



World Heritage of South America

11 Nights



Summary

Join us on a fascinating voyage of discovery as we visit some of the most splendid and awesome sites in South America. In Peru, you'll see Lima, the City of Kings; Cusco, the ancient Incan capital; and Machu Picchu, the Lost City. In Ecuador, you'll visit Quito, the lovely colonial capital city and UNESCO World Heritage site; and then, you can extend your stay and cruise the Galapagos Islands, the magical place that inspired Charles Darwin to propose his theory of evolution. And while there are no compromises in the quality of the hotels and the scope of touring included in our program, it's yours for a price that's as amazing as the trip itself!

Overview

Interest: Group – Family--Couples
Level of Comfort: 3/5
Minimum # of passengers: 2
Maximum # of passengers: 20

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Peruvian Nuevo sol
- **Language:** Spanish – Aymara-- Quechuan
- **Dialing Code:** 51
- **Recommended vaccines:** Hepatitis A- Hepatitis B-Typhoid
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange offices or

Day 01:

Arrival – Lima

Arrival in Lima, meet and transfer to the hotel

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Day 02: Lima – Cusco – Yucay

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco
Upon Arrival Transfer to the Hotel in the Urubamba Valley, known as Sacred Valley, where the Urubamba River, a headstream of the Amazon passes through
On your way to the Urubamba Valley you will undertake a short visit to the sanctuary Cochahuasi Wasi. You will have the opportunity to see Pumas, Condors and Aras. The small conservation project is not comparable with a Zoo. It's also possible to get an insight in the Andean web techniques. You will then continue to the "Mercado de Urubamba".
The "Mercado de Urubamba" is an authentic market where real bartering takes place. The rural people of the surroundings sell and barter agricultural products as well as animals. It is also the place where locals exchange gossips and news

Day 03: Yucay

Morning at leisure
In the afternoon, a visit to Ollantaytambo, a typical Inca community, is included. Towering above the town of Ollantaytambo we will find the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Steep stone terraces rising from the edge of town lead up to the fortress ruins at the top of the hill. A stone stairway leads up through the terrace walls, allowing visitors to step out on them. One of the best-preserved areas lies north of the Hanan Huacaypata square: an area of 15 blocks of houses built on top of carved stone walls. Lunch included in a typical restaurant on the way to Ollantaytambo

Day 04: Yucay – Machu Picchu - Cusco

Transfer by bus to the train station of Ollantaytambo where the tour starts by train that goes through the fertile plain of the Urubamba valley and on to Aguas Calientes. From there, small busses drive up the steep mountain to the ruin town.
Enjoy a guided visit of around 2 hours of the ruins and return by bus and train to Ollantaytambo station. Transfer to your hotel in Cusco

Day 05: Cusco

Today you will start for a half day city tour. It will be shown the exact centre of the Incan Empire, the Plaza de Armas. There one can find the cathedral built on the ruins of the ancient Inca Palace. The cathedral borders on other churches on both sides. Next stop will be the old town with its magnificent renovated colonial buildings; some of them are being used as hotels.
Proceed to Sacsayhuaman, a ruin site located approx. 3 km above Cusco. Sacsayhuaman also offers a fabulous view over the city. Afterwards visit the surrounding ruins.
The afternoon is free at leisure

Day 06: Cusco - Puno

A full day bus tour from Cusco to Puno leads through the Peruvian highland along snow-covered peaks of the Andes, small villages and reaches its highest point in La Raya at 4.300 m above sea level. On route you will visit the town of Andahuaylillas, the ruins of Racchi and the small town of Pucara. Lunch in a typical restaurant en route is included.
Upon arrival in Puno transfer to your hotel

Day 07: Puno - Lima

In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Puno's dock where you will depart towards the Uros Islands on Titicaca Lake. The Uros are 40 small floating islands made of

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packed totora (reed), located within the Titicaca National Reserve. Here the inhabitants of the lake, the Uros, live just as their ancestors did, maintaining their customs and idiosyncrasies. After visiting the Uros Islands we will continue by boat to Taquile Island. There are no roads or electricity in Taquile and the locals have maintained their traditions and culture and many still wear traditional dresses. The Taquileños are known for their high-quality handicrafts, especially for the knitting, which is exclusively performed by males. In the main square there is a cooperative shop, selling woollen goods and hand-woven items, as well as a small church. A typical lunch at Taquile Island is included. Transfer from the hotel to the airport of Juliaca. Flight to Lima and transfer to the hotel

- Day 08:** **Lima**
- In the afternoon you will explore the city on a sightseeing tour through Lima. The Plaza de Armas with the beautiful buildings of the government Palace, the town hall, the Palace of the archbishop and the cathedral are still the most important places in town. After that you will visit the beautiful San Francisco monastery which displays the largest collection of religious art in America. The highlight of this convent is the visit of the underground vaults known as “catacumbas” or catacombs. Proceed through the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores and to the Coastline enjoying the view over the beaches of Lima and the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards enjoy a guided visit of one of the Lima’s most noted museums, the Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum
- Day 09:** **Lima - Quito**
- In the morning transfer from the hotel to the airport and flight to Quito
Reception at the airport and Transfer to the hotel
- Day 10:** **Quito**
- Today you will enjoy a sightseeing-tour of the city of Quito which leads you through the historical centre of Quito for a walk through the culturally diverse history of this city. We will pass the church of La Compañía, which has the most ornate and richly sculptured façade and interior, the Independence Square with the Government Palace and the Cathedral including a visit. Afterwards, we will visit the famous hill of the old town, Panecillo (little bread) where you will see the angel statue “Virgen de Quito”. Afterwards visit of the Equatorial Line Monument called “Middle of the World” where you get a truly rare experience to stand in both, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously. The Equatorial Monument marks the spot where an 18th century French scientific expedition established the exact position of the Equator. The area has been built as a typical colonial town, with restaurants, gift shops and Post Office with philatelic sales. Visit the monument and Ethnographical Museum, which shows the history of the Indian cultures of Ecuador.
- Day 11:** **Quito**
- Day at leisure
- Day 12:** **Quito**
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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