PERU - MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU



TRIP CODE
PETSLAA7
DEPARTURE
Selected Dates from March To December
DURATION
8 Days
LOCATIONS
Peru, Machu Picchu

INTRODUCTION

Experience the unique culture of the Incas with this luxurious 8-day hiking expedition.

We invite you on a cultural exploration of the Urubamba Valley, the celebrated â□□Sacred Valley of the Incas,â□□ and the spectacular archaeological site of Machu Picchu, combined with a hike in the less visited and less crowded Lares region north of Cusco, noted for its rural atmosphere, traditional weavers attired in colourful dress, and roving herds of alpacas and llamas - an authentic slice of Peruvian life.

Comfortable mountain lodges serve as deluxe â□□base campsâ□□ for daily hikes that bring you to remote passes with views of a panorama of waterfalls, snow peaks, and turquoise glacial lakes, with the occasional condor soaring above, and to tiny Andean highland communities unchanged for centuries, where you can meet local weavers and farmers and get a glimpse of the distant past.

On this all-encompassing hike, you will be provided travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in luxury lodges, designed especially for hikers on the Lares trail that offers creature comforts, and impeccable service so that you may recharge at the end of each day's trekking.

Please contact us for departure dates and more information.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Cusco

On arrival in Cusco, please proceed to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note that this service includes a driver only.



DAY 1: Arrival in 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, cobble-stoned 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 1: Pre Tour Briefing - Includes Transfer from Hotel

This evening you will given a pre tour briefing, where you will learn about the plans for your upcoming trek in the Sacred Valley. The briefing is approx. 45 minutes and allows time for any questions you may have about the days ahead.



DAY 2: Treasures of the Sacred Valley

Your journey begins from the busy streets of Cusco to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, full of lush green fields surrounded by striking mountain peaks. Your first step will be Chinchero, a small Andean village and Inca archaeological site. From there, choose an inspiring downhill hike from Chinchero to the town of Urquillos along historic Inca trails, or an afternoon exploring the circular agricultural terraces in Moray and natural salt mines in Maras.



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DAY 3: Exploring Pisaq

Start your day with either an invigorating hike from the village of Amaru to the community of Viacha, or a visit to the lively town and colorful artisan marketplace of Pisaq. Midday, both cultural explorers and hikers will reunite in the village of Viacha to learn about traditional Andean farming before a hike or drive to the Pisaq archaeological site for a guided tour.



DAY 4: Into the Heart of Lares

The day begins with a visit to the small town of Lamay followed by a scenic drive into the heart of the Lares Valley. Your first stop will be Ancasmarca for a guided tour of this seldom-visited archaeological site. Afterwards, choose a visit with the expert textile weavers in the remote village of Choquecancha or a hike amidst turquoise blue lakes and towering peaks to the remote village of Huacahuasi, where both groups meet again to spend the night.



DAY 5: Exploring Huacahuasi

For a cultural morning experience, you will visit the village of Huacahuasi and learn more about its heritage and daily life of the locals. Afterwards, return to the lodge for a Peruvian cooking class with the lodge staff or take a short hike to the nearby waterfalls. Alternately, challenge yourself with an all-day hike from the community of Quiswarani to Quelquena along the 'Trail of 1,000 Lakes' for majestic views of the lakes, valleys, and mountains.



DAY 6: The Road to Ollantaytambo

Begin the day with a scenic drive from Huacahuasi to the remote village of Huilloc. From there, choose a morning hike from Huilloc to Pumamarka, or explore the village and nearby sheepherding community of Marcacocha before regrouping for lunch and a midday exploration of the Pumamarka archaeological site. After lunch, choose to hike from Pumamarka to Ollantaytambo or drive and spend the afternoon exploring Ollantaytambo's maze-like alleys and passageways. Note: Afternoon hikers will meet the rest of the group at the hotel upon arrival in the Sacred Valley.



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DAY 7: Discovering Ollantaytambo



Begin your day with an optional early morning hike to the Inca storage houses high above the town for an impressive view of the Ollantaytambo fortress and ceremonial site. Afterwards, the entire group will meet at the entrance of the site for a guided tour before embarking on a scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. Alternately, opt for an all-day hike from train marker KM 104 to the Machu Picchu Sun Gate on the classic Inca Trail (subject to additional cost).

DAY 8: The Citadel of Machu Picchu



Your journey to Machu Picchu begins with a rollicking morning uphill bus ride, followed by a guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel. After the tour you will have free time to explore on your own or hike up Huayna Picchu*, the iconic mountain that looms overhead. After the visit you will have lunch in Aguas Calientes before the return train ride to Ollantaytambo (approximately 1.5 hours) and vehicle transfer to your hotel in Cusco (approximately 1.5 hours). *Note: Tickets for Huayna Picchu Mt. (8,924’ / 2,720m) are subject to additional cost. In the event that Huayna Picchu permits are not available for your desired date, you may opt for a hike up Machu Picchu Mt. (10,112 / 3,082m), located next to the Machu Picchu Citadel on the southern side. Please consult with your Travel Specialist for detailed information prior to travel as these permits do need to be booked in advance and are subject to availability.

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe

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Inclusions	**Inclusions** Accommodation as specified All meals daily Non-alcoholic beverages with meals Transportation Cusco to Cusco Services of experienced guides Gratuities for service staff at lodges Activities as stated in itinerary All entrance fees to sites **Exclusions** International flights Alcoholic beverages Personal Expenses Gratuities for guides/staff Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	4 Light To High Adventure (High Altitude In Some Areas)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a tailor-made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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