, until we reach the town of Urubamba where our hotel is located, you will have the rest of the afternoon to relax in the best place.

Dinner:

On your own, we will be happy to offer suggestions for dining.



Day 2

Destination: PISAQ

Accommodation: Rio Sagrado Hotel by Belmond or a similar Hotel.

Meal Included: B/L

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

We begin our day around 8:30 am by driving 45 minutes to the Inca city of PISAQ, this very well preserve Inca city is widely acclaimed as some of the best stone works worldwide, only becoming comparable to those of Machu Picchu, its constructions are remarkable for the huge platforms or terraces that blend harmoniously with the landscape, its polished stone structures, fully assembled, amazing watchtowers, and huge warehouses.

This remarkable site is spread over a vast green area of the entire mountain, so exploring the whole complex can take some time. Within the site, you can find a residential settlement, ceremonial baths and the largest Inca cemetery in South America.

Lunch:

It is going to be at the Hacienda Huayoccary, we will enjoy traditional homemade Peruvian food in an authentic estate, surrounded by art and with a breathtaking view of the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Afternoon:

We are going to have another Discovery.

Dinner:

On Your Own, we will be happy to offer suggestions for dining.



Day 3

Destination: OLLANTAYTAMBO

Accommodation: Rio Sagrado Belmond or Similar

Meal Included: B/L

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

We leave the hotel at 9 am to visit Ollantaytambo not surprisingly, this beautiful town is considered a masterpiece of charming Inca architecture.

We will visit the impressive Templo of The Sun consider one of the biggest mysteries left by the Inca architecture.

This incredible Inca Town is one of the finest preserved examples of a great urban planning, the narrow streets, the water canals still in use, we will get to know the everyday life of its inhabitants.

Lunch:

The unique Wayra restaurant accompanied by Peruvian Paso Fino horse riding demonstrations and Marinera dancers.

Afternoon:

Free for your discoveries in the town of Urubamba.

Dinner:

On Your Own, we will be happy to offer suggestions for dining.



Day 4

Destination: MARAS MORAY SALINERAS

Accommodation: Rio Sagrado Hotel by Belmond or a Similar hotel.

Meal Included: B/L

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

Prepare for a full day of immersive cultural Discovery.

We will spend a Day in the Life of the colonial village of Maras known for its nearby evaporation salt ponds, which have been harvested since Inca times.

Today we'll see locals collecting the salt in much the same way as their ancestors would have done 900 years ago. Salt has been obtained in Maras by evaporating salty warm water.

The highly salty warm water emerges at a spring, a natural outlet of the underground stream. The flow is directed into an intricate system of tiny channels constructed so that the water runs gradually down onto 4 thousand Inca terraced ponds. The salt ponds are shallow and expansive, allowing sunlight to penetrate and reach the seawater.

Once the pond is filled, the flow of water is cut and it is allowed to dry for a week, when the salt crystallizes it can be harvested, it is worked in a cooperative system that remains from Inca time.

Lunch:

A feast to celebrate Mother Earth.

We drive about 20 minutes to the mountain weaving village of Misminay, which at an elevation of 12,000 feet is a literal high point of our exploration of the Sacred Valley to enjoy our home-hosted lunch, which is going to be one of the oldest culinary traditions Pachamanca (from the Quechua language Pacha "earth", manka "pot") is a traditional Peruvian dish baked with the aid of hot stones. It is generally made of lamb, alpaca, pork, beef, chicken, guinea pig, all marinated in herbs, spices, potatoes, fava beans, sweet potatoes, plantain, humitas (corn cakes) and cheese.

Afternoon:

We drive 15 minutes to the Inca site of Moray.

According to archaeologists, this sinkhole is widely agreed to have been used for farming, and soil samples have shown that soils were brought in from different regions to be used in helping grow crops at the different levels of the terraces. The wide temperature differences in the terraces have created microclimates, similar to what is achieved in greenhouses in modern times.

Then we drive back to your hotel.

Dinner:

On your own, we will be happy to offer suggestions for dining.



Destination: MACHU PICCHU

Accommodation: Sanctuary Lodge Hotel by Belmond or a similar Hotel.

Meal Included: B/L/D

Train:

Hiram Bingham by Belmond, is the most luxurious way to journey between Cusco and MachuPicchu.

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

Our day begins with the visit of a Shaman, the best way to understand the unique culture of Cusco people is through local experiences, and a Healing Ceremony with a Quechua medicine man is no exception.

Then we drive to the train station.

Lunch:

Once on board Start your experience off with a welcome cocktail, just after that the maître will invite you to enjoy a gourmet lunch.

Afternoon:

We will discover the enigmas of MachuPicchu our highlight of the journey, the Inca Masterpiece.

We will have the honor of having the company of our senior lecturer Marco Aragon.

MachuPicchu “discovered” by Hiram Bingham in 1911, inching up to the edges of cliffs high above the Urubamba River and seemingly floating among the clouds the mystical stone city

stretches boldly across a high ridge in the Andes Mountains, the mysterious city of the Incas.

Surrounded by lush vegetation and steep, dramatic escarpments, it's one of the most famous and breathtaking archaeological sites in the world and will literally take you centuries back in time.

On July 7, 2007, Machu Picchu was elected one of the New 7 Wonders of the Modern World; these were elected by more than 100 million people around the world, through an open Internet vote; the wonders were randomly announced by the New Open World Corporation.

Dinner:

Embark on a captivating culinary journey at our stunning Tampu restaurant.



Day 6

Destination:	On the second visit to Machu Picchu, let's explore the site and its surroundings more fully and at a more relaxed pace.
Accommodation:	Monasterio hotel by Belmond or a Similar hotel
Meal Included:	B/L/D

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

We are going back to see this amazing Inca site one more time. We have two choices for hiking trail and you can choose both or one only.

One brings you to the Inca Bridge, this is 1 hour hike, where a trail built with impressive Inca engineering crosses a cliff face. In one spot, the Incas left a deep gap, which they bridged with logs that could be removed to render the trail impassable to enemies.

The second one is an ambitious hike to HuaynaPicchu mountain, this takes 3-hour round trip and offers a great view over the Andes.

This hike is strenuous and recommended only for travelers comfortable with heights and who have a good fitness level

This is very important:

Availability is limited. If you are planning to do those hikes, it is important to book your trip well in advance. The availability is affected by several factors, including the time of year, the number of people in your group, and the number of spaces regulated by the Peruvian state.

Lunch:

Embark on a captivating culinary journey at Sanctuary Lodge hotel by Belmond.

Afternoon:

We are going to witness the full mystical essence of the most important Inca Citadel.

Tea time:

Starts at 4:45 pm in the buffet restaurant.

Dinner:

The return trip includes a fine dining experience on the luxury train, you can accompany your meals with beverages and an excellent wine selection.



Day 7

Destination: **CUSCO**

Accommodation: **Monasterio Hotel by Belmond or similar Hotel.**

Meal Included: **B/L**

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Important Note:

Today we are going to visit Sulca Textile Museum Home.

Morning:

Meet your PerulncaDiscovery Tour Leader in the hotel lobby for your next excursion to see remains of the temple of the sun, the famous QORICANCHA, one of the most finely worked stone structures. Inca architecture is widely known for its fine masonry, which features precisely cut and shaped stones closely fitted without mortar.

After this visit, we are ready to see SACSAYHUAMAN, by driving 20 minutes from Cusco, we approach into SACSAYHUAMAN, you will be impressed by the scale of the Inca Site, this is one of the biggest mysteries of the Inca architecture. From an architectural perspective Sacsayhuaman is fascinating. The amount of effort and coordination it took to build this structure combined with the level of precision in the craftsmanship of the material puts this site on the top of Inca knowledge.

Lunch:

This is one of the best restaurants in Cusco, The Inka Grill, considered the pioneer of the culinary revolution in Cusco.

Afternoon:

You will have free time to rest after the day's activities, or make independent discoveries in the town.

Dinner:

It is on your own, we will be happy to offer suggestions for dining.



Day 8

Destination: **LIMA USA**

Meal Included: **B**

Breakfast:

An irresistible breakfast menu that offers fresh pieces of bread, pastries, and local Peruvian specialties. Charcuterie, fruit, and eggs cooked to order ensure a hearty start to your day, beginning at 6:30 am.

Morning:

Please meet your Perulnca Discovery representative in the lobby ready for your private transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima, where you'll connect to your flight back to the U.S.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP (AND WHAT'S NOT)

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from your home country
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not specified
- All gratuities

INCLUDED

- English-Speaking
- Luxury Accommodations
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes, and All Gratuities Except Your Tour Leader
- 24/7 P.I.D On-Call Support

INCLUDED ON THE INCA TRAIL

- Professional English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees and required permits
- A private, hand-crafted, and fully personalized service with our staff
- All entrance fees and permits
- Meals indicated: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.
- 3 nights at ultra-luxury camping
- Train tickets to Machupicchu, of your choice
- Massage Sessions during 3 days, and Yoga Sessions
- Hot Shower during the Inca trail
- Bath and hand towels per person, Sleeping bags, Duffle bags
- Private porter during the trail for your personal belongings
- Modern Hiking and camping equipment
- Oxygen bottle and first-aid kits
- Wine, Champagne, safe bottled water.
- Personal tents (Gore-Tex) Inflatable Terma-rest sleeping pad Pillow Sleeping bag, mummy.
- An excellent Chef. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or food allergies in advance.
- Gourmet meals with high-quality cutlery.
- Porters are to carry up to 25 pounds, of personal gear.
- 24/7assistance

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