

Discover the Empire of the Incas 5 days / 4 nights (PBTR01)

Destinations at a glance: Lima / Cuzco / Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

TRIP DESCRIPTION

This tour will take you to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, considered to be the archaeological capital of South America. In Cuzco, as in no other place, the mixture of Spanish and Inca cultures can be appreciated as well as its architecture of enormous cut-stone blocks fitted so perfectly that no mortar was needed.

Our guided tours will take you around the city of Cuzco. Then onwards to the Sacred Valley and the ruins of Ollantaytambo and the famous Pisac market. Machu Picchu is the final destination sure to be the highlight to every magical Peruvian vacation.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Lima

Whatever the time of your arrival you can be assured of a warm welcome by the Peru Best Tours staff at the airport. Once you and your group have passed immigration and customs you will be transferred by private vehicle to your selected comfortable hotel.

Depending on your arrival time you will have the rest of the day to relax and enjoy the city.

Day 2: Lima – Cuzco (B)

As with your whole journey all transfers are taken care of and our driver will collect you in the morning for your transfer to the airport.

Once in Cuzco our staff will be waiting to welcome you and take you to your comfortable hotel. Later in the afternoon our guide will collect you from your hotel for your tour of the city. Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, and is considered the archaeological capital of South America. In the city of Cuzco, as in no other place, the mixture of Spanish and Inca cultures can be appreciated as well as its architecture of enormous cut-stone blocks fitted so perfectly that no mortar was needed.

Your tour will take you to the Cathedral, Temple of the Sun, Korikancha, Sacsayhuaman, Puca Pucara, Qenqo, and Tambomachay. Most of these sites are of the smaller Inca ruins in and around the city. This tantalizing look these amazing Inca ruins will only further whet your appetite for the following days of tours to the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu.

Day 3: Cuzco - Sacred Valley – Cuzco (B)

Your day will start with an early breakfast before we head off to the sacred Valley of the Incas. Here our expert guide will take you to the Ollantaytambo ruins and Pisac market. Here you will have chance to interact with the locals most of whom will be in their traditional dress. You will also have the chance to buy locally produced handicrafts from the region.

In the evening we return to Cuzco where you will have the evening free to relax before the next exciting day of activities.

Day 4: Cuzco – Machu Picchu – Cuzco (B)

This day is sure to be the highlight of every traveller's trip to Peru, Machu Picchu. The day will start with an early pick up from the hotel and transfer to the train station for your train to the citadel.

Our expert guide will meet you at the station and take you to the citadel. Here you will be able to look in amazement at the beauty of the ruins before you. The guided tour will last around two hours, giving you the chance to learn all about the ruins and ask any questions you may have.

Once the guided tour is over you will have the rest of the afternoon to explore the site at your leisure, taking photographs and enjoying moment with your group.

As an option you may add an extra night here to your trip and overnight in the small town of Aguas Calientes below Machu Picchu. This allows you to return the next day to the site to explore the ruins in more detail. Or even just to return to see the sunrise over the mountains, a truly amazing sight.

Day 5: Cuzco – Lima (B)

After breakfast we will collect you for your transfer back to capital for your last hours with us in Peru. Your final day will be finished with a private tour of the city at a time of your choice.

The tour will take you to both colonial and modern Lima. Giving you an insight as to how Lima has changed, grown and developed since its independence from Spain in 1821.

The tour will start from your hotel were our guide will collect you. The tour will visit places such as the Plaza de Armas (Presidential Square). The catacombs of the San Francisco church where you will see the bones of 100's of Limas ancient dead. Followed by visits to both Barranco and Miraflores where you tour will end. You will then have the remainder of your day free until we come to collect you for your transfer to the airport for your flight home.

We all have a great passion for Peru here at Peru Best Tours, and once you have completed this amazing package we are sure you will too. We look forward to receiving you as our guest

INCLUDED

4 Hotel nights

All breakfasts

All the tours stated in the itinerary

All transfers and entrance fees

Accredited tour guides

Personalized assistance by Peru Best Tours during your whole stay

NOT INCLUDED

Domestic Transportation

Lunches and dinners, other than those mentioned above

Travel insurance

Tips

Airport taxes

HIGHLIGHTS

Cuzco City tour (Regular group tour)

Sacred Valley tour (Regular group tour)

Machu Picchu tour (Regular group tour)

Lima City tour (Private tour)

STYLE

History / Culture

Family

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY

Easy : Lima – No strenuous activities involved.

Medium: Cuzco – Some travelers may be effected by the high altitude.

CUSTOM MADE TRIPS

At Peru Best Tours, we do our best to meet your travel needs rather than you adjusting your trip to fit a company's schedule, It means: A more personalized service, greater flexibility of travel options, and better over all value giving you more for your money.

We can make you and your group any itinerary you wish from 1 day to 1 year! From budget to luxury 5 star. We can make anything you wish from something as simple as an amendment or addition to one of our standard packages, or something custom made from scratch. Just let us know what you want, we are at your service!

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

We always strive to give our customers the lowest prices on all domestic transport. Due to the number of bookings for flight, trains and buses we make each year, we are often able to give the cheapest prices on the market to customers booking packages with us.

You may also if you wish make your own transportation arrangements for your trip, just that most clients find it easier and less hassle to let us do the work for them.

Luggage for LAN Peru flights. The maximum weight limit for flights within Peru is 23 kgs of hold luggage (Max. 2 Bags). Hand luggage is limited to 8 kgs and one personal item such as a purse or, laptop. We recommend checking the website of the airline before traveling to check for the latest baggage and security information.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

Following our desire to pass on savings to the customer, we suggest booking your international flight via one of the large internet based providers such as www.opodo.com , www.travelocity.com or www.kayak.com as these companies are some of the market leaders in international discount airfares. Please note we do not work with any of the above companies, nor to we receive a commission for recommending them.

HOTELS

We only work with the best hotels in each rating category. We constantly review our choices and listen to feedback from clients when we make reviews of the hotels we use. Before booking we will give you a list of our recommended hotels for you to select from. If you wish to stay in a hotel that's not listed, say one you read a review about on TripAdvisor for example just let us know the name and we will be happy to book it for you.

WHAT TO BRING?

Luggage

All types of luggage are fine to bring with you to Peru, although we do recommend something like a backpack or a rucksack. As they are often easier to handle in places such as Cuzco where cobble stone roads make suitcases with wheels for example a little cumbersome.

Also recommended is a day bag, something light weight but big enough for your daily needs. Such as a bottle of water, your camera, tickets and other travel documents etc.

Clothing

This will depend on the season you are travelling but generally winter on the coast is summer in the mountains and vice versa. So it's best to pack for all eventualities, take a look below at the recommended packing list.

- Trousers / Jeans / Shorts / Jogging Pants
- T-Shirts / Shirts
- Waterproof Jacket
- Sturdy shoes or Hiking boots / Trainers / Sandals

Other things to pack

- Camera / Extra Memory or Films / Batteries / Charger
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses & Sun Cream (It can often feel cool at altitude but burns are still possible)
- Small First Aid Kit
- Medication – Remember if you are taking medication to bring enough with you to complete your journey.

Documents

- Passport + copies (We advise you leave your passport in the hotel and carry copies with you when outside)
- Andean Immigration Card – You will be given this card at the airport do not lose it as you have to hand it back in on your departure.
- All Peru Best Tours vouchers and coupons.
- Entry Visa (Should you require one.)
- Travel Insurance + copies.

TRAVEL MONEY

How much will I need for my trip? This will of course depend on your personal choices and preferences. Included at all hotels is breakfast, and some parts of your itinerary may include all your daily meals (See above). You will also need some money for souvenirs, and personal items.

Meals in a budget café or restaurant start at around \$4.00 per person, and dining at a top class restaurant can be upwards \$30-60 per person. So there really is something to fit every budget and taste.

Souvenirs start from as little as \$1.00 for a post card to \$100+ for such things as the fine alpaca woolen knitwear items that you will see for sale at many of the tourist shops and markets.

Airport Taxes are also a consideration as they have to be paid at the airport by the traveler. They have to be paid in cash in either US\$ or local currency. Domestic departure tax is \$6.25 per person and international departure tax is \$30.25 per person.