

# SACRED LANDS OF THE INCAS: CUSCO, THE SACRED VALLEY AND MACHU PICCHU



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## Itinerary Overview

Discover the best of Peru traveling to the high Andes and the magnificent ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, the most important archaeological monument in South America. Accompanied by our local guides specialized in archaeology, history and Andean culture, visit monumental Inca stone temples, hike through remote mountain villages and explore the fascinating towns and Quechua Indian markets of Cusco and the Urubamba Valley. Guides take you hiking to remote villages in the highlands outside the Sacred Valley of the Incas where we learn about weaving, farming and daily life. A portion of trip proceeds support a nearby community center restored by Wildland Adventures where native students can go to study after school. Traveling through the land of the Incas, you'll stay in comfortable boutique hotels – including the cozy Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, with options to upgrade hotels throughout the itinerary to create a more deluxe, custom itinerary.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTELS	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	LIMA	Costa del Sol Ramada		Arrival in Lima
2	CUSCO	Casa San Blas Boutique Hotel	B	Fly to Cusco, half day city tour
3	URUBAMBA VALLEY	Sol y Luna	BL	Visit Pisac and Ollantaytambo
4	URUBAMBA VALLEY	Sol y Luna	BL	Patacancha Valley Hike
5	MACHU PICCHU	Machu Picchu Pueblo	BLD	Train to Machu Picchu, guided visit to the site
6	CUSCO	Casa San Blas Boutique Hotel	BL	Free morning, afternoon return to Cusco by train
7		Casa Andina Private Collection	B	Fly to Lima, dayroom and evening departure

# Itinerary in Detail

## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Arrive in Lima. Airport assistance and overnight at the **Costa del Sol Ramada Airport Hotel** just a short 2-minute walk outside customs.



## DAY 2: CUSCO WALKING TOUR

Assistance with early morning check-in for one hour flight to Cusco. Airport reception and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon half-day guided orientation of ancient Inca temples, Spanish churches, the artisan San Blas neighborhood and the surrounding hilltop ruins of Sacsayhuaman which offer a panoramic view of Cusco. Your guide will also direct you to shops, museums, markets and restaurants where you can shop, dine and explore on your own. Overnight at the **Casa San Blas Boutique Hotel**. [B]

*Note: Optional upgrade at an additional cost to luxury Orient Express Monasterio Hotel, a restored 400 year old former monastery, boutique and intimate La Casona or the colonial Aranwa Boutique Hotel.*

## DAY 3: URUBAMBA VALLEY

Full day private guided exploration through the Sacred Valley of the Incas visiting Quechua villages where highland Indians tend their fields and sell their food products and handcrafts in outdoor markets. Explore the hilltop Inca ruins of Pisac and hike down through the Inca terraces (or optional drive) to the village of Pisac with its colorful market. After lunch explore the spectacular fortress of Ollantaytambo and walk through the narrow streets of the town below, one of the few Inca towns that have survived much as the Incas designed it hundreds of years ago. Here we can see Inca *canchas* (stone corals), enclosures of multi-family living quarters that share just one exit to the street, ingenious stonework, original cobblestone streets, and an extensive communal water system that survives to this day. Overnight in the serene Urubamba Valley at the **Hotel Sol y Luna**. [BL]

#### **DAY 4: PATACANCHA VALLEY HIKE**

Drive through the Urubamba Valley past the town of Ollantaytambo to a narrow dirt road leading up the Patacancha Valley (1 hour) until reaching the community of Pallata (12,000' elevation). Here you can observe the native Quechua way of life in the high Andes where crops are sown and textiles woven with simple hand tools that have been in use for centuries. A short, steep ascent to the road head brings us to the small archaeological complex at Pumamarca, a former Inca settlement that managed the irrigation system of the Inca terracing below. After visiting this site we will begin hiking down through the ancient Inca terracing complex of Choquecancha, still used today by local Quechua farmers, overlooking spectacular views of the surrounding peaks and Urubamba Valley below. A three hour descent through these farmed terraced areas will bring us to the outskirts of Ollantaytambo Village. Picnic lunch will be served en route. Overnight at the **Hotel Sol y Luna**. [BL]

*Note: You may substitute the Patacancha Valley hike with a mountain bike trip from Moray past Maras and into the Urubamba Valley.*



#### **DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU**

Transfer to catch the morning train to Machu Picchu. After assisting with your hotel check in, your guide accompanies us on a private tour throughout the principal temples and important sectors of Machu Picchu followed by free time to photograph and explore on your own time. Included are first-class reserved train tickets, bus tickets up and down the mountain, lunch and one-time entrance fee. Overnight at the **Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**. [BLD]

*Note: Optional upgrade at an additional cost to the Sanctuary Hotel, adjacent to Machu Picchu. Travelers interested in more activity can also opt to trek along the 1-day Inca Trail Express route, entering Machu Picchu via the Gate of the Sun. Subject to permit availability. Cost is an additional \$125 per person based on two people.*

#### **DAY 6: CUSCO**

Be among the first to arrive at Machu Picchu on the early shuttle bus. Enjoy contemplating, exploring and photographing the most impressive archaeological monument in South America on your own time wandering through the mysterious maze of streets and stone buildings in this magnificent citadel. Hike up the towering Wayna Picchu peak (*permits are \$15 and must be purchased in advance*), or up the Inca Trail to the Intipunku, Gate of the Sun entrance. Late-afternoon return on the train to a station in the Urubamba Valley where we transfer to a private vehicle back to Cusco arriving by evening to our hotel. Overnight at the **Casa San Blas Boutique Hotel**. [BL]

#### **DAY 7: LIMA AND DEPARTURE**

Transfer to Cusco airport for flight to Lima. Airport reception and transfer in to **Hotel Casa Andina Private Collection** in Miraflores to use as a day room until your evening flight. [B]

*Note: Optional half-day tour of colonial Lima and its museums available upon request. Observe the blend of cultures in one of South America's oldest capital cities on a tour of the old colonial center of downtown Lima, the church and catacombs of San Francisco and the cathedral of Lima. The most comprehensive museums in Lima that feature Peru's archaeological heritage are the Gold Museum and the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology. We can also arrange a special farewell dinner at one of Lima's premier Nuevo Andino restaurants before you depart.*

**END OF SERVICES**

**Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.**

**PRICING AND DATES:**

For current pricing please click here: [Pricing](#)

For scheduled departure dates please click here: [Dates](#)

**INCLUDED SERVICES**

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- 2 entrance fees to Machu Picchu, 2 bus tickets Aguas Calientes-Machu Picchu
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- 7 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

**NOT INCLUDED SERVICES**

- International airfare
- Internal airfare Lima-Cusco-Lima of approx \$375, Wildland can assist in booking this
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

## Accommodations



### **COSTA DEL SOL RAMADA, LIMA**

Located within the Lima airport complex, the Costa del Sol is an easy stop after a late arrival from Quito. The hotel features 130 guest rooms all with high speed Internet access, air conditioning and a marble bathroom. Enjoy a delicious meal in the restaurant offering a variety of local and International cuisine or relax in the pool.



### **CASA SAN BLAS, CUSCO**

The hotel is in an original colonial building peacefully removed from Cusco's fast pace – like a sophisticated country hotel in the city. Rooms offer superb distant views of Cusco's tiled rooftops and surrounding mountains or of the handsome arcaded interior courtyard, central fountain, and ample terrace. Tucked away in the heart of the city's most atmospheric neighborhood, San Blas, the hotel is perfect for visitors looking for a relaxed, spacious option, and ideal for families.



### **SOL Y LUNA, URUBAMBA VALLEY**

Nestled in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Hotel Sol y Luna combines comfort with a rustic Andean ambience. Clustered in a landscape of flowers and majestic Andean peaks, individual hotel bungalows offer doubles, family bungalows, and one suite. Each bungalow features a colorfully decorated interior, private bathroom and shower, king-sized beds and a private terrace. The hotel features a swimming pool, restaurant with brick oven pizza, and the welcoming warmth of an open fireplace, featuring typical Peruvian dishes as well as international plates.



### **MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO, MACHU PICCHU**

The Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel is an intimate 85-cottage luxury hotel in sprawling Andean style village within the secluded 12 acres of exquisite beauty, where guests follow stone pathways to their rooms, located in comfortable one- or two-story whitewashed casitas. The hotel has the world's largest native species orchid garden open to the public with over 372 species. A lush garden, stone-paved paths and canals flowing with spring water set the tone for a relaxing atmosphere. Large and bright rooms are furnished with wooden furniture specially made by local craftsmen. The UNU Spa features massage, sauna and aromatherapy.



**CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION, MIRAFLORES**

The Casa Andina Private Collection is a contemporary hotel located in the Lima suburb of Miraflores. Surrounded by the greatest density of restaurants, shopping and nightlife, Miraflores has become the most fashionable, upscale district of Peru's cosmopolitan capital, renowned for its gastronomic scene. Spacious rooms are well-equipped featuring cable TV, Wi-Fi access, a safety deposit box, and air conditioning. The property features two restaurants, a coffee shop, spa, gym and heated swimming pool, all available for your convenience and relaxation.

# Booking your Wildland Adventure

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Deposit requirements are as follows:\*

- \$1000 per person for all trips in South America.

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## CUSTOM TRAVEL

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## PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

91 or more:	\$300
61-90 days:	Initial deposit amount
31-60 days:	50% of land cost
30 or less:	100% of land cost

## PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

## REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

Have any questions or concerns? Call us a 1-800-345-4453 or email [info@wildland.com](mailto:info@wildland.com). We're here to help and are happy to provide you with references from previous Wildland travelers.

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