





LAT-11
NEW DAWN IN MACHU PICCHU
Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu
Seven Days / Six Nights
Daily Departures

We are in Machu Picchu; its energy traps our senses. We will take the time to enjoy this experience to the utmost level. From sunrise to sunset, discovering the mystery that houses each one of its stones. Machu Picchu awaits us to become familiar with it in our own way.

## DAY 01: WELCOME TO LIMA, CITY OF KINGS AND THE LARCO MUSEUM

Arrival to the city of Lima, assistance, and transfer to the hotel.

An exclusive and intense tour of the Historical Center of Lima will take us to know and admire the architectonic relics that are part of the old Lima. The Convent of Santo Domingo is the beginning of this magnificent experience. The Universidad Mayor de San Marcos (University of San Marcos) was founded on this site, the oldest in America. Inside, the library, with 25,000books, some printed from the XV century. Crossing the Plaza Mayor, we visit the Cathedral, a jewel in the history of Lima. Leaving downtown Lima and heading to the Larco Museum, where we will get a clear vision of the cultures that inhabited ancient Peru. We shall admire the gold pieces, textiles and erotic ceramics that are part of the collection.

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

#### DAY 02: CUSCO, CAPITAL OF THE EMPIRE

Arrival to the city of Cusco, assistance, and transfer to the hotel.

In the afternoon, exclusive stroll in the city that starts with a visit to the Plaza de San Cristóbal (San Cristobal Square) to enjoy a panoramic overview of the city. Afterwards, we will visit the San Pedro Market, where we will absorb the local flavors and learn more about the products of the area in this market that has it all and supplies the entire city. Later, the Qorikancha Temple will welcome us with all its splendor and magnificence, with walls that used to be covered in gold. From San Blas, the artisans' neighborhood, we will walk down the street Hatun Rumiyoc finding in our way the palace Inca Roca, today's Archbishops Palace, and we will have time to admire the world famous Twelve Angled Stone. We will continue to the Plaza de Armas to visit The Cathedral that houses colonial works of incredible value.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

#### DAY 03: ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF SACSAYHUAMAN

In the morning, we will leave behind the crowds to visit Sacsayhuaman, an impressive citadel full of colossal constructions surrounded by beautiful landscape in total communion with the environment. Afterwards, we continue to the Inca adoratory of Q'enqo, with its surprising altar for sacrifices embedded in the internal part of its rocky formation. Finally, we arrive at the Puca Pucará lookout and Tambomachay, a monument of notable architectonic excellence which is considered one of the pillars of the Andean cosmovision. Free afternoon to enjoy the city. Free afternoon for additional activities, or to cruise around the streets of Cusco. The passport of admissions that is included in this trip gives you access to other points of interest that are not visited.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

## DAY 04: SACRED VALLEY: INCA AND COLONIAL PISAC, INKARIY MUSEUM AND YUCAY LIVE CULTURE CENTER

The Sacred Valley of the Incas receives us in this day. Our first stop will be at the Inca village of Pisac, one of the most beautiful archaeological sites of the Sacred Valley. From the top of the mountain there is a great view of the colonial village of Pisac. Walk through the colonial village. Time for shopping at the artisan workshops. Later, tour of the Inkariy Museum to visit the different halls with exhibits of representations of the pre-Hispanic cultures of ancient Peru. Lunch. Visit to the Yucay Live Culture Center, tourist complex where the local settlers will show us their techniques of weaving and dying of traditional textiles, making of the adobes, preparation of the traditional chicha, a drink made of corn, and a close encounter with the Andean camels: llamas and alpacas. Overnight stay in the area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

# DAY 05: SACRED VALLEY: MORAY TERRACES, MARAS SALT MINES AND OLLANTAYTAMBO LIVING INCA VILLAGE

This day will take us to find marvelous places in this region of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The Inca Terraces of Moray, a lab that was looking to re-create 20 different microclimates and secure the agricultural production of the empire. Continue towards the Village of Maras, tour of the famous and ancient salt mines, which have still been exploited since immemorial times. The contrast between the white wells and the clayey land makes this landscape into a place not to

be missed for taking pictures. Lunch. In the afternoon, tour of the streets, plazas and terraces of the last Inca living village of Ollantaytambo. Enter the archaeological site that dominates the village, where we will see the technique that the Incas used to work on the stones in the Sun temple that was left half built. At the proper time, embark from the village train station to arrive at the town of Machu Picchu, located at the foot of the mountain. Overnight stay in the area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

## DAY 06: MACHU PICCHU, THE LOST CITY

The much-awaited day to visit one of the 7 Wonders of the World. Boarding at the Ollantaytambo station. Departure in the selected train. Arrival at Machu Picchu station. Assistance, from our staff to board the bus that will ascend up a winding road, with a spectacular view of the Urubamba River which forms a deep canyon. The Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, will greet us with its incredible terraces, staircases, ceremonial sites and urban areas. Energy exudes from the whole place. Lunch. At the coordinated time, return by train and transfer to the hotel in Cusco.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight accommodations at selected hotel

#### DAY 07: DEPART CUSCO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima and connect with your return flight home or to another destination within Peru.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Convent of Santo Domingo
- Larco Museum.
- San Pedro Central Market of Cusco.
- Qorikancha Temple
- Inca Stone of twelve angles.
- Sacsayhuaman, Tambomachay, Q'engo and Puca Pucara inca complexs.
- Pisac Inca old and colonial town.
- Inkariy Museum
- Maras Salt inca mines.
- Moray Inca terraces.
- Ollantaytambo, the last living Inca town
- Machu Picchu, lost citadel.

#### **TOUR RATES INCLUDE:**

- Private transfers between airports and hotels in Lima and Cusco
- Transfers between hotel and train station in Cusco
- All admission tickets on tours.
- Tours with English-Spanish speaking guide.
- Round trip railway ticket to Machu Picchu via Vistadome train service or similar
- 3 lunches.
- 1 night of accommodation in Lima in selected hotels.
- 3 nights of accommodation in Cusco in selected hotels.
- 1 night of accommodation in Sacred Valley in selected hotels.
- 1 night of accommodation in Machu Picchu town in selected hotels.
- Daily breakfast

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Roundtrip international air between the USA and Lima
- Air transportation within Peru.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Expenses of personal nature and/or land tour services and hotels not included in the itinerary.
- Gratuities.

#### WHAT SHOULD TRAVELERS KNOW:

- Machu Picchu has limited capacity. It is required to give the full name, identification
  document, nationality, date of birth at the time of the reservation. The access to Machu
  Picchu is taking turns. We are allowed to only remain 4 hours in the citadel. The paths
  are delimited. We will follow the high-long path. Not permitted: to climb the walls, rest
  on the steps or terraces, or use walking sticks and drones.
- Operated exclusively by VIPAC in the city of Cusco. We offer the experience of visiting
  the city and the Archaeological Park of Sacsayhuaman in two half days to discover
  interesting spots of the city of Cusco that the traditional visitor does not cover. Our
  operation takes the visitor away from the crowd and gives each archaeological site and
  church the necessary time to get to know it.

**ALTITUDES:** (Meters above sea level)

Lima - 40 Cusco - 3,400 Sacsayhuaman - 3,700 Sacred Valley - 2,871 Machu Picchu - 2.440

### WHAT TO BRING:

- Long sleeve shirt. The solar radiation is high at high altitudes. Protect your skin.
- Sunscreen.
- Sunglasses.
- Cap or hat. You can also get them in the artisan markets and contribute to the local economy.
- Warm clothing for the night. Scarf.
- Comfortable shoes for walking. Trekking sneakers.
- Raincoat, in the November to March season. Avoid purchasing single use raincoats.
- Reusable water bottle. Several hotels have water filters available to refill your reusable water bottles. We support the reduction of the single use plastic water Bottle.





