



Itinerary

Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries featuring Puno

Mar 7, 2020 - Mar 17, 2020

Pre Night: Doubletree El Pardo

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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 into Lima, the "City of Kings."

Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo
Lima

Weather

High 27°
Low 21°

Day 2: Lima



Today, it's your choice! Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, 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 -OR- choose to explore Lima's modern side. Visit the fashionable suburbs of Barranco and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños during a walking tour. See the Park of Love, featuring unique sculptures and artwork, along with a stop at the Pyramid Huaca Pucllana. Visit the Pedro de Osma Museum featuring Peruvian art from the 5th - 18th century. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes; you will quickly discover why Peru is consistently named the world's top food travel destination.

Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo
Lima

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 27°
Low 21°

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 centre of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kanca, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley
Sacred Valley

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 19°
Low 7°
Rain 3"

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 specialities.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley
Sacred Valley

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 19°
Low 7°
Rain 3"

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.

Hotel

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel
Machu Picchu

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 18°
Low 8°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco



With leisure time this morning you may take an optional tour to return to Machu Picchu and view the sunrise or explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. This evening you may join an optional home hosted meal experience with a local Cuzco family.

Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Cusco
Cuzco

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 18°
Low 8°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Cuzco



The morning is yours to relax or explore Cuzco on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional tour to San Blas to peruse its artisan shops, or delve further into Peruvian cuisine at an optional cooking class. This afternoon, join your local guide and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress, followed by a visit to explore Cuzco's central market. Continue on a walking tour of the city, visiting Plaza de Armas, the Cuzco Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Convent. This evening, you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours in the heart of Cuzco.

Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Cusco
Cuzco

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 18°
Low 8°
Rain 3"

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 centre before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure.

Hotel

Ghi Lago Titicaca
Puno

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 16°
Low 3°
Rain 5"

Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca



The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the centre of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, mingle with some local residents during an authentic home-hosted lunch where you'll taste regional specialities and engage in lively conversation. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani – an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. Participate in a local home visit to gain insight into daily life.

Hotel

Ghi Lago Titicaca
Puno

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 3°
Rain 5"

Day 10: Puno - Lima



As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival we 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.

Hotel

Doubletree El Pardo
Lima

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 27°
Low 21°

Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.