

Peru - Signature Peru

Trip Code

PEKISIG

Departure



Introduction

The best of what Peru has to offer has been handpicked and packaged into this perfect 9-day, superior styled itinerary, ensuring that you get the most out of your visit to this incredible country.

Starting in Lima, also known as the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas', you will eat your way through some of the city's finest restaurants and experience unexpected gems whilst visiting the historic city centre before flying to the stunning Sacred Valley to learn about local culture and farming practices of the people from the largest pre-Columbian empires, the Incans. The knowledge gained from visiting the sites in this spectacular valley will prepare you for your visit to the iconic Machu Picchu, so you can fully appreciate the history and importance of these famous ruins before being blown away by the majesty that Machu Picchu presents.

Once you have acclimatised, you will journey higher into the mountains to the capital of the ancient Incan Empire â€” Cusco. Here you will spend three days getting to know this UNESCO World Heritage listed city and its many impressive restaurants, museums and cultural sites. Cusco is a favourite for travellers and three days will give you time to discover why this city is often a highlight on any South American itinerary.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide 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 superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

This itinerary is also available in reverse. [Ask us](#) for more information.

Itinerary

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Day 1: Arrive in Lima

Duration

9 Days
Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru. Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. Home to a plethora of interesting museums and a foodie's delight, being the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas'.



DAY 2: Lima

Join your local guide will take you on an exclusive half-day tour of Lima's culinary and historical highlights, designed by us to help you get the most out of the city, starting with a visit to a local market to sample some local fruit and a scenic stroll through the city's historic downtown with some tastings of famous local bites along the way. Enjoy a stop at the San Francisco catacombs, a tour of Casa de Aliaga, a stunning colonial style mansion. End your tour with a Chilcano or Pisco Sour cocktail - both are made with the local brandy, Pisco. (B)



DAY 3: Sacred Valley

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Cusco, where you will descend into the Sacred Valley below Cusco. The Sacred Valley of the Incas is a region in Peru's Andean highlands which, along with the nearby town of Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, formed the heart of the Inca Empire. The Sacred Valley's elevation is 2,800 meters above sea level, so it's recommended to take it easy for the afternoon as your body acclimatizes to the altitude. (B)



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Day 4: Sacred Valley

Duration

On today's Sacred Valley of the Incas tour, you will be presented with plenty of photo opportunities of ancient Incan villages and ruins, whilst learning about the culture and beliefs of the Incan people. This tour is the perfect start to understanding the unique way of life, farming techniques, and archaeological design of the Incas. The first stop is the village of Pisac. Wander the colourful market stalls before heading uphill to the famous Pisac ruins, Intihuatana, Q'allaqasa and Kinchiracay ruins. Enjoy a fine buffet lunch in gardens overlooking the Valley before continuing along the River Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo, which is dominated by a giant Incan fortress. (B,L)



DAY 5: Machu Picchu

Today will be one of your highlights in South America with a visit to Machu Picchu. A transfer will collect you and transfer you to Ollantaytambo train station to board a scenic train and arrive in one of the world's most famous ruins after the morning fog and crowds have cleared. A guide will meet you on arrival and take you directly to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will spend the afternoon marvelling at the stunning display of ancient architecture and incredible surroundings. located 2,430 metres above sea level, your guide will explain the 15th-century Inca site before taking you to your hotel for the night in the local village of Aguas Calientes. (B)



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~~Daily~~ 6: Machu Picchu to Cusco

Duration

~~9 Days~~ your journey back to Cusco by

~~boarding~~ a return train to Ollantaytambo. A

~~transfer~~ will be waiting as you arrive back

to Ollantaytambo station to continue

onwards to Cusco. En route, you will visit

the Maras Salt ponds, believed to pre-date

the Inca period. These shallow pools, dug

into the mountainside, are filled with salt

water from an underground spring from an

adjacent mountain. Continue to Moray,

which boasts an impressive Inca ruin of

giant circular terraces that are believed to

have been used for agricultural

experimentation. You will then be dropped

to your hotel in Cusco, set at an altitude of

3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes. (B)



DAY 7: Cusco

Join our Chimu Adventures exclusive day

tour and explore the city's fascinating

history. This specially designed tour has

been perfected to show you the best of this

incredible city without the crowds and other

tourists. Learn about this city from the Inca

times to colonial rule to the present day,

winding through narrow cobble-stoned

streets and visiting the market of Cusco.

Visit the fascinating Koricancha Temple of

the Sun, Cusco's Plaza de Armas and

Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca

Palace and finish up at Sacsayhuaman, a

former Inca fortress perched atop the hill

above Cusco. (B)



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Days: 8: Cusco

Duration

9 Days is at leisure, allowing you to spend

time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of

South America - Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu

the ancient Inca capital. With treasures

around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful

city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and

stores give the traveller a plethora of

shopping opportunities set amongst fine

Inca and Spanish colonial architecture.

Included is a BTG ticket which provides

access to most of Cusco's attractions and

museums, so you choose where you wish to

spend your day. (B)



DAY 9: Depart Cusco

After three days of soaking up one of South

America's best cities, you will be

transferred to the airport for your onward

flight. If you would like to see more of Peru,

we have several extension packages

available such as a visit to the Amazon, Lake

Titicaca, Arequipa, or a flight over the

Nazca Lines to show you more of this

fantastic country. (B)



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotels

INCLUSIONS

Private airport transfers

Internal flights as part of this itinerary

Accommodation with breakfast daily

Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary

Other meals where stated

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International flights

Visa & reciprocity fees (If applicable)

Travel insurance

Beverages

Personal expenses

Gratuities for tour guides & drivers

Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure - High Altitude In Some Areas)

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Single Surcharge

Duration

9 Days

Locations

South America, Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu

Price Dependent upon
Sustainability

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon Currency fluctuation, seasonality, and availability at time of booking.