



WORLDWIDE ADVENTURE GUIDES



MACHU PICCHU

CULTURAL TRAIN ITINERARY

DAY 1:

ARRIVE IN CUSCO

You will be met at the airport and transported to the hotel. Rest and relaxation will be in order, with a focus on acclimating to the higher elevation. In the evening, there will be a welcome dinner and briefing on what to expect in the coming days.

Overnight Novotel Hotel (D)

DAY 2:

REST DAY

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B)

DAY 3:

CHINCHERO - PISAC - OLLANTAYTAMBO

Today begins several days of exciting cultural touring. We will travel to the Sacred Valley where we will tour the famous Pisac Inca Ruins and the Pisac market, a good place to purchase local crafts and goods, visit artisan textile shops, and learn about the natural dyes that have been used since the time of the Incas. We'll stop to sample a locally brewed beer. Our last cultural stop will be Ollantaytambo. These amazing Inca Ruins sit above the town in a beautiful setting.

Overnight Ollantaytambo - Pakaritambo Hotel (B)

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DAY 4:

CUSCO CITY TOUR

Our city tour starts at the Qoricancha, also known as the Temple of the Sun, built by orders of the Inca Pachacutec (1438–1572). Upon arrival of the Spaniards, it became the base of the convent of Santo Domingo. During the incanato, the temple was dedicated to the worship of the sun god Inti.

Next, we visit Sacsayhuaman, one of the most emblematic places of the Inca Empire, just a few minutes from the center of the city and called “World Heritage of Humanity” by the UNESCO. It was built by the Inca Pachacutec in the fifteenth century.

The tour continues with the archaeological park of Qenqo, a center of cults and ceremonies dedicated to Mother Earth, followed by Puca Pucara, also known as “Red Fort,” and Tambomachay. Tambomachay was a place of worship of water. If time permits, we will visit the Cusco City Market.

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B)

DAY 5:

SALT MINES AND MORAY TOUR

Our day begins with a drive through the incredible landscapes of Cusco to the famous circular cultivation terraces of the Moray archaeological site. These stunning and unique Inca ruins were used as experiments to find out what type of agricultural products would grow at

each altitudinal floor. We highly recommend that you DO NOT Google this site so as to not ruin the way we present it to you. Continuing our journey, we will descend towards the Maras Salt Mines, a picturesque place with spectacular landscapes. The Incas used this same salt for their consumption.

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B)

DAY 6:

RAINBOW MOUNTAIN TOUR

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco very early in the morning for a two-hour drive. We will stop to have a delicious breakfast, and then continue by car for another hour more to the trailhead. The hike to the Rainbow Mountain will take around 2 hours hiking or 30 minutes riding a horse. Most people prefer riding the horse and hiking back down. The journey will take you through a vibrant green valley with the snow-capped peaks towering in the distance. You will see roaming alpacas and will have the chance to truly see how the local Quechua Mountain people live. As you get closer to the Rainbow Mountain you will begin to see the first signs of the colored minerals that formed the painted hills. You will hike up to a vantage point that gives you a 360-degree view of the beautiful landscape that makes up this sacred land. The hike back will take about an hour. Before driving back to Cusco, we will get lunch in one of the local restaurants.

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B/L)

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DAY 7:

VISTADOME TRAIN FROM CUSCO TO AGUAS CALIENTES AND MACHU PICCHU

The pick-up time will be early in the morning. We will drive to the train station in order to board the comfortable Vistadome train bound for the majestic sanctuary of “Machu Picchu,” which since 2007 has been considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. From the train you will enjoy the beauty of the valleys, the white capped mountains, and passing the indigenous people of the area. The train follows the Urubamba River to Machu Picchu town, better known as Aguas Calientes. There we will board a shuttle bus for a half-hour ride with many switchbacks up to the Inca sanctuary. Our guides have a unique way of introducing you to Machu Picchu for the first time, and you will not be disappointed. We will have a guided tour of the Inca complex and there will be free time to take photos or explore on your own. Afterwards we will take the shuttle buses back down to the hotel in Aguas Calientes.

Overnight Hotel Casa de Sol (B)

DAY 8:

MACHU PICCHU AND RETURN TO CUSCO VIA VISTADOME TRAIN

We will leave early in the morning from our hotel in Aguas Calientes after breakfast and take the shuttle buses up again to Machu Picchu. We will enter the Inca Complex around 6:00 am to enjoy the sunrise on the site. After another guided tour of the archaeological area, including information about the life and customs of the Incas, we will have enough time to enjoy Machu Picchu. After the guided tour you may choose to climb the large cone shaped mountain called Huayna Picchu that sits directly behind Machu Picchu. Around noon we will board the shuttle buses again for the drive down to Aguas Calientes to catch our train back to Cusco. While waiting for the train we will have the time to have lunch at one of the restaurants in town. In addition, we can enjoy the hot springs in Aguas Calientes to relax before our departure to Cusco.

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B)



DAY 9:

FREE DAY TO EXPLORE CUSCO

Overnight Novotel Hotel (B)

DAY 10:

DEPART CUSCO

Transfer from the hotel to the airport (B)



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INCLUDED:

- Airport transfer pick-up and drop-off to and from hotels
- Shared accommodations in double room
- Service of a professional bilingual tour guide and assistant guide
- Tours as described on itinerary
- All transportation and transfers during tours
- Vistadome train from Cusco to Machu Picchu and return
- All permits and entry fees for local tours, hikes, Machu Picchu, and Huayna Picchu
- Government tax, office service charge, and booking fee
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Wilderness First Responder certified guide
- Comprehensive trip preparation consultation
- Worldwide Adventure Guides 'WAG Swag'

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare to and from Lima and Cusco
- Travel and medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance
- Most meals in the cities (breakfast in hotel will be included)
- Alcohol, bottled drinks or soft drinks (although we are known to buy a few rounds of drinks to celebrate nearly anything)
- Tips for guides and staff (approximately \$300-\$400)
- Single room supplemental charge (\$400)
- Excess baggage charges and airport taxes

NOTE:

We highly recommend that everyone purchase travel trip insurance and medical evacuation insurance. We recommend Global Rescue. Full disclosure: We were asked by Global Rescue to be a strategic business partner in 2018 and they now give us a 10% commission on policies sold. We are happy to return this to our clients because we have used them for years and believe in their services.