



Machu Picchu & The Amazon

Amazon – Andes & Machu Picchu Adventure
Customized Tour - 11 Nights / 12 Days
Small Group 16 - 20 Guests
July 29th – August 9th, 2026

A Special Travel Customized Tour Highlights

Discover the soul of Peru on this immersive 12-day journey that connects the country's most iconic landscapes and cultural treasures. Your adventure begins in the vibrant capital of Lima before flying deep into the Amazon rainforest, where you'll spend three nights at the exclusive Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica. Here, you'll explore lush trails, glide through jungle waterways, and experience the extraordinary biodiversity of the Peruvian Amazon, a perfect introduction to the country's natural wonders.

From the rainforest, you'll soar into the Andes to uncover the rich legacy of the Inca Empire. After acclimating in Cusco, you'll visit ancient ruins and traditional Andean villages in the Sacred Valley, then board the Vista Dome train to Aguas Calientes. A highlight of the trip awaits with a guided tour of majestic Machu Picchu, followed by the optional hike to Huayna Picchu. You'll also have time to explore at your own pace and enjoy the charming town nestled at the foot of the ruins.

Your journey concludes in the high plains of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, where centuries-old traditions endure. A luxury train ride from Cusco to Puno offers a scenic transition through dramatic Andean landscapes. In Puno, you'll experience the cultural richness of the lake's floating islands before returning to Lima. With the perfect balance of nature, culture, and history, this itinerary offers a complete and unforgettable experience of Peru — from its mystical jungles to its sacred mountaintops.

Best time to visit Peru:
Peak Season: April through November.



Double occupancy | CAD
Single Supplement: Add \$935
Domestic flights in Peru Included
International Flights Not Included



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1, July 29th, 2026: Welcome to Lima, Peru

From the moment we arrive in Lima, our exclusive representative will greet us at the airport and take us by private transport to our hotel. Then we will have all day to relax and enjoy the beauty of Lima and its surroundings.

Overnight: El Tambo Hotel or similar, Standard Room



Day 2, July 30th, 2026: Lima to Cusco

Check out of the hotel after breakfast. You are transferred to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Welcome to Cusco, at an elevation of 11,440 feet.

After baggage collection, walk to the arrival hall where you are welcomed by your English-speaking representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax and begin acclimatizing to the city's altitude, located at 3,400 meters (11,155 feet) above sea level.

We recommend taking it easy during the first hours, enjoying a light walk around the historic center, or simply resting at the hotel. This will help your body gradually adjust to the elevation and ensure you feel comfortable for the days ahead.

Overnight at Terra Andina Cusco Hotel or similar, Classic Rooms

Included meals: Breakfast

Day 3, July 31st, 2026: Cusco: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Embark on an exhilarating full-day adventure to the breathtaking Vinicunca Rainbow Mountain, one of Peru's most iconic natural wonders. Located in the Andes at an altitude of over 5,000 meters (16,400 feet), this unique destination is renowned for its vibrant, multicolored mineral layers that create a stunning rainbow-like effect.

Your journey begins with an early morning departure from Cusco, passing through charming villages and scenic landscapes of snow-capped peaks and lush valleys. Upon arrival at the trailhead, you'll begin a moderate hike through spectacular high-altitude terrain. Along the way, encounter herds of alpacas and llamas, and marvel at the panoramic views of the towering Ausangate Mountain, a sacred peak in Andean culture.

Reaching the summit of Rainbow Mountain is a rewarding experience, offering awe-inspiring views of this natural masterpiece and the surrounding landscapes. After taking in the scenery and capturing memorable photos, you will return to Cusco.

This full-day tour is an unforgettable opportunity to witness the incredible beauty of Peru's highlands and connect with the majesty of the Andes.



Overnight at Terra Andina Cusco Hotel or similar, Classic Rooms

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Please Note:

Due to the limited luggage restriction on the trains pack light and the rest of the luggage will be stored at the hotel in Cusco.

POLICY OF LUGGAGE ON BOARD THE TRAIN:

01 BAG, no more of 5kg/11lb or 62 inches/157cm (length, width, and height)

Hand luggage permitted.

Each passenger can carry 1 bag weighing 5 kilos/11 pounds. 62 inches/157cm (length, width, and height)

Day 4, August 1st, 2026: Cusco / Machu Picchu

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and you are transferred to the train station to board the Vistadome Train traveling through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu often dubbed the "Lost City" of the Incas.

On arrival at Aguas Calientes, with our representative walk to the hotel and store your overnight luggage.

With your guide walk to the shuttle bus station and board a 25minute bus that makes an awe-inspiring ascent to the ancient citadel to explore the temples, altars and more than 200 buildings.

Enter the gates of the ruins and start your guided tour.



The Incas hid Machu Picchu so high in the clouds that it escaped destruction by the empire-raiding Spaniards, who never found it. It is no longer lost, of course, but Machu Picchu retains its perhaps unequaled aura of mystery and magic. Although no longer overgrown with brush, as it was when it was rediscovered in 1911, from below it is still totally hidden from view. The majestic setting the Incas chose for it remains unchanged.

The ruins are nestled in the brooding Andes Mountains which are frequently swathed in mist. When the early morning sun rises over the peaks and methodically illuminates the ruins row by row of granite stones, Machu



Picchu leaves visitors as awestruck as ever. There are many theories about Machu Picchu, but one thing is for sure - it is one of the most impressive sites ever. Hiram Bingham, the man who discovered Machu Picchu in 1911, began his activities as an explorer, traveling from Caracas to Bogota on horseback, following Simon Bolivar's trail. He also followed the old colonial trade route from Buenos Aires to Lima, arriving in the Andean area in 1909. It was in this same year that he started his first exploration from Abancay towards

Choquekirau, trying to find the last Incan capital city. By that time, many theories were circulating about the possibility of finding the 'Inca Treasure' that according to myth had been taken by Manco Inca during his retreat to Wilkapampa. ('Wilka' means 'sacred' and 'pampa' means 'plain'). Back in Cuzco, Albert Giesecke a compatriot of Bingham's, put him in touch with a local landlord who told Bingham that on the hill in front of his property were ancient constructions covered by vegetation where the cattle frequently got lost, and he introduced Bingham to Eduardo Lizarraga, a farmland renter living in the area since the 1870's, who had seen the buildings. On July 23, 1911, Bingham found a peasant named Melchor Arteagam who told Bingham about the existence of two Incan sites named 'Machu Picchu' and 'Waynapicchu'. He was hired by Bingham to be his guide. The next day after examining the field they decided to climb up the west face of the mountain. During the afternoon they arrived at another hut where they found Anacleto Alvarez and Toribio Recharte, two humble peasants who, along with their families, lived in the area and grew crops on the pre-Hispanic farming terraces. After a short break, a young boy took Bingham to have his first look at the Incan buildings which were completely covered with entangled vegetation. This was how Bingham, at 35 years of age, stumbled onto Machu Picchu – a fortuitous happening that turned out to be a great discovery.

After the tour exit and descend by bus to Machu Picchu Pueblo town then walk to your hotel.

Overnight at Hatun Inti Hotel or similar. Included meals: Breakfast

Day 5, August 2nd, 2026: Machu Picchu / Cusco

After an early breakfast, check out and store your luggage. Meet your guide in the hotel's lobby, then walk to the shuttle bus stop to ascend the mountain. Enter the gates of the ruins and start our visit to the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu following route 3.

This route offers a unique opportunity to explore the most ceremonial and royal sector of Machu Picchu. Unlike the mountain hikes, Circuit 3 focuses on the lower section of the citadel, where temples, residences, and finely built enclosures reveal the sophistication of Inca architecture and spirituality.



Highlights include the Temple of the Sun, the House of the Inca, the Sacred Rock, the Temple of the Condor, and extensive agricultural terraces. The circuit also provides a postcard-perfect view of Machu Picchu from the agricultural zone, ideal for photography and contemplation.

With an estimated duration of around 2 hours and 30 minutes, this experience is accessible for travelers of all ages. It is an excellent choice for those seeking a more relaxed yet culturally rich visit, walking in the footsteps of Inca nobility and appreciating the citadel at a gentler pace.

After this awesome visit, passengers will continue hiking to Huayna Picchu.

The Huayna Picchu hike is one of the most thrilling and scenic experiences in Machu Picchu. This steep and adventurous trail takes you to the summit of the iconic mountain that towers over the Inca citadel, offering breathtaking panoramic views.

The hike takes approximately 2 to 2.5 hours round-trip, depending on your pace. It involves steep, narrow stone steps and sections with handrails to assist climbers. While challenging, it is manageable for those with a moderate level of fitness.

Along the way, you'll encounter Inca ruins, stunning viewpoints, and the famous "Stairs of Death", a steep stone staircase leading to the top. Once at the summit, you'll be rewarded with unparalleled views of Machu Picchu, the Urubamba River, and the surrounding cloud forest.

Due to its popularity, permits for Huayna Picchu are limited and must be booked in advance. If you're looking for a unique and adventurous perspective of Machu Picchu, this hike is a must!

After exploring the ruins, walk back to the bus stop and descend to Machu Picchu Pueblo town then walk to your hotel.



Pick up your luggage and walk to the train station then board the Vistadome Observatory train to Cusco. An exclusive atmosphere that surrounds you with the magical landscape thanks to its panoramic windows and the Observatory Car, living an unforgettable journey and enjoying our authentic culture through the music and the typical Saqra dance presentation.

Along the route, passengers will be able to move between the panoramic car and the elegant observatory car, enjoying the experience on board.

On arrival at the station, you are met then transferred to the hotel in Cusco to check-in.

Overnight at Terra Andina Cusco Hotel or similar, Classic Rooms
Included meals: Breakfast

Day 6, August 3rd: Lima / Puerto Maldonado / Reserva Amazónica

Explore the Amazon!



Check out of the hotel after breakfast. You are transferred to the airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at Puerto Maldonado, coined the Capital of Biodiversity. The motorized wooden boat hugs the meandering riverbanks to reach your eco-lodge, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, ensconced in the heart of the rainforest. After a short briefing, settle into your palm-thatched cabaña set within Peru's first ever private ecological reserve, established by Inkaterra in 1975 to protect this sensitive environment. After lunch, retreat to your rustic-luxury cabin for a nap or a swing in your hammock before choosing from the wide range of à la carte guided excursions with your expert Inkaterra explorer guide.

In the afternoon, we meet our highly experienced jungle guide and choose from the various excursions available at the lodge. You can head off on a guided walk along the rainforest trail system to explore the Amazon Basin, passing by incredible trees such as the shihuahuaco and the strangler fig, observing huge numbers of colorful birds and exotic insects.

Later, you can go on the Twilight River excursion, a guided boat ride on the Madre de Dios River. During the excursion, you can see the incredible change in the jungle as the sun sets, and the nocturnal world comes alive. After dark, we can look for nightjars, owls, capybaras, and large caimans. Returning to the lodge, you can then enjoy a delicious dinner in the main dining room. Afterwards, relax in your cabaña or head out into the grounds to experience more of the rainforest and the cacophony of the magnificent jungle sounds at night.

Services Included:

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Tour Guide: Local Tour Guide: English/Spanish

Excursion: Arrival and Reserva Amazonica Nocturnal Hike

Lodge: Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica or similar. Accommodation, Superior

Day 7, August 4th, 2026: Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica

The sunlight squeezes through the dense trees as jungle inhabitants awake from their slumber. Optionally join them in the early hours, with buffet breakfast served from 05:00. Visit Lake Sandoval this morning, a glassy, ox-bow lake located inside the protected Tambopata National Reserve. Reached via a sun-dappled jungle trail, Inkaterra explorer guides enjoy regaling visitors with their tales of unexpected encounters with poison frogs and camouflaged creatures. Board a dug-out wooden canoe to quietly paddle through mangroves and glide onto Lake Sandoval, flanked by picture-perfect palms. This serene lake is home to thousands of species of birds, the endangered giant river otter, red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Return to Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica in time for lunch.



In the afternoon, we recommend climbing the exhilarating Inkaterra Canopy Walkway and navigating the Anaconda Walk. The Inkaterra Canopy Walkway is a sophisticated and safe 344 meters (1,135 feet) network of seven ecologically constructed hanging suspension bridges, strung between eight treetop observation platforms



above the forest floor. This is an unforgettable opportunity to observe the rainforest from the rooftop and gain a sense of its colossal size. Ascend the first vertiginous tower 38 metres (124 feet) above ground, keeping an eye out for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth. It's possible to extend your elevated amble with sunset drinks from atop a tower – or spend a once-in-a-lifetime night in a specially-designed treehouse cabin with surprising creature comforts (additional cost applies).

After descending, enjoy a 30-minute Anaconda Walk that follows a 200-meter (656 feet) raised wooden platform over the atmospheric flooded aguajales swamp. In this lush ecosystem you may observe various species of amphibians, birds, mammals, abundant flora and interesting trees – there is even a chance you might spot snakes. Back at the lodge, you can opt to enjoy a daily nature presentation in the Eco Centre or book yourself an indulgent spa treatment. À la carte dinner is served from 19:00.

Overnight at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica or similar, Superior

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 8, August 5th, 2026: **Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica**

Journey 25 minutes by boat to Gamitana Farm and Creek to unearth more of the mysteries of the rainforest. The Amazon is an almost endless source of exotic fruits and vegetables, many with healing properties that support local communities living in the remote jungle.

At Gamitana model farm, engulfed by the sounds and scents of the Amazon, you will get to see how a variety of produce is grown by local farmers and sample some seasonal forest fruits. Follow a dense jungle trail under the virescent canopy to reach Gamitana Creek.

This winding, dark water creek is home to abundant flora and fauna, with many piranhas, caiman, turtles and birds hiding in its murky waters and riverbanks. Return to Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica for lunch. Head 35-minutes upriver to Inkaterra's sister lodge Hacienda Concepcion, built on an old cocoa and rubber plantation. This site formerly functioned as a medical centre, set up by Catholic missionaries in the 1950s, as well as a centre for ecological research. With



over 200 different plant species found here, see why the rainforest is often considered the world's largest pharmacy and learn about their uses and benefits up-close in this natural classroom. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing 30-minute canoe trip to look for turtles, sun grebes, nightjars and exotic herons before returning to your lodge.

Under the cover of darkness, venture out for two hours for the Rainforest by Night excursion through Inkaterra's ecological reserve. Armed with flashlights, duck under tree boughs as your senses heighten to the movements in the undergrowth and nocturnal forest sounds that appear in different directions around you. With your expert Explorer guide, encounter animal activity and spot species that only emerge with the veil of nightfall.

Overnight at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica or similar, Superior

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9, August 6th, 2026: **Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica / Puerto Maldonado / Cusco**

With a staggering roster of wildlife found in and around Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica – 540 bird species have been inventoried in the grounds of the lodge - enjoy your last morning in this unspoilt natural wonderland as parakeets chatter away in the trees and capybara mammals scurry between vibrant orchid-rich gardens. Check-out is at 10:00. Embark your ready-waiting boat for the 45-minute return trip along the snaking Madre de Dios River. You will make a short visit to a Butterfly House before reaching the airport. Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, with 3,700 known species. Many of these can be seen at the Butterfly House, which serves to showcase the variety, beauty and adaptability of these fascinating insects.

You will take your flight to the city of Cusco.

After baggage collection, walk to the arrival hall where you are welcomed by your English-speaking representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight at Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel or similar, Standard Room

Included meals: Breakfast



Day 10, August 7th: Cusco / Puno

Check out of the hotel after breakfast.

Today, experience one of South America's most unforgettable experience of crossing the Peruvian Andes to Cusco. Enjoy unrivaled service aboard this beautiful train, dining in 1920s-style Pullman carriages and absorbing breathtaking landscapes. The open-air Observation Car is a dream for photographers keen to capture the quintessential panoramas. The route is considered by many travel magazines to be one of the most beautiful in the world.

(Departures: Every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday).



Start of the Experience at Wanchaq Station: Begin your adventure at the historic Wanchaq station. Our team will be ready to assist you through the boarding process as you prepare for an unforgettable journey across the Andes.

Welcome Show in the Bar Car Observatory: Enjoy a complimentary drink in the elegant bar car while immersing yourself in Peruvian culture with live music and a presentation of three traditional dances from Cusco.

Exclusive Baby Alpaca Fashion Show: Be enchanted by an exclusive fashion show featuring elegant baby alpaca garments that blend tradition and style on a runway inspired by Andean heritage.

Stop at La Raya Village: Take a brief pause at La Raya, the highest point on the route, where you can enjoy panoramic views. Local artisans will be present, offering traditional crafts that provide an opportunity to take home a unique memory of this picturesque Andean village.

Gourmet Onboard Lunch: Savour a delicious three-course gourmet lunch made with local ingredients and carefully presented to provide a first-class culinary experience as you journey through the Andean landscapes.

Learn to Make Pisco Sour: Immerse yourself in Peruvian culture with an interactive class where you'll learn to craft the iconic Pisco Sour under the guidance of our expert bartenders.

Live Music and Regional Dances: Continue your cultural immersion with a vibrant performance of three traditional dances from the Puno region, accompanied by live music that captures the essence of the Peruvian highlands.

Brief Stop at Juliaca Station: Make a brief stop in Juliaca, a city renowned for its bustling local commerce. This is a chance to observe daily life in this vibrant region.

Afternoon Tea: Unwind and enjoy a refined afternoon tea with a selection of pastries and sweet treats as you prepare for the final stage of your journey towards Puno.

Arrival Puno Station: Your adventure concludes at Puno station, located less than 10 minutes from Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world.

Farewell: Before parting, the entire crew will gather to thank you for joining us on this extraordinary journey. We bid you farewell with the hope that this experience will be an unforgettable memory of your visit to Peru.

You are transferred from the train station to the hotel.

Overnight at Jose Antonio Puno Hotel or similar, Standard Room
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



Day 11, August 8th, 2026: Puno / Lake Titicaca

Breakfast at the hotel.

Lake Titicaca, at 14,000 ft. above sea level, is the world's highest navigable lake, and South America's largest. This morning, we visit the floating islands of the Uros, an ancient lake Indian tribe, still maintaining traditions and way of life as they have for centuries. The Uros Indians live on these floating islands made by hand from totora reeds that grow in abundance in the shallow waters of the lake. This unique practice dates to the time of the Incas, and today there are some 45 floating islands in the Bay of Puno.



Continue by boat to the island of Taquile, the Quechua speaking Indians boasting the world's finest hand weaving techniques which they perfected over the generations. Lunch is included.

Boat is shared but you will have your own guide onboard.

Overnight at Jose Antonio Puno Hotel or similr, Standard Room

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 12, August 9th, 2026: Puno / Lima / Home

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Lima and your connecting international flight home.

Today you say farewell to this wondrous experience... sure to be etched in your memory forever!

Included meals: Breakfast



End of Services

Included:

- Private Arrival Transfer in Lima (with driver and transfer representative)
- 1 night at El Tambo Hotel, Standard Room with breakfast
- Private Departure Transfer in Lima (with driver and transfer representative)
- Private Arrival Transfer in Cusco (with driver and transfer representative)
- 2 nights at Terra Andina Cusco Hotel or similar, Classic Rooms with breakfast
- Vistadome Train ticket: Puroy – Machu Picchu
- Excursion to Machu Picchu with a private local guide
- 1 night at Hatun Inti Hotel or similar. Includes breakfast
- Bus, entrance ticket and private local guide to Huayna Picchu
- Private Departure Transfer in Cusco (with driver and transfer representative)
- 4 Days/3Nights Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica Package inclusive of all meals, transfers and activities - Superior
- Private Arrival Transfer in Cusco (with driver and transfer representative)
- 1 night at Terra Andina Cusco Hotel or similar, Classic Rooms with breakfast
- Private Departure Transfer in Cusco (with driver and transfer representative)
- Titicaca Train Service including 3-course gourmet lunch, 1 tourist stop at La Raya, live music, traditional dance & afternoon tea (departures: Wednesday, Friday & Sunday)
- Private Arrival Transfer in Puno (with driver and English-speaking guide)
- 2 nights at Jose Antonio Puno Hotel or similar, Standard Room with breakfast
- Private full-day Uros and Taquile Islands with lunch
- Private Departure Transfer in Puno (with driver and English-speaking guide)

General

- All airport transfers listed in the itinerary.
- Baggage handling at airports.
- All entrance fees and transfers are needed to operate tours and excursions.
- All train tickets, bus tickets and boat services needed to operate tours and excursions.
- Service of a bilingual licensed tour guide for all tours and excursions.
- Meals indicated in the itinerary. B for breakfast, L for lunch. D for dinner.

Not included:

- International or Domestic Airfare
- Extra expenses in case of modifying the itinerary due to flight cancellation, strikes or blocking of roads and train tracks by demonstrators or political activists. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- Expenses such as beverages, meals, tips, laundry, phone calls and other personal expenses are not included.

Tipping guidelines:

Tips and Taxes: As in most countries, taxes are unavoidable, and tips are given based on the quality of service rendered. The amounts suggested for tips in this section are a guideline for appropriate tips for average to good service. Note: It is helpful to carry a small quantity of \$1 US bills for tips and easy change.

On group tours, the average tip for a tour guide traveling with the group is \$7 to \$12 per day of travel. When the guide is not traveling with you, the suggested tip is \$3 to \$5 per person for full-day tours and \$1 to \$2 per person for half-day tours. The driver's tip is usually half of what is given to the guide. For private car tours, guides generally receive \$5 to \$7 per full day and \$3 per half day.

Join the group!

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FAQ's

Do I need a visa to visit Peru?

Most travelers do not need a visa for tourist visits up to 90 days. Check your country's visa requirements before traveling.

What is the currency in Peru?

The currency is the Peruvian Sol (PEN). USD is widely accepted in tourist areas, but it's advisable to carry local currency for smaller purchases.

What languages are spoken in Peru?

Spanish is the official language. Quechua and Aymara are also widely spoken in the Andes. English is common in tourist areas.

What are some famous Peruvian dishes to try in the country?

Ceviche, lomo saltado, anticuchos, and causa limeña are must-tries.

What is altitude sickness, and how can I avoid it?

Cusco is 3,400 meters above sea level. To avoid altitude sickness, acclimatize upon arrival, stay hydrated, and avoid heavy meals and alcohol.

What are the top attractions in Cusco?

Visit Sacsayhuamán, Qorikancha, San Pedro Market, and the vibrant San Blas district.

What should I know about visiting the Sacred Valley?

The Sacred Valley features archaeological sites like Pisac, Ollantaytambo, and Moray. It's also ideal for cultural experiences with local communities.

Can I use my credit card in Peru?

Credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas but carry cash for rural locations.

What are some cultural customs I should be aware of?

Greet with a handshake or cheek kiss, respect local traditions, and ask permission before photographing people.

What souvenirs can I buy in Peru?

Look for alpaca textiles, silver jewelry, ceramics, and Peruvian coffee or chocolate.

Packing

Your passport (Mandatory)

Cash, as in many of the places we visit, debit cards or credit cards are not accepted

Waterproof clothing for rainy days, and warm clothes for cold weather

Long pants, long-sleeved sweaters, and shirts. And comfortable hiking footwear

Preferably lightweight clothes

Sandals and personal hygiene items

Sunblock, sunglasses, and a belt pouch

Insect repellent cream, bring your doctor's prescriptions if you are taking any medications

Waterproof backpack

Camera with spare cards and batteries