



Itinerary

Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands featuring a 3-Night Cruise & 1-Night Island Stay

Oct 19, 2020 - Nov 1, 2020

Pre Night: Casa Andina Premium Miraflores



Casa Andina Private Collection is a 5-star hotel, in an unbeatable location in the heart of Miraflores. This was the first luxury hotel built outside of downtown Lima and it has been completely restored to create a contemporary but very Peruvian experience. All 148 guestrooms at Casa Andina Private Collection offer wireless Internet access, 32-inch LCD TVs, and in-room safes. The hotel also offers 4 conference rooms, a gourmet restaurant, a coffee shop, a spa, gym, beauty salon and a heated swimming pool

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins



Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Miraflores
Lima

Weather

High 21°
Low 16°

Day 2: Lima



Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Miraflores
Lima

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 16°

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



Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco – the heart of the Inca civilization. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kancha – known as the "palace of weaving." Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle in to your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and relax in the calming surround of the Andes.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas-Ollantaytambo-Sacred Valley of the Incas



Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilizes the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and delve deep into the cultures of modern Andean people. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialities.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley
Sacred Valley

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 6°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu



Hop aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train, where views of the Andes astound through domed windows as you climb towards the "Lost City of the Incas." Uncover the mysteries of this "Lost City" at the meeting point between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or La Ciudadela, (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites.

Hotel

Casa Del Sol Machupicchu
Machu Picchu

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 7°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco



Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets before boarding the Vistadome back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Cusco
Cuzco

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 7°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Cuzco



Start your morning with a local guide on your 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 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, enjoy an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours in the heart of Cuzco.

Hotel

Casa Andina Premium Cusco
Cuzco

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 7°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador



This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city – Quito. An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, the city is a UNESCO World Heritage site full of lively culture and vibrant history.

Hotel

Mercure Hotel Alameda Quito
Quito

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 5"

Day 9: Quito



Visit the Children International community centre, supported by the Collette Foundation.* Meet some of the children who are thriving here, thanks to the centre's healthy cooking and nutrition education. In Quito's colonial centre, tour the Presidential Palace. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Hotel
Mercure Hotel Alameda Quito
Quito

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 5"

Day 10: Quito - Santa Cruz, Galápagos - Embark Ship



Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Santa Cruz. Make your way through the lush vegetation of the Highlands and spend time at a ranch to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y Passion, an exclusive 14-person yacht that serves as your home for the next three nights. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, where you'll get another chance to see the islands' tortoises and gain insight into their life cycles. Enjoy free time in Puerto Ayora to explore on your own before returning to the yacht.

Hotel
Quito

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 25°
Low 18°

Day 11: South Plaza - Santa Fe Island



Dock at colourful Plaza Sur – one of the oldest ports on the islands. Keep your eyes peeled for orange iguanas darting between the prickly pear cacti. In addition to scampering critters, you might also find various birds nesting or diving in and out of the waves. Continue on to the white beach of Santa Fe, where sea lions like to sunbathe along the shore.

Hotel
South Plaza

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 25°
Low 18°

Day 12: Española Island - Gardner Bay - Punta Suarez



Say good morning to Española Island, where sea lions, iguanas, and mockingbirds frequent the beaches of Gardner Bay. Islets dot the ocean around Española, creating a perfect natural haven for all forms of sea life. Grab your snorkel and jump into the water, floating around playful sea lions. After a relaxing lunch, head to Punta Suarez, one of the most visited points of the Galápagos. Walk among blue-footed boobies strolling on the rocks and waved albatrosses soaring overhead. Your path ends at El Soplador, the island's famous blowhole that shoots water 75 feet into the sky.

Hotel
Española Island

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 25°
Low 18°

Day 13: Tortuga Bay - Disembark Ship - Santa Cruz Island



Disembark the yacht in Puerto Ayora and make your way to Tortuga Bay. Perhaps you will take a swim in the calm waters or continue your search for wildlife – blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and white-tip reef sharks call the bay home – before returning to Puerto Ayora for lunch. Check into your hotel and relax before dinner.

Hotel
Ikala Galapagos Hotel
Santa Cruz

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 22°
Low -18°

Day 14: Santa Cruz Island - Quito - Tour Ends



Spend the morning at leisure, then bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home.