



Inca Discovery

9 Days | 8 Nights



Peru Inca
Discovery



Destination: USA-LIMA

Accommodation: Miraflores Park Hotel by Belmond or similar Hotel.

Meal Included: B/L

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

After proceeding through immigration, please collect your baggage and continue through customs. Please leave the airport arrivals hall passing through the exit doors.

Our PERUINCADISCOVERY Tour Leader will be at the airport to meet you and escort you to your hotel, the hotel will be located in the heart of the vibrant Miraflores District, and depend on the traffic the journey will take 1 hour approximately.

Morning:

Welcome Briefing at the hotel during which we will introduce ourselves and review carefully our itinerary. Logistics, safety emergency procedures, and any questions will also be discussed.

Activity Note:

After the briefing, we leave the hotel for our first Discovery.

Lunch:

The culinary capital of South America, Lima offers an incredible variety of flavors, we have carefully selected one of the best restaurants.

Afternoon:

Around 5 pm, We will leave the hotel to visit a very important neighborhood in Lima.

Barranco is the artsy, bohemian neighborhood of Lima popular with visitors. It is a must- see while in town, offering visitors world-class food, culture, and nightlife – basically, all the best things the capital has to offer in one charming neighborhood

Admire the Bridge of Sighs, the poetic ambiance of Barranco's Puente de los Suspiros (Bridge of Sighs) has inspired writers and artists alike and makes for the most romantic place to bring your partner in Peru.

The bridge itself is not an architectural wonder, but at night, when the lights go on, it's an unforgettable spot to be. After dark, vendors come out selling drinks and Peru's famous picarones dessert, alongside musicians performing near the bridge.

Dinner:

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



Day 2

Destination: LIMA

Accommodation: Miraflores Park Hotel by Belmond or 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:

Larco Museum, Downtown Lima, and The Convent of San Francisco.

We are leaving the hotel at 8 am to enjoy Lima's historic city center declared by UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lima was Founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1535 and became Spain's largest and wealthiest city in the New World. The city has a proud history, including the founding of one of the first universities in South America, The University of San Marcos, in the middle of the 16th century.

We begin our day exploring The Larco Museum (officially known as Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum) it is one of the best museums in South America covering more than 6,000 years of pre-Columbian history.

You will be able to observe in chronological order how the Pre-Columbian cultures were evolving until their splendor and of course their fall, this is a very important part to understand the complex history of Peru from 5000 BC to the Inca period before the Spanish conquest.

The museum contains an impressive collection of ceramics, gold, silver items, and textiles from Peru's pre-Columbian history, all housed in a former mansion with lush gardens.

We continue our discoveries with a car ride of 30 minutes to reach The Convent of San Francisco and the Main Square of Lima. You are going to visit one of the most important and visited religious temples in the city of Lima, However, what is most striking are its extensive underground cloisters, the catacombs where hundreds of human skulls lie since colonial times.

Lunch:

The culinary capital of South America, Lima offers an incredible variety of flavors, we have carefully selected one of the best restaurants.

Afternoon:

On the way back to the hotel, we will stop for another Discovery.

Dinner:

In one of Lima's most famous restaurants, La Rosa Nautica, located at the end of a pier in the Pacific Ocean, right where all the surfers look for big waves off the rocky shores below the Costa Verde.



Destination: LIMA-CUSCO

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.

Activity Note:

We rise early this morning for our flight to Cusco. We will spend tonight and the next few nights at elevations above 9,000 feet. We recommend staying hydrated while at high altitude.

Morning:

We leave from the hotel and drive to the airport of Lima, today we are landing in Cusco City, the former capital of the Inca Empire and 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 too; 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 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 4

Destination: OLLANTA-MARAS-MORAY

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.

Activity Note:

Prepare for a full day of immersive cultural Discovery.

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.

After this, we continue our adventure 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.

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 will visit 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.

Dinner:

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



Day 5

Destination: MACHUPICCHU

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:

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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: CUSCO CITY

Accommodation: Monasterio hotel by Belmond or a Similar hotel in Cusco.

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.

Tae 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.



Destination: CUSCO CITY

Accommodation: Monasterio Hotel by Belmond or similar Hotel.

Meal Included: B/L

Breakfast:

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Important note:

Today we are going to visit Sulca Textile Museum Home.

Morning:

Meet your PeruIncaDiscovery 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: SOUTHERN VALLEY

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.

Morning:

Today we explore the valley south of Cuzco, beginning with a drive to Oropesa. This small town is known for special bread called pan Chuta. We'll visit a bakery where we'll have the opportunity to sample this local specialty and ask the bakers questions about how it is made. Then, we continue on to Tipon, the site of ancient Inca waterworks. The maze of irrigation channels and ritual baths here is a marvel of ancient engineering water continues to flow in them, 500 years after their construction.

Discover the “Peruvian Sistine Chapel”, a church concealing golden altars, magnificent paintings, and vibrant ceilings.

The renowned temple was built by the Jesuits in 1580, and what is most impressive is that its facade does not warn you what you will find inside: a space full of incredible and inspirational religious art pieces, like paintings, sculptures and carvings of Andean baroque inspiration.

Lunch:

Enjoy a gourmet outdoor picnic surrounded by the most magnificent landscapes in Cusco.

The experience includes a special lunch based on local ingredients, accompanied with exquisite wines from sommeliers suggestion and your preferences.

Afternoon:

After lunch, we'll drive about 45 minutes back to Cusco, arriving at our hotel around 3pm. You'll have free time to continuing exploring the hilly streets of Cusco on your own.

Dinner:

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



Day 9

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 PeruIncaDiscovery 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.A.

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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