

**AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE IN THE HIGHLANDS**  
**PERU: LIMA, CUSCO, SACRED VALLEY, MACHU PICCHU & PUNO**

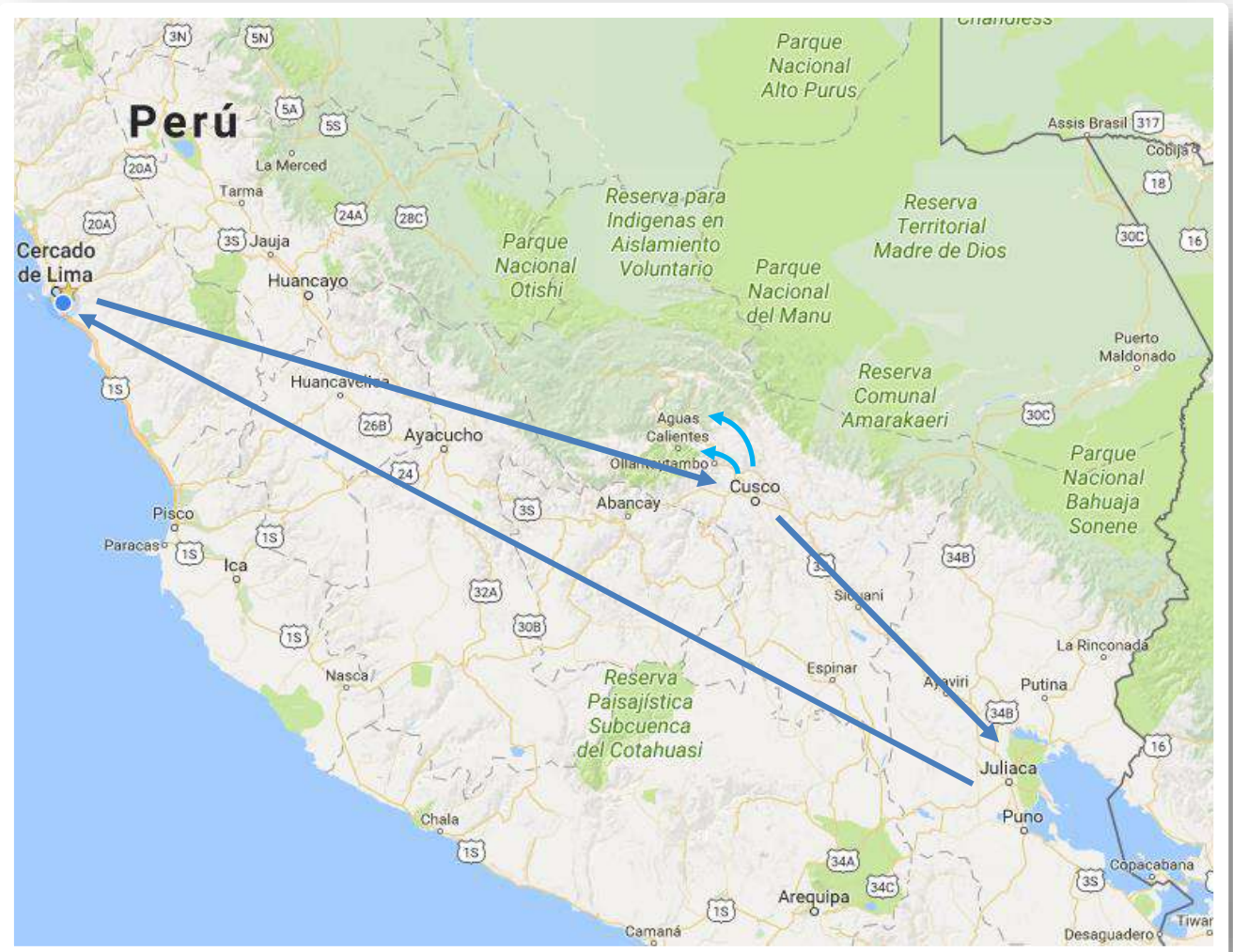
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## ITINERARY FOR 10 DAYS

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- Day 1. Lima
- Day 2. Lima; visit to the city
- Day 3. Lima/Cusco
- Day 4. Visit to the city & four ruins
- Day 5. Cusco/Sacred Valley
- Day 6. Hiram Bingham train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes Town. Return to Cusco
- Day 7. Titicaca train from Cusco to Puno
- Day 8. Visit to the Floating Island of Uros & Taquile
- Day 9. Visit Aramu Muru & Sillustani
- Day 10. Flight from Juliaca to Lima. International flight

End of itinerary and services





## DAY 1. ARRIVAL TO LIMA

Upon arrival to the International Airport Jorge Chavez in Lima, our guide will be waiting for you in the area of international flights arrival. The guide will escort you to the private transfer and take you to the selected hotel. Once you arrive to the hotel, the guide will assist you and proceed with the registration on your behalf. When the registration process is finished, the guide will hand you the services coupons and explain you the travel itinerary and visits in Peru.

Overnight at the selected hotel.

## DAY 2. VISIT TO THE CITY AND LUNCH AT ROSA NAUTICA

At 09.00 am the visit to the city of Lima will start. During the visit, we will learn about the cultural and architectural evolution since the colonial times to the present time. As well, we will visit the museum Larco Herrera, best known for the galleries, the permanent collection that tells the story of 5,000 years of pre-colombian Peruvian history.

“Lima is the capital of Peru and it’s located in the central coast of the country, by the Pacific Ocean. With 7,6 million habitants, Lima is a beautiful and sober city, like only a few cities in the world. UNESCO has declared the historical center of Lima Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We will visit and learn about the architecture and the majesty of past times, visible in **Saint Martin and the Main Square** (also known as Armas). There we will appreciate the Governmental Palace, Lima’s City Hall, **The Main Cathedral**, Archbishopal Palace among other significant churches and noble houses which raises between stonework, carving gates, altarpieces from baroque times and a legion of mesmerizing artistic expressions.

One of the most interesting baroque architectonic works is **San Francisco of Asis Convent** built during the XVI and XVII century (1537-1673), whose outstanding cloisters and lending library filled with literature treasures including important theological treaties and ancient manuscripts. Very close, underneath, the most famous crypts of America are found, **the catacombs**, the most important burial ground in the colonial times which preserve a strange Gregorian environment between tenebrous ghosts and spirit legends, shared trough time by the oral traditional, some preserve as myths and other as reality.

Lima sheltered pre-Hispanic and pre-Inca cultures, the first one was Lima culture which it’s ceremonial and administrative center was Huaca Pucllana, built in small rectangular and cubic adobes 1,500 years ago”.

When the visits finalized, we will have lunch in Rosa Nautica, which is an exclusive restaurant built on a pier with ocean view.

Return to the hotel and lodging in chosen hotel.

\*For dinner options, we highly recommend the following restaurants: Central, Kjolle, Astrid & Gaston and Maido. Keep in mind that reservations at the mentioned restaurants require at least 2 months of anticipation.

## DAY 3. FLIGHT LIMA-CUSCO. WALKING CITY TOUR

In the morning, the guide will pick you up to take you to the airport to take your flight to the city of Cusco. Upon arrival, another guide will be waiting to take you to the selected hotel. The guide will assist you with the registration process at the hotel and give you a short explanation about your visits in this beautiful and wonderful destination.

After a short break to acclimatize and have lunch at the hotel, the guide will pick you up for a walking tour around the city. Cusco is a very beautiful city with very friendly people; you can appreciate its small streets, stone buildings and colonial architecture. The first visit will be the Cathedral, which is one of the largest repositories of colonial art in Cusco; it houses innumerable works of the Cusco School, combining the styles of European devotional painting of the 17th century, with the symbols of indigenous artists from the Andes of Cusco.

Afterwards, we will visit Qoricancha; this temple built during the government of the Inca Huiracocha in the 13th century, approximately. The walls of the temple express the level of engineering reached by the Incas, which fit perfectly in the constructions. A wide band of gold covered a large part of the walls, as well as doors and temples. After the Spanish invasion, the temple was looted.

To end the excursions of the day, we will visit the San Blas neighborhood, where through narrow cobbled streets we can find colonial houses that house many of the best workshops, art stores, local restaurants and small bars. During the tour, we will have the opportunity to see the stone of the twelve angles, which is located on Hatun Rumiyoq Street (large stone in Quechua) and belongs to a construction where currently the Archbishop's Palace and the Museum of Religious Art of Cusco are located. It is one of the symbols of the city of Cusco. It is made of green diorite, a stone widely used in Inca constructions. It is famous for the perfection of its characteristics: its immense polygonal structure (estimated to weigh approximately 6 tons) fits perfectly with the stones that surround it. At its edges, it is not possible to insert a needle.

Overnight at the selected hotel.



#### DAY 4. CUSCO – VISIT TO THE FOUR RUINS

In the morning, the guide will pick you up at the hotel to start the visit to the four most representative ruins near the city of Cusco: Sacsayhuaman, Kenko, Pucapucara and Tambomachay. Here are some details of each of them:

- ❖ **Sacsayhuaman**, a ceremonial fortress located 2 km away from the north of the city, base in the valley between Ausangate mountains, Pachatusan and Cinca, bathed by the river Tullumayo. According to the official version, the construction started during the XV century by the order of the Inca Pachachutec and was finalized during the following century by his son Huayna Capac.
- ❖ **Kenko** or **Qenqo**, in Quechua language **Q'inqu** ('maze'), is an archeological center located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, 06 km away from Cusco city (05 minutes northeast of Cusco), to 3,580 meters above sea level. This praying center is located in Socorro Mountain and covers more than 3,500 square meters. During Inca times, it was a center dedicated to rituals. Nowadays, it is recognized for a semicircular square with nineteen niches and a stone monolith in the central part. In addition, a labyrinth-shaped passage leads to the underground galleries.
- ❖ **Pucapucara** is a military construction located near Cusco. High walls, terraces and staircases compose the fortress and it used to be part of the defensive group of Cusco and the Inca Empire, in general.
- ❖ **Tambomachay** is an archeological site destined to worship water and served as a resting place for the Inca Emperor. It consists of several aqueducts, terraces, canals and sources of water through which it runs constantly throughout the year. As well, it had a royal garden whose irrigation comes from a complex canal system. In addition, it's said that Tambomachay was used as a checkpoint for all people coming from the Antisuyo, as there was a control tower.

Once the visit to these beautiful ruins is finished, we will return to the city and make a stop for lunch at the Limo restaurant, where we will taste dishes prepared with Nikkei fusion cuisine with Peruvian ingredients. This restaurant has a privileged location in the main square of Cusco where you will have a great view while enjoying lunch.

At the end, the rest of the day is free to rest and stroll through the Main Square and its surroundings.

Overnight at the selected hotel.

#### DAY 5. VISIT TO THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

The tour will start approximately at 08:00 am and it has a duration of 08 hours. We will pick you up from the hotel to start the guided visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Our first destination will be Pisac Citadel, we will also visit the typical Indian market and we'll have the opportunity to learn about local traditions and bargain the prices with the sellers. Afterwards, we will drive to Urubamba city, admiring the riverbank of Vilcanota. The following places will be visited during the excursion:

- ❖ **Pisac – Archeological complex**  
The archeological complex of Pisac is located on the top of the mountain where the Sacred Valley can be admired. This mesmerizing place is formed by a group of platforms and archeological structures scattered over the hillsides and on top of the mountain. Pisac is one of the beautiful monumental centers in the valley; it combines the perfect landscape with the flawless finish of its constructions.
- ❖ **Artisanal Pisac market**  
Located 30 km away from Cusco City, the main square of Pisac holds the famous market. A cheerful and colorful place, where we can find the most relevant handicrafts of Cusco, the pieces that stand out the most are textiles, ponchos, bags and many others, which are reproductions of archeological Inca pieces such as queros (ceremonial cups), necklaces among others. Many locals from nearby towns visit the market wearing traditional outfits.

Afterwards, we will continue with the excursion to visit Ollantaytambo Fortress, previously we will make a stop at La Hacienda Huayocari/Finca Huayocari to enjoy a delicious meal and the most cordial treatment from a traditional Peruvian family. Each customer is received by a family member. Authentic homemade Peruvian food will be waiting for us in a private room, surrounded by traditional decorations with ceramic plates and glasses and wide windows with garden views. We will enjoy the meal with the breathtaking view of Urquillos and the Sacred Valley stream. Our following destination will be Ollantaytambo Fortress.

- ❖ **Ollantaytambo**  
Built with the main function of guard the access to the valley and protect it from possible invasion from the Amazon inhabitants. We will have the opportunity to walk among the streets of the town, which will give us a clear idea of how this military, religious, cultural center operated during the Inca Empire.

We will finish the tour and drive to the selected hotel located in the Sacred Valley, where you can relax and rest, in order to continue with the activities the following day.

Overnight at the selected hotel.



## DAY 6. TRAIN TO AGUAS CALIENTES TOWN, VISIT TO MACHU PICCHU

At 09.00 am, the transfer will be waiting for you to take you to Ollanta train station to board the train to Aguas Calientes town (01 hour and 30 minutes on the train approximately).

The train selected for this experience is the train Hiram Bingham, enjoy the elegant dining car, the bar car, and the observatory, where you can take in the unmatched scenery in the open air while sipping on a traditional Peruvian cocktail and listening to live local music. Start your experience off with a welcome cocktail. Once on board, the maître will invite you to a gourmet lunch. The return trip includes a fine dining experience at dinner. In both cases, you can accompany your meals with beverages (non-premium) and an excellent wine selection.

Arrival to Aguas Calientes train station at 12:25 pm approximately. Encounter with the guide, together you will board the bus to ascend to the Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu (30 minutes bus ride). Upon the arrival, on top of the mountain, the guided excursion will start and you will learn the history of the Inca Citadel for 2-3 hours.

“It is unknown the reason why the Spaniards were not able to find it, although according to one source (a manuscript of a Spaniard archive), the existence of the place at the north of Cusco named Picchu is mentioned, therefore Spaniards were aware of its existence, but they never get to it. The Inca Citadel was declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 1983 by UNESCO, as part of a great cultural and ecological complex known as Archeological Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, (326 km<sup>2</sup> starting in the river basin of Vilcanota-Urubamba, the sacred river of the Incas, and the river Willka mayu). Machu Picchu is, without discussion, the most visited place in Peru and perhaps in America. In 2007 the Inca Citadel was declared one of the Modern Seven Wonders of the World”.

Once this great experience is finished, we will begin our descent by bus to the town of Aguas Calientes to board the return train. On this occasion we will also use the Hiram Bingham Train which has a departure time of 5:50 pm and its destination can be towards Ollantaytambo (one hour and thirty minutes) or Poroy (two hours and forty minutes approximately) depending on what time of year you go to make the trip. The return train includes dinner and hot drinks.

Our guide will be waiting for you at the train station and will accompany you to the hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Overnight at the selected hotel.

## DAY 7. TRAIN TITICACA FROM CUSCO TO PUNO

The guide will pass by the hotel at approximately 6:00 am and they will go to the train station; today you will cross the Andes aboard the Titicaca Train from PeruRail.

Throughout the journey, you will be able to take panoramic photos of the most emblematic Andean landscapes. The Train Titicaca from PeruRail crosses one route, considered by many specialized magazines as one of the most beautiful in the world.

The once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Cusco to Puno lasts approximately 10 hours 30 minutes. At the start of the journey, you are welcomed at the Wanchaq Station (Cusco), where local musicians will provide background music as you board the train. Once aboard, you can enjoy the two dining cars decorated in the style of the Pullman cars of the 1920s. In addition, during the trip, you will have the finest in gourmet food and indulgent afternoon tea. The quality of our personalized service is guaranteed.

You can bring your carry-on bag aboard the train, and the rest of your luggage will be stored safely on the luggage car, where it will be carefully received and stored.

The guide will be waiting for you at the train station in Puno city to assist you and transfer you to the selected hotel. Once in the hotel, the guide will help you with the check-in process and will provide information about the tours in Puno.

Accommodation at the selected hotel/lodge.

## DAY 8. PUNO: VISIT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND OF UROS & TAQUILE

In the morning, the guide will pick you up and take you to the port where you will board a motor boat bound for Uros (30 min trip). The floating islands of Uros are a group of approximately 80 islands made of totora (reed), aquatic plant that grows on the surface of Titicaca Lake. This plant (totora) is woven and stretched out, one on top of the other. The floating islands remain inhabited by the Uros, one of the most ancient cultures of the continent (which dates back to the Inca period).

Arrival to the island and meeting with the natives who will share their ancestral knowledge and show us how the islands are built.





Finished the visit we will continue with the journey to Taquile (02 hours and 30 minute's boat ride). We will ascend to the town, where we will meet the natives; some of them a bit shy but hardworking men and women, who will share their wisdom and art. The native are cheerful and proud of their culture and origin, they invite us to appreciate the beauty of the landscape over the immensity of Titicaca Lake.

At noon, we will taste the wonderful meal offer by the natives, afterward we will walk around the island exploring the streets and admiring the local house made of stone and adobe, the perfect contrast with nature.

Finally, we will board the boat to return to the city of Puno, estimated arrival time 5:30 pm.

Accommodation at the selected hotel/lodge.

#### **DAY 9. VISIT ARAMU MURU AND SILLUSTANI**

At 8:30 am, we will pick you up at the hotel to start our way to (01-hour trip by land transport) the Aramu Muru Archaeological Complex (Ajayumarka) Aymara word that means "Town of Spirits" or Inter-dimensional Gate leading to "another reality", it is one of the most energetic and mystical places. It is an altar carved from a single piece of rock over five meters, surrounded by a very particular landscape. After walking around the place, we reached the mystical door, located inside some rock formations (stone forest) which is a place of meditation.

During the journey, we will make a stop in Chucuito, which is a colonial town where we will find the Inca temple called Temple of Fertility or "Inca Uyo", in it there are around 20 phalluses sculpted in stone, a sign of having been a center ritual dedicated to fertility.

After this visit, we will return to the hotel to have lunch and regain strength for our next visit to Sillustani.

Sillustani, one of the largest necropolises in the world. Surrounded by a landscape of striking beauty, it stands out for its gigantic "chullpas" (species of stone towers), built by Collas and Incas, to bury their dead.

The archaeological site of Sillustani is a cemetery that built in the 12th century by the Qolla civilization that occupied the area before the Inca rule. The most imposing towers built for the important chiefs and priests are part of the highlights. These ancient civilizations considered cemeteries places of rest and rebirth, so they chose beautiful places to build their cemeteries that remains ad sacred places.

It is a magical place full of peace and harmony, surrounded by mountains that are reflect in the mirror of the Umayo Lagoon.

At the end of this great visit, we will return to the hotel to rest.

Accommodation at the selected hotel/lodge.

#### **DAY 10. FLIGHT FROM JULIACA TO LIMA. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT**

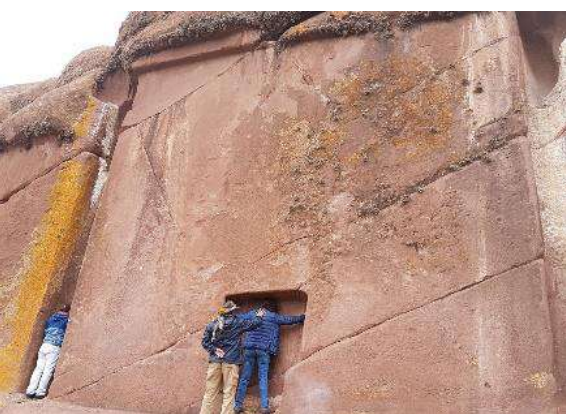
At the appropriate time, transfer from the hotel to the Juliaca airport to take your flight to Lima and then the international flight.

It is time to say goodbye, but happy that you had an unforgettable experience.

End of services.

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The program is subject to changes without further notice



## HOTEL/LODGE OPTIONS

LIMA	NOTES
BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK	Buffet breakfast included
JW MARRIOTT MIRAFLORES	Buffet breakfast included
HOTEL B	Buffet breakfast included
COUNTRY CLUB	Buffet breakfast included

CUSCO	NOTES
BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO	Buffet breakfast included
BELMOND PALACIO NAZARENAS	Buffet breakfast included
JW MARRIOTT CUSCO	Buffet breakfast included
ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL	Buffet breakfast included
CASA CARTAGENA	Buffet breakfast included
INKATERRA LA CASONA	Buffet breakfast included

SACRED VALLEY	NOTAS
BELMOND HOTEL RIO SAGRADO	Buffet breakfast included
INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA	Buffet breakfast included
LIBERTADOR TAMBO DEL INKA	Buffet breakfast included
ARANWA VALLE SAGRADO	Buffet breakfast included
HOTEL SOY Y LUNA	Buffet breakfast included

PUNO	NOTES
TITILAKA	Breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, transfers and activities are included. The excursions can be shared or private. Your selection must be mention when you request the reservation.
GHL HOTEL LAGO TITICACA	Buffet breakfast included
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM PUNO	Buffet breakfast included

## TRAIN TITICACA: CUSCO – PUNO

SCHEDULE	TRAIN	DEPART STATION	DEPART TIME	ARRIVAL STATION	ARRIVAL TIME
WEDNESDAY	20	WANCHAQ (CUSCO)	07:10 AM	PUNO	17:29
FRIDAY	20	WANCHAQ (CUSCO)	07:50 AM	PUNO	18:08
SUNDAY	20	WANCHAQ (CUSCO)	07:50 AM	PUNO	18:08

## NOTES

- All visits and transfer will take place with private guide and transport.
- Activities with Titilaka Lodge can be shared or private; your choice must be mention when the quotation is request.
- The travel itinerary can be modifying according to the client's requirements and time schedules.
- The tours timetable is subject to change without further notice; several circumstances may affect the time set.
- Keep in mind that hotels are subject to availability. A point in favor is several hotels choices at each destination.
- Domestic flights are not included in the program. It can be included if the client requires it.
- Lunch and dinners that are not mention in the program, are not included.
- Buffet breakfast are included in all hotels. Some hotels include lunch or dinner. Please revise chart of hotels at each destination.

## RESERVATIONS

If you require a quotation, please send us an email to [hola@andean-tours.com](mailto:hola@andean-tours.com) and provide the following information:

- ✓ Number of adults interested in booking the trip:
- ✓ Number of children (please specify the age) interested in booking the trip:
- ✓ Hotels at each destination:
- ✓ Room categories: Single, double-matrimonial, double-twin beds (some hotels do not have triple rooms, only can offer an extra bed or rollaway).
- ✓ Tentative date of arrival to Peru:
- ✓ Tentative date of return to your country:
- ✓ Special request:

Keep in mind that hotels, trains, and some services are subject to availability.

## PAYMENT

- Once we send you the quotation and modifications are finalized, we will proceed to reserve all the services required. Eventually booking all services takes between 24 to 48 hours.
- Once all reservations are confirmed, we will send you a confirmation email explaining the final date to pay the total amount of the quotation. In addition, we will mention if pre-payments are necessary.
- We accept wire transfers (you must cover the bank fee charges) or PayPal.

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