

### PERU ● BOLIVIA ● CHILE

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Uncover South America's breathtaking landscapes and cultural treasures on this extraordinary journey across Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. From the vibrant streets of Lima to the awe-inspiring ruins of Machu Picchu, the surreal Uyuni Salt Flats, and the dramatic geysers of the Atacama Desert, every stop unveils a new wonder.

Begin in Lima, where a guided city tour explores the colonial architecture, grand plazas, and renowned Larco Museum. Fly to Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire, for a city tour showcasing the Koricancha Temple and the mighty Sacsayhuaman fortress. Enjoy a free day to explore before venturing into the Sacred Valley to visit Pisac Market, and the ancient fortress of Ollantaytambo set along the Urubamba River.

Board the PeruRail Expedition train to Aguas Calientes enjoying time to explore before visiting the legendary Machu Picchu, where stone terraces and temples reveal the mysteries of the Incas. Witness the breathtaking sunrise over the citadel, as golden light bathes the ancient ruins, casting a magical glow over this iconic wonder of the world. Returning to Cusco, enjoy a final day before travelling to

Puno, the gateway to Lake Titicaca. Sail across the world's highest navigable lake to the floating Uros Islands, home to the indigenous Uru people.

Cross into Bolivia and arrive in La Paz, a city set dramatically against the Andean peaks. Continue to the vast Uyuni Salt Flats, where endless white landscapes reflect the sky in mesmerising beauty. Visit Isla Incahuasi, a cactus-covered island in the middle of the flats, and marvel at the bubbling 'Sol de Mañana' geysers before crossing into Chile.

Enjoy a leisure day in San Pedro de Atacama, before witnessing the steaming El Tatio Geysers at sunrise. Conclude in Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital, with a free day to explore its lively markets, museums, and hilltop viewpoints before flying home.

From ancient wonders to surreal natural landscapes, this adventure spans three incredible countries, offering an unforgettable experience through the heart of South America.

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This incredible adventure includes return international fullservice flights and all internal flights, 18 nights of quality hotel accommodation, 26 meals, including daily breakfast, English-speaking tour guides, a return journey on Peru's Expedition Train and more!

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# The Itinerary

## **Itinerary 1**

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

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, be welcomed and transferred to the hotel.

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, government seats, 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 day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.
- For those departing from Perth, you may depart on day -1 (two days earlier). Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- Some customers may experience an extended layover. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar 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, 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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After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 3 Lima - Cusco

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

Upon arrival, meet your tour representative and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and explore at your leisure in this enchanting city, the historic capital of the Inca Empire. Set in the breathtaking Peruvian Andes, Cusco is renowned for its rich heritage, where ancient Inca ruins seamlessly blend with colonial Spanish architecture. Wander the charming cobblestone streets, discover bustling markets, savour traditional cuisine, and admire iconic landmarks.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 4 Cusco City Tour**

Today, 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.

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 Qengo 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, 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

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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: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 5 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is the archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity,

Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00.

The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains. Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire.

Next, visit Maras, located just 3 kilometres from Moray. Marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable. After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Highest Altitude: 3,500 metres above sea level. Lowest Altitude: 3,380 metres above sea level.

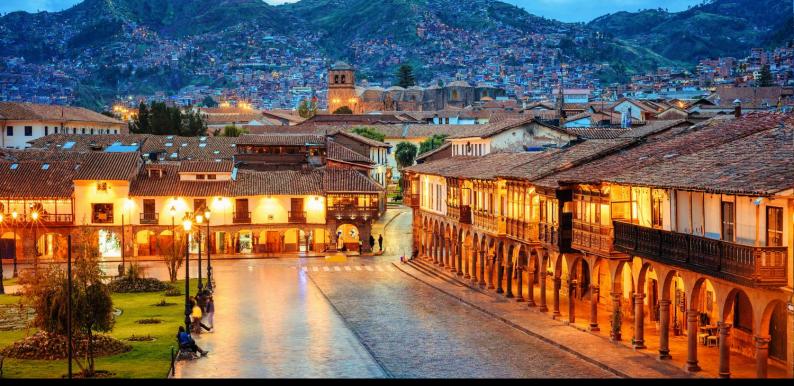
Optional Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek

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 2.5-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 3.6 kilometres on a round-trip (1.8 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, traditional Andean villages, and herds of alpacas and llamas grazing across the high plains. After around 1 hour and 20 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.

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Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch in the area. 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 Activity: 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 zampoña.

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.

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

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### **Day 6 Sacred Valley**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and journey into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Passing the impressive ruins of Saqsaywaman, cross the mountains before descending 450 metres to the fertile valley floor, where the Urubamba River winds its way past picturesque villages.

The first stop is Pisac, famous for its lively traditional market. Here, browse colourful stalls filled with local handicrafts, textiles and souvenirs. Continue to the Pisac ruins, perched high above the valley. During a guided tour, explore terraces, temples, tunnels and ceremonial altars, including the remarkable Intihuatana—the "hitching post of the sun."

Continue to Urubamba for lunch, before driving on to Ollantaytambo, one of the most important Inca sites. Once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, Ollantaytambo is both a living town and an archaeological wonder. Explore the Temple of the Sun, admire the colossal stone blocks shaped with astonishing precision, and learn about the Inca's advanced agricultural terraces and sophisticated water systems.

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Back in the town itself, see Inca-built water channels still flowing through the streets, as well as storage houses clinging to the mountainsides above. With its cobbled lanes and locals often dressed in traditional clothing, Ollantaytambo offers a rare glimpse of Andean life little changed over the centuries.

In the late afternoon, be transferred to the hotel in Urubamba, where the evening is at leisure.

Please note: You will need to prepare a smaller backpack (maximum 8 Kg) to take with you to Aguas Calientes (luggage cannot be taken on the train). Larger suitcases will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco for your return.

Overnight: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### **Day 7 Peru Expedition Train to Aguas Calientes**

Today, transfer to the train station in Ollantaytambo and board the Peru Expedition Train for a spectacular journey to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. As the train winds its way along the Urubamba River, be treated to breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley, with steep mountains rising dramatically on either side. The scenery shifts from fertile agricultural terraces and quaint Andean villages to lush cloud forest, where cascading waterfalls and dense greenery signal your approach to the edge of the Amazon.

Nestled at the base of the mountains leading to Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes blends traditional Andean life with a vibrant tourist scene. The largely pedestrianised town is filled with colourful markets, souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants, making it a lively place to explore on foot. Framed by jungle-clad cliffs and with the Urubamba River rushing past, the setting is both dramatic and enchanting.

The town is also famous for its natural hot springs, where you'll have time to unwind in the steaming pools after your journey (not included). You can also stroll through the bustling streets, browse local handicrafts, and soak up the atmosphere of this unique settlement. An early evening is recommended to rest and prepare for an early start tomorrow - a sunrise visit to the iconic Machu Picchu.

#### Optional Activity: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the Other Important Information section for a description).

You will be picked up early (approximately 06:00). Board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104 to start your short Inca Trail trek. From here, you will hike for approximately four hours to the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna ("Forever Young"), approximately 2,680 metres above sea level. Built on a steep hillside overlooking the Urubamba River, this archaeological site has ten 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 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

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administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site. After exploring Wiñay Wayna, you will continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun's Gate). From here, you will have your first spectacular view of Machu Picchu. This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God. You'll then head to Aguas Calientes where your afternoon will be spent at leisure. Current pricing details can be found on the Important Information section.

Please note: Due to the nature and duration of this tour, a moderate to active fitness level is required for participation in this supplementary trek. The route includes uneven surfaces, steep ascents and descents, a mix of stairs and dirt trails, and high-altitude conditions. The trek spans approximately 12 kilometres (6–8 hours) of walking including stops for photos, lunch (included) and exploring. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, we recommend consulting your GP for guidance.

Overnight: Hatun Into Classic or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Machu Picchu - Cusco

Today is an early start as at approximately 05:40, you will be picked up and board the bus to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Pass through the gates into the Machu Picchu archaeological site and be guided on a two-hour tour to the most famous and spectacular parts of the extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key locations (depending on the circuit determined by the Ministry of Culture). As you walk around, you'll have spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

Once you've finished your tour of Machu Picchu, you'll 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 for you to take you back to your hotel in Cusco.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 9 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 05:00 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 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

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Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex, home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha, 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, featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea.

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 Ñaqac, or "Supreme Executioner."

Settle back for the stretch of the journey — about five hours of scenic highland landscapes — before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3,830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 10 Puno - Lake Titicaca - Uros Islands

This morning, transfer to Puno's main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows and 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.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Enjoy a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Take a guided walk across the island's breathtaking landscapes, offering panoramic views of Lake Titicaca and the snow-capped Andes of Bolivia. Visit a local family's home to witness their daily life and learn about their intricate textile craftsmanship.

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. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 11 Puno, Peru - La Paz, Bolivia

Today, travel from Puno, over the border to La Paz in Bolivia. This 5-hour journey offers breathtaking views of the Andes and the journey will be broken up with a stop in Copacabana to view its iconic basilica and vibrant markets. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure in La Paz, Bolivia.

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Please note: the services of your Peruvian tour leader will cease once you have arrived at the hotel in La Paz, Bolivia. The following day you will be transferred to the airport for an onward flight to Uyuni, where the services of the Uyuni Salt Lakes tour leader will commence.

Overnight: Presidente Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 12 La Paz - Uyuni Salt Lake + Isla Incahuasi Island Oasis

At the appropriate time today, transfer to the airport in La Paz for your domestic flight to Uyuni. Upon arrival, meet your tour representative and begin an unforgettable journey.

First, visit the fascinating Train Cemetery, a relic of Uyuni's rich railway history. Continue to Colchani, the gateway to the Uyuni Salt Flats, where you'll explore a salt-processing workshop. Begin your adventure into the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest salt flats in the world, spanning over 10,000 square kilometres on the Bolivian High Plateau.

Along the way, stop at the Salt Museum and the bubbling Cold-Water Springs, known as "Ojos de Agua." Arrive at Isla Incahuasi, a unique island oasis adorned with ancient algae formations, fossils, and towering columnar cacti, some over a century old and reaching heights of more than 12 metres. The stunning vistas of the Bolivian Andes, the surreal pentagonal salt patterns, and the tranquil silence create an otherworldly experience like no other. Conclude the day by returning to your hotel for a well-earned rest.

Please note:

- Today's lunch will be a picnic.
- During the rainy season, a thin layer of water transforms the salt flats into the world's largest natural mirror, creating breathtaking reflections of the sky. If this occurs during your trip some areas such as Isla Incawasi and Conquesa become completely inaccessible. This is a unique opportunity to marvel at the once in a lifetime optical illusion, where the horizon disappears and the earth and sky blend together in a surreal vision.

Overnight: Luna Salada Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 13 Uyuni Salt Lake

Today, embark on a full-day exploration of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Travel to the quaint village of Coquesa, nestled at the base of the majestic Tunupa Volcano, known as the guardian of the salt flats. Admire the picturesque stone corrals dotting the slopes like a chessboard, where shepherds tend to their llamas or cultivate quinoa in the fertile volcanic soil.

As you ascend toward the crater, marvel at the vibrant layers of sediment that emerge beneath the clear blue sky. From this vantage point, soak in one of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Take time to stroll through the peaceful village and hike to the cave of the Coquesa Mummies, a fascinating site offering glimpses into ancient local history. In the afternoon, return to your hotel for an evening of leisure.

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Overnight: Luna Salada Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 14 Uyuni - "Sol de Mañana" Geysers, Bolivia - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

Begin your day with a 07:00 pick-up from the hotel. Set out towards Hedionda Lagoon, travelling across the High Plateau. Along the way, pass through San Cristóbal Village and the striking Rock Valley. As you enter Bolivia's Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, be immersed in a spectacular landscape of lagoons, salt flats, fumaroles, volcanoes, snow-capped peaks, vast plains, thermal springs, and flowing rivers.

The first highlight is Laguna Colorada, also known as the Red Lagoon—spanning 60 square kilometres at an altitude of 4,278 metres. The lagoon is famed for its deep red waters and as a sanctuary for three species of flamingos: the red-feathered tokoko, the pale-coloured chururu, and the delicate pink jututu. Continue to the surreal "Sol de Mañana" geysers, an extraordinary one-square-kilometre geothermal field of bubbling fumaroles and volcanic craters, showcasing the earth's raw volcanic energy.

The journey continues to the shimmering Green Lagoon, a vast emerald pool set against the dramatic backdrop of Licancabur Volcano. Its luminous green hue is due to the high magnesium content in the water—truly an unforgettable sight. As you make

your way onward, keep an eye out for native Andean wildlife, including vicunas, llamas, and vizcachas. Upon arrival at Hito Cajon, the border crossing between Bolivia and Chile, meet your local Chilean guide and vehicle to continue onwards to San Pedro de Atacama.

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Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

### Day 15 San Pedro de Atacama Free Day

Today, enjoy a leisurely day exploring this charming town, known for its breathtaking desert landscapes and rich Indigenous culture. Alternatively, take the time to unwind and make use of the hotel's facilities or participate in an optional evening tour.

#### Optional Activity: Moon Valley Tour

The Valley of the Moon, surrounded by sand dunes, evaporites, sinkholes and mountain ranges, offers a dazzling setting. Its characteristic brown color in contrast with the intense blue of the Atacama sky provides a visual treat for tourists. From the first moment, they are amazed by the uniqueness of this place. Until 1994, it was used as a site for the extraction of different types of

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salts, which allows us to travel in time and recreate the work of the Atacameñas or Lickanantai families. During the tour, visitors explore the Victoria Mine, immersing themselves in the history and legacy of the local communities. They experience firsthand the hard work of salt extraction and understand its cultural importance. There are stops at emblematic places such as Las Tres Marías, natural structures that seem to rise towards the sky.

#### Optional Activity: Atacama Astronomy Tour

Discover the brightest and most dazzling skies in the world. If you're an astronomy lover and dream of exploring the mysteries of the universe, this trip is perfect for you. Imagine a magical night in the Atacama Desert, where the sky opens before your eyes and reveals an unparalleled celestial spectacle. With our powerful 16" telescopes, you can delve into an infinite universe and contemplate a wide variety of celestial objects: planets, star clusters, galaxies and incandescent stars that will leave you breathless. But this experience is not just about observing the sky, you will also immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the cosmos and its relationship with the Atacama culture. Our expert guides will captivate you with explanatory stories that will transport you on a journey through time, connecting the greatness of the universe with the rich ancestral tradition of this region.

Please note: Only one of the evening optional activities may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.

Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 16 Atacama Desert, El Tatio Geysers

Depart early in the morning from your hotel for an unforgettable journey to the El Tatio geothermal field, located approximately 70 kilometres from San Pedro de Atacama. El Tatio, meaning "the grandfather who cries" in the Kunza language, is one of the world's highest-altitude geothermal fields, sitting at an impressive 4,320 metres above sea level. Arriving before dawn, you'll witness the striking contrast between the first rays of sunlight and the billowing steam rising from the earth's surface, creating a surreal and breathtaking landscape.

After taking in the mesmerising geothermal activity, begin the return journey with a stop at the remote village of Machuca, perched at over 4,000 metres above sea level. Once home to a thriving community, the village experienced a significant decline due to migration to larger towns. However, in recent years, some families have returned to revive traditional agricultural and pastoral practices, including the production of artisanal goat cheese. Machuca is also a haven for wildlife, as its small wetland attracts an array of bird species, including elegant flamingos, ducks, and Andean seagulls. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and soak in the rich cultural heritage before making your way back to your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar Meals included: Breakfast

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### Day 17 San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Santiago. Once you arrive in Santiago, you will be met by your tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Le Méridien Santiago or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 18 Santiago Free Day

Today you'll have the day at leisure to independently explore Santiago

Overnight: Le Méridien Santiago or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 19 Santiago, Chile - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 20 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past weeks on your trip through some of South America's most stunning landscapes.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None

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

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, be welcomed and transferred to the hotel.

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, government seat, 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 day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.
- For those departing from Perth, you may depart on day -1 (two days earlier). Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive prior to departure.
- Some customers may experience an extended layover. Lounge passes may be purchased at your own expense

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar 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, 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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After this memorable exploration of Lima's history, return to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 3 Lima - Cusco

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

Upon arrival, meet your tour representative and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and explore at your leisure in this enchanting city, the historic capital of the Inca Empire. Set in the breathtaking Peruvian Andes, Cusco is renowned for its rich heritage, where ancient Inca ruins seamlessly blend with colonial Spanish architecture. Wander the charming cobblestone streets, discover bustling markets, savour traditional cuisine, and admire iconic landmarks.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 4 Cusco City Tour**

Today, 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.

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 Qengo 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, 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

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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: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 5 Cusco Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is the archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity,

### Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00.

The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains. Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire.

Next, visit Maras, located just 3 kilometres from Moray. Marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable. After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included.

Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Highest Altitude: 3,500 metres above sea level. Lowest Altitude: 3,380 metres above sea level.

#### Optional Activity: 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 2.5-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 3.6 kilometres on a round-trip (1.8 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, traditional Andean villages, and herds of alpacas and llamas grazing across the high plains. After around 1 hour and 20 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.

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Your return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch in the area. 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 Activity: 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 zampoña.

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.

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

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### **Day 6 Sacred Valley**

After breakfast, depart the hotel and journey into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Passing the impressive ruins of Saqsaywaman, cross the mountains before descending 450 metres to the fertile valley floor, where the Urubamba River winds its way past picturesque villages.

The first stop is Pisac, famous for its lively traditional market. Here, browse colourful stalls filled with local handicrafts, textiles and souvenirs. Continue to the Pisac ruins, perched high above the valley. During a guided tour, explore terraces, temples, tunnels and ceremonial altars, including the remarkable Intihuatana—the "hitching post of the sun."

Continue to Urubamba for lunch, before driving on to Ollantaytambo, one of the most important Inca sites. Once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, Ollantaytambo is both a living town and an archaeological wonder. Explore the Temple of the Sun, admire the colossal stone blocks shaped with astonishing precision, and learn about the Inca's advanced agricultural terraces and sophisticated water systems.

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Back in the town itself, see Inca-built water channels still flowing through the streets, as well as storage houses clinging to the mountainsides above. With its cobbled lanes and locals often dressed in traditional clothing, Ollantaytambo offers a rare glimpse of Andean life little changed over the centuries.

In the late afternoon, be transferred to the hotel in Urubamba, where the evening is at leisure.

Please note: You will need to prepare a smaller backpack (maximum 8 Kg) to take with you to Aguas Calientes (luggage cannot be taken on the train). Larger suitcases will be transferred to the hotel in Cusco for your return.

Overnight: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### **Day 7 Peru Expedition Train to Aguas Calientes**

Today, transfer to the train station in Ollantaytambo and board the Peru Expedition Train for a spectacular journey to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. As the train winds its way along the Urubamba River, be treated to breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley, with steep mountains rising dramatically on either side. The scenery shifts from fertile agricultural terraces and quaint Andean villages to lush cloud forest, where cascading waterfalls and dense greenery signal your approach to the edge of the Amazon.

Nestled at the base of the mountains leading to Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes blends traditional Andean life with a vibrant tourist scene. The largely pedestrianised town is filled with colourful markets, souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants, making it a lively place to explore on foot. Framed by jungle-clad cliffs and with the Urubamba River rushing past, the setting is both dramatic and enchanting.

The town is also famous for its natural hot springs, where you'll have time to unwind in the steaming pools after your journey (not included). You can also stroll through the bustling streets, browse local handicrafts, and soak up the atmosphere of this unique settlement. An early evening is recommended to rest and prepare for an early start tomorrow - a sunrise visit to the iconic Machu Picchu.

#### Optional Activity: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the Other Important Information section for a description).

You will be picked up early (approximately 06:00). Board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104 to start your short Inca Trail trek. From here, you will hike for approximately four hours to the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna ("Forever Young"), approximately 2,680 metres above sea level. Built on a steep hillside overlooking the Urubamba River, this archaeological site has ten 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 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

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administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site. After exploring Wiñay Wayna, you will continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun's Gate). From here, you will have your first spectacular view of Machu Picchu. This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God. You'll then head to Aguas Calientes where your afternoon will be spent at leisure. Current pricing details can be found on the Important Information section.

Please note: Due to the nature and duration of this tour, a moderate to active fitness level is required for participation in this supplementary trek. The route includes uneven surfaces, steep ascents and descents, a mix of stairs and dirt trails, and high-altitude conditions. The trek spans approximately 12 kilometres (6–8 hours) of walking including stops for photos, lunch (included) and exploring. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, we recommend consulting your GP for guidance.

Overnight: Hatun Into Classic or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Machu Picchu - Cusco

Today is an early start as at approximately 05:40, you will be picked up and board the bus to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Pass through the gates into the Machu Picchu archaeological site and be guided on a two-hour tour to the most famous and spectacular parts of the extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key locations (depending on the circuit determined by the Ministry of Culture). As you walk around, you'll have spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

Once you've finished your tour of Machu Picchu, you'll 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 for you to take you back to your hotel in Cusco.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 9 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 05:00 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 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

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Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex, home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha, 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, featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea.

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 Ñaqac, or "Supreme Executioner."

Settle back for the stretch of the journey — about five hours of scenic highland landscapes — before arriving to the lakeside city of Puno (3.830 metres above sea level) around 17:00.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 10 Puno - Lake Titicaca - Uros Islands

This morning, transfer to Puno's main port and board a modern motorboat with panoramic windows and 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.

Next, journey to Taquile Island, renowned for its scenic beauty and welcoming locals. Enjoy a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Take a guided walk across the island's breathtaking landscapes, offering panoramic views of Lake Titicaca and the snow-capped Andes of Bolivia. Visit a local family's home to witness their daily life and learn about their intricate textile craftsmanship.

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. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 11 Puno, Peru - La Paz, Bolivia

Today, travel from Puno, over the border to La Paz in Bolivia. This 5-hour journey offers breathtaking views of the Andes and the journey will be broken up with a stop in Copacabana to view its iconic basilica and vibrant markets. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure in La Paz, Bolivia.

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Please note: the services of your Peruvian tour leader will cease once you have arrived at the hotel in La Paz, Bolivia. The following day you will be transferred to the airport for an onward flight to Uyuni, where the services of the Uyuni Salt Lakes tour leader will commence.

Overnight: Presidente Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 12 La Paz - Uyuni Salt Lake + Isla Incahuasi Island Oasis

At the appropriate time today, transfer to the airport in La Paz for your domestic flight to Uyuni. Upon arrival, meet your tour representative and begin an unforgettable journey.

First, visit the fascinating Train Cemetery, a relic of Uyuni's rich railway history. Continue to Colchani, the gateway to the Uyuni Salt Flats, where you'll explore a salt-processing workshop. Begin your adventure into the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest salt flats in the world, spanning over 10,000 square kilometres on the Bolivian High Plateau.

Along the way, stop at the Salt Museum and the bubbling Cold-Water Springs, known as "Ojos de Agua." Arrive at Isla Incahuasi, a unique island oasis adorned with ancient algae formations, fossils, and towering columnar cacti, some over a century old and reaching heights of more than 12 metres. The stunning vistas of the Bolivian Andes, the surreal pentagonal salt patterns, and the tranquil silence create an otherworldly experience like no other. Conclude the day by returning to your hotel for a well-earned rest.

Please note:

- Today's lunch will be a picnic.
- During the rainy season, a thin layer of water transforms the salt flats into the world's largest natural mirror, creating breathtaking reflections of the sky. If this occurs during your trip some areas such as Isla Incawasi and Conquesa become completely inaccessible. This is a unique opportunity to marvel at the once in a lifetime optical illusion, where the horizon disappears and the earth and sky blend together in a surreal vision.

Overnight: Luna Salada Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 13 Uyuni Salt Lake

Today, embark on a full-day exploration of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Travel to the quaint village of Coquesa, nestled at the base of the majestic Tunupa Volcano, known as the guardian of the salt flats. Admire the picturesque stone corrals dotting the slopes like a chessboard, where shepherds tend to their llamas or cultivate quinoa in the fertile volcanic soil.

As you ascend toward the crater, marvel at the vibrant layers of sediment that emerge beneath the clear blue sky. From this vantage point, soak in one of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Take time to stroll through the peaceful village and hike to the cave of the Coquesa Mummies, a fascinating site offering glimpses into ancient local history. In the afternoon, return to your hotel for an evening of leisure.

#### Please note:

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### Day 14 Uyuni - "Sol de Mañana" Geysers, Bolivia - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile

Begin your day with a 07:00 pick-up from the hotel. Set out towards Hedionda Lagoon, travelling across the High Plateau. Along the way, pass through San Cristóbal Village and the striking Rock Valley. As you enter Bolivia's Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, be immersed in a spectacular landscape of lagoons, salt flats, fumaroles, volcanoes, snow-capped peaks, vast plains, thermal springs, and flowing rivers.

The first highlight is Laguna Colorada, also known as the Red Lagoon—spanning 60 square kilometres at an altitude of 4,278 metres. The lagoon is famed for its deep red waters and as a sanctuary for three species of flamingos: the red-feathered tokoko, the pale-coloured chururu, and the delicate pink jututu. Continue to the surreal "Sol de Mañana" geysers, an extraordinary one-square-kilometre geothermal field of bubbling fumaroles and volcanic craters, showcasing the earth's raw volcanic energy.

The journey continues to the shimmering Green Lagoon, a vast emerald pool set against the dramatic backdrop of Licancabur Volcano. Its luminous green hue is due to the high magnesium content in the water—truly an unforgettable sight. As you make

your way onward, keep an eye out for native Andean wildlife, including vicunas, llamas, and vizcachas. Upon arrival at Hito Cajon, the border crossing between Bolivia and Chile, meet your local Chilean guide and vehicle to continue onwards to San Pedro de Atacama.

#### Please note:

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Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

### Day 15 San Pedro de Atacama Free Day

Today, enjoy a leisurely day exploring this charming town, known for its breathtaking desert landscapes and rich Indigenous culture. Alternatively, take the time to unwind and make use of the hotel's facilities or participate in an optional evening tour.

#### Optional Activity: Moon Valley Tour

Surrounded by sand dunes, evaporites, sinkholes and mountain ranges, offers a dazzling setting. Its characteristic brown color in contrast with the intense blue of the Atacama sky provides a visual treat for tourists. From the first moment, they are amazed by the uniqueness of this place. Until 1994, it was used as a site

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for the extraction of different types of salts, which allows us to travel in time and recreate the work of the Atacameñas or Lickanantai families.

During the tour, visitors explore the Victoria Mine, immersing themselves in the history and legacy of the local communities. They experience firsthand the hard work of salt extraction and understand its cultural importance. There are stops at emblematic places such as Las Tres Marías, natural structures that seem to rise towards the sky.

#### Optional Activity: Atacama Astronomy Tour

Discover the brightest and most dazzling skies in the world. If you're an astronomy lover and dream of exploring the mysteries of the universe, this trip is perfect for you. Imagine a magical night in the Atacama Desert, where the sky opens before your eyes and reveals an unparalleled celestial spectacle. With our powerful 16" telescopes, you can delve into an infinite universe and contemplate a wide variety of celestial objects: planets, star clusters, galaxies and incandescent stars that will leave you breathless.

But this experience is not just about observing the sky, you will also immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the cosmos and its relationship with the Atacama culture. Our expert guides will captivate you with explanatory stories that will transport you on a journey through time, connecting the greatness of the universe with the rich ancestral tradition of this region.

Please note: Only one of the evening optional activities may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.

Overnight: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 16 Atacama Desert, El Tatio Geysers

Depart early in the morning from your hotel for an unforgettable journey to the El Tatio geothermal field, located approximately 70 kilometres from San Pedro de Atacama. El Tatio, meaning "the grandfather who cries" in the Kunza language, is one of the world's highest-altitude geothermal fields, sitting at an impressive 4,320 metres above sea level. Arriving before dawn, you'll witness the striking contrast between the first rays of sunlight and the billowing steam rising from the earth's surface, creating a surreal and breathtaking landscape.

After taking in the mesmerising geothermal activity, begin the return journey with a stop at the remote village of Machuca, perched at over 4,000 metres above sea level. Once home to a thriving community, the village experienced a significant decline due to migration to larger towns. However, in recent years, some families have returned to revive traditional agricultural and pastoral practices, including the production of artisanal goat cheese. Machuca is also a haven for wildlife, as its small wetland attracts an array of bird species, including elegant flamingos, ducks, and Andean seagulls. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and soak in the rich cultural heritage before making your way back to your hotel.

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### Day 17 San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Santiago. Once you arrive in Santiago, you will be met by your tour representative and transferred to the hotel, where you can enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Le Méridien Santiago or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 18 Santiago Free Day**

Today you'll have the day at leisure to independently explore Santiago.

Overnight: Le Méridien Santiago or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 19 Santiago - Easter Island

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your flight to Easter Island. Once you arrive, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel. If your flight arrives before the check-in time, you will be able to store your luggage until the room is available.

Included in this itinerary is the Rapa Nui National Park entry fee, this will be handled by the tour guide, there is no need to prearrange this before arriving.

Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is a remote volcanic island in the Pacific Ocean, famous for its nearly 900 monumental moai statues. These massive stone figures, carved by the island's Polynesian inhabitants between the 13th and 16th centuries,

remain a mystery in terms of their exact purpose and transportation. Beyond its rich archaeological heritage, Easter Island offers stunning landscapes, including volcanic craters, pristine beaches, and ancient petroglyphs and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Spend 3 nights at leisure on Easter Island, where you can choose to independently explore or participate in optional activities on offer.

Please note: The Easter Island portion of the trip is self-guided.

Overnight: Taha Tai Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 20 Easter Island

Today, you'll have the day at leisure to independently explore Easter Island, or you can choose to participate in an optional activity:

Please note: These activities can be chosen for either Day 20 or Day 21 of the itinerary.

#### Optional Activity: Orongo Village Tour

Today, visit the Ana Kai Tangata cave, where stylised birds are drawn on one of the walls, representing the Manutara (terns), whose precious egg was the centre of the annual "bird man" competition.

Go to the Vinapu sector, an archaeological site characterised by its large basalt slabs, carefully crafted to fit, similar to the Inca constructions of Cusco. Also, visit the Rano Kau Volcano, a beautiful place with a lagoon with small cattail islands and

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abundant vegetation and microfauna. Next, visit the ceremonial village of Orongo, where the "bird man" ceremony was held, which designated the spiritual and political chief to serve alongside the king for one year. This sacred character, with the body of a shrunken man and a large bird-like beak, is sculpted on a large number of engraved stones.

Difficulty level: Easy Recommendations: Waterproof jacket (winter), comfortable shoes for walking, sunscreen and comfortable clothes.

#### Optional Activity: Ahu Akivi Half-Day Tour

This half-day excursion takes you to explore a site featuring three Tahai ceremonial platforms, all meticulously restored in 1974. Among them is Ko Te Riku, notable for being the only Moai with restored eyes, along with Tahai and Vai Ure. Here, remnants of a houseboat, a stone house, and a jetty constructed from rocks can also be observed.

Then journey to Ahu Akivi, a significant archaeological site showcasing a row of seven meticulously restored statues. According to legend, these statues represent the first explorers who arrived in Rapa Nui, sent by King Hotu Matua. Concluding the tour, you'll visit Puna Pau Quarry, the exclusive source of the red stone utilised in crafting the Pukau, or topknots, of the Moai sculptures.

Difficulty level: Easy Recommendations: Waterproof jacket (winter), comfortable shoes for walking, sunscreen and comfortable clothes.

Optional Activity: Anakena Full Day Tour

Journey along the southeast and northeast coasts of the island, visiting Ahu Akahanga, where we will find very well-preserved remains of what was an ancient Rapa Nui village. Continue to Rano Raraku, one of the most important and extraordinary archaeological sites on the island. In that volcanic quarry, the moai were carved, and hundreds of them can be seen. After the tour, we will have lunch in a picnic area on the slopes of this volcano.

Then, on to the Ahu Tongariki platform, the largest ceremonial structure built on Easter Island and one of the most surprising. It is one of the most famous postcards on the island, with its 15 enormous moai.

Next, Ahu Te Pito Kura showcases the largest Moai ever erected—standing 10 meters tall and weighing 85 tons—alongside a spherical stone known as Te Pito o Te Henua, or "the navel of the world," believed to have been brought by King Hotu Matua.

Finally, arrive at Anakena beach, with its white sands, pristine water and tropical palm trees. In this area, there are important archaeological remains due to their state of conservation, such as the Ahu Nau Nau platform. At that beautiful beach, there will be time to enjoy and relax before returning to the hotel.

Difficulty level: Easy, except for the Rano Raraku volcano, medium difficulty. Recommendations: Waterproof jacket (winter), comfortable shoes for walking, sunscreen, and comfortable clothes. A boxed lunch will be provided, including a sandwich, hard-boiled egg, nuts, a cereal bar, fruit, and one refill of water.

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# The Itinerary

## **Itinerary 2**

Overnight: Taha Tai Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 21 Easter Island

Today is your full-day before departing after an in-depth adventure discovering Peru, Bolivia & Chile. You'll have the day at leisure or alternatively you can choose to participate in one of the optional activities as outlined from the previous day.

Overnight: Taha Tai Hotel or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 22 Easter Island - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 23 In Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past weeks in South America.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 24 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None

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# **Tour Inclusions**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Discover ancient sites and unique landscapes on a small group tour of Peru, Bolivia  $\&\ Chile$ 

Visit archaeological and historic landmarks on an included city tour of Lima and Cusco

Wander the charming cobblestone streets of the historic capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco

Marvel at Peru's architectural wonders like the Temple of the Sun and Sacsayhuamán

Visit the sacred precinct of the Temple of the Sun and stay overnight within the Sacred Valley

Witness the sunrise over the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu citadel, a bucket-list marvel

Explore the enchanting Uros floating islands, a testament to Indigenous ingenuity

Cruise across the captivating expanse of Lake Titicaca, marvelling at its

Marvel at the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest and most expansive in the world

Discover Isla Incahuasi, a unique oasis set against vistas of the Bolivian Andes

Travel to Laguna Colorada where vivid red waters are met with flocks of flamingos

Explore the surreal "Sol de Mañana" and El Tatio Geysers and otherworldly landscapes

Search for vicuñas, flamingos, the andean condor and more

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

All internal flights (economy class)

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

18 nights of quality hotel accommodation

#### **DINING**

26 meals, including daily breakfast

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

Machu Picchu permit

Travel to Aguas Calientes on Peru's Expedition Train (return ticket)

### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

#### **TRANSFERS**

All airport transfers

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# **Tour Inclusions**

### **ITINERARY 2: EASTER ISLAND EXTENSION**

Includes the following in addition to itinerary 1:

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Rapa Nui, a remote volcanic island in the Pacific Ocean known as Easter Island

Spend 3 nights at leisure exploring Easter Island, famous for its nearly 900 monumental moai statues

Witness stunning landscapes including volcanic craters, pristine beaches, and ancient petroglyphs

Observe the blend of Polynesian and Latin cultures

Participate in optional activities to discover the island's highlights (additional charges apply)

#### **ENTRANCE FEES**

Rapa Nui National Park entry fee included

#### FLIGHTS

Return internal flight (economy class) from Chile to Easter Island

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

3 nights of quality hotel accommodation

#### DINING

Includes daily breakfast

#### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers

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\*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.

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 nonrefundable; 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.

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 <u>Terms & Conditions</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u> and <u>Cancellation Policy</u>.

#### Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th of November 2026.

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Itinerary 1: \$2,300 Itinerary 2: \$3,000

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 are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 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.

### **Flights**

#### **Departure Cities**

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

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$200 per person
- Perth: \$300 per person

## International Full-Service Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

#### Please note:

- We cannot accommodate one-way flights.
   Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.
- 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.

#### Internal Flight(s) Used

#### Itinerary 1

Cabin Class: Economy Class

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#### Route:

- Lima, Peru Cusco, Peru
- La Paz, Bolivia Uyuni, Bolivia
- Calama, Chile Santiago, Chile

#### Itinerary 2

All included domestic flights in itinerary 1 plus:

- Santiago, Chile Easter Island, Chile
- Easter Island, Chile Santiago, Chile

#### **Domestic Flight Information**

Baggage allowance, per person:

- 1 x 5kg of carry-on baggage
- 1 x 20kg of checked baggage

Please note: Your internal flight/s operating La Paz to Uyuni in Bolivia will have a checked luggage limit of 20 kilograms per person and 5kg carry-on. All other internal flights have a 23kg checked baggage and 7kg carry-on limit. Unfortunately, TripADeal is unable to increase this amount during the booking process, so we recommend all travellers keep this in mind when packing for their holiday, regardless of the limits allowed on your long-haul international sectors. Any excess baggage fees you may incur at the airport will be the responsibility of the traveller at the time of check-in and paid directly to the airline.

#### **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. Santiago, Chile- From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

### Stay Behind

Santiago, Chile - From \$300 per person, subject to availability (Itinerary 1 Only). Easter Island, Chile - From \$400 per person, subject to availability (Itinerary 2 Only).

#### 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:

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

#### **Stopover Packages**

- Santiago, Chile (Pre Tour Only) 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 Year's Eve: 22nd
December 2025 - 2nd January 2026
Christmas and New Year's Eve: 18th
December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
(TBC for all event exact dates for 2025/26)

#### Flight Class Upgrades

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

#### Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being

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automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Accommodation**

#### Accommodation Used

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

- La Paz, Bolivia: Presidente Hotel or similar
- Santiago, Chile: Le Méridien Santiago or similar

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

- Lima, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Executive or similar
- Cusco, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar
- Puno, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Puno or similar
- Uyuni, Bolivia: Hotel Luna Salada or similar
- San Pedro de Atacama, Chile: Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama or similar

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

- Urubamba, Peru: San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta or similar
- Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti Classic or similar

### **Itinerary 2 Only**

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

Easter Island, Chile: Taha Tai Hotel 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.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

#### **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

#### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double (subject to availability).

### **Optional Tours/activities**

- Day 5: Maras & Moray Tour \$88 per person
- Day 5: Rainbow Mountain Trek \$180 per person
- Day 5: Folklore Dinner & Show \$50 per person
- Day 7: Express Inca Trail Trek \$620 per person
- Day 15: Moon Valley Tour \$210 per person
- Day 15: Atacama Astronomy Tour \$180 per person

#### **Itinerary 2 Only**

- Day 20 or 21: Orongo Village \$425 per person
- Day 20 or 21: Ahu Akivi \$425 per person
- Day 20 or 21: Anakena Full Day Tour -\$530 per person

#### 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 or shore excursions 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
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

## **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 \$8-10 USD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

### **Other Important Information**

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

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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, Peru

Lima has a mild, warm climate year-round with almost no rain, making it one of the driest capitals. Temperatures range from 18°C to 28°C.

#### Cusco, Peru

Cusco has a subtropical highland climate due to its 3,500m elevation. The dry season (May–August) is sunny with occasional frosts, while the wet season (December–March) is milder. Temperatures vary from 0.2°C to 20.9°C.

#### Puno, Peru

Puno's high altitude keeps it cool year-round. The dry season (May–October) has sunny days (15°C–18°C) and freezing nights. The wet season (November–April) brings warmer days (16°C–20°C) and milder nights. Layered clothing is recommended.

#### La Paz, Bolivia

At 3,650 metres, La Paz has a cool subtropical highland climate (6°C–16°C). The rainy season lasts from November to March, while the dry season (May–August) has sunny days and freezing nights.

#### Uyuni, Bolivia

Uyuni's high-altitude desert climate is dry year-round, with mild days and cold nights. November–March averages 13°C, while June–July sees freezing temperatures. Strong winds make winters feel colder.

#### Santiago, Chile

Santiago has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers (up to 35°C) and mild, wet winters (around 14°C). Most rain falls from May to August.

#### **Easter Island, Chile**

Easter Island has a subtropical climate with warm summers (up to 28°C), mild winters (15°C), and year-round humidity. Rainfall is spread throughout the year, peaking in April–June.

#### Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

**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 45 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 uploading and unloading 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!

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

# Rainbow Mountain Trek (Optional Activity): Active

The Rainbow Mountain Trek is a challenging yet rewarding adventure, suitable for those with a good fitness level who exercise regularly. This trek involves hiking at high altitudes, navigating uneven terrain for several hours. Participants

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should be prepared for steep ascents and the effects of altitude. Recommended for active travellers with prior trekking experience and a reasonable level of endurance, this trek offers breathtaking views of the vibrant Rainbow Mountain and its surrounding landscapes

# Express Inca Trail Trek (Optional Activity): Active

Active/demanding are more strenuous activities, suitable for a good fitness level and for guests who exercise regularly. More fast-paced activities and walking on uneven surfaces. A high fitness level is required to undertake activities, which include high-altitude trekking for anywhere between four to seven hours per day for an extended number of days. Recommended for active travellers with some previous trekking experience.

#### **High Altitude Illness**

Altitude illness occurs when there is a lack of oxygen in the air at high altitudes.
Altitude illness will affect some travellers, with no apparent regard to age, gender or physical condition. If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

#### 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.
- Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.
- 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

#### **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.

#### 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).

#### 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.

#### Peru

Tourists who hold an Australian or New Zealand passport don't need a visa for tourism or short-term visits. You can get a permit to stay for up to 3 months when you arrive. You may need a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Peru. Some airlines may want to see one when you leave. If you've visited Peru in the previous 6 days, you'll need a valid certificate to enter Australia. Find out about returning to Australia after exposure to yellow fever.

#### **Bolivia**

You don't need a visa to visit Bolivia for tourism. The length of stay permitted upon entry is 30 days. You can request an extension of your stay at an immigration office in Bolivia. The maximum visa-free stay length is 90 days during one calendar year. You may need to show proof of onward travel on entry to Bolivia (a plane or bus ticket). Ensure you get an entry stamp when you arrive in Bolivia.

Otherwise, you'll have to pay a fine when you leave. You should also make sure to get an exit stamp, especially when you are crossing a land border. Entry and exit conditions can change at short notice.

#### Chile

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)**

If travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport, an ESTA (visa waiver) for

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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/

Please note: Due to recent changes to USA immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.

#### Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- 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 <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>

#### **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 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 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

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