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TRIP DETAILS 14 days / 13 nts - Peru

> Departures Daily Trip Ref 2191

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Jewels of Peru

This comprehensive 14 day tour gives you an unforgettable introduction to the Peruvian jewels of culture, archaeology and nature. Colonial and Inca empires are combined with the natural wonders of Colca, Lake Titicaca and the jungle of Tambopata. In each place there is a unique culture and people.

Day 1: Arrive in Lima

Upon arrival in Lima, assistance at the airport and transfer to selected hotel.

(Included meals: N/A)

Day 2: Lima - Arequipa

We will transfer you from your hotel to the airport, and provide you assistance on your departure flight from Lima to Arequipa. Transport will

be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. At 2:00pm today Visit the city of Arequipa, known as the white city because of its buildings made from sillar, a white volcanic stone. You will visit the Main Square, the Convent of Santa Catalina, founded in 1580 and one of the most beautiful convents in Peru.

This convent is like a small colonial town, with houses for the nuns and their servants, cloisters, narrow streets, kitchens and a laundry, etc. The excursion continues with a visit to the church of the

Society of Jesus, a masterpiece of local baroque art, which houses some beautiful paintings. The sacristy, decorated with beautiful murals representing the jungle and the cloisters of the old seminary should not be missed. Finally, you will visit the residential districts of Yanahuara and Chilina from which the magnificent Arequipa countryside and the volcano Misti can be appreciated. There will also be a guide who will tell you about the citys attractions and services and finally assist you with your check in.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 3: Arequipa - Colca Valley

Leaving the city via Yura, you enter Pampa Cañahuas Reserve, an extensive plain where you can see vicuñas, the indigenous Andean



camelid that is a national symbol. Then to Vizcachani, Pampas de Toccra, up to the crater of the volcano Chucura and on to Mirador de los Andes at Patapampa (4800 m.a.s.l.) where the volcanoes surrounding Arequipa can be seen. Lunch will be served in the village of Chivay and in the afternoon you can rest in the hotel, or visit the thermal springs at La Calera. Overnight in Colca Valley.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Colca Valley - Arequipa

Visit to Cruz del Cóndor to see the Colca Valley (the second deepest canyon in the world, more than 4 kilometres at its deepest part) followed by an astonishing sight: the great and majestic condor flying only a few metres away. On the way back to Chivay you will pass through the villages of Pinchollo, Maca, Achoma, Yanque and the vantage points at Antahuilque and Choquetico.Return to Arequipa after lunch. Overnight in Arequipa

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5: Arequipa - Puno

Transfer to the airport for your flight rom Arequipa to Juliaca (Puno). You will be picked up from your hotel at the agreed time and taken to the airport accompanied by a guide. Help will be provided with your check in.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 6: Lake Titicaca

Take a motor boat trip to some of the most unique islands of Lake Titicaca, starting with Taquile Island, which is inhabited by quechua

speaking natives who have developed both an efficient and original social system and a fine hand weaving technique over several generations. Then travel to the utterly fascinating Uros Islands, a group of 40 large floating islands completely man made of reeds, located 6 kms. from the port of Puno and at 3,812 masl, where its inhabitants still live like their ancestors and continue to maintain them as they were since pre-columbian times, using Totora reeds from the lake.



(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 7: Puno - Cuzco (By Tourist bus)

Transfer from your hotel to the bus station, and assistance on departure.

Bus ride to Cusco along the dramatic landscapes of the highland plateau, only spotted by little andean villages and herds of llamas and vicuna. We will stop at the archaeological site of Pukara (200BC-AD300) as well as in Raqchi an Inca temple built to worship Wiracocha, one of the most important Inca gods. Finally we will stop at Andahuaylillas, a beautiful baroque church built at the beginning of the XVIIth century and very well known thanks to its beautiful mural paintings. We will have lunch on a restaurant en route. Upon arrival in Cusco we will assist you at the bus station and transfer you to the hotel.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

Optional on this day travel by train from Puno to Cuzco, click on the link below for schedules and pricing on the Andean Explorer Train

Day 8: Cuzco city tour

City tour of Cusco, including the Santo Domingo convent monastery. This former Colonial monastery was previously the Korikancha temple, one of the most important temples devoted to the worship of the sun. According to the chronicles, it was covered in gold Leaf and filled with golden representations of nature.



Visit also the Cathedral, the most important temple of the city which houses the headquarters of the Diocese. After touring the most interesting sites of the city, you will be driven to the countryside outside Cusco to visit some of the remarkable Inca ruins in the area. Included are the cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheatre of Kenko, and the Red Fortress of Puca Pucara.

Finally the tour will take you to visit Tambomachy, It consists of a series of aqueducts, canals and waterfalls that run through the terraced rocks. The function of the site is uncertain: it may have served as a military outpost guarding the approaches to Cusco, as a spa resort for the Incan political elite, or both. At the end of the tour, transfer to the hotel.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 9: Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Take a trip to Urubamba, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. You will begin your tour visiting Awanakancha, where South American camelidae are bred. Learn about the Ilamas, alpacas and vicuñas superb fibres, as well as the ancient weaving techniques which are still in use.

Proceed to Pisac where you will have the opportunity to bargain with vendors at its local handicrafts market. Enjoy lunch at a pleasant hostelry in the countryside and continue to the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. The site was built just as the Spaniards arrived and evidence of how it was is still visible.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 10: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Macchu Picchu

Transfer to Ollanta station to board the train to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival to Aguas Calientes you will take a 25-minute motorcoach ride to The Lost City of the Incas, which was discovered by American explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911. Located on the left bank of the Vilcanota river lies the wonderful old city of Machu Picchu, which in quechua means Old Mountain. According to research, Machu Picchu would have been one of the vacation residences of Pachacutec, the first Inca emperor between 1438 and 1470.

However, some of its finest buildings and the evident ceremonial purpose of the main access road to the village, prove that it was used as a religious shrine. Machu Picchu is considered both a masterpiece of architecture and engineering because of its unique architectural and



landscaping features. Prominent constructions among its buildings are the Main Square, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and the Burial Grounds, among others of singular architecture and importance. Your guide will narrate and explain all about this splendid citadel, which is a truly amazing experience. After the guided tour you will have free time to stroll around the archaeological site. Lunch at café Inkaterra. Overnight in Aguas Calientes

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 11: Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Morning at leisure. (No guide is included this day). Early rise is recommended to admire Machu Picchu at sunrise, a truly mystical experience. For the hiking enthusiasts, going up the Wayna Picchu peak overlooking the site is suggested (Optional). Afternoon rail to Ollantaytambo station, then van or car transportation to Cusco. Upon arrival, transfer to the selected hotel.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 12: Cuzco - Puerto Maldonado - Tambopata

Transfer to Cusco airport, assistance on departure flight. Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, transfer to the pier, enjoy a twenty-five minute

motor-canoe ride down the Madre de Dios River to the starting point of a half hour trek. After arriving at a small channel, board a dugout canoe for a short trip to Lake Sandoval. Continue the journey on a catamaran to reach Sandoval Lake Lodge.

After lunch, board the catamaran again to visit the west side of the Lake. Early in the evening, observe the macaws arriving to the place to spend the night. After dinner, canoe expedition in search of the impressive black caiman.

We will transfer you from your hotel to the airport, and provide you assistance on your departure flight. Upon arrival in Tambopata our guests will have the option of staying at Concepcion Hacienda or Reserva Amzonica lodges.

3 Day / 2 night at Hacienda Concepcion

(Category: Standard, Superior, Superior 1)

3 Day / 2 night Extension to Reserva Amazonica

(Category : Deluxe)

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 13: Tambopata

Wake up at dawn to be at the lake at sunrise for a hopeful encounter with the family of giant otters, frequently visiting the Lake. A good chance to see and photograph the very rare prehistoric-looking hoatzin bird.

After breakfast, walk through the upperá jungle near the lake to see towering wild brazil nut trees, where you can see the natives techniques



to collect, open, pack and commercialize this product. This is a very important economic activity in the area. After lunch, visit to the east area of the lake to appreciate some of the five species of monkeys inhabiting the place, especially the most remarkable brown capuchin. Mid-day is best for resting, due to the heat.

After dinner, evening exploration: this is the time when the rain forest comes alive with about 90 species of bats, 40 species of frogs, 70 species of large katydids (rain forest grasshoppers), and

cat species, the jaguar, the puma, the ocelot, and the margay. You will have the opportunity to explore along different trails through the primary forest and to hear the night sounds of the jungle.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 14: Tambopata - Puerto Maldonado - Fly out from Lima

After a breakfast at about dawn, take a final shorter paddle around the western end of the lake to try to glimpse the giant otters and to take some final pictures of lake birds before entering the canal again, walking back to the river, boarding a motorized canoe from Tambopata to the pier in Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the airport.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Note: for the Peruvian Amazonian you need to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination.

Prices are per person

2009 - 2011		REGULAR GROUP TOURS			
Hotels	City	Single	Double	Triple	
Standard					
Carmel	Lima				
Casa Andina	Arequipa				
Collahua	Colca				
La Hacienda	Puno	\$2,727	\$2,053	\$1,997	
Eco Inn	Cusco				
Casona Yucay	Urubamba				
Hatuchay Towers	Machu Picchu				
Sandoval Lake Lodge	Tambopata				
Superior					
Jose Antonio	Lima				
Cabildo	Arequipa				
Colca Lodge	Colca				
Posada del Inca	Puno	\$3,649	\$2,574	\$2,470	
Novotel	Cusco				
Sol y Luna	Urubamba				
Machu Picchu Pueblo	Machu Picchu				
Sandoval Lake Lodge	Tambopata				
Deluxe 2					
Swissotel	Lima				
Libertador	Arequipa				
Colca Lodge	Colca				

Ī	Libertador Isla Esteves	Puno	\$4,145	\$3,114	\$3,041		
	Libertador	Cusco					
	Sol y Luna	Urubamba					
	Machu Picchu Pueblo	Machu Picchu					
	Sandoval Lake Lodge	Tambopata					
	Deluxe 1						
	Miraflores Park	Lima					
	Libertador	Arequipa					
	Colca Lodge	Colca					
	Libertador Isla Esteves	Puno	\$5,368	\$3,423	N/A		
	Monasterio	Cusco					
	Sol y Luna	Urubamba					
	Machu Picchu Pueblo	Machu Picchu					
	Sandoval Lake Lodge	Tambopata					
* Rates subject to change, without notice *Prices valid to December 31, 2011							

Includes:

- 1 night accommodation in Lima
- 2 nights accommodation in Arequipa
- 1 night accommodation in Colca
- 3 nights accommodation in Cusco
- 1 night accommodation in Sacred Valley
- 1 night accommodation in Aguas Calientes
- 2 nights accommodation in Puno
- 2 nights in Puerto Maldonado
- Full board package in Hacienda Concepción or Reserva Amazónica (3DAYS/2NITGHTS)
- Daily breakfasts at hotels.
- Private transfers airport/hotel/airport
- Shared services with Official English/Spanish speaking local guide on tours.
- Lunch at Café Inkaterra
- Entrante fees on sightseeing tours
- Second entrance to Machu Picchu + bus
- Touristic bus from Cusco to Puno
- Full day Uros & Taquile with lunch

Suplement per private services:

- Min 1 passenger USD. 1,972
- Min 2 passengers USD. 925
- Min 3-4 passengers USD. 596

Does not include:

Domestic air fares Lima--->Arequipa--->Juliaca / Cusco--->Puerto Maldonada--->Lima. International (US\$31.00) and domestic (\$7.40) airport departure taxes, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc). Andean Explorer train from Puno to Cuzco.

We recommend to bring:

- * Good binoculars
- * Camera gear (ASA 50, 100 and 200 recommended)
- * Two or three pairs of long pants
- * Four pairs of absorbent cotton socks
- * Rain suit or long poncho (100% waterproof test before you leave home)
- * Three or four long-sleeved cotton shirts
- * Two or three T-shirts
- * A bottle or canteen to carry water on outings
- * Sunscreen lotion (high factor)
- * A hat that will not come off in windy boat-rides
- * One pair of shorts
- * Sunglasses
- * A pair of sneakers or hiking boats (with good gripping soles) and sandals
- * Insect repellent (Skin-so-soft for river, and 20% or more deep for forest)
- * A photocopy of your passport
- * A large, bright flashlight
- * Personal toiletries and medications
- * Rubber Boots for the rainy season from November to April, these could be provided by the lodge but are limited to size).
- * Cash for souvenirs at the lodge's PeruVerde stand, alcoholic beverages, etc

Please note:

Guests should arrive in clothes which they do not mind getting slightly dirty or wet, and should wear footwear that is suitable to walk on a

rain forest trail. Sun cream, insect repellent, hat and waterproof clothing should be carried in hand luggage and kept accessible for the journey to the lodge. It's not necessary to bring all of your luggage with you to Sandoval Lake Lodge. You will enjoy your trip more if only the essentials are brought. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU PREPARE YOUR DAY PACK A DAY BEFORE YOUR TRIP. YOUR MAIN BAGGAGE CAN BE LEFT IN OUR STORE ROOM AT OUR OFFICE IN PUERTO MALDONADO

Important:

- The yellow fever vaccination is important for travelling to Puerto Maldonado.
- All tours in Tambopata are provided in group
- Advise us of any special food requirements
- Any special interest
- Any special medical requirement
- For single travelers, a supplement fee will apply, please consult with your travel coordinator.
- As of July 15th, 2011, for all those guests wanting to hike Huyna Picchu located inside the Machu Picchu site, it is important that you advise us so we can purchase the entrance prior to your hike. The cost of the entrance is \$15pp. This is Day 11 of this itinerary. In addition, there are two groups of 200 people each and the schedules are as follows:

1st group: Between 7 - 8 am 2nd group: Between 10-11am

Punctuality is important as you may loose your tickets, and there is no restriction as to the amount of time spent at the top of the mountain.

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