

TREASURES OF THE INCAS

DECEMBER 2 – 14, 2016



Machu Picchu in Peru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » Lima
- » Sacred Valley
- » Machu Picchu
- » Cusco
- » Train ride on the Andean Explorer
- » Cruise on Lake Titicaca
- » Lake Umayo
- » Puno

Tour Activity Level: 5

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INCLUDED FEATURES

- » Free parking with roundtrip transfers to departure airport
- » All domestic airfare in Peru
- » Roundtrip transfers – airport/hotel
- » Eleven night hotel accommodations
- » Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- » Services of Professional Tour Director
- » Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners
- » Welcome reception
- » All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- » AAA Group Leader

Roundtrip airfare to Peru will be added when fares and reservations become available.

PRICE PER PERSON

OCCUPANCY	AAA MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Double	\$6,279	\$6,324
Single	\$7,979	\$8,024
Triple	\$6,229	\$6,274

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full-fare passengers.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Friday, December 2: Depart for Peru

Motorcoach from Central PA for flight to Lima, Peru. (Airfare to be added once available.) On arrival at Lima International Airport, you will be transferred to your luxurious hotel in Miraflores, Lima's most prestigious address. In the evening, join your Tour Director for a warm and friendly welcome reception and an opportunity to meet with your fellow travelers over drinks and a light meal. Hotel: *J.W. Marriott*, Miraflores Lima (Dinner)

Saturday, December 3: Lima 'City of the Kings'

Experience the colonial and Inca influenced architecture of Lima through the eyes of a local expert as you are introduced to the beautiful 'City of Kings.' Explore the UNESCO listed Historic Centre of Lima; view the imposing Cathedral, and visit the San Francisco Monastery, with its shadowy catacombs lined with skulls and bones. Lunch is included in the trendy, bohemian district of Barranco at one of Lima's most up-and-coming restaurants – Amor Amar. Afterwards, continue exploring Barranco, visit an artist workshop, then over a hot chocolate or authentic cafe pasado, listen to an expert barista spill the beans on Peruvian coffee. As evening falls, the restaurant terrace - Huaca Pucllana - overlooks the illuminated ruins of a 1,500-year-old pre-Inca pyramid. In contrast, the cuisine is 'new Andean', exquisitely executed by one of the capital's celebrated chefs. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sunday, December 4: Lima and on to Sacred Valley

Board your flight for Cusco and drive down to Peru's Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stretching between the old Inca capital of Cusco and the legendary city of Machu Picchu, this was the fertile homeland of the Inca Empire. Visit the colorful Sunday market in the town of Chinchero - one of the most traditional markets in all of South America, where you'll be surrounded by locals in their traditional dress, buying and selling their wares. Then, meet Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez, a Quechua and scholar, president of the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco and recipient of a TreadRight Foundation's grant. Enjoy lunch with Nilda and learn about her mission to preserve traditional weaving techniques and why weaving in Peru is much more than an art form or a practical necessity. View weavers at work, learn about weaving patterns and Andean beliefs. Later, check into your luxurious resort and relax before the evening dinner at the hotel. Hotel: *Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort and Spa*, Sacred Valley (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Monday, December 5: Exploring the Sacred Valley

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before heading to the little town of Maras to meet with a local family giving you the unique opportunity to learn the local arts and crafts of the region. Next, view the spectacular terraced salt pans dating back to Inca times, a patchwork landscape of pinks, tans and browns descending into the valley. In Moray, view the strange circular terraces – a sort of Incan amphitheatre said to have been used for agricultural experiments. Then experience a typically Peruvian and trendy meal – a caja china lunch of fresh vegetables and slow-roasted meat, all cooked in a wooden box. After dinner, witness a Pachamama Ceremony, or Payment to the Earth, as a local shaman performs centuries old rituals of expressing reverence to the Earth as a source of life. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy your resort's facilities. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Tuesday, December 6: Journey to Machu Picchu

Start the day with a visit to the town of Ollantaytambo, a National Archeological Site, where the Incas fought some of their last battles against the Spanish conquest. Then settle into the panoramic viewing cars of the Vistadome train for the scenic journey to Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is included upon arrival at your resort, reminiscent of an ancient Andean village. On the resort grounds, soak in nature trails winding past waterfalls and gardens as your local expert explains the fascinating cloud forest ecosystem. Discover a working tea plantation and the world's largest private collection of indigenous orchids. What could be more enchanting than the vibrant Wak'anki, and the legend of a lovesick Inca princess whose sadness was transformed into colorful teardrop petals? In the evening, learn how to blend the perfect pisco sour before enjoying dinner at the hotel. Hotel: *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel*, Machupicchu District (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Wednesday, December 7: Mysterious Machu Picchu

Today, you have the entire day to discover the incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu, also recently named one of the 'New Seven Wonders of the World.' Meet your local expert for a walk through the enigmatic Lost City of the Incas. Hidden from the world until the American explorer Hiram Bingham stumbled across the ruins in 1911, this magnificent citadel is one of South America's most famous sights. Learn about its history and the people who once lived there as you explore the site. Witness the great Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved Intihuatana, believed to be an ancient sun clock. After an included lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge, there is more time to explore the archaeological site at your own pace, or perhaps visit the local town and browse its market. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Thursday, December 8: Return to Cusco

Return by train to the Sacred Valley and let your taste buds be tempted by a Pachamanca Feast, a traditional Peruvian meal cooked underground. At a local camelid farm, get up close and personal with llamas, guanacos, alpacas and even the rare and precious vicuña. See how the soft wool from these South American 'camels' is used to make beautiful woven textiles. Arrive at your stylish hotel in Cusco, only steps away from the Plaza de Armas. Built atop ancient Incan ruins and situated around a 16th-century convent, your hotel is a veritable museum in the historic city of Cusco. Hotel: *El Convento, Cusco* (Breakfast, Lunch)

Friday, December 9: Colonial Cusco

A UNESCO listed site, Cusco is a jewel of a city, brimming with ancient Inca archaeological sites and Spanish colonial style. Join a local expert to explore the city and its surroundings. First, visit the local market where you can practice your bartering skills. Next, see the formidable citadel of Sacsayhuaman made of gigantic boulders, followed by San Blas, Cusco's artisan centre where you visit an unusual candle shop and learn of its importance to the locals. After some free time shopping on the Plaza de Armas, visit the Cathedral and the extraordinarily crafted Temple of the Sun at Korikancha, the most sumptuous temple in the Inca Empire. In the evening, dinner is served at MAP Restaurant, one of the city's most reputed restaurants. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Saturday, December 10: Travel Aboard the Andean Explorer to Lake Titicaca and Puno

Board the award-winning Andean Explorer for a unique journey between mountains, clouds and highlands, ending at the majestic Lake Titicaca and in whose path you will see the changing Andean landscapes among mountains, rolling plains, and the various weather of the area. The Orient-Express-style train offers you an exquisitely decorated space with the subtle, delicate style of the great Pullman trains of the twenties. It includes dining cars, a car-bar and an outdoor observatory. On arrival, transfer to Esteves Island and your lakeside hotel. Hotel: *Libertador Lake Titicaca, Esteves Island* (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sunday, December 11: The Floating Islands of Lake Titicaca

Cruise Lake Titicaca, the most sacred lake in the world of the Incas, to the famous floating islands of Uros. Here the local people bundle reeds from the lake to build floating platforms, houses and canoes. Learn about their lifestyle and customs before continuing to the island of Amantani, known for its weaving, stone carvings and gorgeous landscape. After an included lunch on the island, there is time to explore or purchase local handicrafts before returning to Puno where you have time to relax until dinner time. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Monday, December 12: Puno & Lima

Head out to Sillustani on the shores of Lake Umayo, where the ancient Colla people interred their kings and nobility in enigmatic 'chullpas' or funerary towers. After exploring these impressive burial grounds, enjoy a scenic drive back to Puno for your flight to Lima. Then, as the sun sets, be treated to a sensational seaside Celebration Dinner, where pisco sours are the cocktail of choice. With the waves crashing beneath you, savour an inventive selection of Peruvian nouvelle cuisine, with an emphasis on fresh seafood. Hotel: *J.W. Marriott, Miraflores Lima* (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Tuesday, December 13 – Wednesday, December 14: Depart for USA

Your South American adventure draws to a close. After breakfast, transfer to the Lima International Airport for your flight home and transportation to Central PA. (Breakfast)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:



This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counselors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

PAYMENT

Deposit of \$300 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by September 19, 2016.

CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure	\$25 per person, plus...
From August 30 – October 3, 2016	\$300 per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From October 4 – 18, 2016	10% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From October 19 – November 10, 2016	25% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From November 11 – 24, 2016	30% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From November 25 – December 1, 2016	50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
After December 1, 2016	NON REFUNDABLE

***Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights schedules may contain code share agreements.

CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for Peru in December average in the 60s with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance. **Altitude sickness is quite common at locations such as Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Puno, Lake Titicaca, and may pose serious health risks to those with respiratory or heart problems.**

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