



## TREASURES OF PERU

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#### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Discover the best of Peru as you travel to the pristine Amazon rain forests, the high Andes and Lake Titicaca accompanied by guides specialized in archaeology, history and Andean cultures.

Puerto Maldonado is the main city of the Department of Madre de Dios and the starting point for jungle trips. Nearby lies the Manu National Park, Tambopata National Reserve, and Bahuaja-Sonene National Park. These are some of the most pristine primary rainforests in the world, which include several oxbow lakes and clay licks, where hundreds of birds including macaws feed on clay. Enjoy a wonderful stay in the middle of the jungle. Spend your days surrounded by nature and being part of different activities that will shine a light on everything that the Peruvian Amazon has to offer.

The Inca Trail Express is a one-day trek along the final well-preserved stretch of the classic Inka Trail to the beautifully preserved lost city of the Incas. "Machu Picchu" was a mystic place of worship, a spot for star-gazing, and the private hacienda of the Inca Pachacutec. A real jewel in architecture and engineering that amazes every visitor when walking around its different areas like the palaces, temples, and observatories. Millions of online votes selected Machu Picchu in 2007 as one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World" and it is easy to see why.

High in the windswept Andes is Lake Titicaca, one of Peru's most fascinating destinations. Titicaca is the highest navigable lake in the world and the cradle of many legends like the one that gave birth to the Inca Empire. Nowadays, the lake still shelters ancient cultures, such as the community of the Uros that inhabits floating islands made of reeds; and the Quechua people who live on Taquile Island and who still keep their traditions alive.

#### ITINERARY IN DETAIL

##### DAY 1

##### ARRIVE TO LIMA

Arrive to Lima.

Airport assistance and overnight at **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel** linked directly to Jorge Chávez International Airport (just a short 2-minute walk outside).



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## **DAY 2**

### **FLY TO THE AMAZON**

Walk back over to the airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado: On arrival meet guide to drive to Refugio Amazonas' Puerto Maldonado headquarters where you can leave any luggage you won't need (see luggage restrictions below). Drive 40-minutes to the Infierno Community Port where you board a long, sturdy canoe equipped with an outboard motor to begin the trip upstream to Refugio Amazonas. The three-hour boat ride is filled with beautiful scenery; be sure to keep a sharp eye out for your first sightings of macaws, herons, caimans, and capibaras – the world's largest rodent. Once the boat arrives at the lodge dock, you have officially reached the wild rainforests of Tambopata!

Located in a 200-hectare private reserve within the buffer zone of the Tambopata National Reserve, Refugio Amazonas is a 32-bedroom jungle lodge. Upon arrival, the lodge manager will welcome you and brief you about the lodge and the area. Characterized by traditional Ese-Eja décor that has been crafted by local artists from the Infierno community, each room features an open veranda that allows you to experience the rainforest in comfort.

After settling in, you have the option of heading out on an after-dark hike with your guide. Many of the 100-mammal species, thousands of insect species, and over 100 species of reptiles and amphibians only come out at night in the Peruvian rainforest. Easiest to find are the frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.

### **Overnight at Refugio Amazonas**



## **DAYS 3 - 4**

### **ACTIVITIES IN THE AMAZON**

Two full days to explore the Amazon hiking on jungle trails and canoeing oxbow lakes with your naturalist guide in search of monkeys and macaws, caiman and capybaras. Ride mountain bikes on jungle trails, and paddle kayaks and stand-up paddle boards on the gentle Tambopata River. There



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are many excursions to choose from and your personal coordinator at the lodge will design a schedule that meets your interests. Some of our favorites include:

- **Macaw Clay Licks:** Take a boat trip to the Chuncho Clay Lick inside the Tambopata National Reserve where, on clear mornings, hundreds of macaw's flock to eat clay. Clay licks are steep walls of red clay caused by erosion along riverbanks. Scientists believe that the parrots eat the clay to obtain minerals and vital salts, while the clay also helps to detoxify fruits and seeds that they've eaten in the forest.
- **Canopy Tower:** The lodge's 30-meter scaffolding canopy tower gives spectacular views of the vast expanses of the Amazon Rainforest. Here, there are good chances of spotting toucans, parrots, macaws, raptors, and mixed-species canopy flocks.
- **Jungle Farm Visit:** Visit a working jungle farm and a real Brazil nut concession to glean more about the way of life in the rainforest. Taste exotic tropical fruits and discover medicinal plants from the neighboring indigenous families the lodge supports through ecotourism.
- **Wired Amazon** - a citizen science program: Guests at Refugio Amazonas are invited to join the Wired Amazon team of ecologists and participate in groundbreaking research advancing knowledge about the rainforest. From making animal behavior observations, collecting plant and animal samples, setting camera traps, and more, each month (on average) a species new to science is discovered by one of the guests

Located in a 200-hectare private reserve in the buffer zone of the Tambopata Natural Reserve, Refugio Amazonas is a 32-room lodge also offering a wellness center and tropical spa. Picnic lunches are often served on field excursions and fabulous dinners await you at the lodge each night. Evening boat trips along the river present an opportunity to observe caimans and nocturnal birds, and a dimly lit trail through the forest leads to the circle of fire and the house of Tawa, the ancient healer, to share stories of native Ese Eja myths and healing arts. Complimentary afternoon and evening nature presentations, of varying topics, are offered daily.

### Overnights at Refugio Amazonas



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## DAY 5

### AMAZON - CUSCO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco:

Airport reception and transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon to acclimatize and relax.

### Overnight in Cusco

## DAY 6

### CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY

We will drive into the Sacred Valley of the Incas, a tranquil oasis of cultural, historical, and agriculture richness. This day we will visit the Ccaccacollo Community to discover a women's weaving cooperative where we will see and feed the Andean camelids, such as the llamas and alpacas, and where the women will show us all the stages of the traditional weaving process: hand-spinning the wool, dying the wool using natural dyes, and participating in a weaving demonstration. Ccaccacollo is a community that still have their traditional and ancestors' customs, with an original heritage and form where you could have an amazing view of the mountains. We will then continue to the Inca and Colonial Pisac to discover one of the most beautiful archeological sites in the Sacred Valley located at the top of the mountain where you can have an amazing view of the colonial town of Pisac. Then, we will have a walking tour to the Colonial town where we will enjoy a delicious lunch. After visited Pisac, we will head to the impressive Inkari Museum. Here we will take a guided tour of the museum to learn more about the numerous rooms where cultural representations of pre-Hispanic civilizations of ancient Peru are exhibited.

### Overnight in the Sacred Valley.

breakfast/lunch



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## DAY 7

### MARAS – MORAY - OLLANTAYTAMBO

Our adventure continues exploring the less visited treasures of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will start in Moray where the view is awesome due to the colossal concentric terraces simulating an amphitheater. The purpose of it: to recreate 20 different types of microclimates, a measure that guaranteed the agricultural production of the empire. After that, we will go to Maras, the famous and millenary salt mines from colonial times. The contrast of the white wells and the green valley is awesome and a must for a spectacular snapshot of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will enjoy a delicious lunch and in the afternoon, we will visit the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo, where we will be able to learn about the technique with which the Incas worked the stones.

### Overnight in the Sacred Valley.

breakfast/lunch



## DAY 8

### INKA TRAIL EXPRESS

Transfer to the train station at Ollantaytambo for an early departure to KM104, the start of the Inca Trail Express. We will cross the hanging bridge to the Chachabamba site and after a brief visit we begin the 3-hour ascent to the ruins of Wiñay Wayna, an important spiritual site. The Inca Trail cuts across the ridge above Machu Picchu to finally reach Intipunku (the Sun Gate) from where we will have an amazing first view of Machupicchu and where the trail winds downhill. This day we will have a box lunch on route.

The classic view from the Sun Gate to the citadel is a truly unique experience, an unforgettable way for your first view of this magical site. After arriving to Machupicchu, we will descend by bus to Machupicchu Town (Aguas Calientes) and overnight at your chosen hotel with dinner included.



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**Overnight in Machupicchu Pueblo.**  
breakfast/box lunch/dinner



## DAY 9

### **MACHUPICCHU & HUAYNAPICCHU - CUSCO**

Early departure from your hotel for your full day guided visit to Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu which takes around 8 hours. Walking through the different sectors of the hill-top citadel and learning about different aspects of Inca life and history as you admire the mist cloaked mountains. Else, you may choose from a number of short hikes like the Sun Gate or The Inka Bridge.

After lunch, we may return to Machupicchu to continue enjoying this magnificent citadel and recharge ourselves with positive energies.

Upon concluding our excursion to Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu, we travel back to Cusco in style aboard the Hiram Bingham Luxury Train (or the train of your preference). This is a highlight of our journey, as we unwind over a delicious gourmet meal and listen to lively Peruvian musicians. Once in Cusco, we will transfer to your hotel.

**Overnight in Cusco.**  
breakfast/lunch/dinner



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## DAY 10 DAY AT LEISURE

You have the day at leisure to recover the energies and walking around the city for your own.  
**Overnight in Cusco.**



## DAY 11 HALF DAY CULTURAL TREKKING EXPERIENCE

Embark on a different and more physically demanding 4.5km walking tour of Cusco City's surrounding archaeological sites beginning with an early pick up from your Cusco hotel ending at the Plaza de Armas or Main Plaza of Cusco. From this point take a short walk to the San Cristobal viewpoint that dominates a privileged view the city of Cusco.

Continue with this great outdoor experience by walking to the Sacsayhuaman Archaeological site or Fortress, a ceremonial compound and magnificent example of Inca military power also offering a panoramic view of the City. Then walk to the Qenqo Amphitheater, a ritualistic site with subterranean galleries that form an underground maze. From this point head to the District of San Blas, with its winding streets, the whitewashed houses, the blue balconies hung with geranium-filled flowerpots, the uneven line of the tiled rooftops and the endless stairways.

The excursion ends after descending to the Plaza de Armas strolling through cobblestone streets including a stop at Hatunrumiyoc Street to admire the 12-angled stone, perhaps the most famous example of the Incas' exquisite stone cutting abilities.

**Overnight in Cusco.**

breakfast/box lunch



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## DAY 12

### CUSCO – PUNO BY LUXURY TRAIN

The unforgettable experience of crossing the Peruvian Andes between Cusco and Puno, and visiting the world's highest navigable lake, is made even more magical aboard the Titicaca Train. This train was created to provide passengers with all the luxuries they could want in a trip, while offering them a chance to forge a mystical connection with nature.

Enjoy unrivaled service aboard this beautiful train, dining in 1920s-style Pullman carriages and absorbing breathtaking landscapes. The open-air Observation Car is a dream for photographers keen to capture the quintessential panoramas. The route covered by the Titicaca Train is considered by many travel magazines to be one of the most beautiful in the world.

The once-in-a-lifetime adventure lasts approximately 10 hours 30 minutes. At the start of the journey, you are welcomed at the Wanchaq Station (Cusco), where local musicians will provide background music as you board the train. Once aboard, you can enjoy the two dining cars decorated in the style of the Pullman cars of the 1920s. Also, during the trip, you will have the finest in gourmet food and indulgent afternoon tea. The quality of our personalized service is guaranteed.

You can bring your carry-on bag aboard the train, and the rest of your luggage will be stored safely on the luggage car, where it will be carefully received and stored.

**NOTE: The Titicaca Train only depart on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. If you prefer, we would consider the trip by a tourist bus.**

### Overnight in Puno.

Breakfast/lunch



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## DAY 13

### FULL DAY LAKE TITICACA - TAQUILE - LUQUINA - UROS

Enjoy beautiful landscapes of Lake Titicaca and an ancestral culture in fabrics visiting the islands of the lake: Taquile Island, floating islands of Uros and Luquina Chico by speedboat and enjoy the lunch on the shores of the lake in Luquina Chico with the most exclusive local cuisine. The Tour to the Island of Taquile, Luquina Chico and the Uros Floating Islands lasts approximately 09 hours, where we can enjoy painting landscapes with Titicaca lake throughout the day and ancestral culture stored for humanity expressed in the tissues and local customs of the islands of the lake appreciated during the trek in the islands Taquile, Islands of the Uros and the peasant community (Aymara) of Luquina Chico located in the Chucuito Peninsula where the local rustic restaurant is located where we will serve the exquisite lunch based on ingredients from the region where we have an interpretation center of the Quinoa, and finally in the afternoon visit the floating islands of the Uros with the most authentic of the 90 existing islands.

### Overnight in Puno.

Breakfast/lunch



## DAY 14

### FULL DAY AYMARA ROUTE

We will depart from the Hotel to the South of Puno, we go to the road that connects Puno and Bolivia, (the border) Aymara sector. Then we will visit the Totorá's Museum, an artistic demonstration of the importance of the totora in daily living in the altiplano, followed by Aramu Muro. At Km 75 we will arrive at Hayu Marca also known as Aramu Muro, the gateway to the four dimensions. People wait for the arrival of the golden solar disk that will enter through this door that will be the signal of well-being. Then

We will visit Juli, the Little Rome that has 4 colonial churches of the XVI century. Juli was the capital of the archdiocese and the most important place of the pre-Inca cultures of the altiplano and continues to Pomata and its Colonial Church carved in stone



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We will have lunch in a Tourist hotel and then we visited Chucuito and its temple of Fertility. We visited Inca Uyu, its colonial churches, the solar clock, the Cross of the Holy Inquisition and the trout fish farm. After visited all these amazing places, we will return to Puno.

**Overnight in Puno.**  
Breakfast/lunch.



#### **DAY 15** **SILLUSTANI – JULIACA – LIMA**

Morning transfer to Sillustani for a guided tour before heading to the airport, if time permits. The pre Inca cemetery, on the shores of Lake Sillustani Umayo, is where we will find massive stone cylinders, which are known as chullpas -cylindrical necropolis-. This is where the great dignitaries of the Tiahuanaco culture were buried. Sillustani has been considered the religious capital of this culture. Sillustani was considered a sacred place for those who populated the plateau for more than three thousand years. Transfer to the airport to board ongoing flight. Connect in Lima for your international flight back to your country.



**END OF OUR SERVICES**



### INCLUDED SERVICES

- Transfers from / to the airport or train station.
- Private luxury vehicle for all tours (Cusco & Puno)
- Mineral water and snacks.
- Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category
- Train ticket Ollantaytambo - Machu Picchu - Poroy
- Round trip bus to Machupicchu.
- Train tickets to Puno on the Titicaca Train.
- Private services with a local English speaking guide.
- All sightseeing, events, and visits as noted in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to the sites noted in the itinerary (important: the chronological order of visits in the itinerary may change to ensure the best operation)
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- Permanent assistance.

### NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Excess baggage charges, departure fees, and airport taxes
- Tips (for guides, drivers, waiters, luggage porters)
- Beverages during meals (unless specified in the itinerary)
- Early check in / late check out unless explicitly stated.
- Personal expenses and incidentals, such as alcohol, phone calls, e-mail, and laundry
- Trip cancellation, travel delay, and baggage loss insurance
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond the control of Just Enjoy Peru.

### WHAT TO TAKE

- Good walking, hiking or tennis shoes
- Lightweight clothes during summer and warm clothes during the Andean winter months,
- In wet season, please bring a Raincoat, or a Waterproof Jacket.
- A Day Pack with Sunblock, Water, Camera, Hat and Sunglasses, Insect repellent
- Passport (valid six months from your date of return to the US) for get into Machupicchu.
- Photocopy of picture page of your passport (pack separately)
- Extra Money.



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