



Land of Incas
11 nights



Summary

Peru is legendary among world travelers looking for, exciting new experiences. Stunningly endowed in much more than most trips can even hope to both natural and man-made attractions, the country takes in: charming Andean highland towns with colonial architecture, remote jungle lodges in the Amazon basin, soaring snowcapped mountains and volcanoes, a 3,220km (2,000-mile) Pacific coastline and, of course, Machu Picchu and the stunning legacies of the Incas and other sophisticated pre-Columbian civilizations.

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Overview

Interest: family, group, couples

Level of Comfort: 3/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: 20

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Kenyan Shilling.
- **Language:** Spanish – Aymara – Quechuan
- **Dialing Code:** 51
- **Recommended vaccine :** Hepatitis A- Hepatitis B-Typhoid.
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange offices or authorized hotels

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Day 1 : Arrival – Lima

Arrival in Lima, meet and transfer to the hotel

Day 2 : 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 3 : 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 4 : 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 5 : 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 6 : 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.

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Day 7 :

Puno

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 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.

Day 8 :

Puno – Colca Canyon

Today you start your excursion to the Colca Canyon. This canyon has a length of more than 100km and its deepest point is 3.400m. The best lookout is to be found at 3.800m above sea level.

On the way you visit the Aguada Blanca National Park where Vicuñas and Alpacas can be seen. You reach the best lookout at 4.910m above sea level. The view of the volcanoes Misti, Chachani, Ampato and the still active Sabancaya is just fantastic.

Lunchbox on route. Dinner at the hotel is included.

Day 9 :

Colca Canyon - Arequipa

After an early breakfast start your trip to the lookouts Cruz del Condor, located at the deepest point of the canyon. The view is just fantastic and condors can be seen. Afterwards you will visit the colonial churches in Maca and Yanque as well as different lookouts with beautiful views.

Lunch in Chivay. Continue to Arequipa where you arrive in the late afternoon.

Day 10 :

Arequipa

In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel to start the city tour through Arequipa, the so called "White City", departing through the old neighbourhoods of San Lázaro. Then we will visit Arequipa's Cathedral and the main square with its three portals. After that, we will continue with the "Compañía de Jesús", exponent of the Spanish baroque-half caste of the XVII century, on its side there is the San Ignacio Chapel, also called "The Sistine of America". Then we will continue with our visit to the Santa Catalina Convent, beautiful and romantic place from the XVI century, with the pure style of different Spanish cities.

The afternoon is at leisure.

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Day 11 :

Arequipa - Lima

Transfer to Arequipa airport and flight to 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 which houses the world’s largest private collection of Peruvian pre-Columbian Art. Mr. Rafael Larco Hoyle founded the museum on July 28, 1926, in the Chiclin sugar estate in Trujillo, naming it as his father as an expression of filial homage. In 1958 he moved the collection to Lima, installing the Museum in a Colonial house in the district of Pueblo Libre, where it currently functions. This locale was adapted to the characteristics style of the 18th century Colonial houses from Trujillo. The approximate 45,000 objects of the collection have been exhibited to the public in the Permanent Hall, Jewellery Vault and the Classified Storage Area ever since.

The Halls of the Larco Museum are organized by subjects. The Metals, Ceramics, the Stones, the Culture, the Great Jewellery Vault and Textile Halls emphasize the technological aspects by Pre-Columbian cultures. Finally the World’s unique Erotic Hall gives us a glimpse of the fascinating sexual life of ancient Peruvians.

Day 12 :

Lima

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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