Itinerary

Peru: From Lima to the Sacred Valley
Aug 29, 2020 - Sep 5, 2020

Pre Night: Doubletree El Pardo

The Doubletree El Pardo hotel is located close to the city's financial and commercial centers and in the heart of Miraflores, the most cosmopolitan district of Lima. The Doubletree El Pardo hotel's sparkling indoor pool on the 11th floor features a sundeck with excellent city views. All guestrooms are contemporary styled, thoughtfully appointed with the Sweet Dreams by Doubletree Sleep Experience which includes a plentiful amount of pillows, a luxurious linen package of a down-filled duvet wrapped in triple sheeting and a specially designed plush-top mattress and box spring system that gives "at home" comfort and ensures a great night's sleep.

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world’s most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas.” Arrive late this evening in Lima, the “City of Kings.”

Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo
Lima

Weather

High 66°
Low 60°

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima’s fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga – former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez – where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. See the fashionable suburbs of Barranco and Miraflores. Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. Featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes, the meal will give you a taste of why Peru is consistently named the world’s top food travel destination.

Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo
Lima

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. While en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region’s unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley.
Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Incas

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties.

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu.

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return to the Sacred Valley by Vistadome train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure.

Day 7: Cuzco

Start your morning with a local guide on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, it's your choice! Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavors in the heart of Cuzco.

Day 8: Cuzco - Lima - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, depart Cuzco for Lima. Upon arriving in Lima, head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum before departing for Lima’s airport and your connecting flight home.

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**Day 4**: Sacred Valley of the Incas

- Continue your visit to the Sacred Valley, a landscape rich in history and culture. Explore the nearby town of Pisac, known for its annual market and weaving center. Visit the traditional Quechua community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group activities like learning their dances and listening to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties.

**Day 5**: Sacred Valley of the Incas

- The day is yours to explore the Sacred Valley at your leisure. Visit the Incan ruins of Moray, known for its complex of circular terraces, or take a scenic hike to the nearby town of Chinchero, a weaving center and market town.

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- Your farewell dinner on the grounds of the Larco Museum before departing for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home.

**Weather**

- **High**: 67° (Jun 1), 68° (Jun 2), 69° (Jun 3), 66° (Jun 4), 67° (Jun 5), 68° (Jun 6), 66° (Jun 7)
- **Low**: 41° (Jun 1), 41° (Jun 2), 41° (Jun 3), 41° (Jun 4), 41° (Jun 5), 41° (Jun 6), 41° (Jun 7)