Peru Private Journey

MAGICAL MACHU PICCHU AND THE LAND OF THE INCAS

Wilderness Travel



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WHEN TO GO

March to December

Discover the spectacular land of the sun-worshipping Incas, with its breathtaking mountain landscapes, mystical fortresscities, and thriving cultural and artistic heritage. With your private guide, you'll head out to the beautiful Urubamba Valley, sacred to the Incas, to explore the stupendous ruins of Písac, with its Inca-built terracing, and majestic Ollantaytambo, the hilltop fortress where rebel Manco Inca and his men held out against Pizarro's forces. You'll experience two days at glorious Machu Picchu, a stunning city of stone perched on a sheer precipice 1,500 feet above the Urubamba River. So well hidden in the jungle-covered ramparts of the Cordillera Vilcabamba that the Spaniards never knew of it, this "lost city" allows a vivid experience of the Inca world. In Cusco, enjoy an insider's walking tour of the ancient heart of the Inca Empire, and nearby Inca sites including awe-inspiring Saqsayhuaman, the majestic fortress overlooking city.

ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions—and enjoy the WT touch on all aspects of the journey.

Itinerary

This Private Journey includes optional hikes and excursions to nearby ruins that you should request when confirming your trip.

DAY 1

ARRIVE / CUSCO / PÍSAC / SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

Upon arrival in Cusco, the former capital of the Incan empire and nestled at a lofty 11,200', you are met by your guide and transferred to the beautiful "Sacred Valley of the Incas" and Pisac (9,751'), a colonial and modern village above which lies a majestic Inca fortress overlooking the valley. You'll wander the ruins and learn the fascinating history of the area. After lunch, you'll have some time to visit the local Pisac market. You may also visit the Awana Kancha cultural project that has a farm of vicunas, guanacos, alpacas, and llamas, and their textile center or another local community that raises guinea pigs. Overnight at Tambo del Inka...LD

Active Option: You have the option to hike Pisac's towering fortress-ruin (11,100'), which has some of the finest examples of Inca terracing in existence, still in use by local inhabitants, then descend 1,349 feet to the colonial Pisac village.

Optional Hiking Details: 2.5-3 hours, 1,349 feet descent

Pisac and the Urubamba Valley: The Urubamba Valley was sacred to the Incas for many reasons, a key one being that it has a moderate climate and fertile plains, a rare combination in the high Andes. It is also the route to the jungle, from which the Incas liked to bring tropical fruits and plants (including coca, which was used in rituals). In the Urubamba Valley is the picturesque Andean village of Pisac and a major Inca ruin of the same name. The ruin at Pisac was the largest fortress-city complex of the Incas, yet is another enigma to archaeologists. It was a classic Inca pucara, a huge defended area where the entire population of a wide area could retreat during a military threat, but despite its natural defenses, the Incas made no stand here against the Spaniards. Pisac is particularly well known for the Inca-built terracing-there is an incredible sweeping vista of dozens of terraces, still used for farming, cascading down to the Chongo River valley below. These are the best preserved and most extensive Inca terraces in Peru and were used during Inca times for growing maize, a prestige crop that needed irrigation in the dry highlands. Another interesting feature of the site is its many cliff tombs, found especially in the steep walls to the west of the ruins. Huaqueros (grave robbers) reached them before the archaeologists and today all that is left is a honeycomb of empty tombs in the nearby cliffs.



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	8 days									
Arrive:	Cusco, Peru									
Depart:	Cusco, Peru									
Lodging:	7 nights in hotels,									
	including overnight at									
	Machu Picchu									
Meals:	All meals as noted									
	(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,									
	D=Dinner)									
Activity:	Archaeology, Cultural									
	Adventures, Walking									
Trip Level:	1 (2) 3 4 5 6									
	Easy walking and cultural									
	touring at elevations to									
	11,500 feet									

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the mystical wonder of Machu Picchu
- Explore stunning Inca monuments and Quechua villages in the Sacred Valley
- Roam the back streets of Cusco, ancient capital of the Incas

Itinerary (cont'd)

DAY 2

MORAY / MARAS / CHINCHERO

A half-hour's scenic drive brings us to the enigmatic Inca terraces of Moray. The Incas built concentric terraces in natural depressions in the earth here, thought by many scholars to have been experimental agricultural stations for crop hybrids. We then continue to the colonial town of Maras and begin our downhill hike past ancient salt mines where a natural saline spring flows into hundreds of terraced pools. This breathtaking site is still the main salt supply for the Cusco area, as it was in pre-Hispanic times. After lunch, we visit the quaint village of Chinchero, where there is a large colonial church built directly on top of Inca walls, and walk through the extensive archaeological site that was believed to have been the palace of Topa Inca Yupanqui, the tenth Inca king. Overnight at Tambo del Inka...BL

Active Option: From Chinchero, set off on the gentle downhill hike that brings you through a series of wooded canyons and into a vast landscape overlooking the Sacred Valley, which spreads out below you in a stunning panorama. Descend to the Urubamba Valley where you are met for the drive to your hotel. Please note: there is no time to visit Moray and Maras with this active option. Optional Hiking Time: Approximately 3-4 hours

"The itinerary was well planned and everything went very smoothly. The hotels were comfortable, their surroundings were beautiful, and their staffs were gracious and helpful. We have traveled extensively in North America and Europe and have never before been on a tour of any kind. This was a unique experience and we are delighted to have done it." *Sandra S., West Falls, NY*



DAY 3 PUMAMARCA / OLLANTAYTAMBO

This morning you'll visit Pumamarca, a stunning Inca site set above Ollantaytambo. The leisurely hike links the ruins of Pumamarca with some extensive Inca-built agricultural terraces and an ancient Inca path along the Patacancha valley from Pumamarca to Ollantaytambo. Later, you'll explore the major temple-fortress of Ollantaytambo and the classic village below it. Majestic Ollantaytambo, set out on a river cliff at the lower edge of a canyon, is the fortress where rebel Manco Inca and his men held out against Pizarro's forces in one of the only battles the Spaniards lost. At its top are huge granite blocks that mark an unfinished sun temple where the mummified remains of Inca nobles were buried. The charming traditional village below the ruins is a "living" Inca village, one of the few that retain the stonework, narrow streets, and family courtyards of its original Inca plan. Overnight at Tambo del Inka... BLD

Hiking Details: (Pumamarca) 3.5 miles, 2 hours; (Ollantaytambo) 2-3 hours

DAY 4

MACHU PICCHU

This morning, board the train with your guide for a short ride through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu. At the Machu Picchu station, head up to the ruins by bus and explore the sanctuary on an afternoon tour, visiting the reconstructed ruins of staircases, altars, temples, and fountains and enjoying the incredible setting. After lunch, enter Machu Picchu again for another guided tour of the ruins. Overnight at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge...BLD

Active Option: You have the option of taking the morning train to Kilometer 104 for the one-day hike up to Intipunku, Gate of the Sun. Along the way, you'll pass Wiñay Wayna, the last major site on the trail before you get to Machu Picchu. Wiñay Wayna ("Forever Young") is one of the most beautiful small Inca ruins, especially when it is seen from a distance, clinging to the

side of a ravine. It's named for an orchid, once abundant in this region, that blooms year-round and hence had the Quechua name of "forever young." A large round structure commands the site and below is a flight of stairs that leads down past 10 ritual baths, a feature of major Inca sites. Continue to Intipunku, where a magnificent view unfolds before you: the storybook ruins of Machu Picchu, straddling a green ridge high above the Urubamba River. This spot has an absolutely classic view of Machu Picchu, and you will hike down into the ancient city just as the Incas would have done. Please note: there is only

one guided tour of Machu Picchu possible on this day, if selecting this active option. Cost is \$225 per person.

Optional hike details: 7.5 miles, 5-6 hours. 2,600' ascent from the train station to the trail. Highest elevation on the hike is 8,860'.



"It was excellent from start to finish. I've taken many group tours, and this sets a new standard for excellence!" *Rachel R., Edina, MN*



Itinerary (cont'd)



"This trip was a fantastic blend of Peru's color and culture through beautiful and unique accomodations,delicious and authentic meals, a superb itinerary, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in Incan history and enjoy the services of a very personable and knowledgeable guide!" *Jenny C., Calgary, Alberta* Machu Picchu: So well hidden in the jungle-covered ramparts of the Cordillera Vilcabamba that the Spaniards never knew of it, Machu Picchu allows us a glimpse into the Inca world. American historian Hiram Bingham, who had a fascination with Peruvian archaeology, found the site in 1911 while searching for the ruins of Vilcabamba, known to be the last place where the rebel Manco II took refuge. A villager told Bingham about some ruins on a high ridge above the Urubamba River and led him there; thus, Bingham found the ruins not of Vilcabamba, but of a mysterious Inca city now believed to be one of the royal estates of the 9th Inca king, Pachacuti-whose name translates as "Transformer of the World." Pachacuti was a kind of New World Alexander the Great, whose son and grandson continued and consolidated the expansion of Inca power. Bingham returned in 1912 and 1915 to undertake the difficult task of clearing the thick forest that had engulfed the ruins. Peruvian archaeologist Luis Valcarcel undertook further studies and vegetation clearing in 1934, and in 1940 and 1941, a Peruvian-American expedition led by Paul Fejos did more study. Archaeologists know that Machu Picchu was built, occupied, and then abandoned in the course of 100 years. Discoveries in the 1980s of many other small ruin sites close to Machu Picchu have given weight to the theory that Machu Picchu also served as the administrative center of a huge and populous region. Whatever Machu Picchu's purpose was, it is certainly one of the most stunning archaeological sites in the world.

DAY 5

MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Explore the wonders of Machu Picchu, with the option to climb Huayna Picchu if you wish. The Palace of Princesses, Temple of the Sun, Temple of the Condor, and the astronomical observatory are only a few of the remarkable restored ruins here. The many beautiful altars, terraces, fountains, and mysterious chambers all display intricate stonework. Transfer to the last afternoon train (with your guide), which brings you back to Cusco around 6:00 pm. You will be met on arrival in Cusco for transfer to the hotel. Overnight at Palacio del Inka...BL

DAY 6

CUSCO / CITY TOUR

This morning, enjoy a private guided walking tour through central Cusco, once the elegant imperial city of the Incas. The streets of Cusco are lined with massive Inca-built stone walls and the foundations of many colonial and modern buildings are set on Inca stonework. Your walking tour typically includes a visit to the central square called the Plaza de Armas, Cusco's ancient and modern center, and the baroque cathedral, a great repository of colonial art that sits on the foundations of the Inca Wiracocha's palace. After lunch, you will visit awe-inspiring Saqsayhuaman, the majestic Inca fortress overlooking Cusco. With its three tiers of outer walls made of massive and perfectly fitted limestone blocks, it is the largest and one of the most impressive Inca sites in existence. The zig-zag configuration of its walls may indicate that it was a temple dedicated to the Inca's important lightning god, although some scholars feel the zig-zags represent the teeth of a puma.

Inhabited by proto-Incas as early as 1100 AD, Cusco was partly rebuilt in the early 15th century by Pachacuteq, the Inca warrior-king. He is credited with creating the Incas' form of worship, system of government, and the distinctive masonry style we still marvel at today. Cusco was laid out in the shape of a puma. The megalithic fortress of Sacsayhuaman formed its head, while palaces, temples, squares, and streets formed the puma's body and legs. Cusco's paved avenues were flanked by temples and rock-hewn palaces with gold- and jewel-encrusted doors, and there were lavish villas for the Inca nobles and their retinues. Cusco's opulent inner sanctum was the Coricancha, or House of the Sun, a glittering temple to the gods, full of golden statues. Today the stonework remnants of this temple form the foundation for the colonial church of Santo Domingo. Overnight at Palacio del Inka...BL

DAY 7

CUSCO / OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Today is free for shopping and sightseeing on your own in Cusco. One can spend a delightful day here just exploring on foot to see the blend of Inca and colonial architecture. The city also boasts an abundance of artisan and craft boutiques and a wide variety of wonderful restaurants and street cafes, all with a welcoming atmosphere. Overnight at Palacio del Inka...B

Optional Activities:

Half-day Culinary Tour (includes lunch)

Half-day Walking Excursion to Tipon, Pikillacta, and Andahuaylillas (includes lunch)

Full-day Walking Excursion to Quillarumiyoc, Zurite with Condor Viewing (includes lunch)

Full-day Hiking Excursion to Humantay Lake (includes lunch) Full-day Hiking Excursion to Palcoyo Mountain (includes lunch) *Pricing available upon request

DAY 8 DEPART

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Lima and depart on homewardbound flights (or join one of our optional extensions)...B

DISCOVER THE GALÁPAGOS!

Schedule your Peru Private Journey to coordinate with one of our deluxe natural history adventures in the Galápagos Islands. Snorkel with a cavorting sea lion, hike past a blue-footed booby feeding its young, swim with sea turtles, and sea kayak amid the amazing geology of this volcanic archipelago. Our 14-passenger yacht offers the ultimate luxury experience! No matter which boat you choose, you'll enjoy delicious meals served al fresco, access to remote sites big cruise ships can't visit, and gain insight into the flora and fauna from the very best naturalists in the islands. We designed several Galápagos itineraries, with departures throughout the year. Call for details.



"Extremely pleased. Wonderful trip. Don't think it could have been any better."

Scott C., Austin, TX

Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024 \$5,995 (4-9 members)

Single supplement: \$2,695

Note: We need a minimum of 4 trip members to run the trip.

Peak season rates may apply to holidays such as May 1, Independence Days (July 28 and 29), Christmas and New Year's.

Prices are based on double occupancy and not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Accommodations based on double occupancy, as described in this itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land transportation as noted
- Entrance fees to Machu Picchu on Day 4 and Day 5
- Airport transfers
- Private guided tours as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, any activities described as optional, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to staff, additional hotel nights made necessary by airline schedule changes or other factors, pre-trip expenses such as medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, or passports and visas; and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended since accommodations often sell out far in advance. Please call 1-800-368-2794 and ask for our Latin America Manager or email us at latinamerica@wildernesstravel.com with any questions that you may have about this trip. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred dates of travel. We will then check availability and send you a proposed itinerary with exact pricing for your adventure. We can typically hold a provisional booking for one week. At that time, we must collect your initial deposit or accommodations will be released. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a letter of confirmation, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet with information to help you prepare for your adventure. Please see our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for specific payment information.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$1000 90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: \$500 per person 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost *Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance</u>



Extend Your Adventure!

To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our *Peru Private Journey* webpage and click on the "Extensions" tab: <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/peru/peru-private-journey/</u><u>extensions</u>

AMAZON RAINFOREST EXTENSION: RESERVA AMAZONICA

Enter the enchanting world of the Amazon rainforest as you listen to the dawn chorus of bird songs, hear the howls of monkeys in the high forest canopy, walk lush rainforest trails, explore by boat along vine-draped waterways, and learn about the ecosystem of a tropical rainforest from knowledgeable local guides. Accommodations are at Reserva Amazonica, set in a 40-square-mile private ecological reserve adjacent to Peru's Tambopata National Reserve. *4 days. Pricing TBD.*

AREQUIPA AND COLCA CANYON EXTENSION

Take in the colonial splendor of Arequipa, set on the edge of the Andes and surrounded by spectacular mountains, including snow-capped El Misti, a 19,000-foot volcano that makes a striking backdrop for the city. Explore the city's harmonious and beautifully preserved colonial center of white stone architecture, recently listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, then head out into the countryside to enjoy the grandeur of massive Colca Canyon, one of the deepest in the world, flanked by glaciers and volcanoes. The canyon's walls preserve some of the finest Inca terracing in Peru and shelter traditional Indian villages. Here you may spot Andean condors circling up from the canyon depths.

4 days. Pricing TBD.





Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents required for your trip.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Cusco, Peru

Suggested Airport: Cusco, Peru (CUZ)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 11:00 am

Meeting Place: Upon arrival, you will be met outside of the customs area.

DEPARTURE

Cusco, Peru

Suggested Airport: Cusco, Peru (CUZ), with an onward connection in Lima (LIM)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 8, anytime At the end of the trip (Day 8), we will transfer you to the Cusco airport for your departing flight.*

*Be sure to leave a 3-hour connection time in Lima before your international flight home.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Peru. Airlines with the most convenient schedules for this trip include American Airlines, United Airlines, and Delta.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at <u>www.</u> <u>exitotravel.com</u>.

The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are

confirmed on the trip. Once tickets have been purchased, please forward a copy of your email confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

We are happy to arrange additional hotel nights for you in Cusco. Please contact our office to book these reservations.

Accommodations

DAYS 1-3 (3 NIGHTS): SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS, PERU



TAMBO DEL INKA

With its riverside location, lush park-like grounds, and wonderfully appointed rooms, this hotel is a little bit of luxury in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The views of the surrounding mountains are superb, and the pool and sauna are a great place to unwind after a day of exploring. Sip a drink around the cozy stone fireplace, then get ready for a delicious meal. Got some extra time? The spa offers a variety of soothing treatments.

DAY 4 (1 NIGHT): MACHU PICCHU RUINS, PERU



MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE

You can't get closer to the Machu Picchu ruins than this! With only 31 rooms, this property is famously set right at the gate of Machu Picchu. Not only does this save you from having to make the 30-minute bus trip to get up to or back from the ruins each day, but it also allows you the luxury of popping back to the hotel for a rest or a bite to eat whenever you like throughout the day. The hotel features a garden with a view of Huayna Picchu, two restaurants, and the food and service are wonderful. While the rooms are small and few offer views of the ruins, the Sanctuary remains the absolute top choice of travelers who decide that if they are only going to do it once, they might as well do it right!

DAYS 5-8 (3 NIGHTS): CUSCO, PERU



PALACIO DEL INKA

Set in front of the Coricancha, just off Cusco's central square, is the Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel. It is a favorite among travelers for its prime location as well as excellent service. Since being given a complete makeover, the hotel is beginning a new stage in its history as a luxury hotel. It boasts a spa with a highly trained staff and a restaurant overlookng the colonial-era courtyard. The restaurant offers Peruvian and Novoandina cuisine, the latter emphasizing native regional ingredients.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Peru Private Journey* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 2, according to our trip grading system. It features vehicle-based sightseeing and day walks, with hotel accommodations throughout. Most of the walking is at considerable altitudes, ranging from 8,200 feet at Machu Picchu to 11,200 feet at Cusco. We do recommend you make special efforts to get in good physical condition for the trip, as it will greatly increase your enjoyment.

WEATHER

Being so close to the equator, Peru has only two climate seasons: a dry season from April to October, and a wet season from December to March. For hiking in the mountains, April to October is ideal; the countryside is green and lush, the skies are often blue and sunny, and the mountain vistas are at their clearest and most magnificent. However, it can be rainy any time throughout the year or be dry for several weeks during the wet season. Rains usually come as afternoon thunderstorms. Because of the mild nature of the wet season, this journey can be enjoyed yearround.

Altitude is the main factor controlling the climate. In the mountains, you'll encounter sunny days with daytime temperatures ranging between 65°F and 70°F, dropping to the 40s and lower at night. The sun is very strong at high altitude and it can often be warm enough to hike in shorts and a t-shirt. However, it can also get extremely cold; if you're familiar with mountain weather, you know how suddenly it can get cold even in the daytime if the sun slips behind a cloud. Nighttime temperatures can drop to below freezing. Rain should not be a problem on our hikes, but always keep in mind that mountain weather is unpredictable and sudden storms can occur, especially on high mountain passes. The best preparation for the changeable climate of the high Andes is to dress in layers. Lima lies in a coastal desert where rainfall is rare and temperatures are usually warm (70s and 80s).

GUIDED SERVICES

You will have a private guide in Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and at Machu Picchu, as specified in the itinerary.

CHILDREN

This is an excellent trip for children and families. The recommended minimum age is 10. Triple rooms (subject to availability) can be requested.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Latin America Manager or email us at latinamerica@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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Average Daily Max/Min °F												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lima	79/68	80/69	80/69	76/66	72/63	69/61	67/60	66/60	67/59	69/61	72/63	76/66
Cusco	64/45	64/46	65/46	66/43	67/39	66/35	66/34	66/37	67/41	68/44	67/45	66/45
Rainfall - Inches												
Lima	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Cusco	5.9	4.5	3.8	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.9	1.9	2.7	4.3

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