

PERU - ROMANTIC PERU



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14 Days

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INTRODUCTION

Hand-picked luxury hotels and lodges, the exclusive Hiram Bingham Train and a beautiful Amazon River boat all add that romantic touch to your travels across Peru. Discover the historic colonial city of Lima, watch the sun set over Lake Titicaca and wander the streets of Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Renew your wedding vows in one of the most beautiful settings in the world - overlooking the majestic ruins of Machu Picchu before you begin your exploration of the Amazon Rainforest aboard the elegant Delfin, entering into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, the world's largest protected flooded forest. This is a journey of a lifetime.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Lima

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office.




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DAY 2: Lima City Tour & Larco Museum with Lunch

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to enjoy the modern ares of Lima. First you will visit the modern district of San Isidro and Miraflores, where you will have a view of the Pacific Ocean from the Parque del Amor (Love Park), then you will continue to a local food market Begin today's tour with a walk to one of the most popular markets in Lima, the Mercado de Surquillo. Offering fresh products from all regions of Peru, taste exotic fruits, grains and Andean plants. Then you will have lunch and try some typical peruvian dishes. Afterwards visit the Larco Herrera Museum, the most visited in Lima. You will find more than 45 thousand objects in permanent exhibition, organized by chronology. They are pieces that tell the story of pre-Inca, Inca and even after the arrival of the Spaniards on the continent 500 years ago. Finally, transfer back to the hotel. This tour operates daily except Mondays.



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DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



DAY 3: Arrival & Acclimatisation

Today you will be welcomed at Juliaca airport and transferred to Titilaka Lodge via the port city of Puno. Titilaka Lodge is an exclusive refuge set on a remote private peninsula on the shores of Lake Titicaca. On arrival at the Lodge and having checked-in, there is time to rest, and enjoy the scenery as you acclimatise. Lunch is based on the region's local cuisine. A siesta and plenty of liquids are recommended to help you acclimatise to the altitude. Later in the day there is an excursion by boat as you are rowed through the reeds near the Lodge. Enjoy the beautiful landscape as you look out for some of the interesting endemic birds found in the region.



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DAY 4: Lake Surroundings Exploration

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and choose from one of the excursions near the hotel. One option is a walk along the hotel’s peninsula and the shores of the lake, taking you past sandy beaches, thick reeds and lush marshes to reach a local community in the countryside. Here you will be able to see their traditional agrarian and fishing lifestyle. Later in the day you can cycle through the fields of Plateria, following country roads alongside the grand lake and across diverse terrains. Here you will see the local villager’s rural way of life.



DAY 4: Sundowner in Titilaka

Titilaka’s clear skies and serenity make it the perfect place to observe the stars at night. And what better way to do so than beside a bonfire, first watching the sun go down over the lake’s horizon and then the fall of night? Wrap up warmly before stepping outside to the lodge gardens where your guide will help you locate constellations such as the Wawawara Hawira, or Milky Way and teach you about Andean Cosmological beliefs, passed down over hundreds of generations.



DAY 5: Departure


After breakfast and check-out you will be transferred to the airport, train or bus station for your journey to Cusco. Optional visit to Sillustani archaeological site on the way to the airport. Please contact your travel consultant.



DAY 6: Arrival transfer in Cusco

On arrival into the Cusco Poroy Train Station you will be transferred to your hotel in the city.



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DAY 6: Cusco

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobblestoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



DAY 7: Cusco - City Tour


You will be collected from your hotel for a private sightseeing tour through Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire. Visit the fascinating Qorikancha Temple of the Sun, the 12-Angled Rock and the Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca Palace. From here head to the archaeological remains located around the city, including the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo (giant rock), the ancient site of Puca Pucara and finally the Water Temple of Tambomachay. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Included in your tour price is the BTG (Tourist Ticket of Cusco) which allows you entrance into 16 attractions around Cusco in ten days.



DAY 8: Sacred Valley Full Day Tour

Today, explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This fertile river valley was home to many important sites for the Incas, both strategic and religious. The first stop is the village of Pisac, with its famous market and Inca Ruins. There is free time to wander the colourful market stalls before heading uphill to the Pisac, Intihuatana, Q'allaqasa and Kinchiracay ruins. Enjoy a fine buffet lunch in gardens overlooking the Valley. Continue your journey along the River Urubamba, to Ollantaytambo. The town, which is dominated by a giant Inca fortress, is perhaps the best surviving example of Inca town planning and was the scene of a rare Inca victory over the invading Spanish. Transfer to your hotel for the night or should you be returning to Cusco, visit Chinchero en route, an important Inca town with a colonial church and plaza. Breakfast & lunch included.



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DAY 9: Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu

This morning you will be transferred from your hotel to Ollantaytambo train station.



DAY 9: 360 Machu Picchu Train: Ollanta - Mapi AM


This morning travel by train from Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes. *Due to limited space for luggage storage on trains, luggage restrictions apply: one bag or backpack (carry-on luggage) with a maximum weight of 5.0 kg/11 lb, measuring no more than 62 linear inches/157 linear cm (height + length + width)



DAY 9: Renewing vows in Sanctuary Lodge

A shaman conducts this ancient ceremony, leading prayers and presenting offerings to help strengthen your feelings and commitment to each other. A unique experience in an amazing setting.




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DAY 10: Machu Picchu Guided Tour

You will be astonished by your first view of Machu Picchu, a stunning display of ancient architecture with incredible surroundings. Machu Picchu is a 15th century Inca site, located 2,430 metres above sea level on a mountain ridge above the Sacred Valley. It is the most famous of all Inca sites, but it was not until 1911 that it was brought to the world’s attention by the American historian Hiram Bingham. The Incas abandoned the city just prior to Spanish colonisation, the city was never pillaged and as a result the ruins are still in fantastic condition. With its location on a dramatic ridgeline surrounded by sheer cliffs and the Urubamba River on three sides, the city of Machu Picchu is a remarkable place to visit. Machu Picchu was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 and in 2007 it was voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Enjoy a tour of the ruins and monuments, such as the Main Square, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Solar Clock, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and the Cemeteries. The tour includes guided tour with local English speaking guide and return bus from Aguas Calientes village. Please be aware that your tour of Machu Picchu does not include an entry permit to Huayna Picchu (the iconic hill behind the Machu Picchu ruins). If you want to climb Huayna Picchu then you need to pre-book your permit at least 3 months in advance. Please contact your sales consultant if you would like to do this.



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DAY 10: 360 Machu Picchu Train: Mapi - Ollanta PM

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DAY 10: Arrival transfer in Cusco

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DAY 11: Transfer to the airport for onward destination


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DAY 11: Arrival

On arrival at Iquitos airport, there will be a group transfer by comfortable private vehicle over paved road to the city of Nauta, 95 kilometres away. Nauta is literally the "end of the road" where you will embark the Delfin. Along the way, you will see vibrant "terra firma" (non-flooded forest) and various aspects of daily jungle life. Aboard Delfin, you will be greeted by our qualified staff who will introduce you to your exquisite and cosy suite, specially equipped with amenities to ensure a comfortable stay such as orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, pillows of 100% pure natural latex, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, and private bathroom with Spanish style hot water showers. Each cabin features a spacious private terrace where you can sit and enjoy the scenery.



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DAY 12: Fundo Casual and Dorado River

On your first morning aboard the Delfin, we recommend getting up early to appreciate one of the most important zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Early rising is always rewarding since wildlife is most abundant and active with the rising of the sun. The walk along the Fundo Casual jungle trail will take you deep into the rainforest on terra firma (non-flooded forest) where your guide will point out the dynamic creatures and vegetation of the Amazon. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the jungle river along with the famous pink dolphins!



DAY 13: Amazon Park, Jacinto Cocha & Nauta Cano

We begin the morning with an adventurous journey to visit to a private reserve complete with 8 hanging bridges high up in the rainforest canopy. To get there, we will walk through primary forest and paddle slowly across tranquil Tahuampa Lake, a black water lagoon with giant arapaima fishes (known locally as paiche) and with luck, you might hear them jumping up to breathe the crisp dawn air. The suspension bridges will give you a peek into the life high up in the treetops for many of the Amazon's animals, accompanied by a symphony of sounds. After a delicious lunch, we visit Jacinto Cocha, a black water lagoon, or Nauta Caño Creek where you will have the chance to do some kayaking and go fishing for the famous piranha, a delightful and challenging experience that you won't forget! As night approaches, your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caiman alligators and night birds.



DAY 14: San Francisco & Disembark

On board the ship's skiffs, we will visit the community of San Francisco to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. You will be able to step into a typical schoolhouse where the children are always happy to have visitors, and then stop by an area to see the women of this community who have a most amazing arts and craft market. After the excursion, the staff will wish you farewell as you begin your departure. At the port of Nauta, our ground crew will be waiting to take you by our private vehicle back to the city of Iquitos, about 95 kilometres journey by paved road.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast everyday Tours and transport as stated on the itinerary All-inclusive package during your stay in Lake Titicaca at Titilaka lodge Andean Explorer train from Puno to Cusco 4D/3N Amazon cruise on board the Delfin I ship cruise. Meals as stated on the itinerary Luxury train from Machu Picchu to Cusco
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	This program has been specially designed for couples. If you are a single traveller contact us to get a customized quote for your trip.
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including

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carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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