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Sacred Valley of the Incas

Day 1 • Cusco Arrival • Salineras de Mara • Moray • Ollantaytambo Inca Ruins

Morning arrival in Cusco 3,400m. Assistance, meet and greet by our English-speaking tour director. After an informative briefing, start your private journey with our driver. To avoid altitude sickness, we descent to the Sacred Valley of the Incas 2,000 meters. On-route to your hotel in Ollantaytambo, we visit the Salineras de Maras salt mines and the fascinating agricultural terraces in Moray. Dominated by two massive Inca ruins, the quaint village of Ollantaytambo 2,792 meters, also called Ollanta (in existence since the 13th Century), is the best surviving example of Inca city planning, with narrow cobblestone streets and amazing aqueducts. Drop off at selected hotel for registration. Explore the ancient Inca village with its spectacular terraced ruins on your own. Entrance fees included.

2-Nights hotel accommodation in Ollantaytambo Village.

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Ollantaytambo Village and Ruins



Day 2 • Pinkullyuna Route (B)

Free day. We recommend hiking on the Pinkullyuna route. Pinkullyuna is the hill with Incan storehouses overlooking the town and facing the main ruins. To get to the path up to these ruins, follow the road closest to the base of the hill (the rightmost one in the town grid when facing Pinkullyuna). You will see a small sign with an arrow pointing to a steep path, which takes you up to a series of ruins and storehouses. Admission is free, and from here, you can see some of the most spectacular vistas of the impressive Ollantaytambo ruins and town and the

Urubamba Valley. It is a lovely hike and can be done in just two hours. Some parts of the various path can be a little harrowing; especially the less oft used side paths (all of these also lead to ruins that are less apparent). Go with a friend or at least make sure you let your hosts at the hostel know where you have gone in case something should happen. The ruins are open from 07:00h to 16:30h.

Optional fully guided tours available (not included): Hiking trips, mountain biking, horse-back-riding and/or ATV tours through the spectacular Valley of the Incas. You can also explore lesser-known parts of the famous Inca Trail in the ancient land of the Yachaqs people. Our onsite tour director can assist you with your optional bookings, with guides, with transportation and helpful tips.

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Machu Picchu Sanctuary

Day 3 • Ollantaytambo • Santa Teresa • Trekking to Machu Picchu • Aguas Calientes (B)

Store your luggage at the hotel and bring a small bag pack for the trek. 08:00 after breakfast, walk to the nearby main square. Transportation by shuttle bus to the Santa Teresa railway station. Washroom and restaurant facilities available onsite. Start your easy (flat) trek through the jungle towards Machu Picchu. This three-hour hike follows the railway tracks to Aguas Calientes. Find your selected hotel or hostel in town upon arrival. There you will receive the Machu Picchu and the Huayna Picchu pass during check-in. From Aguas Calientes find the trail following a stone stepped pathway that leads to the famous citadel of Machu Picchu. The trek takes about 90-minutes. Explore the sanctuary on your own or hire one of the local guides available at the gate. 17:00 Return to Aguas Calientes. Trekking down from Machu Picchu is more relaxing. Bring headlights! 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Machu Picchu Pueblo.

Day 4 • Huayna Picchu Mountain • Temple of the Moon • Intipunku (B)

After breakfast, take the shuttle bus to the Machu Picchu entrance and from there access the trailhead to Huayna Picchu. Shuttle bus (up) and entrance fee included. A steep and, at times, exposed pathway leads to the summit. Some portions are slippery and steel cables provide some support during the one-hour climb. The ascent is more challenging between November and April, because the path up the mountain becomes slippery in the rainy season. There are two trails in varying length that visitors can take to hike to the summit. The shorter trail takes approximately 45–60 minutes to reach the top, which the longer trail takes approximately 3-hours to the summit. From the summit, a second trail leads down to the Gran Caverna also known as the Temple of the Moon. These natural caves, on the northern face of

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Saqsayhuamán Fortress, Cusco



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The mountain, are lower than the starting point of the trail. The return path from the caves completes a loop around the mountain where it rejoins the main trail.

Another interesting route for your consideration today, is the Inka Trail to Intipunku (The Sun Gate). This moderate hike takes about two-hours round trip. With a clear sky, you can see the Amazon rainforest from the lookout. Hike back to Aguas Calientes in the afternoon. Optional bus (down) USD 15.

Day 5 • Aguas Calientes • Saqsaywamán Ruins • Cusco (B)

After breakfast, walk with a hotel staff to the nearby train station. 08:30 departure on the Inca Rail to Ollantaytambo. 10:00 Assistance, meet and greet by your personal driver. Pickup your stored luggage from the hotel in Ollantaytambo. Private transportation towards Cusco. On-route to your selected hotel, explore the three ruins in Saqsaywamán on your own. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel for registration. 1-Night hotel accommodation in Cusco.

Day 6 • Cusco Departure (B)

Free day. Optional private guided half-day city tour of Imperial and Colonial Cusco USD 45 (not included). At coordinated time, pickup from your hotel lobby for a private transfer to the Cusco Airport.

Machu Picchu Self-Guided Trekking Tour in 6 Days. Package Includes

Private tour with daily departures • 5-Nights hotel accommodation as per program • Assistance, meet and greet as per program • Private transportation as per program • Shuttle bus from Ollantaytambo to Santa Teresa • Shuttle bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu one-way on day 4 • (B) 5 Breakfasts • Inca Rail Train from Machu from Picchu to Ollantaytambo • Admissions as per program and taxes • Local English-speaking assistance in Peru.

Optional Domestic Flights (not included) www.latam.com

Lima (LIM)-Cusco (CUZ) • Latam Airlines 2047 • 09:35-10:59

Cusco (CUZ)-Lima (LIM) • Latam Airlines 2034 • 14:49-17:15

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Cusco City

Valid from June 4, 2020 to December 20, 2021. Hotels are subject to availability at time of booking. Not valid during trade shows, major holidays and/or other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

Category Tourist Class and Superior Tourist Class Hotels (Room Type)

2-Nights Ollantaytambo • **El Albergue Ollantaytambo** (Standard) www.elalbergue.com

2-Nights Machu Picchu Pueblo • **Retama Inn Machu Picchu** (Standard) www.retamamachupicchu.com

1-Night Cusco • **Xima Cusco Hotel** (Standard) www.ximahotels.com

Category First Class and Deluxe Hotels (Room Type)

2-Nights Ollantaytambo • **Hotel Pakaritampu** (Superior) www.pakaritampu.com.pe

2-Nights Machu Picchu Pueblo • **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo** (Superior Deluxe) www.inkaterra.com

1-Night Cusco • **Aranwna Cusco Hotel** (Classic) www.aranwahotels.com

Not Included

International and domestic flights. Optional meals and optional guide services.

Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides USD \$5 pp/day and drivers USD \$2.50 pp/day.

Prices in CAD and/or USD available upon request. Terms and conditions apply as per our website.

Group quotations upon request. Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request.

Optional: Design your trip your way.

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