



## **DAY 01**

## **ARRIVE IN LIMA**

On arrival at Lima International Airport you will be met and transferred to the Miraflores Park Hotel.

Lima, the Capital of Peru was founded on 18th January 1535, by Spanish Conquistador Francisco Pizarro, and quickly became known as the City of the Kings. Within 70 years it was the most important city in the Spanish-American empire, and was the focal point for European trade and cultural activity in the region.

It is a city of rare fascination and unexpected pleasures. Lima has decaying colonial splendor and the teeming vitality of an oriental bazaar; melancholy cloudy winters and warm breezy summers; impoverished urban sprawl and quiet elegant corners among ancient buildings where the night air is scented with jasmine.

Meals today will be on your own arrangements.

**MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL (EXECUTIVE SUITE OCEAN VIEW)**

**(NO MEALS)**

## **DAY 02**

## **LIMA**

This morning you embark on a city tour beginning with a visit to Plaza Mayor, the official center of the city and the original site on which Lima was founded. You continue on to the historic Cathedral, built in 1534 and an architectural marvel. From the Cathedral, you walk past the Presidential Palace where the soldiers guarding the palace offer an excellent photo opportunity, then onto the church of San Francisco and its library collection of fine paintings and frescoes.

From the historic center, you travel through modern Lima and visit the fascinating Archaeological Museum, showcasing the progression of Peru's various early civilizations – from the Chavin in 1200 BC to the Incas.

Afterwards enjoy a private lunch at the Casa 'Garcia-Alvarado', hosted by the owner Mrs Ana Maria Garcia. This old but impressive house was constructed in 1912 by the architect Rozaga, and was remodelled in 1932 giving it its present look.



Its design was based on Peru's Government Palace. The house is located on the Larco Avenue in the commercial district of Miraflores.

Afternoon at leisure.

**MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL (EXECUTIVE SUITE OCEAN VIEW)**

**B, L**

**DAY 03**

**LIMA/CUSCO**

This morning you are transferred to the airport where you embark on your flight to Cusco, an Andean community and former ancient capital of the Inca Empire.

Upon arrival in Cusco, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The morning is left free to relax and acclimatize, as you are now at 3400 meters altitude. We recommend minimal activity and the local remedy of coca tea, (which is in plentiful supply), for those who are susceptible.

The afternoon is left free to relax and to explore the magnificent and mystical capital of the Inca Empire at your leisure.

**MONASTERIO HOTEL (DELUXE ROOM)**

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**DAY 04**

**Cusco**

This morning enjoy a city tour which includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and Santo Domingo, a Dominican church and convent built upon the foundations of the Koricancha, or the 'place of gold', the Incas' principal religious building, dedicated to the worship of the sun.

After seeing the sights of the ancient city, your visit will take you to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a true testimonial to Incan architectural skills. Compiled of massive stones (one weighs 125 tons!) you are challenged to try to slip a piece of paper through the cracks in-between these blocks, cut and fitted together with incredible precision without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. This ancient fortress (where the greatest battle between the Spanish and Incas took place) overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco and the breathtaking countryside surrounding the city. Also, visit Qenqo ("The Labyrinth"), an Incan shrine dedicated to Pachamama ('Mother Earth'), the small fortress of Puka Pukara.

Balance of your day at leisure.**Monasterio Hotel (Deluxe Room)**

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## **DAY 05**

## **CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY / CUSCO**

This morning depart for the Urubamba Valley to the local village of Pisac, known for its famous colourful market. This bustling market attracts tourist from all over the world to try their bartering for local sweaters, ponchos, wall hangings, jewellery and goods.

You will have time to shop before enjoying lunch at the charming Huayocari Hacienda, where you will be able to appreciate a valuable collection of Colonial and folk art.

After lunch, continue on to the massive fortress of Ollantaytambo. The fortress of Ollantaytambo, a formidable stone structure that climbs massive terraces to the top of a peak, was the valley's main defence against the Antis and was the site of the Incas' greatest victory against the Spanish during the wars of conquest. Constructed of rose-colored granite, this huge installation was once a thriving complex of baths, temples and military barracks. Below the fortress lies a complete Incan town, also called Ollantaytambo, still inhabited and with its original architecture and layout preserved

### **MONASTERIO HOTEL (DELUXE ROOM)**

**B, L**

## **DAY 06**

## **CUSCO / POROY / MACHU PICCHU**

This morning you board the deluxe Hiram Bingham train bound for Machu Picchu, where a late morning arrival gives you time to begin your explorations of this breathtaking Incan citadel. Light lunch will be served on board.

Accompanied by your guide, explore the city's ruins, and feel its pulse as you visualize the lives of the priests, craftsmen, and servants who inhabited this seemingly uninhabitable citadel. Excavations at the site have revealed skeletons, artifacts and woolen clothing, but no gold. The same precision of assembled stones exists here as in other Incan sites. Overlooking the raging Urubamba River and discovered in a hidden tangle of vines and trees atop the mountain, the city of

Machu Picchu will forever hold its secret of its destruction - the Incas left no written record.

Tea-time at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge.



**\*\*Hiram Bingham train runs every day except on Sundays\*\***

**MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE (PREFERENCE ROOM IF AVAILABLE)**

**B, L, D**

**DAY 07**

**MACHU PICCHU / POROY / CUSCO**

It is said that Machu Picchu is a place of great spirituality, and the ultimate spiritual moment of the day happens at sunrise. This morning therefore there is an option to rise early and view the world's most spectacularly situated ruins at sunrise.

This morning, you will have the opportunity to take one of two hikes. The first possibility is to the Inti Punku, or famous Sun Gate, which is the entry point to Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail and offers excellent views of the ruins, (approx 2 hours). The second is the chance to hike up the Huayna Picchu – the highest mountain which is actually part of the ruins (seen here on the right); from where you are afforded, excellent views of the surrounding area, as well as a unique view of the famous 'lost city', (approx 2.5 hours). Or if you prefer you can just relax and continue exploring this magnificent citadel with your guide

In the early evening, you will join the Hiram Bingham train to Cusco. Gourmet dinner will be served on board. Upon arrival in Cusco a representative will be waiting for you to transfer to your hotel in Cusco.

**MONASTERIO HOTEL (DELUXE ROOM)**

**B, L, D**

**DAY 08**

**CUSCO / LIMA**

This morning you will be transferred to Cusco Airport for your flight to Lima.

On arrival at Lima Airport, you will be met and transferred to the Miraflores Park hotel where a balance of your day is at leisure for free explorations on your own.

**MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL (EXECUTIVE SUITE OCEAN VIEW)**

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**DAY 09**

**DEPARTS OF LIMA**

Today you will be transferred to the Lima International airport to board your International departure flight.



**Note:** Today you will have your room available at your hotel until your departure time.

**INCLUSIONS:**

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- Round-trip transfers from/to airports by private vehicle in the most modern equipment available
- Accommodations based on double and single occupancy
- The portorage and handling of two pieces of luggage per person
- Meal as indicated in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated
- Private services as indicated
- Hotel taxes and service charges on quoted services
- Hiram Bingham round trip train tickets

**EXCLUSIONS:**

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- Cost of obtaining a passport or visa
- Communications costs, such as phone calls and faxes
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Any Items of a personal nature
- Any items not included in inclusions
- Air fare : Lima/Cusco/Lima – Economy class
- Departure Airport taxes : Domestic & International flights
- Oxygen supplement at Monasterio Hotel