

# Peru

# **Private Classic Peru: Lima and Cusco**

Lima - Sacred Valle - Machu Picchu - Cusco

# **BEST SEASON**

# PRICE

# **HOW LONG**

April to Mid-December

From US \$3,675 pp excluding local flights 7 Days / 6 Nights



# ITINERARY OVERVIEW

This captivating 7-day journey through the cultural essence of Peru commences in Lima and culminates in Cusco. Discover Lima's historical treasures and landmarks, including Plaza San Martin, Pallas, Larco Museum, and the vibrant Barranco district. In the Sacred Valley, delve into the allure of Chinchero Village, Maras Saltpans, and Moray Terraces. Experience the enchantment of Machu Picchu, an epitome of Inca architecture, where you'll explore monumental walls, terraces, and breathtaking natural vistas, all while indulging in luxurious accommodation.

# **Quick Summary**

| Day &           | Transportation, Highlights and                             | Meals |  |
|-----------------|--|-------|--|
| Location        | Accommodations   |       |  |
| Day 1           | Arrival transfer to your hotel                             |       |  |
| Lima            | OV: Belmond Miraflores Park                                |       |  |
| Day 2           | Full day Lima city tour                                    | BL    |  |
| Lima            | OV: Belmond Miraflores Park                                |       |  |
| Day 3           | Transfer to Lima Airport                                   | BL    |  |
| Lima – Cusco    | Flight to Cusco (not included)                             |       |  |
| Sacred Valley   | Transfer to Hotel via Inkariy Museum                       |       |  |
|                 | OV: Tambo del Inka a Luxury Collection                     |       |  |
| Day 4           | Private Full day Chinchero Village, Maras Saltpans & Moray | BL    |  |
| Aguas Calientes | Terraces Train to Aguas Calientes                          |       |  |
|                 | OV: Sumaq Hotel  |       |  |
| Day 5           | Private visit to Machu Picchu                              | BL    |  |
| Machu Picchu    | Train to Ollantaytambo at Urubamba Valley                  |       |  |
|                 | OV: Belmond Monasterio Hotel                               |       |  |
| Day 6           | Private Half-day Cusco City tour & Sacsayhuaman <b>OV:</b> | В     |  |
| Cusco           | Belmond Monasterio Hotel                                   |       |  |
| Day 7           | Transfer to Cusco  | В     |  |
| Cusco – Lima    | Flight to Lima (not included)                              |       |  |

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner OV: Overnight

# **ITINERARY IN DETAIL**



## Day 1 | Arrival to Lima, Peru

Upon your arrival at Lima International Airport, a private driver and our representative will be waiting to welcome you. They will assist you with your transfer to the hotel, facilitating the check-in process. Overnight at Hotel B.



#### Day 2 | Full Day Lima City Tour

Embark on a full-day guided sightseeing tour to the most attractive and important sites in Lima, the "City of Kings". Visit Lima's Historical Centre, passing by Plaza San Martin, Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral, and its Religious Art Museum (closed on Sunday and Saturday pm; Santo Domingo Convent is provided instead on these days) as well as

San Francisco Monastery and its famous underground crypts known as the Catacombs. We continue through the residential Districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by the Huaca Pucllana, a Ceremonial and Administrative Centre of the Lima Culture built in the II Century AC that the Incas considered as "Ñaupallaqta" or Sacred Town. Also, we visit the Central Park of Miraflores and El Parque del Amor, or Peruvian Love Park. Then it is time to visit a quieter side of Lima, the district of Barranco (Spanish word for cliff), the heart of the bohemian history of the city. Towards the end of the 19th Century, it became the favorite hangout of poets, writers, painters, and sculptors, inspired by the coastal scenery. The most emblematic symbol of this neighborhood is its wooden Puente de los Suspiros or "Bridge of Sighs". Cajamarca is one of the most picturesque and colorful streets. Number 212 hosts Las Pallas, a renowned repository of Peruvian handicrafts where we can admire and/or buy a great variety of artisan goods such as tapestries and ceramics. Our visit continues with a stop at Larco Herrera Museum, for an excellent overview of Peru's ancient past as it holds the country's best private collection of pre-Columbian art. Lunch is served at the Museum. We have the chance to tour this old Hacienda House in the Pueblo Libre district, which was built upon a pre-Incan sacred site (Huaca), housing the private collection of a great Peruvian scholar: Don Rafael Larco Hoyle. The museum chronologically exhibits hundreds of ceramics, textiles, metal and precious stone pieces and inside you will find the vault which safeguards precious pieces of gold and silver with semi-precious stones. After the tour we are transferred to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel B.



# Park.Day 3 | Lima-Cusco-Sacred Valley, Visit the Inkaryi Museum

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you in the hotel lobby and transfer you to the Lima Airport to board your flight to Cusco. He will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities. You will be picked up from Cusco airport at the agreed time and transferred to your hotel. On the way there, stop to visit Inkariy Museum, an initiative

from a group of artists whose goal was to protect and increase the value of Peruvian history with an emphasis on the human factor of the pre-Columbian societies. Inkariy Museum gives travelers an overview of Peruvian culture before the arrival of the Inka Empire in a chronological exposition that will take them through the ancient civilizations of Caral, Chavín, Paracas, and Moche, among others. Overnight at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection.



#### Day 4 | Sacred Valley, Chinchero Village, Maras Saltpans & Moray Terraces

Today set off in the direction of the Sacred Valley to the town of Chinchero, an authentic Andean village with lots of character, where we find the colonial church that houses a large collection of paintings from the Cusqueñan School of Art. Next, continue the journey to the Maras Saltplan and its seemingly never-ending

terraces, where salt extracted from springs is stored. Although these waters have been used for centuries, even before the time of the Incas, Maras was founded by the Spanish in 1556. It supplied salt to the southern highlands during the viceroyalty, making it a rather important town. It is impressive to see the variety of colors created by the reflection of the sun's rays in this field of salt deposits and to learn about the Inca's striking ability to generate resources. Then, prepare to admire the Moray terraces. Moray was thought to be used for plant adaptation to new climatic environments thanks to its circular terraces in immense coneshaped depressions resembling giant fingerprints. These terraces created a series of microclimates at the different heights of the terraces, which enabled the Incas to experimentally improve a great variety of crops. Today, it is evidence of the high level of agricultural knowledge they reached. Lunch Buffet is at UNU, known for its modern Andean cuisine. Overnight at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection.



#### Day 5 | Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary

In the early morning, transfer to the train station for a scenic journey to the renowned Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu—a remarkable mountaintop city once abandoned by the Inca Empire, later reclaimed by the jungle, and hidden from the world until its rediscovery in 1911. Upon arrival to the Aguas Calientes town, we board the bus that will take us on a 20-minute ride up to the citadel of Machu Picchu (3,400masl/11,15ft), or the Lost City of the Incas. With your private local guide, take your time exploring the Citadel—one of the most impressive

architectural achievements of the Inca Empire. Marvel at the massive stone walls, terraces, and ramps that seem seamlessly carved from the surrounding rock formations. Enjoy an à la carte lunch at the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel. In the afternoon, board the train back to Ollantaytambo, where our representative and driver will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. Overnight at Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection.



# Day 6 | Cusco, Half-day Cusco City Tour & Sacsayhuaman

A guided sightseeing tour of Cusco, the Imperial City and archaeological capital of South America, where we will be able to admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture. Visit the city's most important historical monuments that reveal the influence of different cultures: The Main Square, the Cathedral, and the Santo Domingo church built upon the foundations of the Inca temple Koricancha, dedicated to worshiping

the Sun God. We continue to Cusco City's main surrounding ruins, the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, a ceremonial compound and magnificent example of Inca military power that boasts

a panoramic view of the city. After the tour we return to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure for activities on your own. Overnight at Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection.



#### Day 7 | Cusco-Lima for Departure

At the appropriate time, our representative will meet you in the hotel lobby and transfer you to Cusco Airport to board your flight back to Lima. He will assist you with check-in procedures and all departure formalities. Once at the Lima International Airport connect with your flight back home.

#### COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIREMENT PREVIOUS TO RECONFIRMATION OF SERVICES

Following a government requirement related to money laundering, the Peruvian State requires Tourism Operators to obtain and keep in file a copy of the passport of foreign passengers to Peru. Accordingly, Green Planet Expeditions' sales executives need to receive a copy of the main page of the passport of each guest before travel services are reconfirmed. These copies and the information contained in them will be handled with absolute safety and will not be used for any other purpose. We greatly appreciate your collaboration and understanding. On the train journey to Machu Picchu, you will be limited to one piece of luggage weighing no more than 11 pounds and a total linear dimension (length + width + height) of 62 inches. You may keep excess luggage at your hotel in Cusco city.

#### Pricing

| 2025                               | Per person Sharing Double<br>Occupancy | Children (varies according to age) |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Premium Version *5-star<br>hotels* | \$5,275                                | Inquire                            |
| Regular Version *4-star<br>hotels* | \$3,675                                | Inquire                            |

This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary according to availability at the time of booking.

4-star hotels include: Pullman Miraflores, Lima – Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel, Sacred Valley – Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel, Cusco.

#### Included

- All guided tours and excursions as specified.
- All entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the above itinerary
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Hotel accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Roundtrip train ticket to Machu Picchu via Vistadome or 360° train per person
- Entrance ticket to Machu Picchu per person
- Bus ticket to and from the Machu Picchu ruins per person
- Permanent assistance during the trip
- Green Planet Expeditions travel consultation and pre-departure services

#### Not included

- International and domestic airfares
- Items (meals, etc) not described in the itinerary
- Drinks, additional alcoholic beverages, and meals other than those listed above
- Details will be provided in our pre-departure material for your convenience.
- Early check-in, late check-out, services, and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Mandatory Travel Insurance: To ensure a smooth travel experience, all participants are required to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This policy should include trip cancellation, medical services, and coverage for active adventures or evacuations. "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) coverage is highly recommended to protect your investment in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any other items not mentioned above



# ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Hotel B, Lima

Hotel B is a charming boutique hotel located in the heart of Lima, Peru. As Lima's only Relais & Châteaux hotel, this restored Belle Époque mansion was first built in 1914 as a summer home for a wealthy Limeño family. The hotel offers a blend of modern comfort and traditional Peruvian charm, with spacious and stylishly appointed rooms featuring comfortable beds, private bathrooms, and air conditioning. Guests can enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet each morning, featuring a variety of local and international dishes. The hotel also

offers free Wi-Fi throughout the property, allowing guests to stay connected during their stay. Bar, restaurant, room service, 24-hour front desk service, and luggage storage are other amenities available. This hotel is the perfect base for exploring the vibrant city of Lima, with its many attractions and cultural experiences just a short walk away.



#### Tambo de Inka, a Luxury Collection, Sacred Valley

Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa offers a luxurious retreat nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Sacred Valley. Each room is equipped with modern amenities, including comfortable bedding, a private bathroom with shower, a flat-screen TV, an in-room safe, a minibar, and free high-speed Wi-Fi. Other amenities that might enhance your experience include an outdoor swimming pool, a spa with a variety of treatments, a fitness center, a restaurant serving Peruvian cuisine, a bar, an on-site gift shop, and concierge services. With its stunning

location, luxurious accommodations, and comprehensive amenities, Tambo del Inka offers amazing experiences in the heart of the Sacred Valley.



#### Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel

Located in the heart of Cusco, just steps from the Koricancha Temple, Palacio del Inka offers a unique blend of history, luxury, and modern comfort. Housed in a 500-year-old mansion, this iconic hotel immerses guests in the rich heritage of the Incan Empire while providing world-class amenities. The elegantly appointed rooms and suites feature traditional Andean décor, complemented by modern touches such as high-

speed Wi-Fi and luxury bedding. Guests can indulge in Peruvian and international cuisine at the on-site Inti Raymi restaurant or rejuvenate at the Andes Spirit Spa, offering treatments inspired by ancient Incan rituals. With its central location, Palacio del Inka is the perfect base for exploring Cusco's cultural and historical attractions, including the nearby Plaza de Armas and the San Blas district. The hotel also features a fitness center, concierge services, and curated cultural experiences, ensuring a lovely stay in one of South America's most fascinating cities.After a day of adventure, unwind with a soothing massage at the hotel. Upon arrival, guests are greeted with a refreshing welcome of fresh fruit and coca tea.

## **Booking your Green Planet Expedition**

### How to reserve a trip

To secure your spot on a trip, you can conveniently book online using our <u>Reserve a Trip form</u> or by calling **1-800-430-9498**. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of the reservation form and the initial 50% trip deposit.

Please note that we are unable to hold space until the deposit is received. If the requested space is unavailable, we will promptly provide alternative options for your consideration (if an upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply).

## Pre departure service

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will email you a comprehensive Predeparture Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions, and more. You will receive a final trip email including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks before departure.

## **Terms and Conditions**

Green Planet Expeditions has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels, and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary; however, it is possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays, and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All

optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included.

Caring for our planet is integral to our ethos. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, a carbon emissions mitigation fee is incorporated into all our trips. This fee contributes to environmental initiatives that offset the carbon footprint associated with our journeys, ensuring a positive impact on the destinations we explore. Your safety and peace of mind during the journey is our top priorities. The purchase of traveler's insurance is mandatory for all participants, and it must cover trip delays, trip cancellations, baggage, accident, or sickness. In some specific cases like Antarctica, it must cover evacuation.

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At Green Planet Expeditions, we craft strategically curated journeys that immerse travelers in the finest of nature, culture, and local traditions, always seeking out opportunities for exceptional dining experiences. Our expertise lies in tailor-made trips to destinations where we maintain close relationships with local partners, ensuring flawless execution with the assistance of passionate guides deeply connected to their heritage and committed to its preservation.

We believe that tourism, when harnessed thoughtfully, becomes a powerful catalyst for conservation and community upliftment in the destinations we visit.

## As with any good recipe, our trips are infused with the following flavors:

- Positive impact on the areas you choose to visit, directly or indirectly.
- Amazing private local guides.
- Lovely small boutique hotels according to your budget.
- Good food, no matter how remote the destination is, we strive to offer good cuisine.
- Our trips frequently include surprises, which often turn out to be the highlight of the journey.
- When open to it, visits to less-known destinations, reserved for the daring few, and engages in intimate and meaningful encounters with locals—a cherished treasure highly valued by discerning travelers, as we have discovered through our years of experience in the industry.

## Still haven't found what you're looking for?

We offer a wide range of amazing trips that may not all be listed on our website. Plus, we can custom-build pretty much whatever your heart desires, so let us know what we can do for you. If you have any questions about our expedition cruises, private trips, or just want to talk travel, give us a call at + 1 800- 430 9498 or contact us via email at travel@greenplanetexpeditions.com