

Treasures of Peru

LIMA ● AGUAS CALIENTES ● PUNO ● UROS

The Offer

Embrace your inner explorer seeking out the Lost Cities of Gold, the Sacred Valley and the floating reed islands of Lake Titicaca on this 13-day South American adventure. This small-group tour takes in the breathtaking natural wonders of Cusco, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley with the option to extend your adventures to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador.

Your journey kicks off in the colourful Peruvian metropolis of Lima, where you'll see the beautiful Plaza de Armas, the eerie San Francisco Catacombs and Huaca Pucllana. Fly to Cusco, where you'll travel into the Sacred Valley, home to ancient ruins and vibrant markets. Visit Ollantaytambo, home to one of the best-preserved Inca archaeological sites and once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, tour the ruins at Pisac and in Chinchero, meet local farmers who still use the same techniques they have for hundreds of years.

Board the PeruRail Expedition train bound for Aguas Calientes, home to soothing hot springs and vibrant markets. For those wanting to experience the Inca Trail, join an optional tour of the express Inca Trail trek (additional cost) to hike to the famed sites of Winay Wayna and Inti Punku. Then, it's on to the highlight of most travellers' journeys, Machu Picchu where you'll witness spectacular vistas and uncover the mysteries of this ancient citadel on a guided tour.

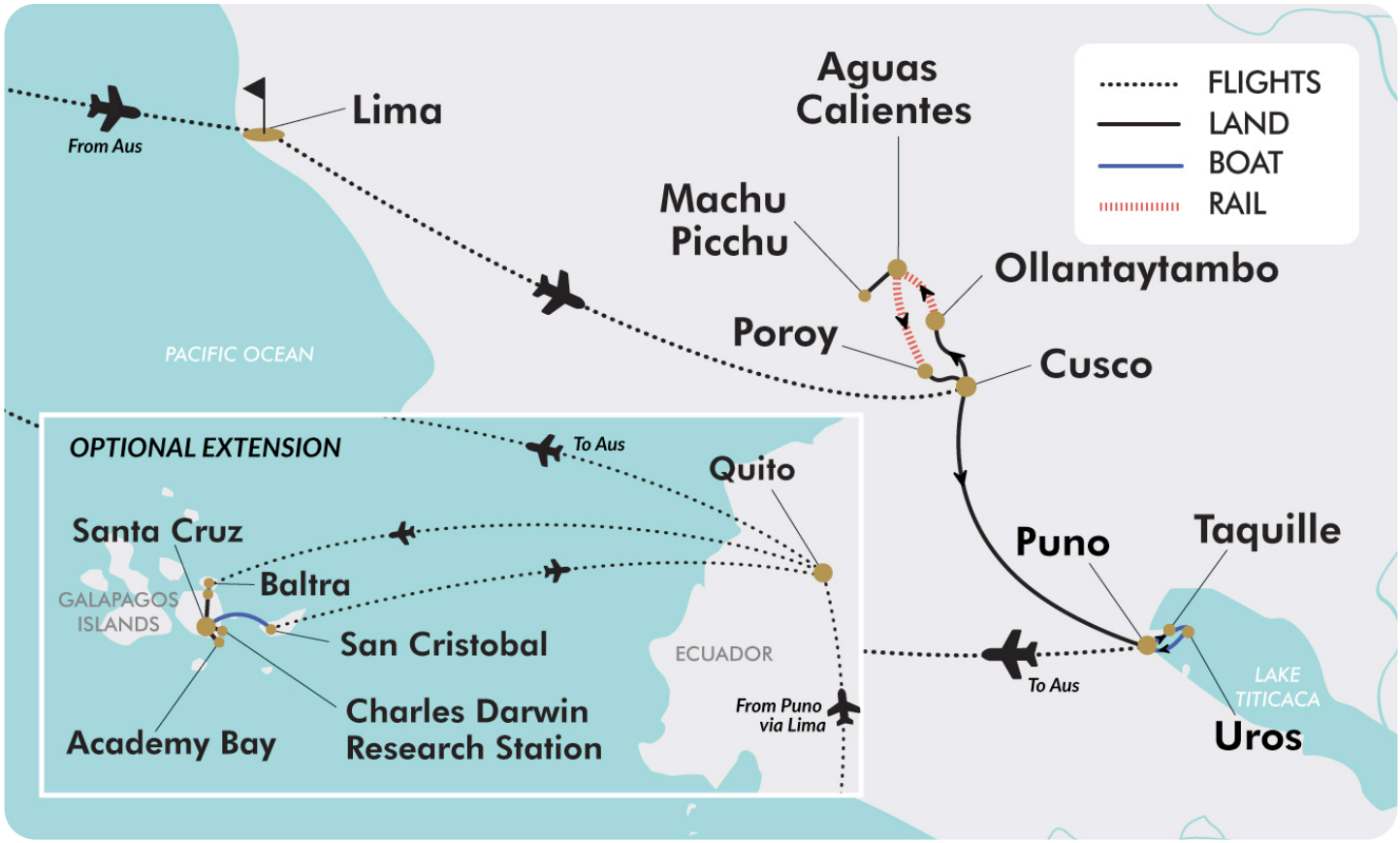
Enjoy time at leisure exploring Cusco, then head to Puno, stopping at Andahuaylillas, "the Sistine Chapel of South America", Raqchi (Wiracocha God Temple) and more. Take a boat to Taquile on Lake Titicaca, where you'll meet master weavers of this ancient Andean community where the islands are crafted from buoyant totora reeds and learn about their fascinating culture.

This package includes return international full-service flights, an internal flight, rail expedition to Aguas Calientes, 10 nights of accommodation, 12 meals and more.

Want more? Choose Itinerary 2 for a Galapagos Islands extension. This 21-day adventure will take you to a popular marine reserve so you can see wildlife on Ecuador's San Cristobal Island and Charles Darwin Research Station.



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Itinerary 1

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

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Overnight: Jose Antonio Executive or similar, Lima
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Lima - City Tour

This morning after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Lima. Start 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 (entrance not included). 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 Puente's famous 1696 painting of The Last Supper - notably featuring guinea pigs and potatoes on the table.

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Day 3 Lima - Cusco - Sacred Valley

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Optional Tour- Express Inca Trail Trek

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

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After exploring Winay Wayna, 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 (weather pending). This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God.



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From here, descend to Machu Picchu and embark on a short walk through the upper terraces and be rewarded with the famous views of Machu Picchu itself before heading to Aguas Calientes by bus, where your afternoon will be spent at leisure.

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 steps, a box lunch (included) and exploring. Please view the important information section for your packing list for this experience.

In adverse weather conditions, the itinerary may be rerouted to disembark the train at Kilometer 104. From there, passengers will walk along a low lying ridge line to Kilometre 107, where a switchback of stairs ascends to Winay Wayna, involving a 3-hour upward trek on those stairs. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, consulting your GP for guidance is recommended. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Packing List for Short Inca Trail

- You are required to bring your passport on this trip (not a photocopy, your original passport is required)
- Poncho or rain proof jacket
- Sunscreen
- Sun hat
- Insect repellent
- Hiking shoes required
- Poles can be provided, (additional costs apply - to be organised with your tour leader in advance)
- Enough room in your backpack for your box lunch, as customers carry this themselves.
- The box lunch comes with 1 x bottle (620ml) water, any additional water should be brought
- Any medications (if necessary)
- Light long sleeve (quick dry) pants and long sleeve top are recommended

Please note: Express Inca Trail Trek tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded.

Overnight: Hatun Inti Boutique or similar, Aguas Calientes
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Machu Picchu - Cusco

Begin the day with an early start, when you're collected from the hotel at approximately 05:40 to board the bus up to the citadel of Machu Picchu. There will be time for breakfast before your transfer this morning.

Passing through the gates of the ancient site, embark on a guided two-hour tour exploring the extraordinary archaeological complex of Machu Picchu. Depending on the assigned circuit, your route will guide you through a selection of the citadel's iconic landmarks, structural highlights, and scenic vantage points. As you wander through the ruins, learn about the history of the Inca empire while taking in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, plunging gorges, and terraced slopes.



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Return by bus to Aguas Calientes, with time to relax and enjoy lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy. From there, continue by road to Cusco.

On arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the station and transfer you to your hotel, arriving in the evening.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 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 Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, have the remainder of the day at your own leisure, alternatively you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Cusco Cooking Class

Head to the vibrant San Pedro Market in Cusco. Known as one of the city's most fascinating markets, it bursts with colourful stalls offering fresh produce, meats, spices, handicrafts and souvenirs. Before entering, meet your chef guide, who will explain the flow of the tour. Wander through the market, learning about local ingredients, shopping tips, and Andean food traditions. Along the way, help select the fresh produce that will be used later in your cooking class. Meeting stallholders and hearing their stories adds to the authenticity of the experience.

After the market visit, head to a local restaurant, where you'll be provided with an apron and everything needed to cook. Under the chef's guidance, prepare a traditional Peruvian dish using



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seasonal, organic ingredients sourced from communities around Cusco. Staples such as potatoes and corn often feature, along with other highlights of Andean cuisine. Once the cooking is complete, the group will set the table and share the delicious dishes you've prepared together. After enjoying your meal, the activity concludes with time to return to your hotel (transportation not included). Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Cusco - Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a 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, 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 3km 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, 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. The day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3.5-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 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. Take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring overhead.



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After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. Admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. The return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch.

Afterwards, sit back and relax on 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.

While dining, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Return transportation to the hotel is not included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 06:20 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno.

This scenic journey through the Andes is an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way. The first guided visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex (arriving approx 10:00), home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha God, the supreme Inca deity.

Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas). Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant (approximately midday), featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea. Additional drinks such as soft drinks are at additional expense.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, which forms part of the great Andean watershed. The



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

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

Overnight: Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 10 Lake Titicaca & Uros Floating Islands

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

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

Upon arrival, walk for approximately 30-45 minutes enjoying vistas of Lake Titicaca before enjoying a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel (arrival approximately 16:30).

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 11 Puno, Peru - Australia (or New Zealand)

After breakfast, transfer to Juliaca Airport for the flight back to Australia (or New Zealand) via Lima.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 In-transit

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 13 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

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From here, descend to Machu Picchu and embark on a short walk through the upper terraces and be rewarded with the famous views of Machu Picchu itself before heading to Aguas Calientes by bus, where your afternoon will be spent at leisure.

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 steps, a box lunch (included) and exploring. Please view the important information section for your packing list for this experience.

In adverse weather conditions, the itinerary may be rerouted to disembark the train at Kilometer 104. From there, passengers will walk along a low lying ridge line to Kilometre 107, where a switchback of stairs ascends to Winay Wayna, involving a 3-hour upward trek on those stairs. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, consulting your GP for guidance is recommended. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Packing List for Short Inca Trail

- You are required to bring your passport on this trip (not a photocopy, your original passport is required)
- Poncho or rain proof jacket
- Sunscreen
- Sun hat
- Insect repellent
- Hiking shoes required
- Poles can be provided, (additional costs apply - to be organised with your tour leader in advance)
- Enough room in your backpack for your box lunch, as customers carry this themselves.
- The box lunch comes with 1 x bottle (620ml) water, any additional water should be brought
- Any medications (if necessary)
- Light long sleeve (quick dry) pants and long sleeve top are recommended

Please note: Express Inca Trail Trek tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once purchased, this optional activity cannot be refunded.

Overnight: Hatun Inti Boutique or similar, Aguas Calientes
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Machu Picchu - Cusco

Begin the day with an early start, when you're collected from the hotel at approximately 05:40 to board the bus up to the citadel of Machu Picchu. There will be time for breakfast before your transfer this morning.

Passing through the gates of the ancient site, embark on a guided two-hour tour exploring the extraordinary archaeological complex of Machu Picchu. Depending on the assigned circuit, your route will guide you through a selection of the citadel's iconic landmarks, structural highlights, and scenic vantage points. As you wander through the ruins, learn about the history of the Inca empire while taking in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, plunging gorges, and terraced slopes.



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Return by bus to Aguas Calientes, with time to relax and enjoy lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy. From there, continue by road to Cusco.

On arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the station and transfer you to your hotel, arriving in the evening.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 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 Qenqo Archaeological Complex (3580 metres above sea level), considered an Inca labyrinth with an altar with ritual motifs. Then head to Tambomachay (3,765 metres above sea level). The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. After a morning of exploring, have the remainder of the day at your own leisure, alternatively you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Cusco Cooking Class

Head to the vibrant San Pedro Market in Cusco. Known as one of the city's most fascinating markets, it bursts with colourful stalls offering fresh produce, meats, spices, handicrafts and souvenirs. Before entering, meet your chef guide, who will explain the flow of the tour. Wander through the market, learning about local ingredients, shopping tips, and Andean food traditions. Along the way, help select the fresh produce that will be used later in your cooking class. Meeting stallholders and hearing their stories adds to the authenticity of the experience.

After the market visit, head to a local restaurant, where you'll be provided with an apron and everything needed to cook. Under the chef's guidance, prepare a traditional Peruvian dish using



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seasonal, organic ingredients sourced from communities around Cusco. Staples such as potatoes and corn often feature, along with other highlights of Andean cuisine. Once the cooking is complete, the group will set the table and share the delicious dishes you've prepared together. After enjoying your meal, the activity concludes with time to return to your hotel (transportation not included). Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Cusco - Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a 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, 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 3km 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, 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. The day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick up from Cusco, followed by a 3.5-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 5 kilometres on a round-trip (2.5 kilometres each way) along a gentle path, making it one of the more accessible routes to Rainbow Mountain. Take in sweeping vistas of snow-capped peaks, breathtaking and unique views of this region, with some luck you may see a condor soaring overhead.



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After around 1 hour and 30 minutes of walking, arrive at the summit of Rainbow Mountain, standing at 5,036 metres. Admire the incredible mineral-rich stripes that create the mountain's vibrant colours and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding peaks. The return trek takes approximately one hour, followed by a well-earned lunch.

Afterwards, sit back and relax on 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.

While dining, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampona. For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Return transportation to the hotel is not included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar, Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Cusco - Puno

The day begins early with a 06:20 hotel pick-up, transferring to the bus station for a 07:00 departure towards Puno.

This scenic journey through the Andes is an experience in itself, with fascinating stops along the way. The first guided visit is to the Chapel of Andahuaylillas, a 17th-century church often called the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes" for its exquisite murals, intricate gold-leaf work and masterpieces of the Cusco School. Continue to the Raqchi Archaeological Complex (arriving approx 10:00), home to the remarkable Temple of Wiracocha God, the supreme Inca deity.

Explore the site's impressive stone and adobe structures, including one of the largest collections of Inca storehouses (colcas). Next, pause for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant (approximately midday), featuring a wide selection of national and regional dishes, fresh vegetables, local desserts and traditional hot drinks such as coca tea. Additional drinks such as soft drinks are at additional expense.

Journey onwards to La Raya Pass (4,335 metres above sea level), the highest point on the route and the natural border between Cusco and Puno. From here, admire the snow-capped Chimboya Mountain, which forms part of the great Andean watershed. The



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

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

Overnight: Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 10 Lake Titicaca & Uros Floating Islands

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

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

Upon arrival, walk for approximately 30-45 minutes enjoying vistas of Lake Titicaca before enjoying a cultural welcome with music, dance and presentations of traditional life. Lunch is served at a typical island restaurant, after which you can relax on the lakeshore, taking in the surroundings. Later, return by motorboat to Puno and the hotel (arrival approximately 16:30).

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Royal Inn Puno or similar, Puno
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 11 Puno - Lima

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for the flight to Lima.

Upon arrival in Lima, make your own way to the hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure to unwind before catching the flight to Quito, Ecuador tomorrow.

The hotel is located close to the airport and offers a free shuttle bus to transfer you to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Aeropuerto or similar, Lima
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Lima, Peru - Quito, Ecuador

At the appropriate time, make your own way back to Lima Airport to catch the flight to Quito Ecuador.

Upon arrival in Quito, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your accommodation. In the evening meet your Ecuadorian tour leader for a welcome briefing.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar, Quito
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 13 Quito - Baltra - Santa Cruz, the Galapagos Islands

Today, start your discovery of the Galapagos Islands when you are transferred to the airport for a flight to the Island of Baltra. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to the nearby island of Santa Cruz by crossing the narrow Itabaca channel by ferry and then by car.

Enjoy lunch at a private ranch in Santa Cruz Highlands before embarking on a walk to search for the iconic giant Galapagos tortoises. See lava tubes that have been formed when the surface of a lava stream solidifies but the inside remains liquid and flows out like a river.

Afterwards, continue by private transport to the hotel where you'll meet a local guide who will advise on tomorrow's activities.

Overnight: Hotel La Isla or similar, Santa Cruz
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 14 Academy Bay Tour

Today, after breakfast, enjoy a half-day tour of Academy Bay. Swim and snorkel with marine life, sea lions and all kinds of colourful fish that inhabit the area. Or search for the blue-footed boobies resting at the edge of the cliffs.

Afterwards, climb to a nearby viewpoint and, if you are lucky, see white-tipped reef sharks swimming in the ocean below. Take a walk to 'Playa de los Perros', where many sea iguanas can often be found resting in the sun, and discover the region's enormous cacti - the red colour of the rocks and the turquoise colour of the ocean make for great photo opportunities.

Please note:

- *It's recommended to pack sun protection, a bathing suit, a towel, a camera and comfortable walking shoes for today's tour.*
- *Optional snorkel equipment will be provided free of charge to anyone who wishes to use it. Wetsuits may be available for hire at an additional local cost.*

Overnight: Hotel La Isla or similar, Santa Cruz
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 15 Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Research Station - San Cristobal

This morning visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn more about many of the endemic species seen in the wild, as well as the ongoing conservation and management efforts on the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, be met and transferred to the dock of Santa Cruz from where you will take a boat (approximately 2 hours) to the island of San Cristobal.

Upon arrival at the dock in San Cristobal, be transferred to the hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure on this stunning island.

Overnight: Hotel Arena Blanca or similar, San Cristobal
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Isla Lobos Tour

After breakfast this morning, be transferred to a dock where a short boat ride will take you to the nearby Isla Lobos.



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During this boat trip, observe a lot of sea life before even setting foot on the island. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour with the chance to observe frigate birds, blue-footed boobies and sea lions that all inhabit the island.

Afterwards, there's time for swimming or snorkelling in the beautiful waters before continuing on to a nearby beach in San Cristobal to enjoy an included packed lunch and some time at leisure. The white coral beaches of San Cristobal are great for walking around, relaxing and swimming in the shallow waters.

Overnight: Hotel Arena Blanca or similar, San Cristobal
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 17 San Cristobal - Quito

Enjoy your morning before transferring to the airport of San Cristobal for a quick flight back to Ecuador's mainland.

Upon arrival in Quito, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar, Quito
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Quito - Day at Leisure

Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Quito, or choose to participate in an optional tour.

Optional Activity: Pichincha Volcano Cable Car

For a spectacular panoramic view of Quito, the best option is to hop on a cable car. From the traditional cabins admire the whole city and the Pichincha Volcano. After ascending 4,000 metres above sea level in the Teleferico, enjoy a walk in the open air and hike on various trails while enjoying views of the city or climbing the Pichincha Volcano. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: The weather can change suddenly so it's advisable to wear the appropriate clothing including a windbreaker, non-slip shoes and comfortable clothing that protects against possible rain and cold wind. This tour includes high altitude locations, which is defined as environments above 2,500 metres above sea level. Please consult a medical professional if you have any concerns or to find out what preventative measures are available. This tour includes return hotel transfers and an English-speaking guide. This tour excludes the cable car fee (approximately $9 USD per person, subject to change).

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar, Quito
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Quito, Ecuador - Australia (or New Zealand)

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

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 20 In-Transit

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

On arrival in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse in historic Lima with a captivating city tour
- Explore Lima's Huaca Pucllana and the UNESCO-listed iconic Plaza de Armas
- Descend into the eerie San Francisco Catacombs in Lima
- Witness the awe-inspiring majesty of the Andes Mountains
- Discover ancient ruins, vibrant markets and breathtaking landscapes in the Sacred Valley
- Behold the mystical allure of Machu Picchu
- Relax in Aguas Calientes, nestled amidst soothing hot springs
- Uncover the rich history and storied capital of the Inca Empire on a tour of Cusco
- Marvel at architectural wonders like the Temple of the Sun and Sacsayhuaman
- Enjoy time at leisure in enchanting Cusco with vibrant markets beckoning exploration
- Discover the Andean gem of Andahuaylillas, hailed as the "Sistine Chapel of the Andes"
- Look for Andean fauna, including wild alpacas and vicunas
- Explore the enchanting Uros floating islands, a testament to indigenous ingenuity
- Cruise across the captivating expanse of Lake Titicaca, marvelling at its grandeur
- Step into traditional life on Taquile Island, learning about the art of Andean weaving

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply. (Excludes Trip Only option)
- One-way internal flight from Lima to Cusco

ACCOMMODATION

- 10 nights of 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- 12 meals included

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Museum and archaeological site entrances (as per itinerary)

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicles
- Round-trip ticket to Aguas Calientes aboard the PeruRail Expedition Train
- Round-trip bus ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only option)



Tour Inclusions

ITINERARY 2: Galapagos Islands Extension

Includes all of Itinerary 1 inclusions, plus the following:

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the highlights of the Galapagos Islands

Search for Galapagos tortoises in the wild

Enjoy a tour of Academy Bay in the Galapagos

Snorkel in Academy Bay amongst sea lions and other wildlife

Look out for sea iguanas on Playa de Los Perros, Santa Cruz

Learn about endemic species at the Charles Darwin Research Station

Enjoy a half-day tour of Isla Lobos

Witness the abundant sea and bird life of the Galapagos Islands

Enjoy a day at leisure in Quito, the capital city of Ecuador

FLIGHTS

One-way internal flight in Peru (economy class) from Puno to Lima

One-way international flight from Lima, Peru to Quito, Ecuador

Two internal flights in Ecuador (economy class) from Quito to Baltra, and San Cristobal Island to Quito

ACCOMMODATION

8 additional nights of 3, 4 and 5-star accommodation

DINING

11 additional meals, including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour leaders and guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Shared boats in between the islands

TRANSFERS

Airport transfers in Ecuador

Important Information

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

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

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 and 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.
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General Terms and Conditions

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

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 29 October 2027
Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.
A Small-Group Tour is defined as a tour with no more than 20 travellers 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: $730
Itinerary 2: $1,800

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

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

Sydney & Auckland: $100 per person
Brisbane & Adelaide: $200 per person
Perth: $400 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(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.

Please note: From Australia or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take 20-35 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability

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and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Internal Flights

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.

Routes

- Lima to Cusco
- Juliaca (Puno) to Lima.
- Quito to Baltra (Itinerary 2 only).
- San Cristobal to Quito (Itinerary 2 only).

Domestic Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person:
- One 23-kilogram of checked baggage.
- One 7-kilogram of carry-on baggage.

Arrive Early and 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

Itinerary 1: Puno, Peru- From $300 per person, subject to availability.
Itinerary 2: Quito, Ecuador - From $300 per person, subject to availability.
Santiago, Chile - From $400 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

This option incurs a fee for adjusting the departure or return dates. This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals and/or airport transfers, which will be at your own cost.
In addition, airport transfers listed as an inclusion on the Travel Offer are considered void in the event that you select an Arrive Early/Stay Behind option. As such, you will need to arrange your own transfers at your cost.
We strongly advise against booking any pre or post-tour travel arrangements/ accommodation until TripADeal confirms your flight details. If you choose to book before confirmation, we recommend opting for refundable reservations or having backup plans in case the tour does not proceed.

Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.

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:
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028
- 1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028
- 1st July 2028 - 23rd July 2028
- 16th September 2028 - 15th October 2028
- 9th December 2028 - 3rd January 2029

Stopover Packages

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

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

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Christmas and New Years Eve - 20 December 2027 to 3 January 2028

Flight Class Upgrades

Business 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.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

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

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

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4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Lima, Peru: Jose Antonio Executive or similar
- Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti or similar
- Puno, Peru: Royal Inka Inn Puno or similar

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Cusco, Peru: Hacienda Cusco Plaza or similar
- Ollantaytambo, Peru: Pakaritampu Hotel or similar

ITINERARY 2: Galapagos Islands Extension

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Quito, Ecuador: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Lima, Peru: Hotel Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Aeropuerto or similar
- Santa Cruz, Galapagos: Hotel La Isla or similar

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- San Cristobal, Galapagos: Arena Blanca 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.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Day 5: Express Inca Trail Trek $700 per person (non-refundable, non-transferable)
Day 7: Cusco Cooking Class $158 per person
Day 8: Folklore Dinner & Show $47 per person
Day 8: Maras & Moray $83 per person
Day 8: Rainbow Mountain Trek $175 per person
Day 18: Pichincha Volcano Cable Car $92 per person (Itinerary 2 Only)

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). Optional tours may be able to be purchased whilst on tour, however this is subject to availability and they are charged at the same or a higher cost, in the local currency or USD.*
- *Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- 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

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- Mandatory city tax
- Galapagos National Park fee $200 USD per person (Itinerary 2 only)
- Ingala TCT card $20 USD per person (Itinerary 2 only)

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Each local guide will advise the best time to provide a tip. Often the guide will pass around an envelope at the end of every day or at the end of each destination/city. This pooled amount will be shared with the guide, driver, and restaurants, etc. You can put into the envelope what you feel is appropriate. The recommended tip is $8 - $10 USD per person per day.
The recommended tip for the Galapagos extension package is $10 - $15 USD per person per day for guides, transportation and restaurants.

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

INGALA TRANSIT CONTROL CARD (GALAPAGOS)

INGALA, the Ecuadorian governmental agency that regulates all things pertaining to the Galapagos Islands issues a “Transit Control Card”. This card is designed to help control immigration to the islands. INGALA has instituted the transit control card to help keep track of who is visiting the islands. Visitors must purchase a Transit Control Card (approx $20 USD per person) from the designated booth in the airport before they board their flight. The card is returned at the end of the trip.

Please note: This fee is subject to change.

NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE FEES (GALAPAGOS)

All tourists visiting the Galapagos Islands must pay an entry tax to visit the archipelago. The amount of this entrance fee depends on the age and nationality of the tourist. Most foreign tourists including Australians over the age of 12 pay $200 USD per person. For some, this entry tax may seem a bit high, but it is important to keep in mind that these fees are helping to protect the wonderful islands. On its website, the Galapagos National Park announces that, "Funds from the entry tax for tourists are used to finance the conservation of biodiversity of flora and fauna, terrestrial and marine, and benefits the local community by improving basic services, education projects, sports, health, environmental sanitation, environmental services and services directly related to tourists.”

Please note: This fee is subject to change, fees are payable in cash upon arrival.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

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

Tour Leader:

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

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

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Lima

Lima is usually described as mild and warm throughout the year without much noteworthy rain, making Lima one of the driest capitals in the world. The average temperatures range from 15°C to 28°C.

Cusco

Cusco, located in the Andes Mountains of Peru, has a highland climate with distinct dry and wet seasons. The city's elevation, approximately 3,400 metres above sea level, contributes to its cooler temperatures.

Dry Season (May to October)

This period is considered winter in Cusco and is characterised by dry and sunny weather. Days are generally clear, and temperatures can range from around 10°C to 20°C. However, nights can be quite chilly, with temperatures dropping to around 0°C.

Wet Season (November to April)

Cusco's wet season coincides with the summer months. During this time, there is a higher chance of rainfall, and the weather can be more unpredictable. Daytime temperatures are still mild, ranging from 12°C to 18°C, but nights are relatively milder compared to the dry season.
It's important to note that due to its high altitude, Cusco's weather can vary significantly throughout the day. Visitors are advised to bring layers, including warm clothing for cooler evenings and mornings,

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as well as sun protection for the strong mountain sun during the day.
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Quito

In Quito, the climate is temperate. Rainfall is common throughout the year, even in the drier months (June to September). The average annual temperature is 14°C. May is the warmest month, the lowest average temperature in the year occurs in June when it is around 13°C.

Santa Cruz (Galapagos)

No time of year is too hot or too cold to enjoy the Galapagos, but the climate is not exactly the same throughout. June through December are considered the cooler months in terms of both the air and water. This is also the time of the dry season, where the highlands of the major islands are kept lush but the beaches and flatlands receive very little rain. Blue skies interrupted by sparse and sporadic afternoon showers are the norm.

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.

Dietary Requests:

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

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

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

Luggage:

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

OTHER

Mobility:

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

Fitness Level Required:

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

Please note: 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.

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 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.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

High Altitude Illness:

Altitude illness occurs when there is a lack

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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.

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).

Wildlife Sighting:

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

Shopping:

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

Visas

Peru

Tourists who hold an Australian passport don't need a visa. 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.

Ecuador (Itinerary 2 Only)

Tourist visas for Ecuador are not required if travelling on an Australian Passport. You can stay in Ecuador for up to 90 days without a visa.

Chile

A tourist visas for Chile is 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.

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.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must 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, 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.

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- *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 https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

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

- Changes - $100 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

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.