

DAY 1

Your Journey Begins in Lima

Welcome to Peru! You will be met on your arrival at the airport, then transported to your city center hotel for a two-night stay. Spend the remainder of the day relaxing at your leisure. (Overnight Lima)

DAY 2

Lima

Today is a day exploring the riches of the city, with your private guide. Visit Plaza San Martin, Plaza Mayor, and the Government Palace. Discover the Casa de Aliaga, the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, with its remarkable interior and rich history dating back to 1535. Then, the Larco Herrera Museum to delve into Peru's ancient past, featuring a vast collection of pre-Columbian art. Enjoy a delightful meal at Café del Museo Restaurant within the museum complex. Explore the bohemian district of Barranco, known for its artistic history and the iconic Puente de los Suspiros. (Overnight Lima) B, L

DAY 3

Lima to The Sacred Valley

Your driver will meet you at the hotel lobby to take you to the airport, where they will also assist with all check-in procedures and departure formalities. The flight to Cusco is just 1hr and 25mins, and you will be met on arrival, then driven on the 1hr 30min drive to The Sacred Valley. Along the way, you can visit the impressive Sulca Museum, which recreates fabrics from ancient Peru, and lunch at the lovely Hacienda Huayocari. (Overnight The Sacred Valley) B, L

DAY 4

Sacred Valley

After breakfast enjoy a guided journey through the Inca's Sacred Valley, exploring the ancient Maras Salt pans where salt has been harvested for millennia. Witness the breathtaking array of colors in the salt deposits and visit the enigmatic Moray terraces, considered a colossal agricultural lab, astronomical observatory, and place of worship with its circular terraces nestled in cone-shaped depressions. Enjoy a traditional lunch at the Community of Misminay, and following your tour you will be transferred back to your hotel. (Overnight The Sacred Valley) B, L

DAY 5

The Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu

Following a short transfer, it's 'all aboard' for the train journey of a lifetime! Along the way take in the changing landscape from the Andean highlands to the jungle, before arriving at the town of Aguas Calientes. Your luggage will be taken care of as you take the short bus ride to the famous ancient citadel of Machu Picchu and enjoy a guided tour of the Lost City of the Incas. (Overnight Machu Picchu) B, L

DAY 6

Machu Picchu to Cusco

Rise and shine early today as the sunrise over Machu Picchu is a sight you don't want to miss. It's a day to enjoy unguided, so be it a stroll around the ancient ruins, a climb to the top of Huayna Picchu for even better views, or a visit to the hot springs of Aguas Calientes, it's up to you. In the afternoon return to Cusco by scenic train, then you will be escorted to your hotel. (Overnight Cusco) B

DAY 7

Cusco

Explore the beautiful city of Cusco today. The cobbled streets and original Inca walls are second to none when it comes to archaeological treasures. Highlights of the tour include the Santa Domingo church, which is built on Inca Temple Koricancha's foundations, the Cristobal viewpoint for some amazing views, Sacsayhuaman Fortress, the Inca baths of Tambomachay, and finally a tour of the magnificent Main Plaza and Cathedral. Head back to your hotel to refresh, then perhaps return to the Main Plaza for dinner. (Overnight Cusco) B

DAY 8

Cusco to Puno On The Titicaca Train

A driver will collect you early this morning and escort you to Wanchaq Train Station, where you will be welcomed by local musicians who provide a beautiful background as you board the train. The route through the dramatic Peruvian Andes is often cited as being one of the world's most spectacular, and the vast windows and outdoor observatory wagon mean you won't miss any highlights. Entertainers and musicians are onboard throughout the journey, and the luxurious Pullman-style dining cars are the perfect setting to enjoy the delicious local gourmet three-course lunch with wine, and afternoon tea

which are included. On arrival, a representative will meet you in Puno, and escort you to your hotel. (Overnight Puno) L

DAY 9

Lake Titicaca

In the morning, embark on an unforgettable motorboat journey to the extraordinary 'Floating Islands' of the Uros on Lake Titicaca, crafted by the Water Tribe using layers of the unique Totora plant. Continue to Taquile Island, home to Quenchua-speaking natives with distinct social systems and expert hand-weaving traditions. Enjoy a local lunch served by one of the locals in their own home, then a scenic walk through the gentle hills and archaeological sites around the lake. Return to Puno, and enjoy a relaxed evening at your leisure. (Overnight Puno) B, L

DAY 10

Lake Titicaca to The Colca Canyon

It's a journey of 6 hours today from Lake Titicaca to the Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest and most spectacular canyons. Along the way, you will enjoy some breathtaking high-altitude landscapes, including a series of small lagoons called Lagunillas, famous for the Andean Flamingos which live there together with artisan fishermen. Traverse Pampa Cañahuas in the Aguada Blanca National Reserve where you will see herds of Vicuñas and Alpacas, then you will arrive in the town of Chivay for lunch, and a short stroll if you choose. From the town, it's a short drive to the beautiful Colca Lodge in the Colca Valley, which will be home for the next two nights. (Overnight Colca Canyon) B, L

DAY 11

Colca Canyon

In the early morning, you will be driven to the 'Cruz del Condor' observation point, which offers a magnificent view of the expansive Colca Canyon. While not its deepest point, this spot allows you to marvel at the canyon's grandeur, and, with some luck, witness the majestic Andean condors – the world's largest flying birds, soaring above the high plain. On the way back to the lodge, explore villages showcasing ancient terraces built by the Collaguas, a pre-Inka culture. From here take a stroll around the towns of Maca at the base of the volcano Sabancaya, and then Yanque whose beautiful baroque church stands as a testament to the cultural fusion of the colonial era. Once back at the lodge, relax and enjoy at your leisure. The surrounding area is easy to explore on a gentle stroll, or if it's the relaxation you need why not enjoy a repairing bath at the nearby hotel springs? (Overnight Colca Canyon) B, L

DAY 12

The Colca Canyon to Arequipa

Today you will be transferred to Chvay for lunch, then it's a three-hour drive to Arequipa passing lookouts and villages and crossing Pampa Cañahuas in the Aguada Blanca National Reserve along the way. Once you have arrived in Arequipa settle into your hotel, then enjoy dinner in the evening. (Overnight Arequipa) B, L

DAY 13

Lima

Enjoy a private half-day tour of Arequipa this morning, exploring its main square—one of Peru's most beautiful—and the Cathedral, a prime example of 19th-century Peruvian architecture with treasures in gold and silver. Visit the historic La Compañía Church, an important Jesuit temple. Then, explore the Santa Catalina Convent, a 19th-century 'small town' opened to the public in 1970 after 400 years as a cloister. Immaculately preserved, it offers a glimpse into the past with spacious patios, gardens, a kitchen, slave quarters, and stone washbasins, still inhabited by about 20 nuns. In the afternoon you will be escorted to the airport for an evening flight to Lima. (Overnight Lima) B

DAY 14

Overnight Onboard The Aqua Nera

Fly to the northern city of Iquitos via Lima today, and once you have arrived you will be escorted on a short tour of the city and lunch, then board the wonderful Aqua Nera ship to begin your luxurious Amazon adventure. Once settled in your generously sized suite, meet the rest of your traveling companions together with the attentive staff and naturalist guides in the restaurant to enjoy a delicious feast of Amazonian cuisine. (Overnight Onboard the Aqua Nera) B, L, D

DAY 15

Overnight Onboard The Aqua Nera

This morning you will experience nature like never before. Aboard the comfortable skiffs set sail from the Amazon River to the Yarapa River, where you will spot tropical songbirds, black-collared hawks, and sloths. Line fish for ferocious piranhas while your naturalist guide shares stories of Lake Moringo. In the afternoon, sail on to Lake Clavero where villagers rely on traditional dugout canoes to get around. We swim in the lake's calm waters or visit native residents of Amazonia who welcome you to their

community with open arms. In the evening enjoy dinner and entertainment onboard Aqua Nera (Overnight Onboard the Aqua Nera) B, L, D

DAY 16

Overnight Onboard The Aqua Nera

Today venture into the blackwater tributaries of the Yanallpa River by skiff. Here you will disembark to traverse deep into the wildlife-rich Amazonian rainforest led by your knowledgeable naturalist. Following your exploration, reboard the skiffs for a serene cruise along the El Dorado River, engaging in a dusk excursion to seek out exotic nocturnal creatures. (Overnight Onboard the Aqua Nera) B, L, D

DAY 17

Lima

Begin your day with a guided visit to a local market, where you can marvel at the regional produce of the Peruvian Amazon and sample exotic snacks if you wish. After, return to the shop for breakfast and disembarkation. On your way to Iquitos airport for your flight back to Lima you have the chance to visit the Manatee Rescue Center, where orphaned Amazonian manatees undergo rehabilitation before being reintroduced to the wild. Relax on your 2-hour flight back to the capital Lima. (Overnight Lima) B

DAY 18

Lima to Paracas

Once again you will be collected in the morning by your private driver and guide, and this time drive south to the city of Ica – known to the locals as the “Land of Eternal Sun”. The region here is rich in fertile ground, famed for its wine and pisco production, and it borders the Paracas National Reserve. Following a short stop journey into the reserve, where you will observe beautiful landscapes and wildlife. (Overnight Paracas) B

DAY 19

The Nazca Lines and Huacachina Oasis

Another morning pick-up, but this time for a day like no other. You will be driven to the Paracas airport for a 90-minute flight over the Nazca Lines. Weather permitting you will witness twelve of the world-famous geoglyphs etched into the desert sand including the hummingbird, condor, and monkey. On your return to the airport, you will be whisked to a local winery where you will learn (and taste!) all there is to know and love about the famous Pisco brandy. In the afternoon it's on to the beautiful Huacachina Oasis – famed for its healing properties and spectacular setting amid vast dunes. Take a comfortable and specialized buggy ride into the desert from where you have the chance to take some spectacular views of the Oasis. Head back to Paracas for the evening and enjoy dinner in any of its great local restaurants. (Overnight Paracas) B

DAY 20

The Ballestas Islands, and Lima

It's an early start today as you board a motorboat bound for the Ballestas Islands. This two-hour tour is a must-see for wildlife lovers, and this rocky archipelago is often called a mini-Galapagos thanks to its abundant wildlife. They are home to thousands of birds and mammals, including penguins, sea lions, and pelicans. Make sure your camera batteries are fully charged! Following your cruise, you will be met again by your private driver and guide for the four-hour drive along the Desert and Pan-American Highway back to Lima for a final night in Peru. (Overnight Lima) B

DAY 21

Your Journey Ends in Lima

Following breakfast at your hotel you will be escorted to the airport for your flight home. B