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Prices start from :	£ 4,345
Travel between :	26 Oct 24 and 26 Oct 24
Board Basis :	As per Itinerary
Duration :	11 nights
Book by :	30 Jun 24
Includes :	Return Flight from London Gatwick 2 Nights stay at Pullman Miraflores Walking Food Tour in Lima's Historic City Center Flight to Arequipa and Santa Catalina Monastery 1 Night stay at Tambo Acolpacha Scenic drive to the Colca Canyon 1 Night stay at Killawasi Lodge Soft hike along Condor viewpoint and journey to Puno Private boat at Lake Titicaca 2 Nights stay at Fundo Chincheros Unique Titicaca Train to Cusco 2 Nights stay at Tierra Viva San Blas Saqsayhuaman, Llamas and off-the-beaten-path Cusco 2 Nights stay at Casona de Yucay Viacha Community and Pisaq Morning at Ollantaytambo and afternoon at Machu Picchu 1 Night stay at Tierra Viva San Blas Return to Cusco and cooking class with Seledonia Mesa Meal as 14 x Breakfast, 7 x Lunch, 5 x Dinner All entrance fees as required Professional English-speaking guide Private transportation Services / Train Service



Detailed Itinerary

Highlights: Lima - Arequipa - Colca - Puno - Cusco - Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Tambopata

Hotels Featured:

- Pullman Miraflores
- Tambo Acolpacha
- Killawasi Lodge
- Fundo Chincheros
- Tierra Viva San Blas
- Casona de Yucay
- Tierra Viva San Blas
- Amazon Planet
- Pullman Miraflores

Itinerary:

Sat 26 Oct 2024: Lima
Flights from Gatwick to Lima Jorge Chavez Intl Airport via Madrid Barajas Intl Airport

Sun 27 Oct 2024: Welcome to Lima
Welcome to Peru and Lima! Upon Arrival, will meet you at Lima Airport and continue together to your hotel in Miraflores or Barranco, where you are free to relax and wander around at your own pace. After check-in, will hand you your travel kit and have a short briefing to answer any last-minute questions. Depending on your time of arrival, we have plenty of suggestions for you to make the most of your first day in the city.
Accommodation
Pullman Miraflores

Mon 28 Oct 2024: Walking Food Tour in Lima's Historic City Center
Prepare yourself to enjoy the best of Lima's historic city center while tasting some of its best street food! This afternoon, you walk along the old streets of Lima and taste popular on-the-go foods, just as most locals do. Your food adventure will let you try several Peruvian treats that you've probably never heard about, such as Humitas, Churros, Mazamorra, or anticuchos! You will also have the chance to enjoy the impressive Lima architecture and learn more about Perus' history and culture.
Accommodation
Pullman Miraflores

Tue 29 Oct 2024: Flight to Arequipa and Santa Catalina Monastery
After breakfast, will drive you back to Lima Airport to take your flight to the city of Arequipa. Upon arrival, our local representative will meet you and take you to your hotel in the city center. This afternoon, get ready to explore the best of the stunning white city. First, we walk to San Camilo, the principal market in Arequipa, founded back in 1881, where most Arequipeos shop nowadays. Explore the beautiful surroundings of the main square and the stunning facade of Arequipa Cathedral. After this delightful visit, continue to La Compania Church, famous for its interesting baroque style and colorful Cupula of Saint Ignacio. Well, take a look at El Tambo La Cabezona, a 17th-century apartment built following the classic colonial style, on your way to the Santa Catalina Monastery, one of the most fascinating colonial and religious buildings in Peru!
Accommodation
Tambo Acolpacha

Wed 30 Oct 2024: Scenic drive to the Colca Canyon

This morning, we leave Arequipa and head to the Colca Canyon on a 160km journey. On route, will enjoy beautiful views of the Misti, Chachani, and Pichu Pichu, the three volcanoes that surround the city of Arequipa. As we travel, we enter the Salinas and Aguada Blanca national reserves, where it is quite common to see llamas, alpacas, and wild vicuna herds grazing on the local pastures. Well, make a short stop to enjoy a warm Inca tea made with local herbs (not included), which is a pretty popular beverage to help deal with the altitude of the Andes.

Finally, we will reach El Mirador de Los Andes, a famous high pass with astonishing views of most of the volcanoes in the area. Well only be here for some minutes before we begin our descent into the Colca Valley and Canyon. We should be arriving at your comfortable hotel in the Colca Valley just before lunchtime. In the afternoon, we can relax in the hotel while enjoying the beautiful surroundings, or we can take a walk around the charming countryside.

Accommodation

Killawasi Lodge

Thu 31 Oct 2024: Soft hike along Condors viewpoint and journey to Puno

Our second day exploring the Colca Canyon starts with a very early visit to The Condors Cross viewpoint, a perfect spot to observe the majestic flight of the Condors and the depth of the canyon. We can walk a little along the canyon to get away from the crowds and enjoy the dramatic scenery. If you fancy to, we can walk about 30 minutes along this trail towards another viewpoint called Mirador del Cura. After that, we make our way to our hotel or Chivay and have free time for an early lunch before we board our transport to Puno on a scenic 6-hour drive with great views of huge lagoons, beautiful stone forests, and small Andean farmhouses. Upon arrival at Puno at around 7 pm, we will transfer you to our hotel.

Note: Fundo Chincheros is a traditional hacienda just outside Puno. This is a very unique and beautiful place to spend the night. The stay at this property includes a homemade dinner. The property has large fields, horses, and llamas too. Please note that if this hotel is unavailable and we spend the night somewhere else, then dinner will not be included

Accommodation

Fundo Chincheros

Fri 01 Nov 2024: Private boat at Lake Titicaca

Get ready to enjoy a full day at Lake Titicaca. Well be sailing to Taquile Island the most famous Island in the lake. However, well be visiting the more remote southern side of the Island to avoid the larger tour groups that head to the north. The rocky shoreline and clear waters here might remind you of the Mediterranean, but we are in the Andes of course! Well Spend our time here enjoying the scenery and mingling with our local hosts. The highlight at Taquile has to be their textile traditions, which are considered an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. Our host family will be happy to show us what they can do. In the afternoon we then return to Puno.

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Fundo Chincheros

Sat 02 Nov 2024: Unique Titicaca Train to Cusco

Its time to continue your journey in the Peruvian Andes towards Cusco. This morning, go to Punos train station and board the luxury Titicaca Train.

This stylish train resembles the famous Pullman trains of the twenties and includes classy dining cars and a car-bar outdoor observatory. Going on board this train is one of the most luxurious and unique ways of travel on a ten-hour journey between mountains and clouds to the astonishing Cusco city. Upon arriving in Cusco, your guide will greet you and take you to your comfy hotel right in the city centre.

Note: Titicaca Train only departs from Puno on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays throughout the year and Fridays from April to October.

Accommodation

Tierra Viva San Blas

Sun 03 Nov 2024: Saqsayhuaman, Llamas, and off-the-beaten-path Cusco

Strap on your walking shoes and prepare for a guided stroll around the less frequented side of Cuscos countryside. First, well visit Sacsayhuaman, a imposing Inca construction (some say its a fortress, overlooking Cusco city). From here, we continue to a small llama farm and textile workshop called Manos de la Comunidad, here we can learn quite a bit about all the Andean Camelids and about local textile weaving too. After, we drive to Puca Pucara, and old Incan Outpost. From here, we begging an easy downhill hike along an old trail that follows an Inca canal. We will cross fields and travel slowly until we reach Inkilltambo, a recently restored Inca site that few people visit even though it is right next door to Cusco. From here, we descend another 10 minutes until we find out transport waiting for us in the outskirts of the city. Finally, a 15 minute drive takes us back to our hotel in the center of Cusco. The rest of the afternoon is free to self explore the more conventional (but still nice) parts of Cusco.

Accommodation

Tierra Viva San Blas

Mon 04 Nov 2024: Viacha Community and Pisac

Away from more hectic routes, today, well see the Sacred Valley from a different perspective. Well head to Viacha village in the Pisac archaeological parks higher slopes. Here, Julian and his family will welcome you and invite you to spend the morning with them. They will show you around their beautiful place and share more about their culture and daily activities. Viacha is a farming community and we can learn here all there is to know about traditional agriculture in the mountains.

Well then enjoy a simple but still delicious lunch organized by the community, with mountain-views before we begin our afternoon downhill hike from Viacha to Pisac Archaeological site. This hike takes approximately 1 hour and offers commanding scenes of the entire valley. Depending on the time and your energy, after visiting the Pisac Inca site, you can continue walking to Pisac village, a charming place with a colorful market. Alternatively, we can simply take our private transport. When ready, we return to our hotel.

Accommodation

Casona de Yucay

Tue 05 Nov 2024: Morning at Ollantaytambo and afternoon at Machu Picchu

Well begin today by visiting Ollantaytambo, a village that has not changed much since Inca times. Besides it, we have the Ollantaytambo archaeological site, a place with impressive Inca stonework only seconded by that of Machu Picchu. Visiting in the morning is a huge advantage as large groups arrive only in the afternoons. Next, we head to Ollantaytambo train station to board the train to Aguas Calientes. Upon arriving, well take a 25-minute bus up to the impressive mountain setting where Machu Picchu is located. Once here, well find a secluded spot, overlooking the main site, for an initial explanation of Machu Picchu. A little later in the afternoon, its the ideal time to take our guided tour around the main areas of the citadel, as most travelers should already have left. We can tour the site until it closes at around 5.30 pm. After the visit, well head back to town and take the train back to Ollantaytambo. From here we continue in private transport to our nearby hotel.

Accommodation

Casona de Yucay

Wed 06 Nov 2024: Return to Cusco and cooking class with Seledonia Mesa

After a long but fun day at Machu Picchu, you can relax today and sleep a little longer before returning to Cusco. At the coordinated time, our private transport and guide will be ready to take you to Cusco. In the afternoon, we will spend a fun afternoon with Seledonia Montalvo. She is a fantastic local chef who will share with you all about Cuscos cuisine. Start your day visiting the San Pedro Market, where youll check the variety of local products that can be obtained from this region and the nearby Amazon. Taste exotic fruits such as lucuma, chirimoya, and granadilla and learn about the diversity of products used in our local cuisine. After, well head to Seledonias Kitchen where, together, you will test your skills at preparing some

Peruvian classics, or get creative and innovate with our local ingredients. This cooking class will be all about having fun, learning about local culture, and a bit of creativity too! The standard itinerary will finish on Day 12, with a private transfer to Cusco.

Accommodation
Tierra Viva San Blas

Thu 07 Nov 2024: Venturing into the Amazon Rainforest

Additional extension:

This morning, we head to the local airport to board our flight to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to Perus Southern Amazon and the Tambopata National Reserve. On arrival, will be welcomed by our local guide and head to our nearby office to drop off our excess luggage, register, and do some last-minute shopping. After, we head to our port, where we will embark on our one-and-a-half-hour boat trip up the Madre de Dios River, in which we might appreciate vegetation and also see some wildlife.

Once at the lodge will take a short rest before meeting with your guide for an introduction talk about us, followed by an introductory walk around the lodge into the rainforest, winding past giant Kapok trees, walking, palms, and strangler figs while being dazzled by the sounds of nature in search for wildlife. Please note: Private Guide/Shared Boat

Accommodation
Amazon Planet

Fri 08 Nov 2024: Lake Sandoval

Wake up to the sunrise and grab your early breakfast before traveling by motorboat upriver for 45 minutes to the entrance of the Tambopata National Reserve and begin the 3 km trek to Lake Sandoval. Paddle in a rowboat around the pristine mirror-like lake and enjoy the beautiful scenery with the opportunity to observe a variety of wildlife such as the endangered giant river otter, howler monkeys, macaws, and the impressive black caiman. Return to the lodge with a traveler-favorite. Enjoy a self-toured boat ride down the river on an inflatable boat with guides close on hand but far enough to let you soak in the sunset in silence. Of course, the opportunity to see turtles, monkeys, herons, and other birds that are along the riverside may distract you for a while with a beautiful backdrop of the sunset over the river, you can even enjoy a refreshing swim in the river.

Please note: Private Guide/Shared Boat

Accommodation
Amazon Planet

Sat 09 Nov 2024: Return To Lima

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to our Amazonian friends. This morning, we board our boats to return to Puerto Maldonado where will pass by our office to collect any baggage we might have left and then continue to the local airport to board our flight to your next destination, Lima. Upon arriving in Lima, reception and transfer to your hotel in Miraflores. The rest of the afternoon is free. We will of course be happy to provide you with plenty of recommendations for your free time here too.

Accommodation
Pullman Miraflores

Sat 09 Nov 2024: Departure

Enjoy a last walk around Lima's shops and markets. After, at the coordinated time, will head to the airport to board your international flight back home.

Hopefully, you will be heading home full of happy memories, new friends, and great pictures of your time with us!

Meals
Breakfast

Prices & Departures:

Deposit £675pp

Y43847 London Gatwick from £4345pp

Y44091 Manchester from £4499pp

Y44104 Edinburgh from £4639pp

Y44095 Glasgow from £4525pp

Y44118 New Castle from £4635pp

Y44125 Bristol from £4569pp

Y44120 Birmingham from £4489pp

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