



## Itinerary

### Peru: Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca

May 7, 2022 - May 16, 2022

#### 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 72°  
Low 63°

#### 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. Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes.

##### Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo  
Lima

##### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

##### Weather

High 72°  
Low 63°

#### 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.

##### Hotel

##### Culinary

## 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.

### Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley  
Yucay

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

## Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu



Climb aboard your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic 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.

### Hotel

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel  
Aguas Calientes

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 69°

Low 38°

## Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco



This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu at sunrise. Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure.

### Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Cusco  
Cuzco

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 67°

Low 39°

## 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, it's Diner's Choice! Choose from restaurants featuring the local flavors of Cuzco.

### Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Cusco  
Cuzco

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 67°

Low 39°

## Day 8: Cuzco - Puno



This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village center before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure.

### Hotel

Ghl Lago Titicaca  
Puno

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 62°

Low 28°

## Day 9: Puno-Uros Floating Islands-Lake Titicaca-Chullpas de Sillustan-Puno



The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca; experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, cruise to a local rustic village for a home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani – an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments.

**Hotel**

Ghi Lago Titicaca  
Puno

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**

High 62°  
Low 28°

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## Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends



As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, 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 farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum before departing for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home.