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**Tour of Peru & Machu Picchu with Flights**

Duration: 10 days

Stay: 9 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: PRCG10M

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# 10 Days Escorted Tour of Peru with Flights

## About the holiday

Discover the famous highlights of Peru on this worry-free escorted tour!

In 10 amazing days, you'll travel to Lima, the Sacred Valley, Cuzco and Puno. Of course, no trip to Peru is complete without visiting remarkable Machu Picchu and you'll explore other must-see sights like stunning Lake Titicaca.

An experienced guide is with you all the way to help you gain an even deeper appreciation of the country's history and unique culture. Discover Lima's fascinating stories and explore Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Travel to Machu Picchu by train to spend time at one of astounding the 'New Seven Wonders of the World'.

Appreciate the serenity of the Sacred Valley, with optional walking tours to explore the impressive Inca ruins and terraces of Ollantaytambo and Yucay. See South America's largest fresh water lake and meet the people that have made the floating Uros Islands their home on the highest navigable lake in the world.

Around every turn is new and exciting highlight on this tour of Peru!

## Why you'll love this tour...

- City Tour of Lima with its 2000 years of history
- Visit the impressive Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition Train
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands

## Travel dates:

2024 - Departs weekly, please contact us for available dates

*Departures are subject to confirmation and price may vary depending on your travel date. Airfare surcharges apply during school holidays, Easter, Christmas & peak periods.*

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### Escorted Tour Includes:

**Flights** - Return economy airfares to Lima in Peru

Fly from Melbourne, Sydney to Brisbane

(Other departure cities available, please contact us for current prices)

Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

All intra-flights: Lima-Cuzco & Juliaca-Lima

**Accommodation** - 9 nights in hotels, based on twin share

3 nights Lima - Jose Antonio Hotel, Lima

2 nights Urubamba Sacred Valley - San Agustin Urubamba Hotel, Urubamba

2 nights Cuzco - Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel, Cuzco

2 nights Puno - Hotel Royal Inn Puno, Puno

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

Hotel portorage

**14 meals** - 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

**Sightseeing** - as per itinerary in modern motor coach

Entrance fees as per itinerary

**Escorted tour** - Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Services of English-speaking local guides

### Package excludes:

Airport transfers - can be pre-purchased on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Package is subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.*

*Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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## Itinerary:

This 10 day "on-the-go" program features the highlights of Peru in an active itinerary which includes several walking tours as well as some early starts and long days.

### DAY 1, Friday - Depart for Peru

Depart for Lima, Peru; arrival and make your own way to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure with time to rest, relax and acquaint yourself with Peru's vibrant capital, founded in 1535 by the conquistador Francisco Pizarro

**Overnight:** Lima

### DAY 2, Saturday - Lima City Tour

This morning's tour of Lima, with its 2000 years of history, begins at the colonial centre of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its historic buildings surrounding the splendid Plaza Mayor. View the impressive Palace of the Archbishop with its fine carved balcony, the opulent Government Palace, official residence of the President, and the 16th century Cathedral of Lima whose first stone was laid by Pizarro. Continue to the 17th century Monasterio de San Francisco complex with its magnificent tiles, ornate carved ceilings, exceptional paintings and world-renowned library. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure or join the *optional* Pachacamac Pre-Inca Ruins tour. Visit the archaeological site of Pachacamac, one of the largest religious centres in pre-Inca times on the Peruvian coast. This afternoon, join your Tour Manager for an orientation meeting about the wonderful journey that awaits you. Tonight, perhaps attend the *optional* Evening Larco Herrera Museum with dinner. Experience one of Lima's most magnificent museums by night on this tour, that also includes a light supper. Admire the world's largest collection of pre-Columbian masterpieces and a stunning exhibition of gold and priceless jewels

**Optional:** Pachacamac Pre-Inca Ruins

**Optional:** Larco Herrera Museum with dinner

**Overnight:** Lima

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 3, Sunday - Fly to Cuzco, Chinchero Weaving Demonstration**

Depart Lima this morning by flight to Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire and the oldest continuously inhabited city in South America. Upon arrival, drive through the rugged mountainous region with its magnificent panoramas, along roads with farms and small villages to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, stop in Chinchero. Here, enjoy an authentic Peruvian lunch followed by a demonstration of the ancient Andean tradition of making textiles from naturally dyed handwoven alpaca wool. Remarkably, the source for the vibrant colours are dyes that come from plants, minerals, and insects. Wander around the complex and shop for souvenirs among the fine textiles and other local treasures. This evening, dinner together with music at a lovely restaurant

**Overnight:** Urubamba Sacred Valley ▲

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 4, Monday - Sacred Valley & Ollantaytambo Ruins**

Enjoy this morning at leisure in the Sacred Valley to explore some of the ancient ruins independently or, join the *optional* tour to Maras and Moray. The excursion begins in Moray, a remarkable agricultural centre that demonstrates the ancient Inca's mastery of high-altitude crop growing. You'll be astounded by the large complex of perfectly circular depressions in the earth that historians believe were used to study climatic conditions. Next, travel to the colonial town of Maras, known for its nearby salt evaporation ponds in use since the time of the Incas. This afternoon, visit the impressive Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo, an ancient complex of temples and terraces towering high over the valley, the last stand of the Incas in their defence against the Spanish conquistadors. Marvel at the architecture of the Incas in this well-preserved settlement, considered a living museum of 15th century life. Tonight, join the *optional* traditional dinner with a Peruvian family in their countryside home. Sample delectable home-cooked Peruvian specialties along with a warm and friendly cultural exchange

**Optional:** Maras and Moray Tour

**Optional:** Dinner with a Local Peruvian Family

**Overnight:** Urubamba Sacred Valley

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Discover Machu Picchu**

Early morning transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station to board the Expedition Train that travels through misty peaks to the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu\*, the "Lost City of the Incas", designated by UNESCO as one of the *New Seven Wonders of the World*. Machu Picchu was virtually unknown to the western world until Hiram Bingham's re-discovery in 1911. Spend the morning viewing the unforgettable wonders of this 15th century retreat, abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the conquistadors. See the highlights of the site including the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas.

The images of this significant archaeological site will be a long-lasting memory. Return to the Sacred Valley in the early evening and transfer to your hotel in Cuzco for overnight

*\*Approximate time spent at the ruins of Machu Picchu is 3 hours*

**Overnight:** Cuzco

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Wednesday - Full Day in Cuzco**

Spend today independently discovering the "Imperial City" of Cuzco, once capital of the Inca Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This lively city, rich in history, reveals remains of both the Incan and the Spanish presence. Take time to explore some of the city's stunning sights, or, shop for some of the finest handicrafts and textiles in all of Peru. Participate in the *optional* Cuzco "Behind the Scenes" tour, offering a glimpse into the other side of life in Cuzco. On this tour, visit a local market and taste fresh-baked Chuta bread. Stop at the Cuzco cemetery to learn more about Andean life and death and meet with a local "shaman" (holy man). After the cooking demonstration, enjoy a delicious meal. In the afternoon, join the *optional* Highlights of Cuzco excursion that takes you to the impressive Colonial Cathedral with its collection of over 400 paintings, the Temple of the Sun and the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, which took over seven decades to complete. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner

**Optional:** Half Day Cuzco Behind the Scenes (AM)

**Optional:** Half Day Highlights of Cuzco (PM)

**Overnight:** Cuzco

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 7, Thursday - Raqchi & Puno**

Depart Cuzco early in the morning on a long drive today. Enjoy spectacular scenery as you drive through the Andes mountain range and the Andean plains to Puno on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca. In this area, South American camelids (llamas and alpacas) graze on the immense plateaus and plains. En route visit the 15th century Temple of Wiracocha, with its elaborate stonework, the largest Inca temple ever discovered. Today, Raqchi remains home to many farmers, ranchers and artisans. Then, arrive at pristine Lake Titicaca sitting majestically at 12,500 feet above sea level, backed by the snow-capped peaks of Bolivia's Cordillera Real range. This is the highest navigable lake in the world and South America's largest fresh water lake. A box lunch will be provided en route before arriving in Puno for overnight

**Overnight:** Puno

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 8, Friday - Excursion to Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca**

This morning, an excursion by boat transports you from Puno to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands where the indigenous people of the area, the Uros, live on islands that dot the lake.

The Uros live very much the same as their ancestors did and still follow the ancient customs and traditions. These islands are completely man-made structures, using the totora reeds from the lake to build the islands and houses. Return to Puno for the remainder of the day at leisure. Or, take the *optional* tour to the Sillustani Tombs, the pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo. The tombs here are built above the ground in tower-like structures called *chullpas*, vestiges of the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas in the 15th century. Evening is at leisure in Puno

**Optional Half Day Sillustani Tombs (PM)**

**Overnight:** Puno

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Fly to Lima**

Transfer to Juliaca airport, for your flight to Lima; rest of the day is at leisure.

Tonight, you bid farewell to your Tour Manager at dinner with Peruvian specialties

**Overnight:** Lima

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Sunday - Depart Peru**

It's time to check out of your hotel this morning and make your own way to the airport for your departure flight\*

*\*Some flights depart shortly after midnight in the very early morning of Day 10 and will require a check out on Day 9. To get to the airport from the hotel allow approximately 4 hours prior to flight time.*

**Meals:** Breakfast

▲ *Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.*

**Please note:** The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

### **Is this tour right for you?**

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. When visiting Machu Picchu, please be aware that walking sticks are not allowed in some areas of the archaeological site and must be carried in a backpack.

Prescriptions are required for walking sticks to be allowed at the Machu Picchu archaeological site and must be rubber tipped. Also selfie sticks are forbidden and only folding umbrellas are allowed. A few early wake-ups, some at 5AM or 6 AM, as well as one long 10-hour drive to Puno are necessary to cover the territory. The altitude, 11,000 feet in Cuzco and 12,400 feet in Puno, may be a consideration for those who have heart conditions or are otherwise affected by height. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. Some hotels in Urubamba and Puno are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. During heat waves, these hotels can become uncomfortable, even at higher elevations.

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