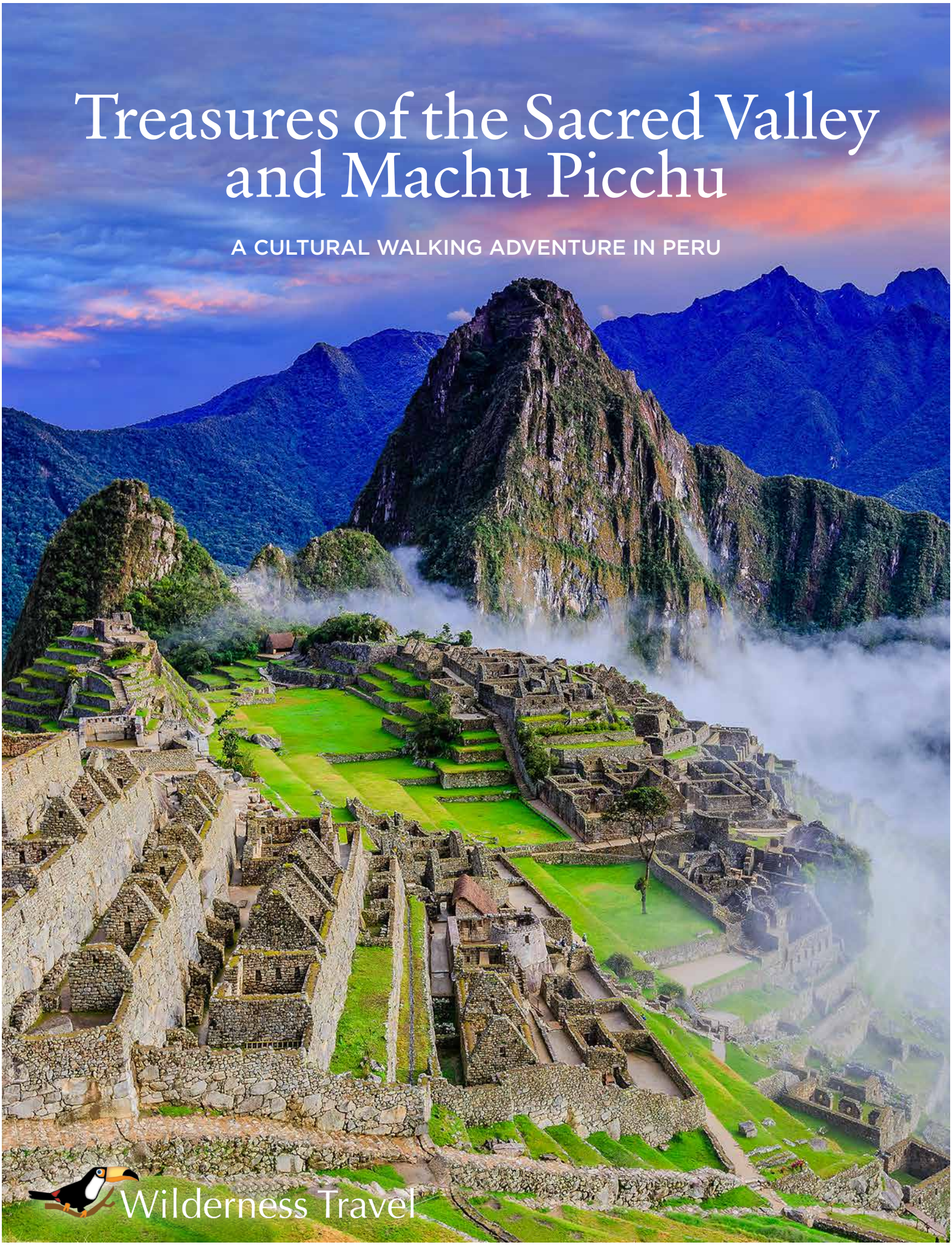
Treasures of the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu

A CULTURAL WALKING ADVENTURE IN PERU



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TRIP DATES

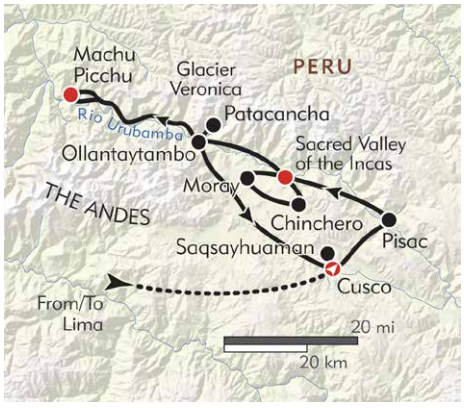
2027

April 17-24, 2027
May 22-29, 2027
September 17-24, 2027

2028

April 15-22, 2028
May 20-27, 2028
September 4-11, 2028

Explore the mountain-ringed Sacred Valley of the Incas as it winds its way past the hilltop citadels of Pisac and Ollantaytambo to magical Machu Picchu—but on this adventure, experience it all on cultural walking explorations instead of mountain hikes. Our walks are leisurely, incredibly scenic, and on moderate terrain as we discover temple-fortresses and Inca-planned towns. We'll also have a pachamanca feast in an Andean village where generations of WT's Inca Trail staff live. Savoring Peru's acclaimed cuisine will be a highlight, and we finish with an overnight at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, just steps from the ruins, for unrushed access to the Incas' "Lost City."



What Makes WT's Itinerary Special?

BENEFIT FROM OUR 45+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. Our Peruvian ground crew—local guides, drivers, chefs—have been working with WT for generations, so all the logistics and details are expertly handled. You just show up and enjoy the benefits, including authentic cultural encounters and wonderful hot picnic lunches with tables, chairs, and a view.

LEARN FROM EXPERTS. Our Trip Leaders have a deep knowledge of Peruvian and Inca history and Quechua culture, so you'll get fascinating personal insights and context. They welcome you into their homeland, show you the hidden gems, and introduce you to their friends and family—giving you a true insider's experience you could never get on your own.

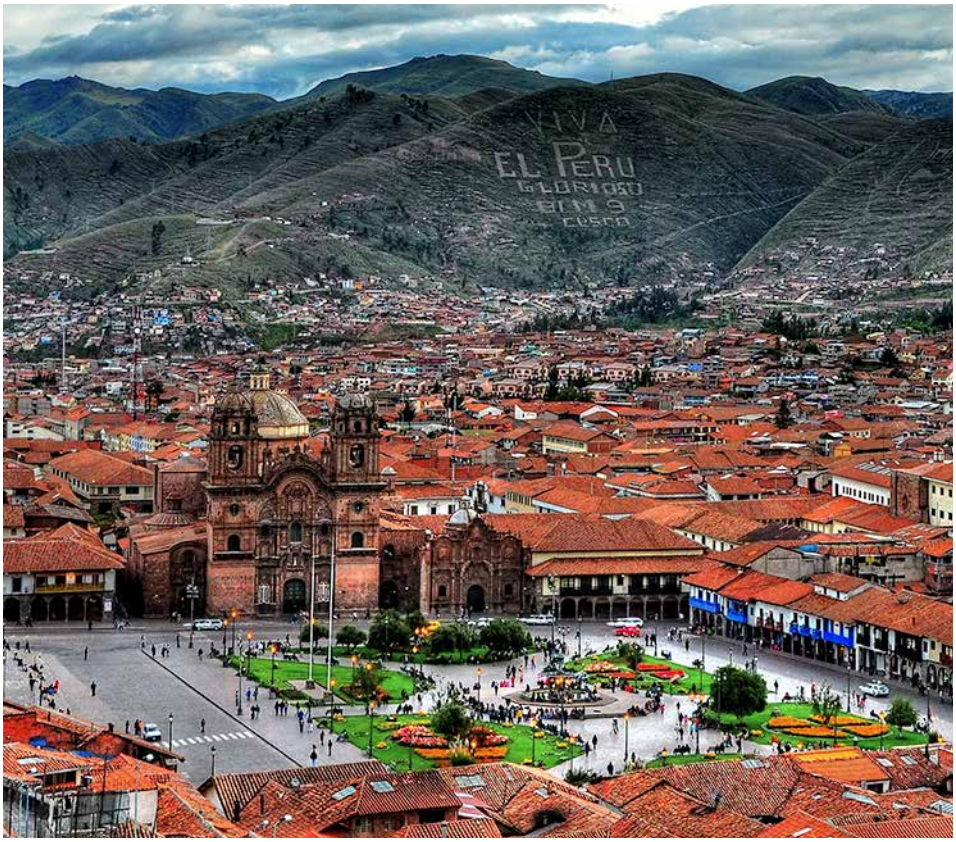
STAY AT THE EXCLUSIVE MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE FOR PLENTY OF TIME EXPLORING THE "LOST CITY." Want to watch the sun rise at Machu Picchu? We overnight at the only lodge right at MP, so you can skip transportation time to and from the ruins. You'll maximize your experience by staying right at this amazing site. You can easily walk to MP's entry gate—enjoy the lodge for lunch or cocktails, and walk through MP during the afternoon "golden hour" after the other tourists have left.

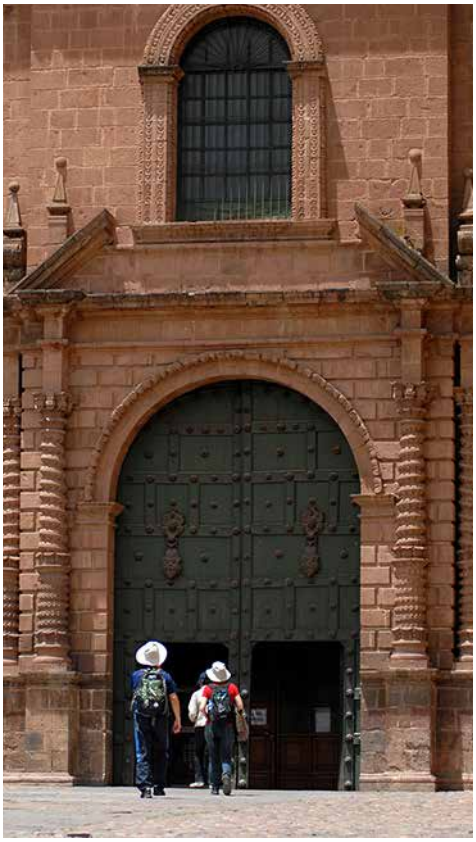
ENJOY QUALITY TIME AND COMFORT IN THE SACRED VALLEY. Savor three days and nights in the fabled Sacred Valley with ample time to explore all its wonders. There are many important and impressive Inca ruins that are often overlooked in the rush to visit Machu Picchu. We take our time to provide in-depth visits in this heartland of the Inca Empire and bring you cultural experiences that welcome you into Peru's traditional indigenous community.

DELIGHT IN PERU'S CULINARY SENSATIONS! Most people come to Peru to visit Machu Picchu, but surely one of the most pleasant surprises is discovering the unique dishes and flavors of Peru's kitchen! Taste your way through each day of the itinerary, enjoying fresh, local ingredients and traditional recipes. Pair the evening meal with a pisco sour, and you will be hooked on Peru's cuisine!

TRAVEL WITH A SMALL GROUP (MAXIMUM OF 15 PARTICIPANTS). You'll appreciate a more intimate experience of Peru in a small group, with more time and opportunities to interact with locals, learn about the area's history, understand the cultural context of archaeological sites, move at your own pace, and get up-close insights at every stop.

EXPERIENCE A THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED ITINERARY. Your adventure begins in lively Cusco, learning about Inca history, then moves to fascinating sites in the Sacred Valley, and ends with a grand finale at phenomenal Machu Picchu. The same careful attention goes into choreographing the flow of each day, from avoiding crowds to choosing the most picturesque locations. We want you to enjoy every moment of your journey.





Itinerary

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 8 days
Arrive: Cusco, Peru
Depart: Cusco, Peru
Lodging: 7 nights luxury hotels
Meals: All meals included except 1 dinner (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Archaeology, Cultural Adventures, Walking
Trip Level: 1 ② 3 4 5 6
Cultural and walking tours of 2-3 hours, elevations from 11,200 feet in Cusco to 13,779 feet in an Andean village, van supported

DAY 1 CUSCO, PERU (VIA LIMA)

Arrive early in the morning at the airport in Lima and connect with a spectacular flight over the Andes to Cusco (11,200'). Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to the acclaimed Hotel Monasterio, set right near the Plaza de Armas. Here we drink a cup of maté de coca (the local herb tea) to help us acclimatize to the high altitude, and take deep breaths! In the afternoon, we enjoy a walking tour through central Cusco for a glimpse into the ceremonial heart of the Inca Empire. Our walk includes a visit to the Coricancha, a sacred Inca temple whose walls were once covered with sheets of gold, Plaza de Armas, and the baroque cathedral, built on the site of an old Inca palace. We gather for a Welcome Lunch or Dinner at one of Cusco's innovative restaurants today, depending on the arrival times of trip members...LD

Note: We recommend coming to Cusco one day early to acclimatize to Cusco's altitude. An extra day makes a world of difference after the long flight from the US. We are happy to book additional nights for you at the Hotel Monasterio (an "on your own" expense).

Cusco: Inhabited by proto-Incas as early as the 12th century AD, Cusco was completely 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 the heart of Tahuantinsuyo, the Land of the Four Quarters, as the Incas called their kingdom. The boundary lines of each quarter of the kingdom originated from the main plaza.

An elegant imperial city, Cusco was laid out in the shape of a puma. The great fortress of Saqsayhuaman 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 there were rock-hewn palaces with gold- and jewel-encrusted doors and villas for the brilliantly clad Inca nobles and their retinues. The capital's opulent inner sanctum was the Coricancha, or House of the Sun, once a glittering temple to the gods, full of golden statues (today it forms the foundation for the colonial Santo Domingo church). Although the Spaniards looted the gold and silver from the elaborate Inca temples, most of Cusco remained undisturbed after Pizarro, the Spanish conqueror, made his triumphant entrance into the city in 1533. But in 1536, Manco II, the rebel Inca, led an attack against the Spanish. His men used slingshots to rain hot coals into the city, setting it ablaze. The Spanish triumphed, but the once-glorious city was left a smoking ruin.

DAY 2 SAQSAYHUAMAN / TAMBO MACHAY / SAN BLAS

This morning we 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. Our explorations also include the Inca spring at Tambo Machay. After lunch in town, we can explore the cobbled lanes of the fascinating San Blas district, home to artisans since the time of the Incas. Dinner is on your own tonight. The Trip Leader will be happy to make dining recommendations, depending on how fancy or local you want to go. Overnight at Hotel Monasterio...BL

DAY 3 PISAC

This morning we drive to Pisac, set on a high promontory and filled with wonderful examples of Inca stonework and engineering, with lunch en route. Pisac was the largest fortress-city complex of the Incas, yet it is another enigma to archaeologists. It was a classic Inca pucara, a huge defended area into which 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. The fine Inca terraces of Pisac are still cultivated by local inhabitants, and the terracing exhibited here reflects a level of engineering ingenuity unrivaled anywhere else. With its high-status temple architecture and elaborate visual design, Pisac may have been

a royal estate or a ceremonial center like Machu Picchu. After lunch, we set out on a two-hour hike to one of the oldest known Inca cemeteries, where tombs are set into caves in the high cliffs. Our home for the next three nights is the luxurious Tambo del Inka, a relaxing hideaway on the banks of the Rio Urubamba with beautiful views of the valley...BLD
Hiking/Walking Time: Approximately 2 hours

DAY 4 CHINCHERO / MORAY / MARAS

A scenic drive brings us to the quaint village of Chinchero, where there is a large colonial church built directly on top of Inca walls. We'll walk through the extensive archaeological site that was believed to have been the palace of Topa Inca Yupanqui, the tenth Inca king. Next, we head to the enigmatic Inca terraces of Moray—concentric terraces built into natural depressions in the earth, 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. We have lunch today at a traditional Peruvian family-run restaurant with spectacular views where you can watch the cooks unearth ceramic pots cooked on stones buried in the ground, full of locally grown food. Time permitting, we can visit the Centro de Textiles Tradicionales for the opportunity to watch Andean weavers create their textiles. Overnight at the Tambo del Inka...BLD
Hiking Time: Approximately 2-2.5 hours

DAY 5 OLLANTAYTAMBO / PATACANCHA

In the early morning, when the light is dramatic and there are fewer visitors, we visit the grand ruins of Ollantaytambo, a major Inca fortress where the rebel Manco Inca and his men held out against Pizarro's forces in one of the only battles the Spaniards lost. We then head to the remote village of Patacancha (13,779'), where the residents will prepare for us a typical Andean pachamanca, a festive meal featuring meat slow-roasted over hot coals in a pit dug into the ground. Patacancha is a fantastic traditional community—generations of trail crew, cooks, and porters on Wilderness Travel's renowned Inca Trail staff are from this village, and we know many of the families as long-time friends. Time permitting, we may visit homes and the village school to learn about their lives. After the pachamanca, we bid farewell to our hosts and return to the Tambo del Inka...BLD
Hiking Time: Approximately 2-3 hours (optional)

DAY 6 VISTADOME TRAIN / MACHU PICCHU / MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE

An early morning ride on the Vistadome train brings us to Machu Picchu for our unforgettable overnight stay at the Sanctuary Lodge, the only hotel right at the gates of this indescribable Inca city. Many travelers rush in and out of here in a few hours, but our overnight stay gives us plenty of time to contemplate its mysteries. The lodge allows unparalleled access to this renowned site (it's just 50 feet away). We'll have our first visit to the site this morning, before heading back to the lodge for lunch. After lunch, we head back out for a full

afternoon of exploring Machu Picchu's reconstructed ruins of staircases, altars, temples, and fountains. Overnight at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge...BLD
Walking Time: Approximately 5 hours

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. 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. 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 7 MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

We awake early for our 7:00 am entry into the ruins and enjoy an optional hike during the cool, dawn hours to the top of Huayna Picchu, the striking peak directly behind the sanctuary. This is a steep yet rewarding climb, and the view at the top is stunning—with sweeping vistas of Machu Picchu in the morning's soft light (although weather permitting, as it can often be shrouded in mist). Later we continue exploring Machu Picchu and all its terraced wonders, savoring every last minute of the place we've journeyed so far to see. After lunch at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, we return to Cusco and to the Hotel Monasterio, where we'll freshen up, then gather for our festive Farewell Dinner this evening. Overnight at the Hotel Monasterio...BLD

DAY 8 DEPART

Transfer to the airport for departure on homeward-bound flights...B

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy
2027
$7,395 (10-14 members)
$7,995 (7-9 members)
$8,695 (4-6 members)
Single supplement: $2,590

Please contact us for future years' pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guide(s)
- Accommodations in hotels
- All meals included except 1 dinner as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- Airport transfers as noted
- All site entry tickets, including 1 Huayna Picchu and 3 Machu Picchu entry tickets
- All activities as included in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, internal flights, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changaes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: $600
90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee (Machu Picchu entry fees): $150 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

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:
www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

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 webpage and click on "Extend Your Trip": www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/peru/machu-picchu-walking-sacred-valley/#extensions

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.

5 days. From $2,295.

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. From $995.

AMAZON RIVER CRUISE EXTENSION

Aboard a luxurious river cruise designed to have minimal impact on the delicate Amazon environment, you'll travel in style along some of the most biodiverse tributaries in the world. With experienced naturalist guides and daily small group excursions, you'll experience this vast ecological haven—a world filled with birds in neon-bright colors, playful monkeys, graceful hawks and herons, and millions of butterflies. Try your hand at fishing, visit riverside communities to witness their culture and traditions, learn about the area's conservation and sustainability projects, and enjoy night excursions by skiff under a canopy of sparkling stars.

5 days. From $5,000.

Accommodations

HOTEL MONASTERIO

Cusco, Peru

Days 1 to 2 (2 nights), Day 7 (1 night)

A 16th century monastery that is now an elegant hotel, the Monasterio has a stunning historic ambiance, with several inner courtyards, a chapel, wonderful furnishings, and antique paintings and carpets. The grand lobby bar, warmed by a fireplace, is a great place to sit and unwind at the end of a busy day. As with any historic building, the guest rooms vary in size and configuration, but all are well appointed. This hotel, located just steps from the Plaza de Armas, even offers to pump oxygen into guest rooms to help acclimatization to Cusco's high altitude!

TAMBO DEL INKA

Urubamba Valley, Peru

Days 3 to 5 (3 nights)

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.

MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE

Machu Picchu Ruins, Peru

Day 6 (1 night)

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 the 30-minute bus trip to and 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. The hotel features two restaurants and a garden with a view of Huayna Picchu, and the food and service are wonderful. While the rooms are small and few offer views of the ruins, the Sanctuary remains the top choice of travelers who decide that if they're only going to do Machu Picchu once, they might as well do it right!

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Cusco, Peru
Suggested Airport: Cusco, Peru (CUZ), via Lima (LIM)
Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, before noon
Meeting Place: Upon arrival, you will be met by your WT representative outside the arrivals hall at the Cusco airport.*

*Please leave a 3-hour connection time in Lima before flying on to Cusco. You will need time to clear customs and recheck your luggage.

Please Note: We highly recommend coming to Cusco one day early to acclimatize to Cusco's altitude (it's also a delightful place to explore on your own). An extra day makes a world of difference after the long flight from the US. We are happy to book additional hotel nights for you at the Hotel Monasterio (an "on your own" expense).

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.*

*Please 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 LATAM Airlines, 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 970-818-8459 in the US or 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 www.exitotravel.com.

Note: It is necessary to depart from the US at least one day prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary.

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.

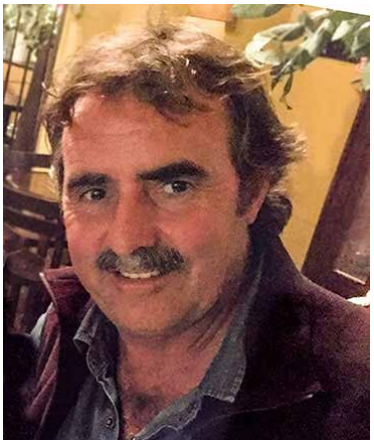
Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets have been purchased, please forward a copy of your email confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

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

Trip Leaders

Our Peru Trip Leaders are the best and most experienced guides in the country, with a gift for bringing history and culture to life. Their long-term friendships with locals and deep knowledge and insights give you the privilege of authentic cultural exchange as they introduce you to the welcoming people, natural beauty, rich cultural history of this magical country.



PETER BOEHM

Peter Boehm is German-born but says, "I have Latin blood running through my veins." Pete has guided in Peru and across South America since 1984. He arrived as a traveler and became one of the first to trek many of Peru's then unexplored Inca trails. With countless captivating stories about his adventures along these remote routes, Peter still notes, "The best moment on a trip? Every time I arrive into Machu Picchu—goosebumps! In Peru we are so lucky to have such a great mix of nature and culture." With decades of experience, Peter has longtime relationships with many friends in the villages along the trail (our guests have called him "the Mayor of the Sacred Valley"). He is endlessly good-natured and shares his insights and local connections with trip members with great enthusiasm. "I can really be and feel with WT clients—it is never superficial traveling together."

MIGUEL PACSI

Miguel Pacsi was born in the highlands southeast of Cusco, not far from snow-capped Ausangate, the most sacred mountain to the Inca people. Born into the WT family, with his father being one of our original camp managers, Miguel is a now a second-generation member of our Peru team! He has hiked the famous Inca Trail more than 500 times and holds a teaching degree in history and geography from the University of San Ignacio de Loyola in Lima as well as a guides' degree from the University in Cusco. He is fluent in his native Quechua as well as Spanish and English and loves sharing his vast knowledge of Peru's local traditions as well as its cultural and natural history. Miguel is a favorite among our trip members and receives rave reviews.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated **Level 2, Easy to Moderate,** according to our trip grading system. Cultural explorations are the focus of the trip, with hotel accommodations throughout. Much of the trip takes place at higher altitudes, ranging from 11,200 feet in Cusco to 13,779 feet in the Andean village of Patacancha.

Average Hiking Day

- 2-3 hours

Optional Challenge Day

- Day 7: 2-2.5 miles, 2-3 hours, 1,000' ascent/400' descent

TERRAIN

While this is not a hiking trip per se, it's still an active trip with good portions of each day spent exploring Cusco and small villages, taking short hikes in the adjoining countryside, or investigating Inca ruin sites, which always involves climbing up and down steps along rough pathways.

Note on optional hike up Huayna Picchu: On Day 7, you will have the opportunity to climb Huayna Picchu, the spectacular peak rising from the ruins. This hike is quite rewarding but not for the faint of heart or those with a fear of heights. The climb is steep, a bit of a scramble, and can be slippery. It's suitable for very fit hikers who like a challenge. Think stairmaster at the highest level!

GETTING IN SHAPE

For maximum enjoyment of the trip (and the wonderful scenery, food, and history that are a part of it), you must be in fit shape and ready to walk. We strongly urge you to train for the trip with regular exercise.

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, the April to October season 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.

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 temperatures can drop even in the daytime if the sun slips behind a cloud. Nighttime temperatures can fall 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). Days are overcast most of the year due to the Humboldt current that comes up from Antarctica and meets the warm, tropical El Nino current from the north to create the garua, or coastal fog/mist.

The climate in the Amazon Basin is generally warm and humid throughout the year but can also be unexpectedly cool (usually 60s) due to the breezes that blow down from the Andes.

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

Additional Information

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At www.wildernesstravel.com, you can book your trip online or find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and one-time Limited Edition adventures that aren't listed in our catalog. You can also access our complete library of detailed itineraries filled with enticing photos and videos, read bios of our Trip Leaders, find descriptions of trip accommodations, and check real-time availability of any trips that interest you.

Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts

We are very proud to have one of the highest rates of repeat travelers in the business, and have established the Wilderness Travel Toucan Club to reward you for your loyalty. For more information, please visit the Toucan Club page of our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan.

Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

T-SHIRT FRONT

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel 32oz stainless steel insulated water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia ($140 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia ($150 value).

T-SHIRT BACK

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of $500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST; INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 2026, 13-time winner
Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Conde Nast Traveler*, 2026, 6-time winner
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Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*
Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner
50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row
Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure,* 3-time winner

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