



*18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - 12 Days*

An unforgettable trip to  
**Peru**

**Machu Picchu**  
The Amazon rain forest & more





## Day 1

LIMA (B) Welcome to Lima, the 'city of the Kings'. Upon arrival, you will be picked up from the airport and privately escorted to your hotel for the night. The remainder of the morning is yours to rest. Early check is not included.

## Day 2

LIMA (B) Your sightseeing tour explores the modern districts of Lima and its historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988. Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical movements also reached Peru and a handful of well-preserved buildings offer a glimpse of the blend of past and present that characterizes the capital. One of the best examples included in our tour is the cathedral (16th century) containing the remains of the Spanish conqueror Pizarro. Your next stop is at the Larco Herrera Museum. The collection allows the understanding of 3,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history in an intuitive way. Its masterpieces are considered worldwide icons of pre-Inca art and have been displayed in the world's most renowned museums.

## Day 3

LIMA – CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY (B,L) At the proper time, you will be transferred to the airport for your next destination to Cusco. Suggested flight (not included) 09:15 Departure from Lima with LA2322 10:35 Arrival in Cusco Welcome to the Incan city of Cusco. Upon arrival, you will be picked up from the airport and privately escorted to your hotel in Sacred Valley to rest and slowly acclimatize. This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for your tour to the Pisac market in the Sacred Valley. Originally a place where people from remote communities used to barter their products, Pisac has evolved to one of South America's most famous souvenir markets. Make sure to sample some 'empanadas' baked in traditional clay ovens. Have lunch in the restaurant "Casa Colonial", located in the heart of Urubamba. Today you will enjoy a meal in an over 200-years-old restored colonial-style mansion with elegant furnishings and a beautiful view of the main square of Urubamba. Chef René Rodríguez's menu features traditional Peruvian dishes prepared using local organically grown ingredients. Afternoon visit to the fortress of Ollantaytambo where the Temple of the Sun (formed of six gigantic monoliths, whose total weight exceeds 50 tons) and the Terrace of the Ten Niches stand out. Arrive into your hotel in the Sacred Valley.



## Day 4

**SACRED VALLEY (B, L)** Today you'll visit the charming community of Chincheros. Explore the remains of Tupac Inca Yupanqui's royal house, as well as a beautiful colonial temple built on Inca foundations. Then, you will visit the salt mines of Maras where an intense white shines like snow on a sunny day - an impressive sight for any visitor. Salt was extracted from these mines from Inca times on and the same method has been used ever since. You then head to Moray. The circular terraces hidden among the hills are similar to a Greek amphitheater. Surrounded by an impressive backdrop of snow-covered mountains, Moray was used as an open-air agricultural lab for adapting crops to different environmental conditions. Enjoy a three-course lunch at Misminay, a traditional Andean community close to the district of Maras. Lunch is cooked by the families of the community with naturally cultivated ingredients from their fields. On a clear day views at Misminay are truly phenomenal. You can see most of the snow-capped mountains of the Sacred Valley and the surrounding farmlands. Then, during a weaving demonstration at the Andean community of Misminay your hostess will teach you the techniques used many centuries ago by their ancestors. The preparation process includes the gathering of wool, and its spinning, plying and dyeing. Finally, you will visit the fortress of Ollantaytambo where the Temple of the Sun (formed of six gigantic monoliths, whose total weight exceeds 50 tons) and the Terrace of the Ten Niches stand out.

## Day 5

**SACRED VALLEY - AGUAS CALIENTES - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO (B)** Early in the morning, transfer to Ollanta train station for your next railroad journey to Aguas Calientes. (only with a Spanish speaking driver). The PERURAIL VISTADOME train ride takes you through the Sacred Valley of the Incas up to Machu Picchu. Upon arriving in Aguas Calientes you will be greeted by your guide who will assist you onto the shuttle bus to the entrance of the citadel. During your guided tour you will experience the uniqueness of the location and the genius that went into its construction. The duration of your magical trip to one of the seven new wonders of the world will be 2.5 hours, after which you will make your way back out of the citadel with your guide. In the afternoon return by PERURAIL VISTADOME train from Aguas Calientes to San Pedro Train Station and transfer to your hotel in Cusco (only with Spanish speaking driver)



## Day 6

CUSCO (B) This morning will be at leisure to rest from your past busy days in Machu Picchu. Later this afternoon, your half day sightseeing tour starts with Sacsayhuaman Fortress, the largest and most magnificent work left by the Incas. The massive terrace walls are amongst the largest used in any building in the Americas. The meticulous precision of the rockwork sheds light on the mastery of the Inca stonemasons. Then, you head back to Cusco city. Admire the most impressive example of how Inca and Hispanic cultures fused together at the Koricancha or Sun Temple. Just at walking distance you find the Cathedral dominating the north-east side of Cusco's main square. One of the most famous paintings and icons within is the 'Last Supper' by Quechua artist Marcos Zapata. The 18th century painting symbolizes the blend of indigenous and European cultures. Instead of a lamb on the table you find a guinea pig. Take then a cobblestoned street going up to the traditional artist's quarter of San Blas. Many of the best craftsmen have their workshops and small galleries in the cobbled, narrow streets. From the main square, take Triunfo Street to Hatunrumiyoc and see its famous twelve-sided stone.

## Day 7

CUSCO – LIMA (B) At proper time, you will be picked up from your hotel and privately escorted to the airport for your next flight to Iquitos Suggested flight (not included) 11:49 Departure from Cusco with LA2014 13:15 Arrival in Lima Upon arrival in Lima, airport assistance and check-in the airport hotel. Early check is not included. Check in at the hotel is at 15:00 Rest of the afternoon at leisure. This will work better than having a hotel in the city because the flight from Lima to Iquitos should be early.





## Day 8

LIMA - IQUITOS - PACAYA SAMIRIA LODGE (B, L, D) At the proper time you will be transferred to the airport for your next flight to Iquitos. Suggested flight (not included) 05:25 Departure from Lima with LA2234 07:19 Arrival in Iquitos You begin your Peruvian jungle adventure at the Iquitos city airport, where you will travel 97 km (60 miles) to the town of Nauta, the first town founded by the Spanish, situated on the bank of the Marañón River. The trip to Nauta takes about an hour and a half. Upon reaching Nauta, you will board a boat and sail towards the lodge, visiting the Fundo Casual (in the high-water season) where you will go in search of different species of flora and fauna. Once you arrive at the lodge you will receive a warm welcome, seasonal fruit drink and a ritualistic custom performed by the Kukama Kukamiria tribe members. You will then be invited to go to your rooms to leave your luggage and then have some lunch. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at the lodge and as night falls you will be invited to participate in conversations about the myths and legends of the Amazon, followed by a visit to the TETSU mirador before retiring to your room for a good night's rest

## Day 9

PACAYA SAMIRIA LODGE (B, Boxed L, D) After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some adventure treks through the lodge's forests and follow the route of the primates. Have some lunch before you begin your journey inside of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve to an area called Nauta Caño. Here, you will hike in search of the famous pink and gray freshwater dolphins near the gorge of the same name. You will also be able to immerse yourself in the wide variety of flora and fauna that the reserve has to offer. One of the first things that will catch your eye is how the river water perfectly reflects the sky, clouds, vegetation and large trees along the river banks. It will give you the sensation that you are sailing between endless mirrors, which is why Pacaya Samiria is also known as 'the forest of mirrors'. During your journey, you will take a walk through the flooded forests where you can spot some primates and sloths as well as observe a variety of birds. You will then return to the lodge where you will have some downtime, followed by dinner



## Day 10

**PACAYA SAMIRIA LODGE (B, L, D)** After breakfast you will visit the community of San Jorge and interact with its members while they demonstrate their way of life and ancestral customs. Then, visit the Center for Kukama Women Crafts, known for their work with natural Chambira fiber and Wingo or pumpkin carvings. You will then have some time for lunch before setting sail through the Marañón River towards a small lagoon called "Shiriyacu", where you will try your hand at traditional fishing using 2 local techniques, by rod and by traps. Once you are done, you will make your way back to the lodge and enjoy some dinner.

## Day 11

**PACAYA SAMIRIA LODGE - IQUITOS - LIMA (B, L)** Today, you will review the fishing traps that you set yesterday and make use of the fish that were caught. You will enjoy an Amazonian 'vivencial' breakfast. Then, head to the river banks for some bird watching before returning to the lodge for some rest and to get ready for your trip back to Iquitos. Important: This program can vary due to weather conditions and low/high water season. Your guides may change some items in the program in order to get most of the excursion. Suggested flight (not included) 19:09 Departure from Iquitos with LA2247 20:55 Arrival in Lima Upon arrival in Lima, assistance by our local representative and walking transfer to your Airport hotel

## Day 12

**LIMA - ... (B)** Breakfast. At the proper time you should walk until the international departure zone in the airport to take your international departure flight.





## Tour Cost :

Price per person	Twin Sharing Cost	Single Supplement Cost
Land services in 3 star hotels in Peru	CAD 2789	CAD 849
Supplement for tips (porters at airport and hotels)	CAD 43	-
Supplement for tips for Pacaya Samiria Lodge	CAD 63	-

Optional Meals (price per person)	
Dinner (set menu) at Mangos Restaurant in Larcomar	CAD 56
Dinner (set menu) at La Tiendecita Blanca	CAD 53

HOTELS	
City	Hotels
Lima	Fairfield by Marriott Lima Miraflores (Standard)
Cusco	Xima Cusco (Standard)
Sacred Valley	Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado Urubamba (Standard)
Iquitos	Pacaya Samiria Lodge (Standard)
Lima Airport	Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (Standard)

## Services Included:


- ✓ Transfers from / to the airport, bus or train station. Some detailed transfers with a Spanish-speaking driver.
- ✓ Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category.
- ✓ Private services with local English-speaking guides
- ✓ Train ticket Ollanta - Machu Picchu - Ollanta in Vistadome Class (Superior Class).
- ✓ Entrance fees to the sites noted in the itinerary (important: the chronological order of visits in the itinerary may change to ensure the best operation)
- ✓ Meals as noted (B: breakfast, BoxedL: boxed lunch, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- ✓ 1 bottle of water per person per day
- ✓ Permanent assistance by our local representative.


## Services Not Included:


- ✓ International flights
- ✓ Domestic flights (see separate cost above)
- ✓ Tips (for guides, drivers, waiters, luggage porters)
- ✓ Beverages during meals (unless specified in the itinerary)
- ✓ Early check in / late check out unless explicitly stated

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