



THE MAGIC OF PERU

17 days, November 2016

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ITINERARY

6 NOV - SANTIAGO

Upon arrival into Santiago you will be transferred to your Hotel. After checking in to the hotel there will be time to take a walk through the City Centre before attending the Welcome Dinner

Meals : Dinner

7 NOV - SANTIAGO

After breakfast, the day will begin with a Walking tour to visit the Palacio de Gobierno and Cerro Santa Lucia. Around midday, we will drive out of the city to visit a local winery, here we will have lunch and taste some of the fine wines that this region produces. The central valley is one of the most important wine producing areas and Santiago has a number of vineyards within the city limits.

Arrive back in Santiago late afternoon there are plenty of local restaurants for you to choose for dinner.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

8 NOV - LIMA

Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima we will visit the Larco Hoyle Museum, famous for its collection of Moche ceramics, and have lunch.

Upon return to the Hotel the rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the local area.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

9 NOV - LIMA

Morning visit to the pre-Inka ruins of Pachacamac on the outskirts of Lima. We will then return to the city for a visit to the San Francisco Monastery and Plaza de Armas. We will have dinner at the Rosa Nautica restaurant. This restaurant is located on a pier out over the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight: Lima (B, L)

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner

10 NOV - AREQUIPA

Morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Arequipa where we will transfer directly to our hotel. After lunch we will walk to the Monasterio de Santa Catalina and spend a few hours exploring the Monastery which is the size of a City Block.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

11 NOV - CHIVAY

Morning visit to see Juanita, the ice maiden. An Incan child sacrificial victim, whose remains were discovered after a volcanic eruption. We will leave Arequipa late in the morning for the drive to the Colca Canyon (5 hours). This is arguably the world's deepest canyon but that depends how you measure its depth! As you can imagine, the scenery is spectacular and the drive there will pass the volcano of El Misti. With luck we may see some condors, the largest flying birds in the world Our hotel has its own hot springs – you will a chance to relax in the springs prior to dinner.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

12 NOV - CHIVAY

Early morning drive to continue our tour of the Colca Canyon. We will visit the look-out point, El Mirador del Condor, where we hope to see these magnificent birds as they soar on the thermal currents. We will have lunch at Chivay and explore the canyon further.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

13 NOV - PUNO

Morning departure for our drive to Puno (5 hours). En route we will visit the pre-Inka ruins of Sillustani. Here we will see tall funerary towers built to overlook Lake Umayo.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

14 NOV - PUNO

Full day tour of Lake Titicaca. In the morning we will visit the Floating

Reed (Uros) Islands. We will then cruise out to the island of Taquile. The cultures on these islands differ markedly and it is interesting to compare how tourism has affected local cultures and how each has chosen different ways to accept tourists into their societies.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

15 NOV - CUSCO

Early departure by bus for our drive to Cusco. En route we will stop at La Raya, the highest point (>4,000m ASL) of our trip and Raqchi, an Inka trading post. The drive will take all day and we will arrive Early evening into Cusco.

Overnight: Cusco (B, L)

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

16 NOV - CUSCO

Morning walking tour of the city including the Coricancha and the Cathedral. Afternoon visit to the Inka citadel of Sacsayhuaman, located on a hill overlooking the Cusco. This site contains some of the most impressive stone-work in the Inka Empire.

Overnight: Cusco (B)

Meals : Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA

17 NOV - URUBAMBA

Morning departure to visit Andayhuaylillas, a beautiful Colonial church outside of Cusco. This church is decorated with beautiful murals and is known as the 'Cistine Chapel of the Andes'. En route we will visit a local market to see the range of foods produced in this region and also mingle with the locals. We will have lunch in a rural restaurant. After lunch we will drive on to the Sacred Valley where we will spend the night. If time permits we will visit the Inka ruins at Pisac en route.

Meals: breakfast and Lunch

18 NOV - URUBAMBA

Full day tour visiting sites in and around the Sacred Valley of the Inka. Our first stop will be the market town of Chinchero where we will see a weaving exhibition. We will visit the sites of Moras and Moray. We will spend the night in the Sacred Valley.

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

19 NOV – AGUAS CALIENTES MACHU PICHU

We will take the morning train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes, our base for exploring Machu Picchu. After dropping our bags at the hotel, we will take a bus to the ruins of Machu Picchu. We will have lunch before entering the site and will spend the entire afternoon within the ruins. We will spend the first hour or two with the guide and then you will have some free time to explore at your own pace. We will return to Aguas Calientes around sunset

Meals : Breakfast and Lunch

20 NOV – AGUAS CALIENTES MACHU PICHU

There is an option to return to the ruins for sunrise. If you wish you can even hike up to Huaynapicchu mountain. The afternoon is free to explore more of the ruins or the town. You may go up to the hot springs if you wish.

Meals : Breakfast

21 NOV. - CUSCO

We will take the morning train from Aguas Calientes back to Ollantaytambo. This Colonial town is actually built on Inka foundations and is overlooked by a spectacular sets of ruins. We will walk through the town before climbing to see the Temple of the Sun. After lunch we will drive back to Cusco. Farewell dinner in one of Cusco's finest restaurants.

Meals : Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

22 NOV - CUSCO

Free morning in Cusco. This is a great chance to purchase souvenirs or special gifts – Cusco is famous for its silver and gold jewellery and alpaca products. There are also a number of fine museums in the city worthy of a visit.. Afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight to Lima and connections homeward.

PRICES:

TWIN SHARE:

\$7375.00

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