



## **Sea kayaking to the source of the Inca Empire Day by day description**

### **Day 1 – LIMA / CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY / MACHU PICCHU**

Leaving Lima your one hour flight will bring you to Cusco at 11,000ft (3,400m). Pick up at the airport, drive through the city for a brief glimpse at this Andean jewel and then travel to the Sacred Valley visiting Ollantaytambo in the afternoon. Evening train to Machu Picchu where we arrive in time for an overnight at a local hotel. Lunch included, dinner on your own.

### **Day 2 – MACHU PICCHU /CUSCO**

Full day visit to the famed citadel and a chance to explore some surrounding trails. After lunch we return to Cusco by train and check into our hotel, dinner on your own.

### **Day 3 CUSCO / LAMPA**

In the morning a city tour of the surrounding ruins and near noon we depart south towards Lake Titicaca, stopping on the way to visit some interesting sites such as Andahuaylillas and Raqchi until we arrive in Lampa, the colonial capital of Puno where we spend the night in a quaint and simple hostel, lunch and dinner included.

### **Day 4 LAMPA / LLACHON**

Morning walk through the town visiting its impressive cathedral and then we drive out to Llachon, a village on the peninsula of Capa Chica where we spend our first night camping on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Today we prepare the kayaks and review all equipment supplied and brought by participants.

### **Day 5 LLACHON / TAQUILE**

Early departure by kayak to the Island of Taquile with a short two hours of paddling. We arrive in time for lunch and spend the afternoon roaming the island, camping on a beach in a quiet part of the island.

### **Day 6 TAQUILE / AMANTANI/ISLA TIKONATA**

Leaving early we continue towards another interesting island with lots of terracing from here we head towards the small uninhabited island of Tikonata, with a great camp ground and view onto the mainland.

### **Day 7 ISLA TIKONATA / ESCAYANI**

We follow the shoreline today and see the small houses of the local population sprinkled along the shore with their typical wooden fishing boats. At lunch we arrive at Chillora, a small community located on a bay with a beach. Visit the local church and school and continue out of the bay towards Escayani – along this shoreline we will set-up our third camp.

### **Day 8 ESCAYANI / PLAYA KOJELA**

Passing the main community we travel along the reed shore, near the main inlet of the lake. Huge masses of reeds and plenty of water – fowl with a view of the bottom of the lake and its algae and mosses through clear water, make this one of the most fantastic days, right on the National Reserve. We will probably come accross local fishermen as we paddle through this expanse. Once we have crossed the lake we will reach a beach on a promontory near a eucalyptus forest, where we will camp in a small protected part of the shore.



### **Day 9 KOJELA / ISLA KINSACHATA**

Following a shoreline which now has rock-walls and small inlets we spend most of the day paddling south towards to an island called “ three – peaks” in quechua, where we camp. A unique opportunity to view some floating trout farms and villages along the shoreline.

### **Day 10 ISLA KINSACHATA / ISLA SUASI**

Our last day of sea-kayaking, we arrive at this unique island, a small private refuge with a lodge overlooking the vast expanse of the lake, a chance to relax and recover from this long expedition.

### **Day 11 ISLA SUASI / PUNO**

Morning free to explore the island or kayak around it. There are cormorant nests on the south side. In the afternoon we take our boat to Puno, where we spend the night at a hotel.

### **Day 12 PUNO / LIMA**

Free morning to visit the city. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima (not included).

**Note: From Puno you can optionally extend to Bolivia via Catamaran, hydrofoil or overland – visiting Copacabana, the Island of the Sun and La Paz.**

**SERVICES INCLUDED:** Transfers in and out, hotels in cities with breakfast, tours to archaeological sites and entrance fees as well as lunches on full day trips. During sea-kayaking a fully boat supported crew will set up tents, provide full meals with a dining tent, two – man tents with sleeping pads, a sea-kayak guide and a motorized local boat that will carry food supplies, equipment and staff. The boat will also act as an emergency craft for possible emergencies as a base for meals, rests and relief for possible health matters. Sea – Kayaks, with paddles, lifejackets and spray skirts.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Extras, alcoholic beverages, meals in the cities, laundry, taxes at airports, communications costs and personal equipment like neoprene booties, and suits, gloves, hats, etc, needed to participate in the journey.

**TRAVEL EQUIPMENT:** Long – sleeved lycra, neoprene booties or wet-shoes, neoprene suit (short or long), hat/cap, sunglasses, gloves (if required for paddling), wind-jacket, water bottle, personal first aid kit, warm clothes for afternoon camping including sleeping bag (-25° F / 5°C)