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TRIP DETAILS

5 days / 4 nts - Peru

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2202

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Cusco 1nt

Sacred Valley 1nt

Machu Picchu tour

Machu Picchu 1nt

Cusco 1nt



PRICES FROM \$952

Machu Picchu Encounter

Explore the wonders of Cuzco and the Sacred valley, and take a 2 day overnight trip to Machu Picchu.

Day 1: Arrive in Cusco

Assistance on arrival at Cusco airport, then transfer to your hotel. Later that day explore the magical capital of the Incas on a tour including a visit to Plaza Regocijo, Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Convent Monastery. The Santo Domingo monastery was built over the Koricancha temple, one of the most important temples devoted to worship of the sun. According to the chronicles, it was covered in gold sheet and filled with golden representations of nature. Then walk around the old town with its very narrow streets. After seeing the most interesting sites of the city, you will drive to the countryside outside Cusco to visit some of the remarkable inca ruins in the area: the cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheatre of Kenko and the Red Fortress of Puca Pucara. Breakfast.



Day 2: Cusco - Sacred Valley of the Incas



Drive to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", a succession of picturesque towns, agricultural terraces, and many archaeological sites, as well as the world's most famous corn, combine with an exceptional climate to visit Ollantaytambo, the Inca fortress, which guarded the entry of this part of the valley and protected it from possible invasion from the lower jungles. The fortress consists of a series of superimposed terraces of carved stones accessed by long staircases. An opportunity to walk through the quaint streets of the nearby town, the design and foundations of the majority of its buildings date from the Inca era, when it was a strategic military, religious, and agricultural center.

Lunch at a nearby inn. Visit Pisac, a lively and colorful Indian market where locals sell or exchange their products, as the ancestors did hundreds years ago. Overnight at selected hotel. Breakfast & lunch.

Day 3: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Transfer to Ollanta's train station to board the rail coach (vistadome section) for a one and a half hour train ride to Machu Picchu, discovered in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. Then make the 25-minute motor coach ascent to "The Lost City of the Incas." This citadel is considered one of the most extraordinary examples of landscape architecture in the world. It straddles a mountain ridge surrounded by lush tropical forest. The guided tour of this fascinating place is an awe-inspiring experience. Visit the Main Square, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and Burial Grounds. Overnight at selected hotel. Breakfast & lunch.

Day 4: Machu Picchu - Cusco

Morning at leisure (no guide included this day). Early rise is recommended to admire Machu Picchu at sunrise, a truly mystical experience. For hiking enthusiasts, going up the Huayna Picchu peak overlooking the site is suggested. Afternoon rail coach transportation to Cusco. Upon arrival transfer to selected hotel. Breakfast.



Day 5: Cusco - Fly out from Lima

Transfer to Cusco airport, assistance on departure flight. Breakfast.

Prices are per person

| 2009 / 2010 Hotels | City | Single | REGULAR GROUP TOURS | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | | | Double | Triple |
| Standard | | | | |
| Eco Inn | Cusco | | | |
| Casona de Yucay | Urubamba | \$1,116 | \$851 | \$829 |
| Hatuchay Towers | Machu Picchu | | | |
| Superior | | | | |
| Picoaga | Cusco | | | |
| Sol y Luna | Urubamba | \$1,695 | \$1,247 | \$1,188 |
| Sumaq | Machu Picchu | | | |
| Deluxe 2 | | | | |
| Libertador | Cusco | | | |
| Sol y Luna | Urubamba | \$1,889 | \$1,323 | \$1,335 |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | Machu Picchu | | | |
| Deluxe 1 | | | | |
| Monasterio | Cusco | | | |
| Sol y Luna | Urubamba | \$3,133 | \$1,944 | |
| Sanctuary Lodge | Machu Picchu | | | |

*Prices valid to December 31, 2011
*Prices are subject to change without notice.

Price includes: Porterage at airport, station and hotels, on transfers, Entrante fees on sightseeing tours. Accommodation as noted in day by day itinerary (specific properties may be replaced others of same quality). Meals as per detailed in itinerary. Vistadome train. Official English/Spanish speaking local guide on tours.

Price does not include: Domestic air fares: Lima --> Cusco --> Lima. International US\$ 30.25 and domestic US\$ 6.05 airport departure taxes, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc)

NOTES:

- If staying at hotel Monasterio the room type is a deluxe.
- If staying at Sanctuary Lodge the room type is preferential, and includes Lunch & dinner a la carte.
- If staying at Machu Picchu Pueblo, dinner is included.

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