

PERU EXPRESS
5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



Our journey will take you high into the Andes, to the magical city of Cusco, often referred to as “The Navel of the World”, and the once capital of the Inca Empire, now a wonderful living museum of Inca and Spanish history. Visit the legendary citadel of Machu Picchu “The Lost City of the Incas”, regarded as one of the seven wonder of the world and finally return to Lima, for a brief overview of its rich colonial past before leaving Peru.

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DAY 1 LIMA

On arrival you will be met and transferred from Lima airport to your hotel.

Accommodation: Lima

DAY 2 LIMA · CUSCO

At a co coordinated hour, you will be transferred to Lima Airport to take your flight to Cusco. On your arrival to Cusco, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

In the afternoon, you will visit Cusco's Historical Inca and Spanish Colonial Monuments, such as the Main Square, known in Inca times as Huacaypata or the Warrior's Square, it was the scene for many key events in Cusco's history. The Cathedral, originally built on the site of the old temple of Suntur Wasi (House of God), now the church of El Triunfo, a particular interest are the choir cloisters, the pulpit, the engravings on the altar and furniture. You will continue onto the Church and Convent of Santo Domingo, a Spanish construction belonging to the Dominican Order built upon the foundations of the Inca temple of Koricancha or Temple of the Sun. Koricancha (in quechua, site of gold) was the main religious building of the Incas dedicated to the worship of the Sun and whose walls, according to the chroniclers, were plated with sheets of gold. Magnificent blocks of finely carved stone were used in its construction. After, you will visit the surrounding ruins of the city of Cusco: Sacsayhuamán, this huge Inca fortress is built on three overlapping platforms, each of them over 360 m long. Then you will visit Tambomachay, known as the Inca baths. It was apparently a site dedicated to the worship of water and a resting place for the Inca monarch. Kenko, it is said to have been a worship site. There is a huge 5, 9 m high stone block that looks like a puma. There are also passages, canals and stairways with stone engravings representing animals. Finally, Puca Pucará, which was an administrative and military centre formed by terraces, stairways, passages, turrets and vaulted niches. Return to your hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Cusco for 3 nights

DAY 3 CUSCO · SACRED VALLEY · CUSCO

In the morning, at around 07:30 a.m. you will be collected from your hotel and driven overland to the Sacred Valley and to the archaeological complex of Pisac, a journey which will take approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes. On the way we will stop on route to take some pictures, and admire the Pucara Bulls on the roofs of Andean houses. These small bulls are thought to be amulets that bring wealth to each family who owns them; they are usually given as gifts on weddings. On arrival to the archaeological complex of Pisac, we will begin our tour of the site, during the course of our hike around this area; appreciate the magnificent Andean terraces, which were built to expand the agriculture lands. After we will visit the artisan market of Pisac a colourful local event that over the centuries has attracted local traders and remote communities from all over the valley, dressed in their traditional and colourful costumes, enjoy the opportunity to interact with local people, appreciate their craftsmanship, handicrafts and local fruit and vegetable stalls Buffet lunch and after we will make our way to the town of Ollantaytambo, with its distinct Inca urban planning, visit the religious, astronomical and military complex and observe how the ancient Peruvians moved boulders of nearly 60 metric tons from one mountain to another and across the river and valley. At around 16:00 you we will depart for Chinchero, visit the local church built on Inca temples and palaces and before leaving we will visit one local weaving and dyeing workshops. Finally we will return to the city of Cusco, arriving at approximately 18.00 hrs. (B/L)

DAY 4 CUSCO · MACHU PICCHU · CUSCO

After an early breakfast the journey to the Lost City of the Incas: Machu Picchu, by Tourist class Train begins. This train journey crosses valleys, mountains and typical communities. It is rated as one of the top 15 train journeys in the world. The stone citadel of Machu Picchu, located 112 km. from Cusco, was discovered by

Hiram Bingham in 1911. The citadel was built on a very special spot covered in vegetation between two mountains: the Machu Picchu (old mountain) and Huayna Picchu (young mountain), at the foot of which meanders the Urubamba or Vilcanota River. Machu Picchu is considered a World Heritage site by UNESCO and is also categorized as one of the seven world wonders. On arrival to Machu Picchu, tour of the Sanctuary. Following this fascinating tour of Machu Picchu, you will return to Cusco by train. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, where you will spend the night. (B)

DAY 5 CUSCO · LIMA

Transfer from your hotel to Cusco airport to take your flight back to Lima. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 4 nights in double occupancy
- Meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Domestic flights
- Roundtrip transfers
- Meet and greet by our representatives
- Return tourist class train to Machu Picchu
- Visits as per itinerary
- English speaking local guides
- Taxes and fees

Not Included

International airfare · beverages · gratuities.

Hotel Options or similar		
City	3*	4*
Lima	Arawi Prime	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores
Cusco	Casa San Blas	Casa Andina Premium Cusco

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land package	Land package
Daily Departures	Regular	Private
Tourist Superior Hotels 3*		
February 1 - December 23, 2020	2249	2299
Superior Hotels 4*		
February 1 - December 23, 2020	2399	2499
Single room supplement, or single passenger	On request	
Note: Seasonal surcharges may apply		
Regular: Transfers and excursions in a group		
Private: Transfers and excursions in private		

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