

CUSCO & INCA TREK PERU

PERU UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

8 days - 7 nights

Country	: PERU
Category	: Boutique - Deluxe
Accommodation	: Hotel

Day 1: ARRIVAL IN CUSCO

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Flight: Lima - Cusco	Suggested time: Morning				

On arrival to Cusco city, you will be met by one of our representative and transferred to your hotel.

*We do recommend to rest this day to get acclimatized to the altitude.

Hotel	:	La Casona Inkaterra
Category	:	Suite Patio
Altitude	:	3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.
Average Temperature	:	15°C / 59°F

Day 2: CUSCO

This morning, you will be picked up from your hotel, and you will visit the surrounding ruins of the city of Cusco: Sacsayhuaman, this huge Inca fortress is built on three overlapping platforms.

Then, visit Cusco's Historical Inca and Spanish Colonial Monuments, such as the Main Square, known in Inca times as Huacaypata or the Warrior's Square; it was the scene for many key events in Cusco's history. Continue onto the Church and Convent of Santo Domingo, a Spanish construction belonging to the Dominican Order built upon the foundations of the Inca temple of Koricancha or Temple of the Sun. Koricancha (in Quechua, site of gold) was the main religious building of the Incas dedicated to the worship of the Sun and whose walls, according to the chroniclers, were plated with sheets of gold. Magnificent blocks of finely carved stone were used in its construction. We will visit the San Pedro Market to admire the day-to-day activities of the locals.

Afterwards, you will go to the neighborhood of San Blas with famous artisans traditionally gathered, a short but increasingly steep walk from the Plaza de Armas, it's lined with artists' studios and artisans' workshops, many of the best bars and restaurants. It's a great area to wander around -- many streets are pedestrian-only. In the small plaza at the top and to the right of Cuesta San Blas is the little white Temple of San Blas, said to be the oldest parish church in Cusco. There are many talented people living in the San Blas area, as it has an artistic personality. Cusco's popular art is the result of the fusion of two worlds, between the ancestral Andean world with the European world of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. But the value of this result is added syncretic quality, technology, notable skill of its own artisans, in all its expressions: textiles, ceramics and imagery, as well as silversmithing and chandlery.

You will visit the workshop of two talented artists: Sabino Huaman, a luthier, one of only two in the whole of Peru. He makes many instruments; percussion, string and wind. One special instrument is the 16-string mandolin-type instrument. He hands makes all these instruments in his home and happily invites people in to listen and to also learn. He might even let you play his guitar made from an armadillo!

Later, you will visit the workshop of the Mendivil family, a famous artisan family that lives in the San Blas barrio. They are mostly famous for their sculptures of religious icons. Hilario Medivil (1929-77), San Blas's most famous artist, was most famous for his religious sculptures depicting long necks. There is a small gallery showcasing this religious art and also a shop selling Mendivil style work.

After the tour, return to the hotel. Overnight.

Activity of the Day	: Sacsayhuaman fortress, Koricancha, San Pedro Market, & San Blas Artisans (Private - 5 hours)
Meals	: Breakfast
Hotel	: La Casona Inkaterra
Category	: Suite Patio
Altitude	: 3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.
Average Temperature	: 15°C / 59°F

Day 3: CUSCO KM 82 – LLACTAPATA - HUAYLLABAMBA

Your Trek Leader will collect you from your hotel very early in the morning, 5:00 a.m. Depart from the city of Cusco (3,350 m / 10,990 ft) and travel for one hour and a half by private bus to the village of Ollantaytambo, where we stop for 30 minutes, optional breakfast and snack. After, you will drive to km 82, the starting point of the Inca Trail, which will take approximately one hour, on arrival passport control and after you will enter the Machu Picchu National Park. Begin walking along the left bank of the Urubamba River as it runs northwest along the Sacred Valley following the trail along a flat terrain, observe the beautiful view of the snowcapped mountain called Verónica, regarded as the highest point of the Urubamba mountain range. Continue to the community of Miskay and the archaeological complex of Llactapata and after to the community of Tarayoc where lunch will be served. Continue walking to Huayllabamba, where evidence suggests that this might have been an important staging post on a network of roads extending from Cusco to Vitcos. Leaving the Urubamba Valley behind, you will walk approximately 2 hours to finally arrive to Huayllabamba (3,400 m / 11,154 ft), where you will make your first camp.

Activity of the Day	: Inca Trek (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Camp
Maximum Altitude	: 3,400 m.a.s.l. / 11,154 ft.
Average Temperature	: 10°C / 50°F

Day 4: HUAYLLABAMBA - PACAYMAYO

Llulluchapampa Valley (3850 m / 12631ft) with a steep four hours climb which will takes us through an area of rain forest. Lunch will be served. Continue walking for approximately one hour to the highest point in the trek, the Abra Warmihuañusca pass "Dead Woman's Pass" (4,200 m / 13780 ft), at this point, you will enjoy great panoramic views and see domesticated llamas and alpacas, make sure today you are well stocked with some chocolates and candies to keep your sugar level high, and help prevent altitude sickness. After a short rest, you will make your way down the deep valley of Pacaymayo (3580 m / 11745 ft), walk for approximately two hours before making second camp.

Activity of the Day	: Inca Trek (Private)
Level	: Moderate
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Camp
Maximun Altitude	: 4,200 m.a.s.l. / 13,776 ft.
Average Temperature	: 12°C / 54°F

Day 5: PACAYMAYO – WIÑAY WAYNA

Today is the most challenging day, and also the most interesting, visiting several archaeological sites and passing through some amazing cloud forest.

Very early in the morning, you will climb and walk 2 hours to the second pass, the Abra Runkuraqay, (3,970 m / 13022 ft), and half-way; you will visit the archaeological complex, a site consisting of a small oval structure that are believed to have served the purpose of a watchtower.

After going over the pass, you will descend towards Yanacocha (Black Lagoon) and enter the cloud-forest to finally arrive at Sayacmarca (3,624 m / 11,887 ft), a beautiful complex made up of a semicircular construction, narrow streets, liturgical fountains, patios and irrigation canals. You will then walk a further 30 minutes to Chakiqocha where you will stop for lunch.

Continue walking towards the third pass, the Abra Phuyupatamarca "Town over the clouds" (3,650 m / 11,876 ft). Along this climb, you will be able to admire the magnitude of the Incas' ancient craft, by walking along paths semi-detached from the mountain, and rocks that fill up ravines in a perfect order, saving the trail from the rough geography of the Andes. Entering an Inca tunnel, you will arrive finally to the complex that shares the same name as the pass and is regarded as one of the most complete and best preserved archaeological sites along the Inca Trail to MachuPicchu and from above, one can observe a sophisticated sacred complex made up of water fountains with solid foundations. Journey down along the long stone steps and appreciate the impressive view of the Urubamba Valley, before arriving to Wiñaywayna (2,650 m/ 8,694 ft), the biggest archaeological site on the Inca Trail besides MachuPicchu, which consists of an agricultural centre with numerous terraces, and a religious and urban sector. Here, you will camp and overnight.

Activity of the Day	: Inca Trek (Private)
Level	: Demanding
Meals	: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Hotel	: Camp
Altitude	: 2,650 m.a.s.l. / 8,692 ft.
Average Temperature	: 15°C / 59°F

Day 6: WIÑAYWAYNA- MACHUPICCHU

After an early breakfast at 4.00 am, walk one hour and a half to Inti Punku "The Sun Gate" (2,710 m / 8,891 ft) regarded as the front door to Machu Picchu and from where you will have a spectacular view of the Inca citadel. Upon arrival to Machu Picchu (2,400 m / 7,874 ft), you will have a guided tour of the ruins. Later, a shuttle bus will take you to the town of Aguas Calientes, where you will have time to relax and visit the hot springs and finally overnight at your hotel in Aguas Calientes.

Activity of the Day	: Machu Picchu Tour (Private – 3 hours)
Level	: Easy
Meals	: Breakfast – Dinner at hotel
Hotel	: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel
Category	: Superior
Altitude	: 1,900 m.a.s.l. / 6,233 ft.
Average Temperature	: 20°C / 68°F

Day 7: MACHUPICCHU - CUSCO

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Train Machu Picchu - Cusco	First Class - Vistadome	16:43	20:23		

Morning to enjoy some activities included on your accommodation:

BIRDS

Walk early in the morning to take advantage of the optimum time for cloudforest bird watching. Begin at a river observatory, with the possibility of sighting the sought-after torrent duck and the white-capped dipper. Then proceed to a productive tanager feeding area, where silver-beaked, blue-necked, fawnbreasted and saffron-crowned tanagers can be found. Along the hotel's pathways, be on the lookout for the cock-of-the-rock, the golden-headed quetzal and many of the 18 different hummingbirds identified on the grounds, including the booted racket-tail and the green-and-white hummingbirds, which are native to the area. Duration: ¼ day Difficulty level: I Attractions: Birds | Photography

ORCHID TRAIL

Walk through the orchid garden to observe some of the hotel's 372 different native orchid species in their natural habitat, the world record according to the American Orchid Society. Discover this extraordinary plant family, which has captured the human imagination for centuries. From the largest orchid flower in the world – the *Phragmipedium caudatum*, to tiny flowering specimens properly appreciated only through a magnifying glass, there are orchids to amaze both the newly inquisitive and the expert, including species new to science which have been discovered on the hotel grounds. Duration: ¼ day Difficulty level: I Attractions: Orchids | Photography

TEA HOUSE

Visit our organic tea (*Camellia sinensis*) plantation and tea house to discover the wonders of the traditional tea making process. Take part as the freshly picked leaves are pressed over wooden blocks and finally seal your own tea bag. A glass of fresh hot or iced-tea from the Tea House at the hotel lobby completes the experience. Duration: ¼ day difficulty level: I Attractions: Tea | Medicinal Plants | Photography RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN

In the afternoon, at a coordinated time, you will board your train back to Cusco. Upon arrival, reception and transfer to your hotel in Cuzco.

Meals	: Breakfast
Hotel	: La Casona Inkaterra
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Day 8: CUSCO – LIMA – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE FLIGHT

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Allowance	Weight per Luggage
Flight Cusco - Lima	Suggested time: Evening				

At coordinated time, transfer to the airport to take your flight to Lima and connect your international flight back home.

Meals : Breakfast

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions. All times indicated are approximate, and are also subject to change.

Price & Additional Information:

PERU/ Hotel : BASED ON 02 PAXES	
Hotel Category	Price Per Person in American Dollars
	DOUBLE ROOM
BOUTIQUE - DELUXE	

*Price does not include any airfare

*****Inka Trail operates all the year except february**

******Departure is guarantee with a minimum of 02 passengers**

What's Included:

- Tours & activities in this itinerary Private are stated in each day.
- Always Transfers are private in city airports.
- Entrance fees during our visits are all inclusive.
- English speaking guide is specified each day of the tour
- Meals are specified each day (including vegan, vegetarian or special requirements)
- Accommodation and type of rooms as stated in this itinerary

SUITE PATIO



A colonial manor house -perhaps the first Spanish construction in Cusco- centrally located on an Incan settlement near Cusco's present-day main square, later occupied by the conquistadores of Peru and their descendants. Eleven suites surround a sumptuous courtyard, where the patina of time is tastefully preserved. **Internet is free in all hotel facilities**

Hotel Facilities: Dining room, Dining terrace, Hot water, Laundry, Lounge, Oxygen, Private Spa, Room service, Suites, Tv Cable, Wi Fi.

SUPERIOR



Stay at Inkaterra luxury Machu Picchu Hotel, your ultimate cloud forest vacation paradise, an intimate 85-casitas luxury hotel in sprawling Andean style village within the secluded 12 acres of exquisite beauty. Follow stone pathways along the terraced hills, melding with the sacred energy of the mountains. Indulge in Inkaterra's spa services which use sublime natural essences. A first-class restaurant boasts stunning

Hotel Facilities: Andean sauna, Bar, Daily tea time, Gift shop, Housekeeping, Internet, Laundry, Nature center guided walks, Spa, **Internet Wi-Fi is free in all hotel Facilities.**