



The Classic Adventure Day by day description

Day 1 LIMA (Sunday)

Arrival in Lima. Transfer to your hotel. All meals on your own.

Day 2/3 LIMA (Monday/Tuesday)

In the morning we will have a short orientation tour of modern and colonial Lima. Free time in the afternoon to explore Lima. Optional tours to Lima's famous museums can be arranged. Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight stays. (During these two days, extensions to other parts of Peru on the coast or in the rainforest can be arranged. See Notes at the end of itinerary)

Day 4 LIMA/CUSCO(Wednesday)

Transfer to the airport to board your 55-minute flight to Cusco, center of the Inca Empire. Meet and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the morning free to acclimatize to the altitude (3,400 m.a.s.l./11,400 ft.). An afternoon tour of the city and nearby ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Kenko and Tambomachay will educate you on the history of this astonishing city. Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 5 CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY(Thursday)

Full-day guided excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, including overnight stay at a local hotel. Here we will visit the picturesque Pisac Market and continue down the Urubamba Valley. After lunch we will reach Ollantaytambo, a small town surrounded by an Inca fortress. This valley was an important agricultural area in the Inca times, and this is manifested by many Inca remains dispersed from Cusco to Machu Picchu and beyond. Dinner on your own.

Day 6 URUBAMBA/RIVER RAFTING/CUSCO(Friday)

A half hour bus ride will bring us to the put-in point of today's river trip. We prepare the equipment and a half day float on this river will bring us to our lunch spot. A magnificent experience as we travel on this waterway with a unique perspective of the Andean environment and settlements along the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Return to our hotel in Cusco, dinner on your own. (Depending on weather conditions section of river can change).

Day 7 CUSCO(Saturday)

Since you will be based in Cusco, you have a free day to explore the area-visit museums or nearby ruins, ride horse-back, mountain bikes or simply undertake a day hike to acclimatize. Lunch and dinner on your own. Evening briefing session to orient you of the upcoming trek. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 8 URUBAMBA/CHILLCA/Q'ENTE(Sunday)

Today a vehicle will take us to the start of our trek at Chillca, about an hour from our hotel. We walk along the snowcapped peak of Mt. Veronica (Waka Wilqe), cross over at the 82nd Km and pass by the ruins of Sallapunku and Torontoy to reach Qoriwayrachina. From here a small bridge brings us over to Q'ente where we will camp. A chance to visit the surrounding archaeological remains Q'ente AND Machu Q'ente - located amidst Inca Terracing. (Time: 4-6 hours, Distance 11 kms)



Day 9 Q'ENTE/LLULLUCHAPAMPA (Monday)

The trail winds slowly uphill through a small forest to reach the site of Patallacta. After a short visit we continue up the Cusichaca Valley passing houses of settlers to finally reach the andean community of Huayllabamba. From here the trail ascends steeply to a large pampa below the first pass, where we camp. Here we have a breathtaking view of Mt. Huayanay. Along the trail up this narrow hanging valley we begin to see a cloud forest that harbors the Queñua tree, a rare forest to be found in the Andes. Camp overnight at Llulluchapampa. (Time: 6 hours. Distance: 9Kms.)

Day 10 LLULLUCHAPAMPA/PHUYUPATAMARCA(Tuesday)

The trail ascends at a typical angle of 30 degrees towards the pass across the hillside of Puna grassland as we leave our campsite at the edge of the treeline behind, bringing us to Warmiwañusca pass (4,050 ma.s.l./13,284 ft.). The trail descends to the Pacaymayo River and then climbs slowly past Runkuraqay ruins. we climb over a lower pass to Sayacmarca, the "waiting village". A clear Inca Trail across a causeway on a now dry lake past a cave, we continue our way along a ridge to finally reach Phuyupatamarca (the town at the edge of the clouds in quechua) were we camp. (Time:8 hrs. Distance 9 Kms)

Day 11 PHUYUPATAMARCA/MACHU PICCHU(Wednesday)

We will continue along a buttress and pass the Phuyupatamarca ruins. The flagstoned trail winds sharply down into the cloud forest to the ruins of Wiñay Wayna, recently restored Inca Ruins, which are located below the ridge on the same water course as the previous site, it has well restored Inca Ruins. After a two hour walk through a cloud forest covered Inca Trail we arrive at Machu Picchu the way the Incas used to come accross the magnificent citadel at our feet from Intipunku, the door of the sun. Overnight stay at hotel in the village (Optional overnight at el Pueblo or Ruinas hotel available).

Day 12 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO(Thursday)

The whole day can be dedicated to explore these extraordinary remains. The mid-afternoon train takes you back to Cusco. Transfer to your hotel. Dinner on your own.

Day 13 CUSCO/LIMA(Friday)

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Lima. Arrival and assistance during the day until your connecting flight. Or if you want to stay an extra night in Lima or Cusco it can be arranged.

Note:

- A) On days 2/3 in Lima a 2D/1N Ica/Nazca Tour can be arranged. The cost differential is \$ 290 in Double room & \$ 345 in Single room.
- B) Full day Nazca from Lima by plane is \$336 2/6 pax.
- C) Overnight at Machu Picchu on Day 11 at a first Class hotel not included. Limited space available for an additional charge of \$106 with dinner and breakfast included (Single supplement \$90).
- C) None of the domestic flights in Peru are included. We can provide you with the tickets locally since we have airspace blocked on all dates.
- E) Group rates available, with a minimum of 4 pax any date can be booked.



SERVICES INCLUDED: Transportation by vehicle to start and from the end of trek to your city of departure, hotel night at the beginning and end, two-man tents including sleeping pads, porters, kitchen crew and commissary gear with all meals included as well as a bilingual guide on the trek, who will handle the first aid kit. Entrance fee to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary (US\$ 50)

NOT INCLUDED: meals in the cities, alcoholic beverages, extras, tips, taxes, laundry service, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets (where applicable), sleeping bags, hiking boots and other personal gear.