

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Ancient Peru with Machu Picchu

11 DAYS: Thursday, January 9-Sunday, January 19, 2020

\$4,179 per person double occupancy; \$4,679 for single reservations*

***Prices include round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required.**

THE MYSTICAL RUINS AND MISTY PEAKS OF MACHU PICCHU are, for many, a once-in-a-lifetime destination. One of the most popular places to visit in the world, it appears on many lists of the best places to see and is recognized as one of the seven Modern Wonders of the World. On this amazing Peruvian adventure, we'll walk in the footsteps of the ancient Inca as we explore Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley. We'll begin in Lima—"an international city, with a wealth of sights, tastes and activities that connect the present with its ancient past"—The New York Times; and explore Cuzco—"the foremost city of the Inca Empire is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city."—Lonely Planet. Discover the wonder, mystery and natural beauty of Peru's ancient civilizations, vibrant cities, and breathtaking landscapes.

Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels, 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners with beer or wine
- 4 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 on-tour flights, 2 train rides

Included highlights

- Huaca Huallamarca, Lima's Plaza Mayor, Sacsayhuaman, Sacred Valley of the Incas, Pisac,
- Ollantaytambo, PeruRail train ride, Machu Picchu

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails, at high altitudes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Flight from Boston

DAYS 1–3 Jose Antonio Deluxe, Lima

DAYS 4–6 Hilton Garden Inn Cusco, Cuzco

DAY 7 El MaPI by Inkaterra, Aguas Calientes

DAYS 8–9 Hilton Garden Inn Cusco, Cuzco

DAYS 10–11 Dayroom in Lima,

return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



Lima

Day 1: Travel to Peru

Board your flight to Lima and arrive later this evening.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Lima

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome lunch before entering the Larco Museum to view its collection of pre-Columbian art. Then, follow a local guide on a tour of both the modern and colonial quarters of Lima. • See the city's cathedral, Plaza de Armas, and the Church of San Francisco, which houses a museum of religious art and 16th-century catacombs • Enter the Huaca Huallamarca archaeological site

Day 3: Free time in Lima

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Lima or add excursions.

Optional Excursion **Traditional Peruvian Dinner +\$65/pp**

At tonight's dinner in Lima, get a taste of the traditional flavors of Peruvian cuisine. Start the evening with a cooking demonstration and learn to make classic ceviche and a pisco sour, the national drink of Peru. Then, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner with a wide variety of regional specialties, including ceviche (non-fish-eaters, don't worry—there's plenty here for you, too). For some dinner entertainment, enjoy a traditional folklore show featuring indigenous dances from around the country. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$75)

Optional Excursion **Nazca Lines +\$469/pp**

Travel from Lima to the town of Pisco where you'll board a flight to one of the world's greatest remaining mysteries, the Nazca Lines. Visible only from the air, the Lines are massive geoglyphs (geometric designs made of rocks) in the desert, preserved for over 1,000 years in one of the driest places on earth. You'll take an aerial tour of the region, learning about the many theories behind the Lines' origin. Lunch is included. Please note: The travel time to Pisco is approximately 3.5 hours each way. This excursion may not be appropriate for travelers prone to motion sickness. All travelers will need to report their weight to the pilot before takeoff, and passengers over 250 pounds may be required to pay a surcharge. Must book 20 days before departure

Cuzco

Day 4: Flight to Cuzco

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to the airport this afternoon for your flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival, enjoy free time to acclimate to the elevation as you explore on your own. Then, get a taste of Peruvian cuisine at a traditional dinner.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Cuzco

Included meals: Breakfast

Follow a local guide on a sightseeing tour of the magnificent capital of ancient Peru. • Stroll through ruins at Kenko, the “red fortress” of Puca Pucara, and Sacsayhuaman, which was once completely covered in gold • Stop to view the Cristo Blanco, a towering Christ statue outside the city • Admire La Merced Church, Plaza de Armas, and the Convent of Santo Domingo, built by the Spaniards where the Inca temple of Koricancha stood Enjoy a free evening in Cuzco or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Peruvian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner** +\$105/pp

Watch as an expert chef prepares a traditional Peruvian meal during a cooking demonstration at one of Cuzco’s top restaurants on this culinary excursion. With the beautiful Andes Mountains as your backdrop, you’ll discover how Peruvians use locally sourced ingredients to create authentic dishes. You’ll also learn how to mix up exotic cocktails made with pisco, a Peruvian brandy. Afterwards, enjoy the delicious dinner crafted by the expert chef in the restaurant. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$115)

Sacred Valley

Day 6: The Sacred Valley

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

A local guide leads you on a full-day sightseeing tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, nestled between Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and the surrounding Andes Mountains. • Explore traditional markets in the village of Pisac • Stop in Urubamba to enjoy lunch with the group • Travel to the mysterious Ollantaytambo ruins to explore ancient homes, terraces, and temples within the fortress walls

Machu Picchu

Day 7: Machu Picchu tour

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a train to Aguas Calientes, passing through the verdant valleys that lead to the Lost City of the Incas. • Tour the ruins of the ceremonial center, cultivation terraces, and guard house • Visit Funeral Rock, the Main Temple, Temple of the Three Windows, Chamber of Ornaments, the Sacred Plaza, and the Intihuatana stone • Choose to hike to the Temple of the Sun and explore the ruins on your own Later, sit down for an included dinner.

Cuzco

Day 8: Free time in Cuzco or return Machu Picchu trip **Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

Spend a free morning near Machu Picchu or add an excursion to return to the ruins. Rejoin the group for lunch in Aguas Calientes before taking a train back to Cuzco.

Optional Excursion **Machu Picchu: Return Visit** +\$99/pp

After experiencing Machu Picchu for the first time with your tour group, take the opportunity to continue exploring the Lost City of the Incas on your own the next morning. The Peruvian government only allows select visitors into Machu Picchu each day, but purchasing your return ticket in advance from Go Ahead will guarantee you reentrance to the site any time after 6am on the day of your excursion. Please note: It’s possible to purchase return tickets to Machu Picchu directly from the Peruvian government while on tour, but tickets are limited in availability, and you may experience long wait times. The only way to guarantee reentrance to Machu Picchu is by purchasing your tickets in advance. Must book 45 days before departure

Day 9: Free time in Cuzco**Included meals: Breakfast**

Enjoy a full free day in Cuzco or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Incan Traditions: Moray, Maras & Chinchero Village +\$89/pp

Spend an afternoon learning about the roots of the Sacred Valley. Start in Moray, the site of famous Incan ruins that feature large circular terraces used for agricultural experiments. Then continue on to Maras, known for its patchwork of terraced salt-evaporation ponds that have been used since pre-Incan times. Finish your day in the quaint village of Chinchero to visit a local cooperative of families known as the Balcon del Inka. Here, artisans will demonstrate their traditional weaving and dying techniques and even give you a chance to try your hand at spinning on the loom. Afterward, enjoy dinner before heading back to Cuzco. Please Note: Lunch may replace dinner during winter departures between January and February. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$99)

Day 10: Departure**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

Fly to Lima this morning to say goodbye to your group at a farewell lunch. Then, relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Overnight Flight**Day 11: Arrival at home**

Arrive home today.