

CLASSIC INCA LAND

04 DAYS / 03 NIGHTS

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THE GREAT INCA EMPIRE IS NOT DEAD: IT IS ALIVE IN EVERY ONE OF CUSCO'S STONE WALLS AND PALACES, COEXISTING WITH THE IMPOSING ARCHITECTURE OF THE VICEROYALTY PERIOD.

THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF THE IMPERIAL CITY IS THE PLAZA DE ARMAS, BORDERED BY THE MAGNIFICENT CATHEDRAL, AND JUST A FEW METERS FROM THE TWELVE-ANGLED STONE AND A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE SAN BLAS NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE CULINARY SCENE IS ALSO UNIQUE: FROM EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANTS TO THE ENORMOUS CORN COBS WITH CHEESE SOLD ON STREET CORNERS. IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT MANY TOURISTS COME... AND DECIDE TO STAY.

WHEN ARRIVING AT THE SACRED VALLEY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE URUBAMBA MOUNTAINS AND THE GREEN FIELDS BATHED BY THE WATERS OF THE MEANDERING VILCANOTA RIVER.

THIS SPLENDID ANDEAN VALLEY IS HOME TO MAJOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND PICTURESQUE VILLAGES THAT HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR ANCESTRAL CULTURE. MARAS, MORAY, PISAC, CHINCHERO AND OLLANTAYTAMBO FORM PART OF THIS CULTURAL RICHNESS, BUT THE VALLEY ALSO OFFERS INCREDIBLE NATURAL BEAUTY WHICH IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS, OR SIMPLY FOR RELAXING.

LOCATED ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF A TROPICAL FOREST, MACHU PICCHU IS CONSIDERED THE TOURIST ATTRACTION PAR EXCELLENCE IN PERU. THE HISTORIC SANCTUARY IS A PLACE THAT CAPTIVATES TOURISTS NOT ONLY FOR ITS DAZZLING ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY, BUT ALSO FOR ITS IMPORTANT HISTORICAL-CULTURAL LEGACY, WHICH HAS LED IT TO BE RECOGNIZED AND ADMIRERD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

DECLARED CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY IN 1983 BY UNESCO, IT IS PROBABLY THE MOST AMAZING ARCHITECTURAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE INCA EMPIRE. THIS CITADEL IS MADE UP OF TEMPLES, PALACES, TERRACES, MONUMENTS, COMPLEXES AND WALLS; IN ADDITION TO WATER CHANNELS, BUILT WITH LARGE BLOCKS OF STONE, WITHOUT ANY AMALGAM, PROOF OF THE GREAT WISDOM OF THE INCA CIVILIZATION.



DAY 01: ... / CUSCO

Leaving Lima behind, fly to Cusco, one-time capital of the Incan Empire. Upon arrival to Cusco airport, transfer to selected hotel for a 4 nights stay. In the afternoon, discover Cusco where every corner tells a story and every story is captivating, mystical and inviting. In Cusco's streets time seems to have stopped, every corner offers a piece of history, and the stones remain alive because they have survived intact. Cusco witnessed the arrival of the Spanish, and yet to this day it conserves an ancestral magic which captivates the thousands of visitors who each year form part of its living history. Your guided city tour includes a visit to the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple, a Dominican church built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building. Afterwards, you travel just outside of Cusco to behold the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an enduring testament to Incan architectural skills. This imposing fortress, with colossal stone blocks, overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco. Return to your hotel.

DAY 02: SACRED VALLEY

In the morning, go off the beaten path and visit the authentic and picturesque villages and sites of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The Sacred Valley of the Incas envelops a fertile agricultural and cultural landscape, punctuated by small villages of Quechua-speaking communities and dotted with the surviving remains of great Inca family estates. First you will visit the scenic town of Pisac with its local colorful market. Continue exploring the incredible Archeological Complex of Pisac, one of the most beautiful monumental centers of the Incan Empire. Enjoy lunch (not included). Finally discover the secrets of the Incas at Ollantaytambo, originally a massive fortress settlement and an astounding feat of construction and ingenuity. The present town follows the original grid system and evidence of the ancient structure still remains. Return to your hotel in Cusco.



DAY 03: MACHU PICCHU

Morning drive to Poroy or Ollanta and board the morning train to Machu Picchu Pueblo (former Aguas Calientes) and take a tour of Machu Picchu, the ‘Lost City of the Incas’, one of the most impressive ancient sites in the world. Overlooking the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca Empire. Although this “Lost City” was revealed to the rest of the world by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, its location was long known to locals. Its original purpose, however, remains a matter of some conjecture, as the Incas left no written records. Explore the ruins with your expert local guide and, as you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this majestic citadel, set some 8,000 feet above sea level. In the evening, return by train to Cusco and transfer to your hotel.



DAY 04: CUSCO / ...



At the appointed time, transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Lima. End of services.

INCLUDED:

- 03 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN DOUBLE ROOM IN SELECTED HOTEL IN CUSCO;
- SHARED GUIDED CUSCO CITY TOURS & SACSAYHUAMAN NATIONAL PARK;
- SHARED GUIDED SACRED VALLEY EXCURSION (LUNCH INCLUDED);
- SHARED GUIDED MACHU PICCHU EXCURSION (TRAIN TICKETS & LUNCH INCLUDED);
- SHARED IN / OUT TRANSFERS IN CUSCO;

NOT INCLUDED:

- AIR TICKET LIMA - CUSCO - LIMA (FROM US\$200.00 PER PERSON);

PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION AND HOTEL CATEGORY:

FIRST CLASS HOTEL: FROM US\$999.00

STANDARD CLASS HOTEL: FROM US\$879.00

TOURIST CLASS HOTEL: US\$829.00

