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Visit spirited Peru, the third largest country in South America with beautiful beaches and mountains. Observe the mysterious ancient city of Machu Picchu which was built by the Inca people on the Andes Mountains 2,430 meters above sea level in the 15th century. This Inca citadel was built on mountains so tall and imposing they were thought to be gods. Seen by hundreds of travelers per year, it is not to be missed.

Peru is a melting pot which has resulted in a vivacious country with many cities who each have their own distinctive sound, flavor, and spirit. From the food, to the music, and the history, the Peruvians are one of the most lively cultures in the western world. Don't miss out on this amazingly diverse country with enough intrigue to bring you back several more times.



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PERU CLASSIC EXPRESS! 2017*

DAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Lima, meet the local staff that will assist with luggage and will escort us to the hotel for check-in procedures.

Overnight: Airport Hotel

DAY 2 - FLIGHT TO CUSCO B

Be escorted back to the airport to board the flight to the city of Cusco, meet the local staff that will assist with the luggage and transfer us to the hotel for check-in procedures. The remainder of the morning will be at leisure in order to get used to the sudden change of altitude.



In the afternoon, tour around the former capital of the Inca Empire. During this half day tour, we visit Korikancha or the Temple of Sun where we find one of the best examples of the ability of the Incas to work the stone. We continue to the Cathedral that shelters countless pieces of priceless colonial art. Afterwards, we head to the monuments that surround the city. On a hill overlooking Cusco, Sacsayhuaman is an impressive fortress built using massive rocks that were taken from a nearby quarry. We continue onward to the sites of Qenqo, Puca Pucara and the Inca bath of Tambomachay.

Overnight: Cusco

DAY 3 - THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS B L

En route to the Sacred Valley, we make a short stop at Awanakancha, a community project where we find the four different South American camels: llama, alpaca, vicuna and guanaco. We have the chance to interact with these amazing animals and learn about the ancient techniques still used in the Andes to produce wool and weavings.



Once in the Sacred Valley, we visit the famous market located in the town of Pisac, where the color and flavor of its goods perfectly combine with the happiness of its people who are avid to share their culture with all visitors.

After a well deserved lunch, we visit the final town in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, which is considered the oldest continuously occupied town in America. We walk around its narrow streets admiring its adobe houses built over the original Inca foundations. We also visit an impressive archaeological site and fortress which contain some superb examples of Inca stonework and terracing. This fortress was the site of the battle in 1537 between Inca troops led by Manco Inca and invading Spanish forces commanded by Hernando Pizarro.

Overnight: Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 4 - THE JEWELS OF THE SACRED VALLEY B L

Start the day by visiting the town of Chinchero which was built on ancient Inca foundations that may have belonged to the Royal Palace of Tupac Inca Yupanqui. From the time of the Inca to present day, it has been considered one of the most important farming centers of Cuzco and it is without doubt, privileged because of the unsurpassed beauty of its landscape highlighted by the amazing snowcapped mountains that surround the town.

We then continue to the community of Misminay that opens its doors to allow us learn about their culture and day-to-day life.

After a lunch graciously cooked by women of the community, we visit the group of circular terraces of Moray, located in the Sacred Valley, which was the botanic laboratory of the Incas becoming one of their main agricultural tools. We head to the salt mines of Maras and observe its impressive mirrors of color that reflect the light of sun in its many puddles of salt.

Overnight: Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 5 - THE NEW 7° WONDER: MACHU PICCHU B L

We are transferred very early to the station to board a train that will take us to the Lost City of the Incas. Along the route, enjoy amazing views as we follow the Urubamba River as it descends from the mountains into a steep valley with cloud forest vegetation.



When we arrive in the town of Machu Picchu- formerly known as Aguas Calientes- we meet our local guide and altogether take the shuttle bus up to the Citadel of Machu Picchu, which is without a doubt the best example of Inca urban construction and stone working ability. This site has different areas such as the urban, religious and farming sectors. We find temples and houses as well as the famous Intihuatana or Sun Clock, which was exquisitely carved from a large stone block.

We head to the station to board the train back and then we will be driven to the hotel in Cusco

Overnight: Cusco

DAY 6 - INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE B L

We are transferred to the airport to board the flight back to Lima, where the local staff will be ready to assist with the luggage and start our tour.



When leaving the airport, we start our half day tour around downtown Lima and its more important architectural constructions from the viceroyalty period including the Government Palace and the Cathedral. During the tour, we visit the Convent of San Francisco where we appreciate its priceless pieces of art and its famous catacombs. Afterwards we head to modern Lima starting with visiting San Isidro at the financial and commercial heart of the city, and where the pre-Hispanic remains of Huallamarca lay. We will continue our tour heading to Miraflores, the perfect point to enjoy views of the bay and the Pacific Ocean and where it is perfectly combined the modernity of its constructions with the legacy of ancient Peruvian like the pre-Hispanic site of Pucllana.

Finally, we visit the private collection of Don Rafael Larco Hoyle that is displayed in a beautiful old Republican Mansion built on the foundations of a pre-Inca temple. There we find more than 45,000 pieces of pottery and hundreds of textiles, metals and stones; and with exclusive access to its deposits and its famous collection of erotic pottery.



Lunch (or dinner) will be provided at the restaurant located in the gardens of the museum

At the end, we are driven back to the airport to board the flight to our next destination.

END OF OUR SERVICES

Call for prices that will include:

Four and five star packages are available

Important notes:

1. Services to be provided in a private basis with meet and greet service local English speaking guide.
2. Our prices include:
 - ✓ Tips at airports, hotels, restaurants, bus and train stations.
 - ✓ Meals will be provided as detailed in the itinerary.
 - ✓ Entrance fees to the monuments detailed in the itinerary.
 - ✓ Local taxes
3. Our prices do not include:

- ❖ Alcoholic beverages or extras during meals.
 - ❖ Early check-in
 - ❖ Late check-out
 - ❖ Extras at hotels such as: phone calls, laundry service, etc.
 - ❖ Air tickets
 - ❖ Airport taxes
 - ❖ Tips for guides or chauffeurs.
4. It is not possible to visit the Cathedral of Lima on Saturday (afternoons) nor Sundays.
 5. It is not possible to visit the Temple of Koricancha on Sunday mornings
 6. Alternative hotels might be confirmed in case the above detailed ones are not available when placing reservations.
 7. Train to Machu Picchu quoted considering the Vistadome service of Peru Rail
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PERUVIAN ADVENTURE! 2017*

DAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

At our arrival in Lima, we will have the local staff that will assist with luggage and transfer us to the hotel for check-in procedures.

Overnight: Lima

DAY 2 - LIMA, THE CITY OF KINGS B

This morning, we head to downtown Lima and its more important architectural constructions from the viceroyalty period including the Government Palace and the Cathedral. During the tour, we visit the Convent of San Francisco where we appreciate its priceless pieces of art and its famous catacombs.

Before leaving downtown, we visit the Casa Aliaga, where we will have once-in-a-life opportunity to visit a 5 centuries old house inhabited continuously by the same family. Different rooms and patios are available to visitors who can observe the priceless artifacts that decorate each corner of the house built by one of the founders of Lima and conquerors of Peru, Don Jerónimo de Aliaga.

In the afternoon, we meet the professional bikers that take us around modern Lima, biking mainly by the seafront of Lima.

Overnight: Lima



DAY 3 - FLIGHT TO CUSCO B L

We are driven to the airport to board the flight to the city of Cusco, where we meet the local staff that will assist us with luggage and will drive us to the hotel located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

En route to the Sacred Valley, we make a short stop at Awanakancha, a community project where we find each of the four different South American camels: llama, alpaca, vicuna and guanaco. We have the chance to interact with each creature and learn about the ancient techniques still used in the Andes to produce wool and weaving.

Once in the Sacred Valley, we visit the archaeological complex of Pisac, a fortress located in the old area of the village. This fortress was built to protect the capital of the Inca Empire. It has one of the most amazing group of terraces in the area, and its walls shelter the complex where we can find houses and bridges where the Intihuatana or Sun clock stands, carved from a big piece of stone.

Buffet lunch will be provided at a local restaurant

The remainder of the day will be at leisure

Overnight : Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 4 - THE JEWELS OF THE SACRED VALLEY B L

We start the day, heading to the town of Chinchero which was built on ancient Inca foundations that may have belonged to the Royal Palace of Tupac Inca Yupanqui. From the times of the Inca until today, it has been considered one of the most important farming centers of Cuzco and it is without a doubt, a privileged place due to the unparalleled beauty of its landscape highlighted by the amazing snowcapped mountains that surround the town.



We continue to visit the community of Misminay that opens its doors to allow us learn about their culture and day-by-day life.

After lunch cooked graciously by women of the community, we visit the group of circular terraces of Moray located in the Sacred Valley, which was the botanic laboratory of the Incas, becoming one of their main agricultural tools. We will continue heading to the salt mines of Maras and its impressive mirrors of color that reflect the light of sun in its many puddles of salt.

Overnight: Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 5 - RIVER RAFTING AND HIKING B L

Drive to Pachar in the Sacred Valley and receive all necessary gears and safety briefing. We raft in quiet waters that are suddenly interrupted by rapids class II – III. Along the route, we observe archaeological remains until reaching the “Resbaladero” (the slide) which is a strong class III rapid that includes waves and whirlpools.



Enjoy a picnic lunch at the shore of the river in a restaurant owned and run by the local community.

After lunch, we take a hike to Ollantaytambo via the community of Cachiccata. Once in Ollantaytambo, the car will drive us back to the hotel

Overnight: Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 6 - ZIP LINE AND VIA FERRATA B L

This morning we are driven to Via Ferrata, a path used to climb the mountain with a safety system permanently installed; giving people without experience, the opportunity to move through the spectacular mountain scenery using minimum equipment. The climber is permanently tied to a steel cable that runs through the entire route. Metal ladders, bridges and similar facilities are used. This helps maintain the physical difficulty of climbing and mix beginners skills while providing access to a very high and extreme vertical sections of a mountain. It will be a total climb of 400 meters to finally arrive to the second line of zip line that will be used to cross the mountains.



Overnight: Sacred Valley of the Incas

DAY 7 - THE NEW 7° WONDER: MACHU PICCHU B D

We are transferred early in the morning to the station to board a train that will take us to the Lost City of the Incas. Along the route, enjoy amazing views as we follow the Urubamba River as it descends from the mountains into a steep valley with cloud forest vegetation. When we arrive in the town of Machu Picchu- formerly known as Aguas Calientes- we take the shuttle bus up to the Citadel of Machu Picchu, without a doubt the best example of Inca urban construction and stone working ability. This site has many different areas such as the urban, religious and farming sectors. We will find temples and houses as well as the famous Intihuatana or Sun Clock, which was finely carved from a large stone block.

The remainder of the day will be at your leisure to explore the town on your own or simply relax enjoying the facilities of the hotel.

Overnight: Machu Picchu

DAY 8 - HUAYNA PICCHU AND RETURN TRAIN TO CUSCO B

Early this morning, we climb the Huayna Picchu (which is a mountain adjacent to Machu Picchu) with our local guide. From the top, observe a panoramic view of the Citadel from a different perspective, finding how challenging it was for the Incas to build such an amazing place.



Head to the station to board the return train. Continue driving to the city of Cusco.

Overnight: Cusco

DAY 9 - THE FORMER CAPITAL OF THE INCA EMPIRE B

Morning will be at leisure for some rest and relaxation.

In the afternoon, we tour around the former capital of the Inca Empire. During this half day tour, we visit the Korikancha or Temple of Sun where we will find one of the best examples of the skill the Incas had working the stone. We continue to the Cathedral that shelters priceless pieces of colonial art. Afterwards, head to the monuments that surround the city. On a hill overlooking Cusco, Sacsayhuaman is an impressive fortress built using massive rocks that were taken from a nearby quarry. We continue onward to the sites of Qenqo, Puca Pucara and the Inca bath of Tambomachay.



Overnight: Cusco

DAY 10 - INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE B

We will be transferred to the airport to board the flight to our next destination.

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TASTING PERU! 2017*

DAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Lima, we meet the local staff that will assist with the luggage and will transfer us to the hotel for check-in procedures.

Overnight: Lima

DAY 2 - PERUVIAN FLAVORS B L

We start the day heading to a local market where we meet the chef who will show us the variety of products that come from the different corners of this diverse country.



Afterwards, we head to the venue especially prepared for our cooking class. We will put our aprons on to get ready to enjoy the full cooking process! Chopping, mixing, and blending will all be part of the process. At the end, we will be rewarded with delicious food that we cooked ourselves! We will share not only the table with the chef but culinary tips that from home.

From the modern side of the city, we head to the Magical Circuit of Water, one of the main attractions that possesses 13 ornamental fountains where music, water and lights all work together to offer an amazing show, including one that sprays water eighty meters high.



Finally, we take a tour around downtown Lima and view its most important architectural constructions from the viceroyalty period including the Government Palace and the Cathedral. During the tour, we visit the Museum of Peruvian Gastronomy where we appreciate the different elements that are part of the history involved with the Peruvian cuisine; native ingredients used from Pre-Inca times through today; the evolution of the cooking methods and more.

Overnight: Lima

DAY 3 - FLIGHT TO AREQUIPA B

En route to the airport, we visit a private collection that belonged to Don Rafael Larco Hoyle which is displayed in a beautiful Republican Mansion built on the foundations of a pre-Inca temple. In the mansion, we find more than 45,000 pieces of pottery and hundreds of other textiles, metals and stones; and we will have exclusive access to its deposits and its famous collection of erotic pottery.

Upon our arrival in Arequipa, we are greeted by the local staff who will assist with the luggage and will drive us to the hotel for check-in procedures.

The remainder of the day will be at leisure .

Overnight: Arequipa

DAY 4 - THE WHITE CITY OF AREQUIPA B L

This morning, we enjoy this half day tour around the White City of Arequipa, known as this because of its buildings made using the sillar, a white volcanic rock taken. We visit the Compañía de Jesús church and its beautiful baroque façade. We continue visiting the district of Yanahuara and its famous viewpoint from where we appreciate the three volcanoes that guard the city: Misti, Chachani and Pichu Pichu. Finally, we visit the Convent of Santa Catalina where we will amaze ourselves walking around its picturesque streets, squares and cloisters. Here we have the chance to learn about the sacrificed life of the nuns that inhabited this place since its foundation in 1580.



Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day will be at leisure

Overnight: Arequipa

DAY 5 - FLIGHT TO CUSCO B

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After our visit, we will head to Hacienda Sarapampa, where we will have the chance to learn about the process of corn in the area: this hacienda produces the biggest corn in the world.



Overnight: Cusco

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A-a-carte lunch will be provided at local restaurant before boarding the return train.

Overnight: Cusco

DAY 8 - INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE B

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