



A Unique Peru Itinerary designed by Safari Experts

Day 01

Lima, Peru – Costa del Sol Ramada

Arrive Lima, Peru late pm. (*International flights – own arrangements. Details tba.*)

After proceeding through immigration, please collect your bags and continue through customs.

You will be met* in the arrivals hall and escorted across the road to the Ramada Costa del Sol Hotel.

**There will be several representatives/drivers in the arrival hall. Please be sure to look carefully for a representative holding a sign with your name on it.*

Days 02 – 03

Sacred Valley - Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba

Day 02 – After breakfast at the hotel you will be met in the hotel lobby and assisted to the airport for departure on the morning LAN scheduled flight to Cusco. (*LAN flight options to be discussed*)

You will be met upon arrival by your private guide and transfer to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit the colorful Indian market in Pisac where an artisans' fair takes place, an exhibit and sale of fine woven crafts, colorful tapestries, handicrafts and textiles from Pisac and neighboring

villages. At a distance of 19 miles from Cuzco, and an altitude of 9,700 ft., Pisac is located right at the entrance to the Sacred Valley.



alpacos, guanacos and vicuñas

Proceed on a scenic drive along the Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, to visit the Inca ruins that lie above the town of Pisac overlooking the Vilcanota River. Fortresses, urban complexes, temples and well preserved Andean terraces built by the Incas all make up an imposing and unforgettable sight.

**A box lunch is included today.*



Stop at Awanacancha, where you can meet native weavers and see South American camelid species, including llamas,



This afternoon you will visit Ollantaytambo, the oldest continuously occupied settlement in the Americas. Ollantaytambo's narrow streets, complete with canals unchanged since Inca times, recall its ancient heritage. Guided visit to the Ollantaytambo Fortress, made up of a series of carved stone terraces, built to protect the valley from possible invasion by warring jungle tribes. 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

At the end of your day of exploration you will be taken to Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba where you will spend the following two nights. A new contemporary hotel with colonial inspiration, built in the heart of the Valley of Urubamba amongst flowers, mountains, and beautiful gardens.

The hotel has a design inspired by the architecture of the region with an interior design inspired by local materials. A luxurious Andean environment proper of the Inkaterra spirit preserves the authenticity of Peruvian highlands. Discover ancient traditions on the Andean farm which emphasize the history, traditions, nature and charm of the Sacred Valley.



Day 03 - Full day tour Chinchero, Maras & Moray
Include Box Lunch

The town of Chinchero lies on the foundations of an important Inca site built in late 1400s. Brightly dressed, the people of Chinchero gather in the main plaza to barter foodstuffs and offer visitors an array of crafts from the Cuzco region against scenery of breathtaking beauty.



Continue on to your guided excursion to Moray. Huge circular agricultural terraces built by the Incas in natural sinkholes on a limestone plateau overlooking the Urubamba valley. It has been suggested that they have a cosmological meaning, but their function, other than agricultural, remains a mystery. Nearby, age-old terraced salt mines and ponds sit below the colonial town of Maras.

Day 04

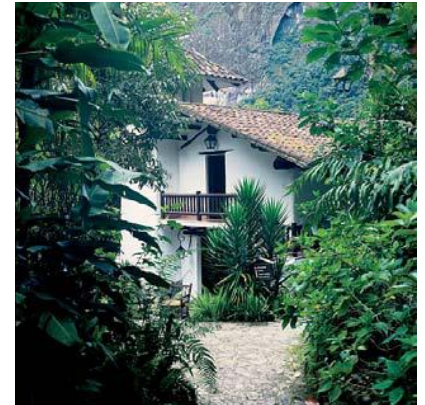
Aguas Calientes – Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

After breakfast you will be collected from your hotel and transfer to the train station to board the Vistadome train service to Machu Picchu. *(Time to be advised)* The train leaves from Ollantaytambo station taking a spectacular journey through changing landscapes. This journey is highlighted by wonderful vistas of the mountains and the beautiful Urubamba River which runs through the Sacred Valley.

Upon arrival in the town of Aguas Calientes at the foot of Machu Picchu, you will be met and assisted to Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, a rustic boutique hotel located within walking distance from the train station.



Cozy one or two-story whitewashed cottages constructed from local materials line the stone pathways, giving this intimate 85-room hotel the look of a lovely Andean Village located in the middle of exuberant cloud forest gardens.



A late lunch is included and the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore the village, take advantage of excursions available in the gardens of the hotel, or visit the Unu Spa is a wonderful place to relax with a traditional Massage session before your adventurous day tomorrow. (Spa services payable direct.)

Dinner is included in the main restaurant at Inkaterra Machu Picchu hotel that blends traditional Andean food with contemporary cuisine, creating an innovative fusion-style fare, impeccably served. Native architecture is reflected in the restaurant's traditional Amazonian palm-thatched roof, while regional crafts in a rainbow of colors brighten the walls.

Following are some of the Excursions available in the gardens of the hotel:

- Walk along the hotel's trails, and discover the fascinating yet fragile ecosystem of the Machu Picchu cloud forest, and learn about its many indigenous plants and animals. The Nature Walk offers guests a glimpse of cloud forest flora: ferns, bromeliads and orchids and fauna -an interesting variety of birds; as well as an introduction to the Vilcanota river system, the Observatory, the tea garden and house.
- Walk through the orchid garden to observe some of the hotel's 372 different native orchid species in their natural habitat, the world record according to the American Orchid Society. Discover this extraordinary plant family, which has captured the human imagination for centuries. From the largest orchid flower in the world – the *Phragmipedium caudatum*, to tiny flowering specimens properly appreciated only through a magnifying glass, there are orchids to amaze both the newly inquisitive and the expert, including species new to science which have been discovered on the hotel grounds.
- Bird watching walks, twilight walks, and a visit to the Tea House to participate in processing tea grown on the hotel grounds are other available activities.
- Nature presentations are offered every evening around 6 p.m. A resident biologist and the hotel's head guide will speak and show a video about the extraordinary flora and fauna of the Machu Picchu Sanctuary.

Days 05 – 07

Cusco - La Casona

Day 05 - Machu Picchu Tour and Hiram Bingham Train to Cusco

Rise early and enjoy a buffet breakfast with a selection of home baked breads and cakes, cereals, fresh fruit juices, quinoa pancakes and your favorite selection of eggs made to order.

Depart early this morning with your guide on the short walk to the bus station and take a 25 minute bus ride to Machu Picchu citadel. Today you will experience the energy and atmosphere of one of the most significant and spectacular archeological sites on the planet, surrounded by snow-capped peaks, Wayna Picchu and Intipunku (the Sun Gate), the entrance to the Machu Picchu Inca trail.



Explore this enigmatic city with your guide who will explain the history and mystery. Machu Picchu is one of the wonders of the world for its amazing archaeological heritage, is proved to be the favored country retreat for the royal family and Inca Nobility. The surrounding mountains, the natural beauty of its cloud forest and its significant lower altitude than Cusco inspired the Incas to build Machu Picchu Citadel. Enjoy the spirituality and mystery of the region through your exploration of Machu Picchu today.

Optional hikes available. *(To be decided)*
Buffet lunch at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge is included.

After your tour you will return to the village by bus for departure on the Hiram Bingham Train to Cusco. The Hiram Bingham train is the most luxurious way to journey between Cusco and Machu Picchu. The carriages are painted a distinctive blue and gold while interiors are luxurious, warm and inviting with elegant decoration in the style of the 1920's Pullman trains. As passengers step on board they are encompassed in a world of polished wood, gleaming cutlery and glittering glass. The train consists of two Dining Cars, an Observation Bar Car and a Kitchen Car, and can carry up to 84 passengers.



Depart at approximately 5:30pm on the Hiram Bingham train to Cusco. *(Time to be advised)*
An elegant dinner will be served on board (including soft drinks, Peruvian wine and Pisco), while being entertained by staff. You will be met upon arrival at the Poroy station and transfer to La Casona.

Cusco is at an altitude of 11,200 ft. Allow yourself time to rest and acclimatize to the altitude, drink plenty of liquid, coca tea, and water. Avoid heavy foods, especially in the evening.

Cusco was the ancient capital and spiritual heart of the Inca Empire, as well as an important colonial center. As you stroll along the cobblestone streets, you will spot both marvelous Incan architecture and Andean Baroque structures from the Colonial Period. Cusco today is also known for its extraordinary handicrafts, and is home to some of Peru's most talented textile and ceramic artists, as well as to superb restaurants and lively nightlife



La Casona, located on the serene Plaza Las Nazarenas, is a striking 16th century manor house, built over a former Inca palace site that has been meticulously restored as an 11- suite luxury hotel, celebrating Cusco's hybrid history and tradition. Inca legacies and colonial furnishings blend with contemporary comforts and impeccable service.

The eleven suites surround a sumptuous courtyard

where the patina of time is tastefully preserved. The decoration incorporates baroque colonial furniture and grand Spanish splendor; adobe, plaster, tile, fire and water are the main design elements.

The food is fresh, natural and nutritious, making creative use of local ingredients as the portal for exploring and discovering indigenous culinary secrets.



Day 06 – You will be collected this morning by your private guide for a guided visit throughout the city of Cusco, where you will visit the Cathedral, located next to the main plaza. This cathedral offers the city's greatest repertoires of colonial art. Then, stop by the famous Koricancha, formerly the Inca Empire richest temple, which became a catholic church. During the tour, visit San Blas neighborhood, one of the most picturesque communities in Cusco. It is characterized by its narrow and steep streets that zigzag among old colonial houses constructed with walls of Inca stone.

Lunch is included today at Limo Restaurant.



After lunch you will continue to the nearby archaeological Inca complex called Sacsayhuaman ("Satisfied Falcon" in Quechua), which has a religious and military significance. Puca Pucara, "Red Fort", thought to have been a hunting lodge, is a rock structure composed of several residential chambers, storerooms, and an upper esplanade with spectacular views. Then see Qenko, which means "zigzag", and consists of a large limestone rock riddled with niches, steps, and carving, including the zigzagging channels which gave the site its name. Finally go to Tambomachay, or "Cavern Lodge," commonly referred to as the Baños del Inca, or Inca baths, a site for ritual bathing. The excellent quality

of the stonework suggests that its use was restricted to the higher nobility, who probably used the baths only on ceremonial occasions.

Day 07 – Today is at your leisure to relax and explore Cusco's cobblestone streets on your own.

Day 08

Cusco to Lima

After a leisurely breakfast at La Casona you will be collected by your driver for a private transfer to the airport. Depart on the LAN scheduled flight to Lima. (*LAN flight time to be determined*)

You will be met upon arrival by your private guide for an afternoon city tour of Lima. Dinner at one of Lima's many fine restaurant options before transferring back to the Lima airport tonight. (Dinner is payable direct.)

Check in 3 hours prior to your international departure late tonight from Lima to the U.S. (*International flight – own arrangements. Flight details tba.*)

Day 09

Arrive U.S.