

# Inca Trail Adventure

LIMA ● CUSCO ● MACHU PICCHU

## The Offer

Embrace this transformative 13-day Inca Trail journey to immerse yourself among timeless treasures of the Incan Empire. Begin in Lima, Peru's coastal capital, known for its UNESCO-listed heritage centre before flying into Cusco, nestled in the Andes Mountains and gateway to the hidden city of Machu Picchu. Explore Cusco's colonial plaza, churches, and markets while you acclimatize, ready for your 4-day trek along the Inca Trail.

Hike from kilometre 82 through breathtaking landscapes more beautiful and diverse than you can imagine. See the Inca fortress of Huillca Raccay and the beautiful snow-capped peak of W'akay Willca, before camping by firelight near Wayllabamba. Conquer Dead Woman's Pass, the highest point on the Inca Trail before travelling ancient stone pathways to explore Phuyupatamarca, the 'City Above the Clouds' and the impressive Incan rejuvenation rest-stop of Wiñay Wayna. The ultimate prize is revealed at Inti Punku, the 'Sun Gate' as the sun rises over the emerald terraces of Machu Picchu.

Return to explore UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cusco, with a free day at leisure, or opt for an optional tour to Rainbow Mountain. Extend the trip and discover more of

Peru on Itinerary 2 when you explore the city of Puno, visit the unique culture of the Uros tribe on the knitted reed islands of famous Lake Titicaca.

Your incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, 2 internal flights, 7 nights of 4-star accommodation, 3 nights camping while hiking, 15 delicious meals, English-speaking tour guides and more.

*Please note: Departures in 2027 will have an additional day in Cusco before the trek. Itinerary 3 and 4 are for 2027 departures only.*

*Want more? Extend your adventure to Puno and Lake Titicaca on Itinerary 2, or choose Arrive Early or Stay Behind options.*

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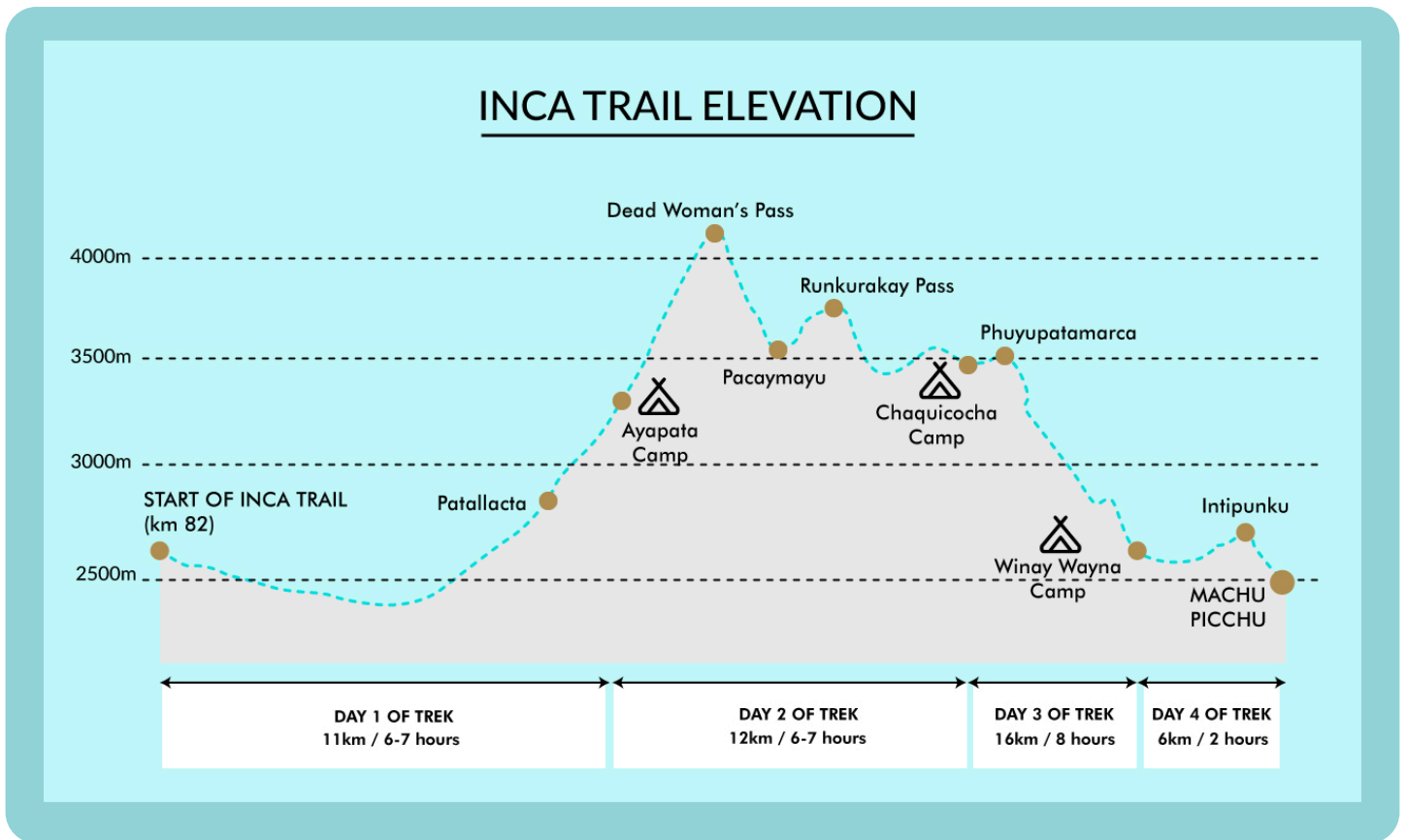


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# The Itinerary

### Itinerary 1

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**Overnight: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Lima City Tour

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From the square, walk to the Convent of San Francisco (entrance fee not included), one of Peru's most important religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in 1766, this remarkable complex has withstood centuries of earthquakes. Inside, its historic library preserves over 25,000 rare volumes in Spanish, English and Quechua, some dating back to the 16th century. The convent is built around a tranquil courtyard planted with mango and lucuma (yellow sapote) trees, while its walls feature striking murals of St Francis of Assisi. Among the highlights are a golden Baroque altarpiece and Diego de la Puerto's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper, notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs, Lima's largest. Once a burial site for more than 25,000 people, the catacombs were in use until 1808 and rediscovered in 1947. Today, they fascinate visitors with their macabre yet intriguing arrangements of bones in geometric patterns.

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#### Day 3 Lima - Cusco

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**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 4 Cusco City Tour

Today, you will embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, giving you a deep insight into the city and its history. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street. Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level.

First, go to the wonderful Koricancha, located next to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple of the Inca Empire during the period immediately after the Spanish conquest. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and corridors. Unfortunately, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors.

Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco school of painters, and its high altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. The next stop is the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman (3,700 metres above sea level), which stands on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will see some of the best examples of Inca stonework and construction, including huge rocks carefully cut and fitted perfectly to form the walls. Then, visit the Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, you'll have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

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**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 5 Cusco - Begin 4-Day Inca Trail Adventure - Ayapata Camp

Trekking Distance: 11 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours



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Highest Altitude: 3,300 metres above sea level

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Be ready for an early morning pick up at 04:30 to begin your Inca Trail Adventure!

You will be driven to Piscacucho, also known as Kilometre 82, where the trail starts. Before you begin your trek, it is recommended that you have a bathroom break, apply your insect repellent and sunscreen as there are very limited bathroom facilities on the trail.

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Optional Rental Equipment available for hire. See cart for updated pricing.

- **Sleeping bag**
- **Inflatable mattress**
- **Walking stick**

Please note that porters will be available (at additional cost) to carry your luggage, in volumes of:

Up to 7kg (approximate pricing \$70 USD, payable directly on tour only)

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We suggest bringing only the essential items for the trek (for more information on what to bring, please view "Other Important Information"). You may leave the remainder of your luggage at the hotel at no additional cost.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Ayapata Camp**  
**Meals included: Lunch; Dinner**



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#### Day 6 Inca Trail: Ayapata Camp - Chaquicocha Camp

Trekking Distance: 12 kilometres  
Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours  
Highest Altitude: 4,200 metres above sea level

Start your morning early and fresh with a hearty meal prepared by our tour cooks to get your day started right. This point in the classic Inca Trail is generally regarded as the most challenging day, as you have a steep ascent ahead of you. You'll be following the Inca Trail as the route rises up into the Apus, an area sacred to the Inca where the mountain spirits dwell. After a few hours of trekking, you'll reach the highest pass on the trail, the Abra de Warrmihuañusca or the Dead Woman's Pass, at an elevation of 4,200 metres above sea level. To make it to this point in the trail is a truly remarkable feat, and you'll be absolutely proud of a successful once-in-a-lifetime achievement that only a few are able to claim. Once you've made it to the pass, you'll be able to take in the spectacular mountain scenery before descending down to your lunch stop located at Pacaymayu at 3,550 metres above sea level. Along the way enjoy the majestic diversity of flora and fauna unique to Peru at these particular altitudes. After lunch, continue along the trail for about 2 hours on another steep ascent. Your destination is the Runkurakay Pass, 3,700 metres above sea level and after passing this stunning archaeological site we will head to your campsite Chaquicocha. You should arrive around 17:00 and will have plenty of time to set up camp before dinner. Then it's time for bed, where you'll spend another night under the twinkling stars and reminisce about the days adventure.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Chaquicocha Camp**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 7 Inca Trail: Chaquicocha Camp - Wiñay Wayna Camp

Trekking Distance: 16 kilometres  
Trekking Time: Approximately 8 hours  
Highest Altitude: 3,680 metres above sea level

After another hearty breakfast, set off on a relatively gentle uphill trek to your first stop of the day, the archaeological site of Phuyupatamarca, "The City Above the Clouds" located about 3,680 metres above sea level. These enchanting Inca ruins feature slopes and five small stone baths that contain fresh running water during the wet season. Moving onwards, walk up and down a series of Inca steps - 1,000 in total! You'll pass through the cloud forest to the impressive agricultural site of Intipata. Intipata translates to English from the Quechua words 'Inti' and 'Pata', meaning Sun and Place/Terrace, "Place of the Sun" or "Sun Terrace". Due to its location at the top of a mountain, it served as a control and surveillance post, as well as a checkpoint, where various produce, such as potatoes, corn and quinoa were grown on these terraces. You'll continue your walk towards a third campsite, Wiñay Wayna at 2,680 metres above sea level. After 4-5 hours of trekking, arrive at your campsite around lunchtime to set up camp, have lunch and rest before heading back on the trail to explore Wiñay Wayna, which translates to "Forever Young". This archaeological site has a series of 10 baths and numerous Inca buildings displaying high levels of Inca masonry. Wiñay Wayna was discovered almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu and almost 40 years after Machu Picchu was first discovered. Little is known about what Wiñay Wayna was originally built for, however there are theories that it was built as a spiritual destination or resting place before reaching Machu Picchu, where elders and royalty

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would cleanse themselves in the baths. Others believe that the site functioned as a kind of administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site. After visiting Wiñay Wayna, you'll head back to camp for dinner and rest up for the next day's adventure and pinnacle of your trip - Machu Picchu!

**Overnight:** Tent accommodation, Wiñay Wayna Camp  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 8 Inca Trail: Wiñay Wayna Camp - Machu Picchu - Cusco

Trekking Distance: 6 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 2 hours

Highest Altitude: 2,500 metres above sea level

To get the best out of today, you'll wake up at 04:30 to get ready for the main event - Machu Picchu. After breakfast, set out along the last section of the trail for about 1.5 hours until you reach Intipunku, "the Sun Gate", located 2,745 metres above sea level and once used by the Incas as a control gate for anyone who wanted to enter or leave the fortress.

You'll get here just in time to see the sun to rise over the ruins, and watch as the sun spills its golden light across the landscape, slowly revealing Machu Picchu in all its glory.

Pass through the gates to discover the Machu Picchu archaeological site. Here you'll enjoy a two-hour guided tour showcasing the most famous areas of this spectacular and extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and

other key locations. Admire the spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across to the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

Once we've finished the tour of Machu Picchu, take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes where you can relax and have lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy and Cusco. Upon arrival at the station, a tour representative will be waiting to return you to your Cusco hotel.

#### Optional Tour: Huayna Picchu

Looking for more adventure? Opt for an additional hike up Huayna Picchu. Please note: this additional trek requires a high/active level of fitness.

For those with enough energy left after witnessing the glory of Machu Picchu, you can choose to add on an adventure to climb the mountain of Huayna Picchu. For many, climbing Huayna Picchu is one of the highlights when visiting Machu Picchu. Huayna Picchu is the mountain behind Machu Picchu and the climb itself is interesting as you will witness how the Inca's cut out steps from the rocks as you wind around the side of the mountain. Take the chance to marvel at the majestic sights of Machu Picchu from different angles! See online Important Information for pricing.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast



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### Day 9 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city.

#### Optional Tour: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuño trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level.

The hike covers approximately 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring overhead. After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks.

Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*

#### Optional Tour: Sacred Valley Tour

Duration: Full Day

Fitness Level Required: Active/Demanding (please refer to the Important Information section for a detailed description).

You will be collected from the hotel around 05:00 to begin the trek. The drive itself takes about three hours, passing through wonderful Andean scenery along the South Valley. You'll stop for breakfast along the way, and then continue on to the trailhead at the village of Quesiuño, at about 4,326 metres (14,189 feet) above sea level.

From here, set off on the trek, first following a pretty stream, seeing herds of alpacas and llamas as they graze on the hillsides. You'll also have constant views of the sacred Ausangate Mountain, and pass occasional villages where the old traditions of the Andes are still very much alive.

Stop for a packed lunch along the trail, enjoying the scenery as you eat and take a break. Heading on, pass by the remote potato fields of this rugged region, and perhaps see some local wildlife. You may even see a chinchilla, a charming Andean rodent that has the densest fur of any mammal that lives on land. We'll also



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Keep an eye out for vicuñas, one of the two wild South American camelids that live in the high alpine areas of the Andes (the other being the guanaco).

As you near your final destination, you'll start to see many red mountains, and after trekking for about five hours, you'll finally reach Vinicunca, the spectacular Rainbow Mountain. Here, at a literally breathtaking 5,020 metres above sea level, you'll start exploring the area, which is a series of coloured mountains, not just one. Hike up to the top of Rainbow Mountain, where you'll spend about 30 minutes, allowing plenty of time to enjoy the view and take photos.

Once you've had time to take in all the magnificent sights, set off on the return trek, which will take three to four hours. Private transport will be waiting to take you back to Cusco, taking about three hours. You will arrive back in Cusco in the evening. You will be dropped off at your hotel, with the memories of the mesmerising Rainbow Mountain still fresh in your mind. See online Important Information for pricing.

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**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Cusco - Lima

After breakfast, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival at Lima airport, you will be transferred to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure.

**Overnight: Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 Lima, Peru - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return journey to Australia (or New Zealand). Please note: if you have an evening or later flight, you can speak to the hotel about storing your luggage before your flight back home.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

#### Day 12 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce with memories of your trek to Machu Picchu and more on your discovery of ancient Incan Peru.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 13 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



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**Meals included: Lunch; Dinner**



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#### Day 6 Inca Trail: Ayapata Camp - Chaquicocha Camp

Trekking Distance: 12 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours

Highest Altitude: 4,200 metres above sea level

Start your morning early and fresh with a hearty meal prepared by our tour cooks to get your day started right.

This point in the classic Inca Trail is generally regarded as the most challenging day, as you have a steep ascent ahead of you. You'll be following the Inca Trail as the route rises up into the Apus, an area sacred to the Inca where the mountain spirits dwell.

After a few hours of trekking, you'll reach the highest pass on the trail, the Abra de Warrmihuañusca or the Dead Woman's Pass, at an elevation of 4,200 metres above sea level. To make it to this point in the trail is a truly remarkable feat, and you'll be absolutely proud of a successful once-in-a-lifetime achievement that only a few are able to claim.

Once you've made it to the pass, you'll be able to take in the spectacular mountain scenery before descending down to your lunch stop located at Pacaymayu at 3,550 metres above sea level. Along the way enjoy the majestic diversity of flora and fauna unique to Peru at these particular altitudes.

After lunch, continue along the trail for about 2 hours on another steep ascent. Your destination is the Runkurakay Pass, 3,700 metres above sea level and after passing this stunning archaeological site we will head to your campsite Chaquicocha. You should arrive around 17:00 and will have plenty of time to

set up camp before dinner. Then it's time for bed, where you'll spend another night under the twinkling stars and reminisce about the days adventure.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Chaquicocha Camp**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 7 Inca Trail: Chaquicocha Camp - Wiñay Wayna Camp

Trekking Distance: 16 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 8 hours

Highest Altitude: 3,680 metres above sea level

After another hearty breakfast, set off on a relatively gentle uphill trek to your first stop of the day, the archaeological site of Phuyupatamarca, "The City Above the Clouds" located about 3,680 metres above sea level. These enchanting Inca ruins feature slopes and five small stone baths that contain fresh running water during the wet season.

Moving onwards, walk up and down a series of Inca steps - 1,000 in total! You'll pass through the cloud forest to the impressive agricultural site of Intipata. Intipata translates to English from the Quechua words 'Inti' and 'Pata', meaning Sun and Place/Terrace, "Place of the Sun" or "Sun Terrace". Due to its location at the top of a mountain, it served as a control and surveillance post, as well as a checkpoint, where various produce, such as potatoes, corn and quinoa were grown on these terraces.

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After visiting Wiñay Wayna, you'll head back to camp for dinner and rest up for the next day's adventure and pinnacle of your trip - Machu Picchu!

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Wiñay Wayna Camp**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 8 Inca Trail: Wiñay Wayna Camp - Machu Picchu - Cusco

Trekking Distance: 6 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 2 hours

Highest Altitude: 2,500 metres above sea level

To get the best out of today, you'll wake up at 04:30 to get ready for the main event - Machu Picchu. After breakfast, set out along the last section of the trail for about 1.5 hours until you reach

Intipunku, "the Sun Gate", located 2,745 metres above sea level and once used by the Incas as a control gate for anyone who wanted to enter or leave the fortress.

You'll get here just in time to see the sun to rise over the ruins, and watch as the sun spills its golden light across the landscape, slowly revealing Machu Picchu in all its glory.

Pass through the gates to discover the Machu Picchu archaeological site. Here you'll enjoy a two-hour guided tour showcasing the most famous areas of this spectacular and extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key locations. Admire the spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across to the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

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#### Optional Tour: Huayna Picchu

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For those with enough energy left after witnessing the glory of Machu Picchu, you can choose to add on an adventure to climb the mountain of Huayna Picchu. For many, climbing Huayna Picchu is one of the highlights when visiting Machu Picchu.



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Huayna Picchu is the mountain behind Machu Picchu and the climb itself is interesting as you will witness how the Inca's cut out steps from the rocks as you wind around the side of the mountain. Take the chance to marvel at the majestic sights of Machu Picchu from different angles! See online Important Information for pricing.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 9 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city.

#### Optional Tour: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuno trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level.

The hike covers approximately 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring overhead. After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of

walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks.

Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*

#### Optional Tour: Sacred Valley Tour

Duration: Full Day

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is a stunning valley situated north of Cusco. It's also known as the Urubamba Valley, as it stretches from Pisac to Ollantaytambo, irrigated by the Urubamba River.

Civilisations have inhabited this valley since at least 800 BC when the Chanapata civilisation arrived here to make use of the rich soil, so today you'll embark on a full-day tour to discover the fascinating archaeological sites of civilisations past. You'll first head to magnificent Moray. Although the journey is about 1.5 hours, you'll drive through spectacular Andean scenery, passing yellow wheat fields, picturesque traditional villages, and snow-



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capped mountains. Arriving at Moray, your guide will show you around the three amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These terraces, which are carved in a circular series to create a bowl shape, are believed to have been used as a testing ground for various crops to find the most optimal growing conditions. It's an incredible sight and gives real insight into the genius of the Inca Empire.

After exploring Moray, you'll head on to Maras to see the amazing salt evaporation ponds, which were used by the Incas and pre-Inca civilisations. Here you'll find more than 3,000 salt pools carved into the mountainside, which catch highly salty water as it emerges from a spring in the mountain. The ponds catch this water, where it then slowly evaporates, leaving just the salt behind. This is collected via a communal process and is most famously used to make sal de Maras, the famous pink table salt. It's an incredible sight looking down across the salt ponds, which appear to be covered in snow or ice.

After lunch (not included), you'll travel another 30 minutes to the wonderful Inca town and archaeological site of Ollantaytambo. This was the royal estate of the Inca emperor Pachacuti, who conquered the region and built the town and a ceremonial centre. Here, you'll have the opportunity to explore these magnificent ruins, visit the awe-inspiring Temple of the Sun, and see massive blocks of rock that were perfectly carved and polished by master Inca stonemasons. Ollantaytambo is a fine example of Inca agricultural construction and hydro-engineering, featuring a complex series of stone water fountains, channels, and farming terraces that were organised by elevation to create different microclimates for crop experimentation. Walking to the town

square, you'll have great views of the ruins above you as well as Inca granaries and storehouses built on the sides of the surrounding mountains. Here, you can also observe the daily life of Ollantaytambo locals, who still wear traditional attire. After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel, where the remainder of your afternoon will be at your leisure. See online Important Information for pricing.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 10 Cusco Free Day

After your adventures and completing the Inca trek to reach Machu Picchu, it's time to relax with a full day at leisure to enjoy all that Cusco has to offer!

#### Optional Tour: Cusco Cooking Class & Local Market Tour

Begin your experience with a 09:30 pickup from your hotel, heading to the vibrant San Pedro Market in Cusco. Known as one of the city's most fascinating markets, it bursts with colourful stalls offering fresh produce, meats, spices, handicrafts and souvenirs.

Before entering, meet your chef guide, who will explain the flow of the tour. Together, you'll wander through the market, learning about local ingredients, shopping tips, and Andean food traditions. Along the way, you'll help select the fresh produce that will be used later in your cooking class. Meeting stallholders and hearing their stories adds to the authenticity of the experience.



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After the market visit, you'll head to a local restaurant, where you'll be provided with an apron and everything needed to cook. Under the chef's guidance, you'll prepare a traditional Peruvian dish using seasonal, organic ingredients sourced from communities around Cusco. Staples such as potatoes and corn often feature, along with other highlights of Andean cuisine.

Once the cooking is complete, the group will set the table and share the delicious dishes you've prepared together. After enjoying your meal, the activity concludes with time to return to your hotel (transportation not included).

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#### Optional tour: Folklore Dinner Show

At 19:00, make your way to a restaurant near Cusco's central Plaza de Armas for an unforgettable evening. Indulge in a fabulous buffet dinner featuring a wide selection of traditional dishes, including meats, fish, vegetables, and exquisite desserts. The culinary delights are sure to please every palate. As you dine, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions.

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*Please note: Only one of the daytime optional activities (Maras & Moray, Rainbow Mountain Trek or the Cooking Class) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.*

**Overnight: Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 06:20 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno. This scenic journey through the Andes is not just a transfer — it's an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way.

The first guided visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex (arriving approx. 10am), home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha God, the supreme Inca deity. Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas).

Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant (approx midday), featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea. Additional drinks such as soft drinks are at additional expense.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, birthplace of the Amazon River.



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The final stop is the Pukara Lithic Museum, showcasing ceramics and stone sculptures from the ancient Pukara culture (1600 BC–400 AD), including the striking Hatun Naqac, or “Supreme Executioner.”

Settle back for the stretch of the journey, about three hours after the stop in Pukara, before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3,830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Inn Puno, Puno**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 12 Lake Titicaca

This morning (approx. 07:00), transfer to Puno’s main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows or choose to sit on the top deck with an expert guide. The 30-minute boat ride offers stunning views of Lake Titicaca’s sparkling waters, surrounding mountains, and diverse flora and fauna, leading to the extraordinary Floating Islands of the Uros.

Explore the unique lifestyle of the Uros people, descendants of one of the oldest cultures in the Americas. Living on islands made of totora reeds, they continue traditional activities such as fishing, crafting, and building their reed homes. Immerse in their distinctive way of life in this remarkable floating community. Here you will receive an introduction to the daily life and family dynamics of this communal existence.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Upon arrival, walk for approximately 30-45 minutes enjoying vistas of Titicaca Lake before enjoying a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life.

Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel (arrival approximately. 16:30). Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 13 Puno, Peru - Australia (or New Zealand)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

#### Day 14 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce with memories of your trek to Machu Picchu and more on your discovery of ancient Incan Peru.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 15 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



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#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Lima, Peru

Today depart Australia (or New Zealand) for Lima, Peru. Upon arrival into Lima, a representative will be waiting to transfer you to the hotel, and afterwards enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Lima is a huge and fascinating city, a melting pot of all things Peruvian where world-famous restaurants sit alongside ancient archaeological sites. Known as The City of Kings, the Peruvian capital is packed with stunning colonial architecture, huge religious buildings, the seat of government, and other important structures.

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation that you will receive prior to departure.*

**Overnight: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Lima City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Lima, starting with a brief stop at the Huaca Pucllana Archaeological Site, an ancient pre-Inca ceremonial centre, before continuing to Lima's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. Explore the Plaza de Armas, the heart of the city, surrounded by grand colonial and Republican-era buildings with their signature carved wooden balconies. Iconic landmarks border the square, including the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Union.

From the square, walk to the Convent of San Francisco (entrance fee not included), one of Peru's most important religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in 1766, this remarkable complex has withstood centuries of earthquakes. Inside, its historic library preserves over 25,000 rare volumes in Spanish, English and Quechua, some dating back to the 16th century. The convent is built around a tranquil courtyard planted with mango and lucuma (yellow sapote) trees, while its walls feature striking murals of St Francis of Assisi. Among the highlights are a golden Baroque altarpiece and Diego de la Puerto's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper, notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs, Lima's largest. Once a burial site for more than 25,000 people, the catacombs were in use until 1808 and rediscovered in 1947. Today, they fascinate visitors with their macabre yet intriguing arrangements of bones in geometric patterns.

After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Lima - Cusco

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the flight to Cusco, where you'll be met by the guide to check in to the hotel.



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Nestled amidst the Andes, Cusco stands as a living testament to the Inca civilisation's brilliance. Take your time wandering along cobblestone streets that wind through awe-inspiring archaeological sites. Feel the heartbeat of this vibrant city as colourful markets burst with traditional textiles, crafts, and local flavours.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 4 Cusco City Tour

Today, you will embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, giving you a deep insight into the city and its history. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street. Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level.

First, go to the wonderful Koricancha, located next to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple of the Inca Empire during the period immediately after the Spanish conquest. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and corridors. Unfortunately, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors.

Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco school of painters, and its high altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. The next stop is the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman (3,700 metres above sea level), which stands on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will see some of the best examples of Inca stonework and construction, including huge rocks carefully cut and fitted perfectly to form the walls. Then, visit the Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, you'll have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

*Please note: Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, high altitude environments are classified as above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns or to find out what preventative measures are available. Please refer to the 'Other Important Information' section for further details.*

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 5 Cusco Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Cusco to explore at your own pace. Visit local museums and markets, or simply relax in the historic center as you continue to acclimate before the trek.



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**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 6 Cusco - Begin 4-Day Inca Trail Adventure - Ayapata Camp

Trekking Distance: 11 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours

Highest Altitude: 3,300 metres above sea level

Equipment: Porters will carry the cooking and camping equipment (including utensils, chairs, table). You will be responsible for carrying your own backpack.

Be ready for an early morning pick up at 04:30 to begin your Inca Trail Adventure! You will be driven to Piscacucho, also known as Kilometre 82, where the trail starts. Before you begin your trek, it is recommended that you have a bathroom break, apply your insect repellent and sunscreen as there are very limited bathroom facilities on the trail. Please note: Your entrance fee for the Inca Trail is included, after your purchase confirmation email has been sent to you, we will require your passport details to pre-purchase these tickets.

After all the formalities, it's time to set off along the Inca Trail! You'll follow the old Inca Trail, which was used by Inca emperors and their entourage to get to Machu Picchu. The trail begins at 2,720 metres above sea level, and will start by crossing the Vilcanota River. As you ascend and the trail enters the cloud forest, you'll have the opportunity to take in the breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and the Inca ruins. You will be able to see the Inca fortress, Huillca Raccay, as well as the vast

and incredible Inca site of Patallacta. Patallacta means "high town" or "town on the hill" in Quechua, the language of the Incas that is still spoken in some part of Peru today. This site sits at an altitude of 2,840 metres and was once the common stopping point for Incas travelling from Cusco to Machu Picchu.

Next, you will get to see the Urubamba mountain range rising up between the jungle and the Andes, where you'll be able to see the beautiful snow-capped peak of W'akay Willca, also known as Veronica, rising to 5,860 metres (19,225 feet). Here we'll stop for the day to set up camp near the small village of Wayllabamba, located in a picturesque mountain valley at around 3,000 metres (9,842 feet) above sea level. After your first full day of trekking enjoy a delicious dinner, friendly camaraderie around the campfire and a memorable night beneath the stars.

Optional Rental Equipment available for hire. See cart for updated pricing.

- **Sleeping bag**
- **Inflatable mattress**
- **Walking stick**

Please note that porters will be available (at additional cost) to carry your luggage, in volumes of:

Up to 7kg (approximate pricing \$70 USD, payable directly on tour only)

Up to 14kg (approximate pricing \$140 USD, payable directly on tour only)



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We suggest bringing only the essential items for the trek (for more information on what to bring, please view "Other Important Information"). You may leave the remainder of your luggage at the hotel at no additional cost.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Ayapata Camp**

**Meals included: Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 7 Inca Trail: Ayapata Camp - Chaquicocha Camp

Trekking Distance: 12 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours

Highest Altitude: 4,200 metres above sea level

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After a few hours of trekking, you'll reach the highest pass on the trail, the Abra de Warrmihuañusca or the Dead Woman's Pass, at an elevation of 4,200 metres above sea level. To make it to this point in the trail is a truly remarkable feat, and you'll be absolutely proud of a successful once-in-a-lifetime achievement that only a few are able to claim.

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After lunch, continue along the trail for about 2 hours on another steep ascent. Your destination is the Runkurakay Pass, 3,700 metres above sea level and after passing this stunning archaeological site we will head to your campsite Chaquicocha. You should arrive around 17:00 and will have plenty of time to set up camp before dinner. Then it's time for bed, where you'll spend another night under the twinkling stars and reminisce about the days adventure.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Chaquicocha Camp**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 8 Inca Trail: Chaquicocha Camp - Wiñay Wayna Camp

Trekking Distance: 16 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 8 hours

Highest Altitude: 3,680 metres above sea level

After another hearty breakfast, set off on a relatively gentle uphill trek to your first stop of the day, the archaeological site of Phuyupatamarca, "The City Above the Clouds" located about 3,680 metres above sea level. These enchanting Inca ruins feature slopes and five small stone baths that contain fresh running water during the wet season.



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**Overnight:** Tent accommodation, Wiñay Wayna Camp  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 9 Inca Trail: Wiñay Wayna Camp - Machu Picchu - Cusco

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Trekking Time: Approximately 2 hours

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The capital city of the Inca Empire is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city.

#### Optional Tour: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuno trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level.

The hike covers approximately 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring abovehead. After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks.

Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*



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#### Optional Tour: Sacred Valley

Tour Duration: Full Day

Fitness Level Required: Active/Demanding (please refer to the Important Information section for a detailed description).

You will be collected from the hotel around 05:00 to begin the trek. The drive itself takes about three hours, passing through wonderful Andean scenery along the South Valley. You'll stop for breakfast along the way, and then continue on to the trailhead at the village of Quesiuno, at about 4,326 metres (14,189 feet) above sea level.

From here, set off on the trek, first following a pretty stream, seeing herds of alpacas and llamas as they graze on the hillsides. You'll also have constant views of the sacred Ausangate Mountain, and pass occasional villages where the old traditions of the Andes are still very much alive.

Stop for a packed lunch along the trail, enjoying the scenery as you eat and take a break. Heading on, pass by the remote potato fields of this rugged region, and perhaps see some local wildlife. You may even see a chinchilla, a charming Andean rodent that has the densest fur of any mammal that lives on land. We'll also keep an eye out for vicuñas, one of the two wild South American camelids that live in the high alpine areas of the Andes (the other being the guanaco).

As you near your final destination, you'll start to see many red mountains, and after trekking for about five hours, you'll finally reach Vinicunca, the spectacular Rainbow Mountain. Here, at a literally breathtaking 5,020 metres above sea level, you'll start

exploring the area, which is a series of coloured mountains, not just one. Hike up to the top of Rainbow Mountain, where you'll spend about 30 minutes, allowing plenty of time to enjoy the view and take photos.

Once you've had time to take in all the magnificent sights, set off on the return trek, which will take three to four hours. Private transport will be waiting to take you back to Cusco, taking about three hours. You will arrive back in Cusco in the evening. You will be dropped off at your hotel, with the memories of the mesmerising Rainbow Mountain still fresh in your mind. See online Important Information for pricing.

See online Important Information for pricing.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### **Day 11 Cusco - Lima**

After breakfast, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival at Lima airport, you will be transferred to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport or similar, Lima  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### **Day 12 Lima, Peru - Australia (or New Zealand)**

Today you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return journey to Australia (or New Zealand).

*Please note: if you have an evening or later flight, you can speak to the hotel about storing your luggage before your flight back home.*



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Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

##### Day 13 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce with memories of your trek to Machu Picchu and more on your discovery of ancient Incan Peru.

Meals included: In-Flight

##### Day 14 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.

Meals included: None



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### Itinerary 4

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Lima, Peru

Today, depart Australia (or New Zealand) for Lima, Peru. Upon arrival into Lima, a representative will be waiting to transfer you to the hotel, and afterwards enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Lima is a huge and fascinating city, a melting pot of all things Peruvian where world-famous restaurants sit alongside ancient archaeological sites. Known as The City of Kings, the Peruvian capital is packed with stunning colonial architecture, huge religious buildings, the seat of government, and other important structures.

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation that you will receive prior to departure.*

**Overnight: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Lima City Tour

This morning, after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Lima, starting with a brief stop at the Huaca Pucllana Archaeological Site, an ancient pre-Inca ceremonial centre, before continuing to Lima's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. Explore the Plaza de Armas, the heart of the city, surrounded by grand colonial and Republican-era buildings with their signature carved wooden balconies. Iconic landmarks border the square, including the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Union.

From the square, walk to the Convent of San Francisco (entrance fee not included), one of Peru's most important religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in 1766, this remarkable complex has withstood centuries of earthquakes. Inside, its historic library preserves over 25,000 rare volumes in Spanish, English and Quechua, some dating back to the 16th century. The convent is built around a tranquil courtyard planted with mango and lucuma (yellow sapote) trees, while its walls feature striking murals of St Francis of Assisi. Among the highlights are a golden Baroque altarpiece and Diego de la Puerto's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper, notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs, Lima's largest. Once a burial site for more than 25,000 people, the catacombs were in use until 1808 and rediscovered in 1947. Today, they fascinate visitors with their macabre yet intriguing arrangements of bones in geometric patterns.

After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar, Lima**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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#### Day 3 Lima - Cusco

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the flight to Cusco, where you'll be met by the guide to check in to the hotel. Nestled amidst the Andes, Cusco stands as a living testament to the Inca civilization's brilliance. Take your time wandering along cobblestone streets that wind through awe-inspiring archaeological sites. Feel the heartbeat of this vibrant city as colourful markets burst with traditional textiles, crafts, and local flavours.

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 4 Cusco City Tour

Today, you will embark on a half-day tour, visiting Cusco Cathedral, the Koricancha (Qorikancha), Sacsayhuaman and Tambomachay, giving you a deep insight into the city and its history. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street. Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level.

First, go to the wonderful Koricancha, located next to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple of the Inca Empire during the period immediately after the Spanish conquest. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and corridors. Unfortunately, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors.

Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco school of painters, and its high altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. The next stop is the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman (3,700 metres above sea level), which stands on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will see some of the best examples of Inca stonework and construction, including huge rocks carefully cut and fitted perfectly to form the walls. Then, visit the Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, you'll have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

*Please note: Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level, high altitude environments are classified as above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns or to find out what preventative measures are available. Please refer to the 'Other Important Information' section for further details.*

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 5 Cusco Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Cusco to explore at your own pace. Visit local museums and markets, or simply relax in the historic center as you continue to acclimate before the trek.



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**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 6 Cusco - Begin 4-Day Inca Trail Adventure - Ayapata Camp

Trekking Distance: 11 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours

Highest Altitude: 3,300 metres above sea level

Equipment: Porters will carry the cooking and camping equipment (including utensils, chairs, table). You will be responsible for carrying your own backpack.

Be ready for an early morning pick up at 04:30 to begin your Inca Trail Adventure! You will be driven to Piscacucho, also known as Kilometre 82, where the trail starts. Before you begin your trek, it is recommended that you have a bathroom break, apply your insect repellent and sunscreen as there are very limited bathroom facilities on the trail. Please note: Your entrance fee for the Inca Trail is included, after your purchase confirmation email has been sent to you, we will require your passport details to pre-purchase these tickets.

After all the formalities, it's time to set off along the Inca Trail! You'll follow the old Inca Trail, which was used by Inca emperors and their entourage to get to Machu Picchu. The trail begins at 2,720 metres above sea level, and will start by crossing the Vilcanota River. As you ascend and the trail enters the cloud forest, you'll have the opportunity to take in the breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and the Inca ruins. You will be able to see the Inca fortress, Huillca

Raccay, as well as the vast and incredible Inca site of Patallacta. Patallacta means "high town" or "town on the hill" in Quechua, the language of the Incas that is still spoken in some part of Peru today. This site sits at an altitude of 2,840 metres and was once the common stopping point for Incas travelling from Cusco to Machu Picchu. Next, you will get to see the Urubamba mountain range rising up between the jungle and the Andes, where you'll be able to see the beautiful snow-capped peak of W'akay Willca, also known as Veronica, rising to 5,860 metres (19,225 feet). Here we'll stop for the day to set up camp near the small village of Wayllabamba, located in a picturesque mountain valley at around 3,000 metres (9,842 feet) above sea level. After your first full day of trekking enjoy a delicious dinner, friendly camaraderie around the campfire and a memorable night beneath the stars.

Optional Rental Equipment available for hire. See cart for updated pricing.

- **Sleeping bag**
- **Inflatable mattress**
- **Walking stick**

Please note that porters will be available (at additional cost) to carry your luggage, in volumes of: Up to 7kg (approximate pricing \$70 USD, payable directly on tour only) Up to 14kg (approximate pricing \$140 USD, payable directly on tour only) We suggest bringing only the essential items for the trek (for more information on what to bring, please view "Other Important Information"). You may leave the remainder of your luggage at the hotel at no additional cost.



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**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Ayapata Camp**

**Meals included: Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 7 Inca Trail: Ayapata Camp - Chaquicocha Camp

Trekking Distance: 12 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 6-7 hours

Highest Altitude: 4,200 metres above sea level

Start your morning early and fresh with a hearty meal prepared by our tour cooks to get your day started right.

This point in the classic Inca Trail is generally regarded as the most challenging day, as you have a steep ascent ahead of you. You'll be following the Inca Trail as the route rises up into the Apus, an area sacred to the Inca where the mountain spirits dwell.

After a few hours of trekking, you'll reach the highest pass on the trail, the Abra de Warrmihuañusca or the Dead Woman's Pass, at an elevation of 4,200 metres above sea level. To make it to this point in the trail is a truly remarkable feat, and you'll be absolutely proud of a successful once-in-a-lifetime achievement that only a few are able to claim.

Once you've made it to the pass, you'll be able to take in the spectacular mountain scenery before descending down to your lunch stop located at Pacaymayu at 3,550 metres above sea level. Along the way enjoy the majestic diversity of flora and fauna unique to Peru at these particular altitudes.

After lunch, continue along the trail for about 2 hours on another steep ascent. Your destination is the Runkurakay Pass, 3,700 metres above sea level and after passing this stunning archaeological site we will head to your campsite Chaquicocha. You should arrive around 17:00 and will have plenty of time to set up camp before dinner. Then it's time for bed, where you'll spend another night under the twinkling stars and reminisce about the days adventure.

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Chaquicocha Camp**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 8 Inca Trail: Chaquicocha Camp - Wiñay Wayna Camp

Trekking Distance: 16 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 8 hours

Highest Altitude: 3,680 metres above sea level

After another hearty breakfast, set off on a relatively gentle uphill trek to your first stop of the day, the archaeological site of Phuyupatamarca, "The City Above the Clouds" located about 3,680 metres above sea level. These enchanting Inca ruins feature slopes and five small stone baths that contain fresh running water during the wet season.

Moving onwards, walk up and down a series of Inca steps - 1,000 in total! You'll pass through the cloud forest to the impressive agricultural site of Intipata. Intipata translates to English from the Quechua words 'Inti' and 'Pata', meaning Sun and Place/Terrace, "Place of the Sun" or "Sun Terrace". Due to its location at the top



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of a mountain, it served as a control and surveillance post, as well as a checkpoint, where various produce, such as potatoes, corn and quinoa were grown on these terraces.

You'll continue your walk towards a third campsite, Wiñay Wayna at 2,680 metres above sea level. After 4-5 hours of trekking, arrive at your campsite around lunchtime to set up camp, have lunch and rest before heading back on the trail to explore Wiñay Wayna, which translates to "Forever Young". This archaeological site has a series of 10 baths and numerous Inca buildings displaying high levels of Inca masonry. Wiñay Wayna was discovered almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu and almost 40 years after Machu Picchu was first discovered. Little is known about what Wiñay Wayna was originally built for, however there are theories that it was built as a spiritual destination or resting place before reaching Machu Picchu, where elders and royalty would cleanse themselves in the baths. Others believe that the site functioned as a kind of administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site.

After visiting Wiñay Wayna, you'll head back to camp for dinner and rest up for the next day's adventure and pinnacle of your trip - Machu Picchu!

**Overnight: Tent accommodation, Wiñay Wayna Camp**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 9 Inca Trail: Wiñay Wayna Camp - Machu Picchu - Cusco

Trekking Distance: 6 kilometres

Trekking Time: Approximately 2 hours

Highest Altitude: 2,500 metres above sea level

To get the best out of today, you'll wake up at 04:30 to get ready for the main event - Machu Picchu. After breakfast, set out along the last section of the trail for about 1.5 hours until you reach Intipunku, "the Sun Gate", located 2,745 metres above sea level and once used by the Incas as a control gate for anyone who wanted to enter or leave the fortress.

You'll get here just in time to see the sun to rise over the ruins, and watch as the sun spills its golden light across the landscape, slowly revealing Machu Picchu in all its glory.

Pass through the gates to discover the Machu Picchu archaeological site. Here you'll enjoy a two-hour guided tour showcasing the most famous areas of this spectacular and extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key locations. Admire the spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across to the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

Once you've finished the tour of Machu Picchu, take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes where you can relax and have lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy and Cusco. Upon arrival at the station, a tour representative will be waiting to return you to your Cusco hotel.

Optional Tour: Huayna Picchu

Looking for more adventure? Opt for an additional hike up Huayna Picchu.



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*Please note: This additional trek requires a high/active level of fitness. For those with enough energy left after witnessing the glory of Machu Picchu, you can choose to add on an adventure to climb the mountain of Huayna Picchu. For many, climbing Huayna Picchu is one of the highlights when visiting Machu Picchu. Huayna Picchu is the mountain behind Machu Picchu and the climb itself is interesting as you will witness how the Inca's cut out steps from the rocks as you wind around the side of the mountain. Take the chance to marvel at the majestic sights of Machu Picchu from different angles! See online Important Information for pricing.*

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco  
**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 10 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city.

#### Optional Tour: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Set off before sunrise on a breathtaking full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most extraordinary natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3-hour drive southeast through the stunning Andean highlands to the village of Pitumarca. Continue to the Quesiuño trailhead, perched at an impressive 4,326 metres above sea level.

The hike covers approximately 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. As you walk, take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring overhead. After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. You'll have time to admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks.

Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch. Afterwards, sit back and relax as you make the 2.5-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving at your hotel around 18:00, concluding an unforgettable day in the Andes.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

*Please note: The Rainbow Mountain trek via Pitumarca requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The trail is relatively gentle compared to other routes, but the high altitude remains the main challenge. Consulting with your GP prior to travel to assess your suitability for this excursion is recommended.*

#### Optional Tour: Sacred Valley Tour

Duration: Full Day Fitness

Level Required: Active/Demanding (please refer to the Important Information section for a detailed description).



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You will be collected from the hotel around 05:00 to begin the trek. The drive itself takes about three hours, passing through wonderful Andean scenery along the South Valley. You'll stop for breakfast along the way, and then continue on to the trailhead at the village of Quesiuno, at about 4,326 metres (14,189 feet) above sea level.

From here, set off on the trek, first following a pretty stream, seeing herds of alpacas and llamas as they graze on the hillsides. You'll also have constant views of the sacred Ausangate Mountain, and pass occasional villages where the old traditions of the Andes are still very much alive.

Stop for a packed lunch along the trail, enjoying the scenery as you eat and take a break. Heading on, pass by the remote potato fields of this rugged region, and perhaps see some local wildlife. You may even see a chinchilla, a charming Andean rodent that has the densest fur of any mammal that lives on land. We'll also keep an eye out for vicuñas, one of the two wild South American camelids that live in the high alpine areas of the Andes (the other being the guanaco).

As you near your final destination, you'll start to see many red mountains, and after trekking for about five hours, you'll finally reach Vinicunca, the spectacular Rainbow Mountain. Here, at a literally breathtaking 5,020 metres above sea level, you'll start exploring the area, which is a series of coloured mountains, not just one. Hike up to the top of Rainbow Mountain, where you'll spend about 30 minutes, allowing plenty of time to enjoy the view and take photos.

Once you've had time to take in all the magnificent sights, set off on the return trek, which will take three to four hours. Private transport will be waiting to take you back to Cusco, taking about three hours. You will arrive back in Cusco in the evening. You will be dropped off at your hotel, with the memories of the mesmerising Rainbow Mountain still fresh in your mind. See online Important Information for pricing.

**Overnight: Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 11 Cusco Free Day

After your adventures and completing the Inca trek to reach Machu Picchu, it's time to relax with a full day at leisure to enjoy all that Cusco has to offer!

#### Optional Tour: Cusco Cooking Class & Local Market

Tour Begin your experience with a 09:30 pickup from your hotel, heading to the vibrant San Pedro Market in Cusco. Known as one of the city's most fascinating markets, it bursts with colourful stalls offering fresh produce, meats, spices, handicrafts and souvenirs.

Before entering, meet your chef guide, who will explain the flow of the tour. Together, you'll wander through the market, learning about local ingredients, shopping tips, and Andean food traditions. Along the way, you'll help select the fresh produce that will be used later in your cooking class. Meeting stallholders and hearing their stories adds to the authenticity of the experience.



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After the market visit, you'll head to a local restaurant, where you'll be provided with an apron and everything needed to cook. Under the chef's guidance, you'll prepare a traditional Peruvian dish using seasonal, organic ingredients sourced from communities around Cusco. Staples such as potatoes and corn often feature, along with other highlights of Andean cuisine.

Once the cooking is complete, the group will set the table and share the delicious dishes you've prepared together. After enjoying your meal, the activity concludes with time to return to your hotel (transportation not included).

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

#### Optional tour: Folklore Dinner Show

At 19:00, make your way to a restaurant near Cusco's central Plaza de Armas for an unforgettable evening. Indulge in a fabulous buffet dinner featuring a wide selection of traditional dishes, including meats, fish, vegetables, and exquisite desserts. The culinary delights are sure to please every palate. As you dine, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

**Overnight: Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar, Cusco**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 12 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 06:20 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno. This scenic journey through the Andes is not just a transfer – it's an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way.

The first guided visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex (arriving approx. 10am), home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha God, the supreme Inca deity. Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas).

Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant (approx midday), featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea. Additional drinks such as soft drinks are at additional expense.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, birthplace of the Amazon River.

The final stop is the Pukara Lithic Museum, showcasing ceramics and stone sculptures from the ancient Pukara culture (1600 BC–400 AD), including the striking Hatun Naqac, or "Supreme Executioner."



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Settle back for the stretch of the journey, about three hours after the stop in Pukara, before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3,830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Inn Puno, Puno**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 13 Lake Titicaca

This morning (approx. 07:00), transfer to Puno's main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows or choose to sit on the top deck with an expert guide. The 30-minute boat ride offers stunning views of Lake Titicaca's sparkling waters, surrounding mountains, and diverse flora and fauna, leading to the extraordinary Floating Islands of the Uros.

Explore the unique lifestyle of the Uros people, descendants of one of the oldest cultures in the Americas. Living on islands made of totora reeds, they continue traditional activities such as fishing, crafting, and building their reed homes. Immerse in their distinctive way of life in this remarkable floating community. Here you will receive an introduction to the daily life and family dynamics of this communal existence.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Upon arrival, walk for approximately 30-45 minutes enjoying vistas of Titicaca Lake before enjoying a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life.

Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel (arrival approximately. 16:30). Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 14 Puno, Peru - Australia (or New Zealand)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

#### Day 15 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce with memories of your trek to Machu Picchu and more on your discovery of ancient Incan Peru.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 16 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Once arrived in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.

**Meals included: None**



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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover historic Lima, Peru, the “City of Kings”
- Explore imperial Cusco on a guided city tour
- Marvel at the Inca Empire's most important, sacred temple, the Koricancha
- Challenge yourself on a 4-day demanding hike along the Inca Trail
- Witness panoramic views of the snow-capped Urubamba range
- Trek to the Inca Trail's highest peak, Warmi Wañusqa (Dead Woman's Pass)
- Enjoy stunning scenery and amazing wildlife along the trail
- Witness the astonishing cloud forest and its endemic native plants
- Visit impressive Phuyupatamarca, ‘the City Above the Clouds’
- Explore the agricultural Incan site of Intipata and Incan terraces among the ruins of Patallacta
- Admire the steep Incan archaeology of Winay Wayna (Forever Young)
- Witness Machu Picchu at sunrise from the Sun Gate
- Immerse yourself among Machu Picchu's 15th century ruins
- Enjoy a guided tour of the House of the Guardian, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and many more

#### FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply
- Internal flights (economy class) from Lima to Cusco (Itineraries 1 and 2), and Cusco to Lima (Itinerary 1 only)

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 2026 - Itinerary 1
  - 7 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation
  - 3 nights camping on the Inca Trail hike
- 2027 - Itinerary 3
  - 8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation
  - 3 nights camping on the Inca Trail hike

#### DINING

- 2026 Departures
  - 15 meals including all while hiking
- 2027 Departures
  - 16 meals includes all while hiking

#### ESSENTIALS

- Cooks and porter assistance during your trek
- Drinking water whilst on your trek
- Tents and cooking equipment on your trek
- National park fees, taxes and permits
- English-speaking tour guides
- Airlines taxes and surcharges

#### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- One-way train ticket from Aguas Calientes to Poroy



## 13-DAY TOUR PACKAGE | INCA TRAIL ADVENTURE

### Tour Inclusions

#### EXTENSION

Includes all of the above, plus the following:

Experience a guided bus tour of Andahuaylillas, Raqchi, La Raya & Pukara

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Marvel at the magnificence of Lake Titicaca

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Explore the Uros Floating Islands

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Witness the traditional Peruvian lifestyle in Taquile

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Two additional nights of quality hotel accommodation

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Enjoy 4 additional meals

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# Important Information

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the [General Terms and Conditions](#) and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.*

## Our Policies

### Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us. If your plans change, you can receive a full refund (excluding credit card fees) if you cancel at least 12 months in advance to your scheduled departure date.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click [here](#).

### General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

## Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 18 October 2027. This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

#### 2026

Standard Itinerary: \$750  
Extension: \$975

#### 2027

Standard Itinerary: \$890  
Extension: \$1125

*Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.*

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.*

### Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

## Flights

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane\*, Adelaide\*, Perth\* or Auckland\*.

### Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$500
- Perth: \$700
- Auckland: \$150

### International Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Airlines: LATAM Airlines, Qantas Airways and codeshare partners (subject to availability).

*Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included*

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*flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

*Please note: From Australia or New Zealand, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 35 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

## Domestic Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Airlines: LATAM and any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

## Route

- Lima - Cusco (Itineraries 1 & 2)
- Cusco - Lima (Itinerary 1 only)

## Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you will miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

### Arrive Early

Lima, Peru - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.  
Los Angeles, USA - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone).  
San Francisco, USA - \$400 per person, subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone).

### Stay Behind

Lima, Peru - \$300 per person, subject to availability (Itinerary 1).  
Puno, Peru - \$300 per person, subject to availability (Itinerary 2).  
Los Angeles, USA - \$400 per person,

subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone).

San Francisco, USA - \$400 per person, subject to availability (only available for purchases over the phone).

*Please note:*

### • Exclusions:

*This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*

### • Internal Flights:

*If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.*

### • Cancellations & Changes:

*Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*

### • High Season:

*A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.*

### • + 60 Days:

*You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.*

### • Estimated Dates:

*Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.*

- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026  
3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026  
26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026  
18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026  
12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

## Stopover Packages

- Santiago

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- *When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.*
- *When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.*
- *When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.*
- *Stopover packages are subject to availability.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*

Christmas and New Years Eve: 22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*

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- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.

## Domestic Flight Information

### Baggage allowance per person

- 1 x 23kg of checked baggage
- 1 x 7kg of carry on baggage

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used: Standard Tour

#### 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Lima, Peru: Jose Antonio Hotel or similar  
Cusco, Peru: Costa del Sol Ramada Cusco or similar

#### Unrated

Tented accommodation on the Inca Trail Hike.

*Please note: All campsites used during this trek have toilet facilities but the following do not include shower facilities.*

- Ayapata Camp
- Chaquicocha Camp
- Phuyupatamarca Camp

### Accommodation Used: Extension Tour

#### 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Puno, Peru: Hotel Royal Inn Puno or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not available

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Triple Share

Not available

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

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Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

*Please note: A small group tour is defined as a tour with no more than 20 travellers per vehicle.*

## Optional Tours/activities

### Itinerary 1 & 2

- Day 8: Huayna Picchu - \$125 AUD per person
- Day 9: Rainbow Mountain - \$170 AUD per person
- Day 9: Sacred Valley Tour - \$130 AUD per person
- For Hire: Sleeping Bag - \$60 AUD per person
- For Hire: Inflatable Mattress - \$45 AUD per person
- For Hire: Walking Sticks - \$35 AUD per person

### Itinerary 2 Only

- Day 10: Cusco Cooking Class & Market Tour - \$155 AUD per person
- Day 10: Folklore Dinner Show - \$50 AUD per person

### Porters (Payable On Tour)

- If you want to hire a personal porter for your trek, you will only have access to your bags once you reach your camp ground in the evenings.

Up to 7kg (approximate pricing \$70 USD, payable directly)

Up to 14kg (approximate pricing \$140 USD, payable directly)

#### *Please note:*

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal camping equipment (please see "Other Important Information" below)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Rented sleeping bag, inflatable mattress or walking sticks (please see "Optional Tours/Add ons" above)

## Other Important Information

### WHAT TO BRING

#### Sleeping Gear

- Sleeping bag (can be rented)
- Thermal inflatable mattress (can be rented)

#### Clothing

- Mid weight fleece or wool sweater
- Fleece pants or tights
- Mid weight thermal underwear tops and bottom, synthetic or wool
- Hiking shorts/pants
- Long-sleeve shirts/t-shirts
- Underwear and socks
- Swimming suit

#### Clothing Accessories

- Cap/Fleece hat
- Bandana
- Fleece gloves
- Waterproof jacket/rain poncho

#### Footwear

- Sturdy hiking boots, waterproof, lightweight, broken-in
- Camp shoes such as tennis shoes or sandals or other comfortable footwear to use in the campsites

#### Travel Accessories

- Water bottle or camelback

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- Flash light
- Watch with alarm or travel clock
- 2 rolls of toilet paper
- Sunglasses and retainer strap
- Sunblock and lip balm
- Toiletry kit
- Small washcloth
- Personal first-aid kit
- Hand sanitizer gel
- Insect repellent
- Several ziplock plastic bags

## TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Lima

Lima is usually described as mild and warm throughout the year without much noteworthy rain, making Lima one of the driest capitals in the world. The average temperatures range from 18°C to 28°C.

### Cusco

Cusco has a subtropical highland climate due to its elevation (3500m above sea level). It is generally dry and temperate, with two defined seasons. The dry season lasts from May to August, with abundant sunshine and occasional night time freezes; July is the coldest month with an average of 9.7°C. The wet season lasts from December to March, with night frost less common; November averages 13.3°C. Temperatures usually range from 0.2°C to 20.9°C.

### Puno

As Puno is located at such a high elevation (3830m above sea level), it experiences more extreme weather conditions than would be expected for its tropical latitude. The average annual temperature is about 8.4°C, and the weather never gets overly warm. During the winter months from June to August, night-time temperatures usually drop well below 0°C. At this high altitude, the rays of the sun are very strong. Most of the annual precipitation falls during the southern hemisphere summer, with the winter months being very dry.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport

details either at the time of purchase or no later than 120 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

## OTHER

### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

### Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

An Active level of fitness will be required. Expect an active pace of travel where the focus is on adventure with no limitations. You will need to be self-reliant, physically fit and healthy to participate in fast-paced travel, extended walking/trekking over several hours/days, navigate steep steps, slopes, rugged and uneven terrain, varying weather conditions, remote locations and higher elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and able to board all

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modes of transport without assistance. This tour is typically inaccessible to wheelchairs, mobility scooters and those requiring assistance while travelling.

## *Please note:*

- *It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## High Altitude Illness

Altitude sickness can occur at high elevations when the body receives less oxygen. It can affect anyone, regardless of age or fitness, with symptoms such as headache, nausea, dizziness, fatigue and shortness of breath.

Tips to help prevent altitude sickness:

- Stay well hydrated and eat light, high-carbohydrate meals.
- Avoid overexertion during the first 24–48 hours at high altitude.
- Limit alcohol and avoid smoking.
- Consult your healthcare professional about preventive medications or your suitability for travel to high-altitude areas.

Local tour providers are trained in first aid, including high-altitude care, and have oxygen available for guests if needed. Medications are also readily available in Cusco.

*Please note: Inoculations may be required to enter the country visited, along with re-entry into Australia after your visit. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.*

## Yellow Fever

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse

entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.

You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

## Gratuities/Tipping

### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10-20 AUD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

### Inca Trail Tipping

Generally, on the Inca Trail, groups give collective tips that are shared between the cook and all porters and are usually given on the last night of the trek. If the group pools together money and at the end of the hike and each porter receives 60 soles (approx. \$25 AUD) and the cook receives 120 soles (approx. \$50AUD), they will end with a great tip! Often, the tip for your guide is done personally and is generally 50 soles (approx. \$20 AUD) per traveller. Tipping is of course 100% voluntary and it should only be done if you feel that your guide, porters and cooks have done an amazing job. For reference, a group of 10 travellers will have 16 porters (including the cook) and 2 guides.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

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## Sightseeing

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## Wildlife

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

## Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

### New Zealand (Transiting)

If you do not hold an Australian passport you may be required to obtain a transit visa. Some flight routes make a stop in New Zealand and you may be required to obtain a transit visa to board your flight. It is the passengers' sole responsibility to seek advice on the correct visa and take appropriate action to ensure they have the correct visa prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in denied boarding and or refusal of entry to the country by the local authorities and immigration department. We strongly advise you to carefully review your flight tickets and then contact your respective consulate or a visa agency to confirm the necessary visa regulations and acceptable forms of personal identification for your transit.

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## Peru

A tourist visa for Peru is not required if travelling on an Australian Passport.

## Chile (stopover)

As of 17th September 2025 tourist visas for Chile are not required if travelling on an Australian Passport. You can stay in Chile for up to 90 days without a visa. If you're unsure whether you need a visa, contact the nearest [embassy or consulate of Chile](#).

## United States (Transiting/Arrive Early/Stay Behind)

If travelling on an Australian passport, an ESTA (visa waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA visa waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

### Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

### Please note:

- *Due to recent changes to USA immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*

- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/

accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.