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INTRODUCTION

This 16 day itinerary of Peru is the ultimate discovery trip of this incredible country's culture, wildlife and scenery. Your journey starts in the culinary and historic capital of Lima before delving into the Amazon Rainforest where you will stay in a lodge amid nature. Travel from here to Cusco and immerse yourself in the ancient Incan culture of the Sacred Valley while you enjoy a guided tour of the iconic Machu Picchu. Travel to Lake Titicaca by rail and then discover this beautiful place which is alive with tradition by boat. Your last stop will take you back to Lima where you will bid Peru farewell.

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 1: Lima

Lima, the capital of Peru, sits on the country's arid Pacific coast. Founded in 1535, its colonial centre is well preserved, but today Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. The city is home to the various museums including the Museo Larco that houses a collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. Lima is known as the "gastronomical capital of the Americas", encompassing specialties from ceviche and traditional coastal cooking to refined global fare. It even boasts several of the top restaurants in the world. If you have any free days during your stay, we recommend that you take a visit to the Larcomar shopping centre. Located on a cliff with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean in the heart of Lima's Miraflores district, it is worth the visit. You can either walk from Barranco or have your hotel arrange a taxi for you. Additionally, Huacra Pucllana is a massive adobe and clay pyramid built between 200 and 700 AD. It served as an important ceremonial and administrative centre for the advancement of Lima culture, constructed from seven staggered platforms. Take a taxi to this amazing site in Miraflores (closed on Tuesday's). You can take a tour upon arrival, or simply admire the structure while sipping a coffee or a pisco sour in the lovely Peruvian restaurant overlooking the site (open for lunch until 3pm). Or if you are interested in history and archaeology, a visit to the one-of-a-kind private Museo Larco could be an unforgettable experience. Discover over 5000 years of ancient Peruvian civilisations and the intimate bond that existed between pre-Columbian societies and the natural world. Open daily, however it is a good idea to check if a guided tour in English is available prior to visiting.



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DAY 2: Lima City tour & Larco Museum

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to enjoy a complete city tour of Lima. First you will visit the Larco Herrera Museum and Huaca Pucllana. Have lunch in Miraflores. Afterwards, 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 with your tour of the "City of Kings" which begins in the downtown colonial district. Visit Plaza de Armas where you will see the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the Santo Domingo Convent. This is a chance to appreciate Lima's magnificent Colonial architecture as well as vignettes of its pre-Colombian past. On completion of this tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour. Lunch is included. This tour operates daily except Mondays.



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.



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DAY 3: Puerto Maldonado - Refugio Amazonas

On arrival at Puerto Maldonado Airport, you will be met by a representative of Refugio Amazonas to begin the journey to Refugio. Enroute we will stop at the local office so that you can repack your luggage and only take what is required for the next four days. The rest will be stored securely in the office. Continue by road and a two and a half hour boat journey to Refugio Amazonas, located in a 200-hectare private reserve. The boat ride from the Tambopata River Port to Refugio Amazonas takes us past the Infierno Community and the Tambopata National Reserve checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. A boxed lunch is provided to eat along the way. On arrival to the lodge, you will be welcomed and given a brief orientation. After dinner at the lodge there is the option to join a night walk when most of the animals are active but sometimes difficult to see. The frogs are easier to see with their fascinating shapes and colours and fascinating sounds. Note: Please ensure your arrival flight is no later than 13:05



DAY 4: Refugio Amazonas

Refugio Amazonas have a set of activities where you can choose from onsite, allowing you to create your own personalised experience deep in the Amazon. Below are suggested options you may like to choose from through-out your stay. After breakfast venture out onto the lake by canoe or catamaran, looking for wildlife such as hoatzin, caiman, horned screamers, macaws and otters that are sometimes seen in the area. Back on land, a 30 minute walk from the lodge takes you to the 25 metre scaffolding canopy tower, complete with staircase running through the middle and providing safe access to the platforms above. The tower has been built on high ground to give views of the primary rainforest extending out towards the Tambopata National Reserve. Enjoy excellent views across the canopy and look for toucans, macaws and raptors. After lunch you will visit a farm to learn about local agriculture and Amazonian crops before an ethnobotanical tour to learn about the medicinal uses of the various plants and trees of the region. In the evening, Refugio Amazonas staff offer lectures covering topics such as conservation threats, opportunities and projects in the Tambopata National Reserve.



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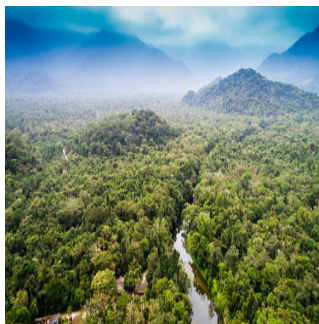
DAY 5: Refugio Amazonas

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DAY 6: Refugio Amazonas - Puerto Maldonado

After breakfast, return to Puerto Maldonado for your departure flight. Depending on airline schedules, this may require a dawn departure. Please note: Depending on airline schedules, this may require a dawn departure. We recommend flight LA2074 departing at 13:35 *Schedule of activities are subject to change without notice



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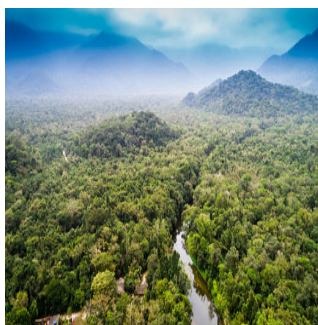
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DAY 6: Cusco Airport to Sacred Valley

On arrival in Cusco, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where your representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel located in the Sacred Valley. Please note this service is with a driver only. 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. You have arrived to 3400m. Please walk slowly and take it easy, allow porters to assist with luggage if required. You will descend to 2700m on the 90 minute drive to the Sacred Valley. Enjoy the spectacular local scenery and views of the Andes. (NB Average altitudes - Cusco 3400m, Sacred Valley 2700m, Aguas Calientes 2050m, Machu Picchu 2400m)



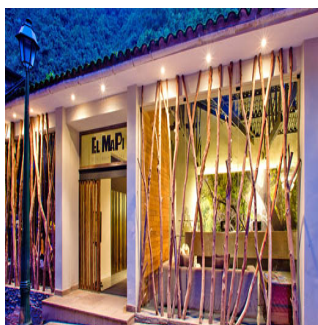
DAY 7: Sacred Valley Full Day Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for a day of exploring 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 the train station for your onward journey.



DAY 8: Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu

Early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Ollantaytambo train station. * Please note: Your main luggage will be left at the hotel due to luggage restrictions on the trains. When you return from your trip to Machu Picchu, it will be collected en route back to Cusco. For this reason, we ask that you bring an overnight bag with you for the journey.



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DAY 8: 360 MP Train: Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes

Today will be one of your highlights in South America with a visit to Machu Picchu. You will travel by train from Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes onboard the scenic 360 Machu Picchu Train. Arriving in one of the world's most famous ruins after the morning fog and crowds have cleared. On arrival at the train station in Aguas Calientes a representative from the hotel will be waiting to meet you. They will assist in taking your belongings to the hotel before you journey by bus up to Machu Picchu for your guided tour. Entrance times to Machu Picchu must now be pre selected and you can select a route from 4 available circuits on the day. Your first visit must be with a guide and you must stay within your chosen circuit. Each entrance ticket will grant up to 3 hours at the citadel. If you would like to spend more time exploring the ruins we recommend you book an additional entrance ticket. *Please note: 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)



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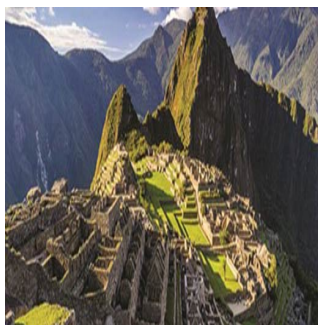
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DAY 9: Private Machu Picchu Guided Tour

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) or Machu Picchu Mountain. If you want to climb either then you need to pre-book your permit at least 3 months in advance. Please contact your Destination Specialist if you would like to do this.



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

This morning travel by train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley. *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)



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DAY 10: Private Transfer Ollantaytambo - Cusco

Transfer from Ollantaytambo train station in the Sacred Valley to Cusco.



DAY 11: Cusco - City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for a 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, Qenko (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). Please note this is a small group tour.



DAY 12: Cusco - Free Day

Today is at leisure allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. With treasures around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores give the traveller a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. The UNESCO World Heritage city is lined with history and ancient monuments, a truly enthralling city to spend time in.



DAY 13: Transfer to the bus Station

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to Cusco bus or train station for your onward journey.



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DAY 13: Titicaca Train Cusco-Puno

The best way to travel the incredible route between Cusco and Puno and visit Lake Titicaca with unrivalled service at your beck and call aboard PeruRail's Titicaca Train. Enjoy the open-air observatory car and the two dining cars decorated in the style of the Pullman cars of the 1920s. Dine on gourmet food and experience personalised service. The Titicaca Train service operates Wednesdays, Friday and Sundays departing at 0750 hours and arriving at 1808 hours.



DAY 13: Arrival transfer in Puno

On arrival at Puno bus or train station, you will be met by a representative who will be holding a sign with your name on it, to transfer you to your hotel. Should you have trouble locating him/her, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details.



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DAY 14: Titicaca Explorer

Early this morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the port to board a fully equipped speedboat to visit various islands on Lake Titicaca. First stop is Taquile Island where you will explore a scenic and less touristy area. Enjoy time on a pristine sandy beach to relax and feel the serenity of Lake Titicaca. We then hike along a pre-Inca trail with spectacular landscapes of the island, visiting families of weavers to learn about their textile art and symbolism. In 2005, "Taquile and its Textile Art" were proclaimed "Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity" by UNESCO. Afterwards, board the speedboat for a short journey to the community of Santa Maria-Llachon, on the tip of the Capachica Peninsula. This is a picturesque off the beaten track destination. We are welcomed by the small Quechua speaking community and introduced to an intensive cultural experience, observing the traditions of the community and participating in an ancient ceremony to learn about their magical world. Experience the preparation of "Pachamanca", a traditional way of cooking meat, fish and potatoes using underground ovens, and one of the main dishes of Peruvian cuisine. Enjoy these delicacies in a small, but scenic restaurant (included in tour price). For the more adventurous there is an optional kayak along the coast of Llachon. After lunch we leave Santa Maria and arrive at a remote area of the National Reserve of Lake Titicaca to explore Uros Titino. These are considered to be the last authentic floating islands, less commercial and little visited. The Uros are descendants of one of the oldest cultures in South America. There are optional tours in reed boats before we depart back to Puno. On arrival at the port, you will be transferred to your hotel. Please note this is small group tour. Please note there is a minimum number of passengers required to operate this tour, if the required number of passengers is not reached we will offer you a similar alternative. Order of excursions may also change. Please also note that between the months of January and March the ceremony of "Pachamama" will be subject to weather conditions



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DAY 15: 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 15: Arrive Lima

This evening stay at Lima’s premier airport hotel Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel which is connected by a walkway to the terminal. Remainder of the day at leisure.



DAY 16: Depart Lima

Please make your way to the terminal for your departure flight. Please note check in time is 3 hours prior to scheduled departure time.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	Airport transfers Internal flights Accommodation with breakfast All meals in Amazon Lodge Tours as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated
	EXCLUSIONS: Entrance Fee to Tambopota National Reserve (US\$13 per person for Refugio Amazonas) Tips, personal expenses Alcoholic beverages in Amazon Lodge International flights Visas
Difficulty Rating	3 Light Adventure (High altitude in some areas)
Single Surcharge	Contact us for details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice This itinerary can be done in the reverse. 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 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

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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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