



“Mystic Peru”
Featuring
Machu Picchu

January 15-26, 2018

\$ 4995.00 per person from Peoria based on double occupancy

Visiting: Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Puno & Lake Titicaca

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EXCLUSIVE TOUR FEATURES:

- Round trip air transportation from Peoria to Lima on American Airlines
- 10 nights of First Class hotel accommodations as follows:
 - 2 nights Lima
 - 2 nights Cusco
 - 2 nights Sacred Valley
 - 1 night Aguas Calientes
 - 2 nights Lake Titicaca
- Full breakfast daily
- Four Lunches
- Six Dinners
- Domestic flights: Lima to Cusco and Puno to Lima
- All entrance fees as listed on the itinerary
- Full time English speaking tour director while in Peru
- Airline departure taxes and current fuel surcharges subject to change.

Not included: Beverages with included lunches and dinners, tips to guides and drivers, optional insurance package.

"Day by Day Itinerary"

January 15 – Peoria/Dallas - Departure

Depart Peoria this afternoon on American Airlines to Dallas where you connect to your flight to Lima.

January 16 – Lima

Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed at the airport and taken to your hotel in Lima where you will check-in immediately, have breakfast and time to rest.

Lima - *The Peruvian capital was founded in 1535 by the Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. Known as the "City of Kings," it offers a marvelous combination of colonial richness and the bustling vitality of a major city. Lima is divided into 43 districts, each with its own magic and magnetism.*

In the afternoon, you will be picked up at the hotel for a city tour through old and new parts of Lima. Starting at the **Plaza de Armas** with its colonial buildings such as the Government Palace, the Municipality, the Palace of the Archbishop and the Cathedral, the tour continues on to the **San Francisco monastery** with its maze of tunnels and catacombs. Leaving the historic city center, you go to the modern quarters of **San Isidro and Miraflores**. In San Isidro, you go to the Olive Park where old olive trees survive next to modern shopping centers. In Miraflores, you go to Love Park from where you have a view over the cliffs and the Pacific. **Welcome dinner and Overnight in Lima. (B&D)**

January 17 – Lima-Cusco

Board your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed at the airport and taken to your hotel.

Cusco – *Cusco is called the "Navel of the Earth" because during the height of the Inca civilization nearly all pathways led to this capital of the empire, and today, almost every visitor to Peru eventually comes to this city. It is situated 11,150 feet above sea level, and is one of the best places to experience the remainders of different ages. You will find not only Incan walls and temples, but also colonial mansions and catholic churches.*

In the afternoon, you will go on a city tour of Cusco visiting important landmarks of both the Inca and the Colonial times. You will visit **Qoricancha**, the temple of the sun. A Catholic monastery, Santo Domingo, was built on this site, and includes some of the Incan Walls of the Sun Temple. Continue to the **Cathedral**, considered the best repository of colonial art from the Cusco school. It was built over the palace of the Inca Wiracocha and was the religious and political center of Cusco during the Inca era. You will also walk through the **Inca Street of Loreto** to experience a fine sample of the old town and its remarkable Inca walls. Afterwards, you will leave the city to visit the outer parts of Cusco where you can find more ruins of the Inca Empire. The most important is the archaeological park of the **fortress-temple Saqsaywaman** which shows precise the zigzags of massive stone which the centuries have not harmed.

A dinner show is included at restaurant Tunupa Cusco this evening. (B&D)

January 18 – Cusco - Urubamba

Your first stop today is the **market of Pisac**. Though well-known among locals and tourists, the market retains its original charm. There are two sections that can be visited: the local market where people of Pisac and surrounding villages sell and buy their fruits and vegetables; and, an area containing many handicraft stands with ceramics, alpaca clothes and jewelry. Bargaining is welcome! **Lunch at a typical restaurant is included.** In the afternoon, you continue to **Ollantaytambo**, one of the few sites where the Spaniards lost a battle to the Incas. An **impressive fortress** stands protectively above the village and offers a great opportunity for photos. **(B&L)**

January 19 - Urubamba

You will be picked up at the hotel and driven to **Moray**, a Pre-Incan site built with round, agricultural terraces, some of them up to 490 ft. deep. Then, you will visit the salt flats near the small village of **Maras**. Since before Incan times, salt water has been collected in pans and dried for harvesting, making Maras in Inca times an important trading center. To this day salt harvesting is still done by hand. **(B)**

January 20 – Urubamba - Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Visit)

This morning you will train to **Aguas Calientes**, the village at the foot of Machu Picchu. Your rail route makes its way through the Sacred Valley, passing little villages, and in the background, snow-capped mountains. Once in Aguas Calientes you will board a shuttle bus to the **Machu Picchu ruins**. You will learn about the discovery of Machu Picchu and hear different theories on how and why it was built. You will visit the main plaza, the Temple of Three Windows, the circular tower, the sacred sun dial and the burial grounds. Afterwards, you can stroll through on your own.

***Machu Picchu** – The "lost city of the Incas" is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, and the biggest treasure of the empire of the Incas. Undiscovered by the Spaniards and forgotten over centuries, it was only in 1911 that American scientist Hiram Bingham came upon it accidentally. Even today, the ruins leave scientists with numerous questions and riddles on how it was built and for what purpose. Theories vary but one thing is sure: Machu Picchu is one of the most impressive and exciting places in the world - sublime and majestic on top of a mountain and surrounded by impenetrable rainforest.*

Lunch at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge is included. After the visit, the bus will bring you down to Aguas Calientes and you take a short walk to your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

January 21 – Aguas Calientes - Cusco

Morning at leisure or **Optional: 2nd visit of Machu Picchu**

Today you will have the option to visit the marvelous ruins of Machu Picchu for a second time (not included). It is recommended that you take an early shuttle bus up to the ruins (from 5:30 am) to explore the citadel before the arrival of the majority of day tourists. After your optional visit, a bus will bring you back down to Aguas Calientes.

In the afternoon, all travelers will rejoin the group for the train trip to Cusco. A transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at the hotel in Cusco. **(B&D)**

January 22 - Cusco

Today is at leisure to enjoy this charming town. Dinner and Overnight. **(B&D)**

January 23 – Cusco - Puno

You will be picked up at given time at the hotel and transferred from Cusco to Puno. Highest point during the drive is La Raya at 14,200 feet above sea level.

On the way to Puna you will visit **Andahuaylillas** church which is considered to be the "Sistine Chapel" of the Americas, because of the quality of the artworks therein. Then, visit **Raqchi ruins**. These are the best and only surviving ruins that have adobe walls still sitting on a base of Inca rock walls to this extent. This was a normal feature in Inca architecture, all tall buildings were built like this, but thanks to the weather, and to the Spanish, little survives today. The next stop is **Pucara**, famous for its pottery, especially the well-known "Toritos de Pucara" (Little Bulls of Pucara). Visit the "Museo Litico de Pucara" (Pucara Stone Museum), displaying a good selection of anthropomorphic monoliths, zoomorphic sculptures, ceramics, and other objects from the Pucara pre-Inca Culture (original and replica pieces). Also its church, located in the main square, is worth a visit. Lunch at a local restaurant is included. **(B&L)**

Puno was founded in 1668 and has the nickname "Capital of Folklore". The city is situated at the shores of the highest navigable lake of the world, Lake Titicaca. The "ocean of the Andes" provides warmth and food for many inhabitants of the region, as the lake provides a milder climate for crops and livestock. According to the legend, the Sun God's children, Manco Capac and Mama Ocllo, emerged from the lake into the world to found the empire of the Incas. The lake remains mystical, full of secrets, and leaves a lifelong impression on its visitors.

January 24 - Puno

You will be picked up at the hotel to depart from Puno's dock towards the **Uros Islands**. Located within the Titicaca National Reserve, the Uros consist of more than 50 small reed islands that are manmade and floating. They are named after their builders who still live here after centuries, maintaining their traditional way of living. Afterwards, you continue to the **island of Taquile**, which is famous for its knitting men. People here wear colorful clothes that are handmade and sold everywhere on the island. There are no streets here, only agricultural terraces and paths through wonderful countryside. The highest point of the island is the main village at 13,300 feet above sea level which can be visited voluntarily. Lunch at Taquile Island is included. **(B&L)**

January 25 - Puno - Lima

Today you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Lima. On the way, you will visit the archaeological site of **Sillustani**. This impressive necropolis is situated on a plateau near Lake Umayo. It consists of so-called **chullpas** which are burial sites in the shape of little towers up to 39 ft. high. The tribe of the Colla and its following cultures, including the Incas, buried their deceased within these round or square towers that survive to now.

In Lima you will visit the fascinating **Larco Herrera museum**. Its more than 45.000 objects of pre-Columbian ceramics, textiles and gold and silver pieces, make it one of the most impressive collections in the world. The museum is also known for its exhibition of erotic ceramics of the Mochica culture.

In the museum's restaurant you will have your **farewell dinner** before you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Dallas. **(B&D)**

January 26 - Lima - Dallas- Peoria

Morning arrival in Dallas where you clear Customs before continuing by a connecting flight to Peoria. You arrive in the early afternoon at the General Wayne A. Downing Airport in Peoria filled with wonderful memories of your visit to one of the Seven Wonders of World.

To truly experience the itinerary and destination, you need to be physically able to handle longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing, as well as high altitude.



TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Deposits are accepted by checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 5/1/2017. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing with their final invoices.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: \$100.00 per person penalty if written notification is received 100 days or more prior to departure. 99-60 the deposit amount is forfeited. If cancellation is received 59 days or less prior to departure 100% penalty will apply.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a measurement of 45 inches. This tour is based on specially negotiated airfare and may not qualify for frequent flyer miles.

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