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Mountains Of Peru 8 days

Jan 6, 2022 - Jan 13, 2022

\$1020.00 per person

- Discover the ancient colonial center of Lima named a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Travel on the Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes enjoying the spectacular views
- Explore the mystical ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, one of "New Seven Wonders of the World"
- Tour of Puka Pukara, Qenqo and Sacsayhuaman fortress, superb examples of Inca construction
- In Cuzco, visit Koricancha, once site of the extraordinary Temple of the Sun, center of the Inca world
- Discover the Montaña de Colores (Rainbow Mountain).

Trip Summary

January 6 - Arriving Lima

Transfer Lima Airport / Hotel

Check in at Hotel Crowne Plaza - Hotel Crowne Plaza

January 7 - Lima City Tour

Lima City Tour

January 8 - Fly to Cusco

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Transfer to Lima Airport / Transfer from Cusco Airport to Hotel

Acclimatization in Cusco

Check in at Sonesta Hotel Cusco - Sonesta Hotel Cusco

January 9 - Cusco City Tour

Cusco City Tour

January 10 - Explore Machu Picchu

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Explore Machu Picchu

January 11 - Full day Sacred Valley Tour

Sacred Valley Tour - Písaq, Ollantaytambo, Chinchero

January 12 - Full Day Montaña de Colores.

Montaña de Colores (Rainbow Mountain)

January 13 - Departure Out

Transfer Hotel / Cusco Airport

January 6 - Arriving Lima



Transfer Lima Airport / Hotel

Arrival into Lima, Capital of Peru. We will meet you at the airport with a placard with your name and transfer you to the Hotel at Miraflores Distric.



Check in at Hotel Crowne Plaza



Hotel Crowne Plaza

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January 7 - Lima City Tour



Lima City Tour

PRICE

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The day begins with one of the many tours in Lima: the historic city center of the famous “City of the Kings” and UNESCO World Heritage site. You will walk about the Main Square and be awed by the incredible landmarks that have been built around it. Next, you will go to the Santo Domingo Convent, a 16 th century architectural masterpiece where the earthly remains of two of the city’s patron saints, Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres, lie. Later, you will continue on to the city’s modern sectors: the exclusive district of San Isidro, Lima’s new financial center, and Miraflores, with a stop at the “Parque del Amor” and its incredible view of the Pacific Ocean.



January 8 - Fly to Cusco



Check out at Hotel Crowne Plaza



Hotel Crowne Plaza

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Transfer to Lima Airport / Transfer from Cusco Airport to Hotel

Transfer from Hotel to Lima airport for your departure flight to Cusco. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.



Acclimatization in Cusco

On the day of your arrival, we will make the transfer from the airport-hotel and you will have the whole day free to acclimatize in the city of Cusco, rest, shop and take advantage of the impressive walks that will begin in the next few days.



Check in at Sonesta Hotel Cusco



Sonesta Hotel Cusco

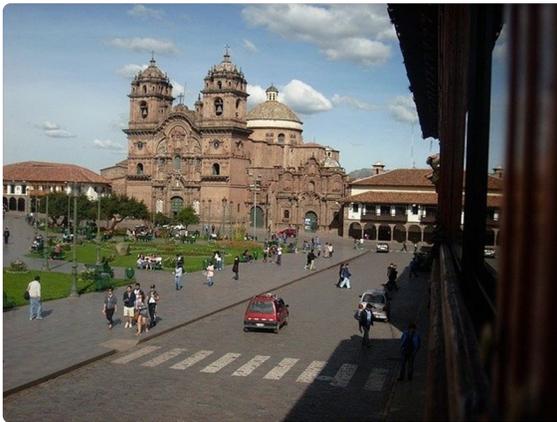
Av. El Sol, 954
(084) 581200

January 9 - Cusco City Tour



Cusco City Tour

You will take a city tour of Cusco, discovering why it was declared a World Heritage Site. It starts in the colonial district, with a stop at the Coricancha, the Incan Temple of the Sun, to admire the incredible stone workmanship of the Incas as well as the mark left behind by the blending of the Spanish and the Andean. You will also walk around the Main Square, upon which sit the Cathedral. Journey outside the city to the incredible hillside fortress of Sacsayhuaman, protected by a trio of colossal walls that zigzag alongside each other for more than 1,000 feet. From the air, the complex resembles the head of a puma. Later, stop at Kenko, a holy place (huaca) where sacrifices were held. Then continue to Tambomachay where we will see the sacred temple dedicated to the cult of water that probably also had a purification bath function for the Inca rulers. Return to the hotel.



January 10 - Explore Machu Picchu



Transfer: Hotel / Train Station - Hotel

Early morning we transfer you to Poroy Station for your departure train to Machu Picchu.



Vistadome Train

Vistadome train offers a unique and different way to travel to Machu Picchu. Each of the cars features panoramic windows, enabling you to feel part of your surroundings. Vistadome approaches you to the amazing landscapes and nature on-route to the Inca Citadel, creating a real connection.

Outbound journey: As you traverse the dramatic landscapes, gazing at the soaring peaks through the ceiling windows, background music plays and an informative audio commentary points out interesting sights along the way.

Return journey: During the journey from Machu Picchu to Cusco, you will enjoy aspects of authentic Andean culture through live music, a beautiful typical dance inspired by the ancient culture of the Andes and even fashion shows in your carriage featuring authentic baby alpaca wool collection with the exclusive trends in alpaca apparel, all available for sale.

On both journeys you'll be served a delicious Andean snack and soft drinks getting the full Andean experience through our cuisine. The trip also includes non-alcoholic beverages for your onboard refreshment*. Local souvenirs will be available to buy, alongside items that may be useful on your visit to Machu Picchu.**



Explore Machu Picchu

Today, discover the crowning achievement of Inca ingenuity. Early morning transfer to Poroy Station to board the Vistadome train that travels through misty peaks to the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu*, the "Lost City of the Incas", designated by UNESCO as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Machu Picchu was virtually unknown to the western world until Hiram Bingham's rediscovery in 1911. View the unforgettable wonders of this 15th-century retreat, abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the conquistadors. See the highlights of the site including the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this glorious monument to a lost civilization will be a lifelong memory.

**Approximate time spent at the ruins of Machu Picchu is 3 hours*

In the afternoon we return to the Cusco city and transfer to the hotel.



January 11 - Full day Sacred Valley Tour



Sacred Valley Tour

The **Sacred Valley Tour** is one of the most popular and obligatory **tours** in the Cusco region. It's worth exploring this peaceful, fetching corner of the Andes with attractive colonial towns and isolated weaving villages. Star attractions are the markets and the lofty Inca citadels of Pisac and Ollantaytambo, but it's also packed with other Inca sites. A quick stop at the Quechua village of Chinchero on the way back to Cusco.



Pisaq



Ollantaytambo



Chinchero

January 12 - Full Day Montaña de Colores.



Montaña de Colores (Rainbow Mountain)

Travel for a few hours from Cusco through the rugged mountain countryside of Peru to reach the aptly named Montaña de Colores (Rainbow Mountain), striped with colorful mineral deposits and located far off the beaten path. Hike with a guide to the summit for a once-in-a-lifetime wilderness adventure, or rent a horse (own expense) for easier access to the same incredible views.

We depart at 5:00AM for around 1 hour 30 minutes south of Cusco, we stop and have breakfast then continue for 45 minutes up to the mountain where we stop and leave our vehicle to start our hike up for 2 hours. Arrival tot he top of the mountain for incredible views and photo time, return back and stop for our Lunch then back to Cusco.



January 13 - Departure Out



Transfer Hotel / Cusco Airport

Transfer from Hotel to Cusco airport for your departure flight back to Lima and back home.

Information & Documents



Cost Includes & Excludes

Includes

- All Private Transfers
- All Guided Tours
- Accommodation in Selected Hotels
- All tours and entrance Fees
- Melas Listed on Program

Excludes

- **International Flights**
- Domestic Flights
- Extras
- Tips
- Laundry



Peru

Peru is one of the world's most varied countries. It is a multicultural nation, filled with traditions, a unique gastronomy and vast natural reserves. It is home to 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and 84 of the planet's 117 life zones. Peru is situated in the western part of South America and shares borders with Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile. Its enormous territory, covering more than 1.2 million square kilometers, is composed of three regions: Coast, Highlands and Jungle. Its current population exceeds 31.5 million inhabitants.

Spanish is the official language of Peru; however, 47 indigenous languages are also spoken in the country, including Quechua and Aymara.



Is This Trip Right for You?

This is an active trip. Our small group covers a lot of ground each day, and we spend four to five hours on our feet during tours. The pace is moderate. One day require long transfers by shuttle bus. Some of our tours require walking over uneven surfaces or up and down steep slopes. The altitude, of 11,000 feet in Cuzco and 12,400 feet in Puno, may be a consideration for those who have heart conditions or are otherwise affected by height, and is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking.



Climate

You will experience a variety of temperatures. From freezing night time temperatures in the Andes to scorching 35C + mid day heat on the Peruvian Coast. The rains in the Andes usually occur between November and April. This means downpours once or twice a day with the rest of the day usually warm and sunny, although there will also be times where it may not rain at all for a week or so. April to October is the dry season with clear views of the mountains. It is hot during the day but extremely cold at night with temperatures often below zero. The Cusco area and surrounding mountains has well-defined seasons. From June to August, while winter days are typically sunny and warm with temperatures of 18-22C, the temperature can drop to below freezing (27°F/-3°C) at night in our high camps, and rarely to colder. Rain seldom falls during winter. From January to March, the summer months offer daytime temperatures to 85°F/30°C, milder nights (typically to 45°F/8°C) and plenty of rain. Despite some rain, December is one of our favorite months for trekking, since the mountains are lush with summer flowers and you enjoy plenty of sunshine. Departures during Andean spring and fall offer weather patterns intermediate between these seasonal extremes.

Mean rainfall for the region is rather low at 2,200mm per year (only twice as much as New York City). Rainfall for the Andean slopes is heavier. Most of this falls in the rainy season (December to April). Daytime high temperatures average from 28°C - 32°C (81°F - 90°F) and night time low temperatures range from 20°C - 26°C (68°F - 79°F). However, in the dry season (May to October) one may experience a cold front from the South Atlantic which can result in low temperatures of 10°C (50°F). These cold fronts, known as friezes, are characteristic of the region. The Amazon basin rain forest is hot and humid all year around with little variation from midsummer (December) and midwinter (June) due to Peru being only 12 degrees south of the Equator. We recommend you pack a sweater or light jacket "just in case" however during the "dry season" from May to October there is a lot less than in the "wet season" from late November to April.