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## TRIP DETAILS

12 days / 11 nts - Multi-country

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3558

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF



PRICES FROM \$3,352

## Amazing Legacies of Millenary Cultures

### Day 1: Arrive in Lima

Upon arrival into Lima International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Lima.

### Day 2: Lima (city tour)

In the morning, a City Tour will take you back and show you 500 years of history of Lima. You will discover the history and traditions hidden in every corner of the capital of Peru. Visit to the market of Surquillo where we will see and try some exotic fruits and vegetables grown in the country. Continue to Lima downtown. We will stop at El Cordano bar, a Lima institution since 1905. This old-world dining hall with its swinging, saloon-style doors has received practically every Peruvian president for the last 100 years as a customer. From here we will visit some historical buildings on a pleasant walking tour. We will visit The Archbishops Palace of Lima, the residence of the Archbishop and the administrative headquarters of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lima. The current building is considered a prime example of neo-colonial architectural that developed in Lima. Continue with our walking visit, we will pass through The Jiron de la Union, a pedestrian street that for many years was one of the most important boulevards of the city. We will finish our Lima Downtown visit with a delicious Pisco Sour at El Bolivar Hotel, that was declared Historical monument on 1972. Finally we will visit the modern part of Lima, passing through Huaca Huallamarca ending in Miraflores with a pleasant 10 minutes walk in the Malecon with a nice ocean view. Overnight in Lima.



(Included meals: breakfast)

### Day 3: Lima - Cusco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

After breakfast at the hotel you will be assisted to board your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival to Cusco airport our representative will assist you with your luggage and drive you to the hotel located in the Sacred Valley. On the way towards the Urubamba Valley, you will have the chance to visit Awanacancha. This Andean textile center has for principal objective to maintain the wealth of Incan textile art alive. Here you will learn about the dyeing techniques and instruments used for hundreds of years in the weaving of these famous textiles. Overnight in the Urubamba.



(Included meals: breakfast)

### Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Enjoy a full day excursion to Chinchero Village, a must see is the Colonial church where beautiful paintings of the Cusco School are kept. Every Sunday, the farmers and businessmen gather to exchange their products in a fair where they still barter. We get to the Andean terraces, then we ascend up to the top frontal part of this one, from where we appreciate better the structures. The viewing-point of Urquillos Gully shows us the presence of the mountain named Shimil, which is a reference that we are in the highest point. Continue to Maras Salt Mines. These archaeological ruins reveal that this resource was already well-known and used at pre-Hispanic time, it could have been one of the many sources of supply of salt for the Inca village. The technique for the extraction of the salt has been very similar to that used one for nine hundred years or more. During all these centuries this technology has been conserved and that consists of a true hydraulic engineer installation but of miniature, since the pool has relatively small dimensions, constructed in shapes of platforms on one of the slopes of the gorge. Each pool has an entrance channel and vents the water, this way the steam is expected to come out and later the salt grain that is settled in the floor is gathered. The extraction is seasonal; it's done in dry season, from May to November or at the beginning of December. Lunch will be served on a local restaurant. Continue to the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. The site was built just as the Spaniards arrived and evidence of how it was constructed is still visible. After seeing the magnificent past of the spot stroll through the quaint streets of the present town. Transfer to the train station. Departure by Vistadome or Inca Rail train to Machu Picchu Town (1hrs 20 minutes). Arrival to Machu Picchu and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Machu Picchu.



(Included meals: breakfast, lunch)

#### Day 5: Machu Picchu - Cusco

Early in the morning you will have a guided tour to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Your guide will explain the surprising degree of technology achieved by the builders of this incredible citadel. The exact precision of massive stone building, the provision of water channels that reveal a deep understanding of hydraulics, the steps carved into the rock of the mountain and Intihuatana (the highest point of the Sun), which served as a solar calendar that regulate planting and harvesting, are tangible and concrete expression of the deep knowledge and technological advancement of the empire. All these buildings, along with the Temple of the Sun, the Royal Tomb, the Priests House, the Inca Baths and the Temple of the Three Windows, allow you to go back in time and with the help of your guide, revive the existence of those truly admirable builders. Lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge Restaurant. In the afternoon you will take the Vistadome back to Ollantaytambo and then private transfer to your hotel in Cusco. Overnight in Cusco.



(Included meals: breakfast, lunch)

#### Day 6: Cusco - Lima - Easter Island

Walking city tour, including a visit to the district of San Blas, with its winding streets, the whitewashed houses, the blue balconies hung with geranium-filled flowerpots, the uneven line of the tiled rooftops and the endless stairways. In the neighbourhood live the folk artists of Cusco, who for centuries have used their hands to tell the tale of their longings and frustrations working in stone and woodcarving, sculpture, doll-making, silverware, weaving and textile arts, gold-leaf, mask-making, and an array of ceramics in utilitarian, architectural, sculptural, monumental, grotesque and many other styles for example Edilberto Merida, renowned sculptor.

He looked to religion for his primary inspiration, but he moved away from traditional religious images, by making grotesque images with exaggerated features. It is a form of sculpture that has come to be known as "mud of protest." His style is one of expressionism and has thus been referred to as Expresionismo Indio. Then visit the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, the only museum in Peru dedicated to rebound the arts of ancient Peruvian cultures. The collection of 450 master pieces date from 1250 B.C to.1532 A.D. Continue with a visit to the Cathedral, the Main Square, the Korikancha temple. Your transferman and private driver will drive you to the airport to board your flight to Lima. Assistance at the airport for your international flight departure. Overnight flight.



(Included meals: breakfast)

#### Day 7: Arrive in Easter Island

Arrival to Easter Island. Reception by one of our representatives at the Easter Island Airport (Mataverí, The world's most remote airport) with a typical flower necklace and transfer to hotel with English speaking guide. Take the rest of the day to walk through this magnificent and unique Island.

At night you can go out to the town and enjoy a nice dinner show at Matatua. Overnight in Easter Island.

#### Day 8: Easter Island (Anakena)

Enjoy a full day private excursion to Anakena Beach. Drive to the south coast and visit representative examples of un-restored platforms, Ahus: Vaihu and Akahanga. Proceed to Rano Raraku, a quarry with almost 900 stone statues, 397 of them still lying or standing at the slopes of the extinct volcano with a crater lake. Then visit Ahu Tongariki (restored with 15 Moais), the most recent and largest restoration on the island. Drive to the east coast and visit Ahu Te Pito Kura and the "Navel of the World". Last but not least visit the beach of Anakena with its restored Ahus: Nau Nau and Ature Huke. There you will have the opportunity to enjoy the warm Pacific Ocean and the only white sandy beach in the island. Back to hotel. Overnight in Easter Island.



(Included meals: breakfast, box lunch)

#### Day 9: Easter Island (Orongo - Akivi)

In the morning, a half day private excursion to Orongo. Drive up the extinct volcano Rano Kau, appreciate on the way a view over the whole island and see its distinct geological features, proceed to an outlook at the Crater Lake. Afterwards drive to the ceremonial village of Orongo, where the birdman competition took place and you can see the spectacular petroglyphs related to this culture, see the 3 islets Motu Nui, Motu Iti and Motu Kao Kao opposite the coast. Drive down again to Ahu Vinapu (not restored) and for some still proof of the influence of pre-inca architects in Easter Island culture. Last stop is Ana Kai Tangata cave with paintings. Back to hotel or to enjoy a nice lunch in town, we recommend Haka Honu where you will taste the exquisite gastronomy.

In the afternoon, a half day private excursion to Akivi. Drive to the restored Ahu Akivi with 7 Moais, built in the middle of the island. Legend tells that these statues are representing the 7 explorers who were sent to Rapa Nui by the king Hotu Matua and are the only ones facing the ocean. Proceed to the un-restored Ahu Hanga Poukura. Then visit the topknot-quarry Puna Pau with its red scoria stone, where all the Pukaos were made. Also visit the ceremonial site of Tahai with 3 Ahus and restored statues, remains of boathouses, a boat ramp and other features. Here see the only statue with eyes and hopefully a stunning sunset. Back to the hotel. Overnight in Easter Island.



(Included meals: breakfast)

#### Day 10: Easter Island (day at leisure)

Day at leisure. Overnight in Easter Island.

(Included meals: breakfast)

**Day 11: Easter Island - Lima**

At the scheduled time transfer to the airport to take your flight back to the continent and receive a farewell gift before leaving the island. Arrival in Lima and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Lima.

(Included meals: breakfast)

**Day 12: Fly out from Lima**

At proper time, transfer to the airport for your international flight departure.

(Included meals: breakfast)

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**Included:** hotel accommodation, transfer/ tours/ meals/ services as detailed in the itinerary.

**Not included:** International and domestic air tickets. Meals or any other item not mentioned in the itinerary. Tips to guides and hotel staff. Local Peruvian Taxes (18% tax is applicable only to Peruvian and foreigners living in Peru, to pay no need to show passport. Early check-in/late check-out at hotels. Personal expenses

**Notes:**

- Price per person in USDollars
- Hotels may vary according to availability. Alternative hotels may be confirmed depending on the availability of the ones offered above
- All entrance fees are subject to change without previous notice.
- Services in Peru to be provided in a private basis with local English speaking guides.
- Services in Easter Island program with Tahatai and Altiplanico Rapa Nui will be in private basis.
- Services in Easter Island program with Explora package is full board (3 meals per day) and includes open bar. The Explora package is only a sample itinerary as there are several activities you can choose from during your stay. The Explora' staff will confirm you the alternatives every previous night
- The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.
- Local flight schedule between Lima and Easter Island (only Wednesdays & Sundays, not included)  
LIM/IPC LA 848 01:15/05:50  
IPC/LIM LA 847 16:25/22:15

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