

Peru - Signature Peru with Lares Inca Trail

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PEKISPLV
Departure



Introduction

This incredible 11-day adventure offers the perfect combination of unique cultural immersion and exciting adventure travel activities. Everything on this superior styled itinerary has been handpicked, from the superior accommodation to fascinating highlights you will experience along the way.

Starting in Lima, also known as the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas', you will eat your way around the city before flying to the capital of the ancient Incan Empire – Cusco, to visit Sacred Valley and the iconic Machu Picchu. Daily expeditions will lead you along seldom-traveled highland trails surrounded by snow-capped peaks, past roving herds of llamas and alpacas, around impossibly hued turquoise lakes, and through waterfalls. Your destinations will showcase the flavours of the region and wares of its skilled artisans, and include fascinating archaeological sites. Most importantly, you will travel to hidden communities unchanged for centuries for a unique up-close visit with local people. At sunset, settle into deluxe mountain lodges run in partnership with local communities.

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.

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

Itinerary

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Arrive in Lima

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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'. On Arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



DAY 2: Lima Walking Tour

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: Lima to Cusco

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure



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11 Days at leisure, allowing you to spend

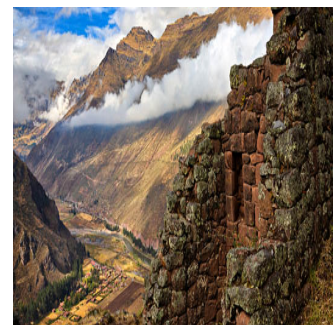
time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of
South America- Lima, Cusco and Machu Picchu

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. This
evening have a pre tour briefing, where you
will learn about the plans for the next 5
days in the Sacred Valley. The briefing is
approx. 45 minutes and allows time for any
questions you may have about the days
ahead.



DAY 5: Exploring Pisac

Today you will begin your journey from the
busy streets of Cusco to the Sacred Valley of
the Incas, full of lush green fields
surrounded by striking mountain peaks.
Start your day with either an invigorating
hike from the village of Amaru to the
community of Viacha, or a visit to the
Awanakancha textile centre followed by an
exploration of the lively town and colourful
artisan marketplace of PISAQ. 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 PISAQ archaeological site for a
guided tour.



DAY 6: Lares Valley

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.



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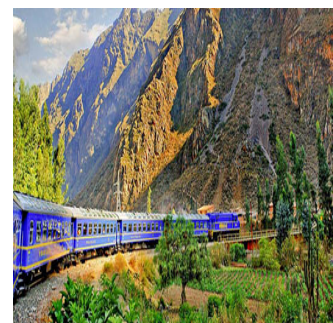
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Begin the day with a scenic drive from Huacahuasi to the remote village of Huilloc. From there, choose a morning hike from Huilloc to Pumamarca, or explore the village and nearby sheepherding community of Marcacocha before regrouping for lunch and 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 8: Ollantaytambo & Train to Machu Picchu

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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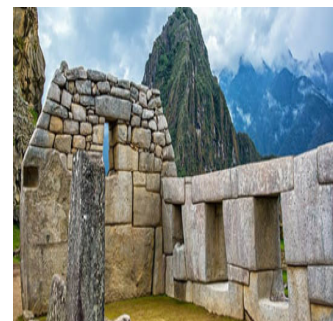
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Your journey to Machu Picchu begins with a morning uphill bus ride, followed by a guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel. After the tour you will have free time to explore on your own or hike up Huayna Picchu (additional expense) *, the iconic mountain that looms overhead. After the visit you will have lunch in Aguas Calientes before starting 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.



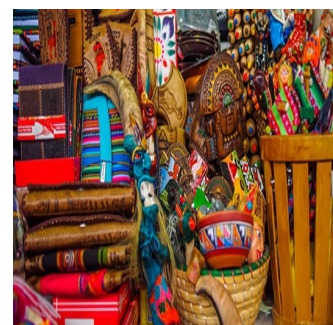
DAY 10: Cusco

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. Included is a BTG ticket which provides access to most of Cusco's attractions and museums.



DAY 11: Depart Cusco

After your trekking adventure and 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.



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Accommodation Hotels & Lodges

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

Lares Trek portion of the trip is run by Mountain Lodges of Peru and runs on a small group basis with fixed departure dates

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)

Single Surcharge

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

This is a set departure itinerary. The Lares Valley portion of this itinerary are fixed departure dates, and cannot be customised. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Notes

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 Seasonality, currency fluctuation and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability