

Peru - Mountain Lodges of Peru

Trip Code

PETSLAA7

Departure



Introduction

Experience the unique culture of the Incas with this luxurious 8-day hiking expedition.

We invite you on a cultural exploration of the Urubamba Valley, the celebrated "Sacred Valley of the Incas," and the spectacular archaeological site of Machu Picchu, combined with a hike in the less visited and less crowded Lares region north of Cusco, noted for its rural atmosphere, traditional weavers attired in colourful dress, and roving herds of alpacas and llamas - an authentic slice of Peruvian life.

Comfortable mountain lodges serve as deluxe "base camps" for daily hikes that bring you to remote passes with views of a panorama of waterfalls, snow peaks, and turquoise glacial lakes, with the occasional condor soaring above, and to tiny Andean highland communities unchanged for centuries, where you can meet local weavers and farmers and get a glimpse of the distant past.

On this all-encompassing hike, you will be provided travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in luxury lodges, designed especially for hikers on the Lares trail that offers creature comforts, and impeccable service so that you may recharge at the end of each day's trekking.

Please [contact us](#) for departure dates and more information.

Itinerary

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On arrival in Cusco, please proceed to the

location where our representative will

be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in

the Sacred Valley. He/she will be holding a

sign with your name on it. Please note that

this service includes a driver only. Cusco,

set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the

Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the

Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish

colonial architecture and Incan remains.

Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca

walls stretch out from the main plaza in

every direction. Many of the colonial

buildings were built on top of Incan

foundations and the stonework is

unparalleled in its precision and beauty.

This evening you will be collected from your

hotel and dropped off for a pre tour

briefing, where you will learn about the

plans for your upcoming trek in the Sacred

Valley. The briefing is approx. 45 minutes

and allows time for any questions you may

have about the days ahead.



DAY 2: Treasures of the Sacred Valley

Your journey begins from the busy streets of

Cusco to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, full

of lush green fields surrounded by striking

mountain peaks. Your first step will be

Chincho, a small Andean village and Inca

archaeological site. From there, choose an

inspiring downhill hike from Chincho to

the town of Urquillos along historic Inca

trails, or an afternoon exploring the circular

agricultural terraces in Moray and natural

salt mines in Maras.



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DAY 3: Exploring Pisac

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Starts your day with either an invigorating

hike from the village of Amaru to the

Peru, Machu Picchu, or a visit to the lively

community of Viacha.

town and colorful artisan marketplace of

Pisac. Midday, both cultural explorers and

hikers will reunite in the village of Viacha to

learn about traditional Andean farming

before a hike or drive to the Pisac

archaeological site for a guided tour.



DAY 4: Into the Heart of Lares

The day begins with a visit to the small town of Lamay followed by a scenic drive into the heart of the Lares Valley. Your first stop will be Ancasmарca for a guided tour of this seldom-visited archaeological site.

Afterwards, choose a visit with the expert textile weavers in the remote village of Choquecancha or a hike amidst turquoise blue lakes and towering peaks to the remote village of Huacahuasi, where both groups meet again to spend the night.



DAY 5: Exploring Huacahuasi

For a cultural morning experience

For a cultural morning experience, you will visit the village of Huacahuasi and learn more about its heritage and daily life of the locals. Afterwards, return to the lodge for a Peruvian cooking class with the lodge staff or take a short hike to the nearby waterfalls. Alternately, challenge yourself with an all-day hike from the community of Quiswarani to Quelquena along the 'Trail of 1,000 Lakes' for majestic views of the lakes, valleys, and mountains.



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Begin the day with a scenic drive from

Locations Cuzco to the remote village of Huilloc.

Peru Machu Picchu From there, choose a morning hike from

Huilloc to Pumamarca, or explore the village and nearby sheepherding community

of Marcacocha before regrouping for lunch

and a midday exploration of the Pumamarca

archaeological site. After lunch, choose to

hike from Pumamarca to Ollantaytambo or

drive and spend the afternoon exploring

Ollantaytambo's maze-like alleys and

passageways. Note: Afternoon hikers will

meet the rest of the group at the hotel upon

arrival in the Sacred Valley.



DAY 7: Discovering Ollantaytambo

Begin your day with an optional early

morning hike to the Inca storage houses

high above the town for an impressive view

of the Ollantaytambo fortress and

ceremonial site. Afterwards, the entire

group will meet at the entrance of the site

for a guided tour before embarking on a

scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes at the

base of Machu Picchu. Alternately, opt for

an all-day hike from train marker KM 104 to

the Machu Picchu Sun Gate on the classic

Inca Trail (subject to additional cost).



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Your journey to Machu Picchu begins with a

morning uphill bus ride, followed

by a guided tour of the Machu Picchu

citadel. After the tour you will have free

time to explore on your own or hike up

Huayna Picchu*, the iconic mountain that

looms overhead. After the visit you will have

lunch in Aguas Calientes before the return

train ride to Ollantaytambo (approximately

1.5 hours) and vehicle transfer to your hotel

in Cusco (approximately 1.5 hours). *Note:

Tickets for Huayna Picchu Mt. (8,924' /

2,720m) may be available subject to

additional cost. In the event that Huayna

Picchu permits are not available for your

desired date, you may opt for a hike up

Machu Picchu Mt. (10,112' / 3,082m),

located next to the Machu Picchu Citadel on

the southern side. Please consult with your

Travel Specialist for detailed information

prior to travel as these permits do need to

be booked in advance and are subject to

availability.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Deluxe

Inclusions

Accommodation as specified

All meals daily

Non-alcoholic beverages with meals

Transportation Cusco to Cusco

Services of experienced guides

Gratuities for service staff at lodges

Activities as stated in itinerary

Inclusions

All entrance fees to sites

Exclusions

International flights

Alcoholic beverages

Personal Expenses

Gratuities for guides/staff

Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)

Any items not mentioned as included

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Single Surcharge Available upon request. [Contact us](#) for more details.

8 Days All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Locations This is a tailor-made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey.

Peru, Machu Picchu [Contact us](#) to discuss your travel plans.

Price Dependent upon Departure date, season and availability.

Sustainability