



# The Best of Peru

## 12 day tour to Lima, Cusco, Valle Sagrado, Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes & Puerto Maldonado (Amazon)

Come with us to experience the highlights of both natural beauty and cultures in Peru including the cosmopolitan, bustling, and inspiring city of Lima, the world's most enigmatic archaeological treasures of Machu Picchu, living small town of Cusco and the tour to Amazon, a marvel of the world and the imagination, an ecosystem of unrivalled size and diversity, and a place of near mythical status among travellers.....

### Day 1 Australia ✈ Lima

Today fly from Australia to Lima, the capital city of Peru. Arrive on the same day. Upon arrival, met and transferred to check in your hotel. Overnight in Lima.

### Day 2 Lima Meal: B/D

Today you will have half Day Lima City Tour. The tour will begin with an exploration of Colonial Lima. First, you will stop at the Main Square where you can explore the square



and admire the exteriors of the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima, and the City Hall, all examples of Lima's still-present colonial architectural opulence. You will visit the Cathedral of Lima, you'll travel to the past and discover various architectural styles (from Renaissance to Neo-Classical) and learn about the religious history of Peru. Our tour continues to visit San Francisco Convent built in the 17th century, and its "Catacombs"-ancient underground cemetery of Lima. Afterwards, we will head to the Pueblo Libre District and visit the Larco Museum, an eighteenth-century viceregal mansion that houses more than 3,000 years of Peru's pre-Columbian history. The museum boasts a supremely fine collection of gold and silver jewellery and worship paraphernalia that demonstrates the superb skill of ancient Peruvian gold and silversmiths. The Larco Museum also contains a famous collection of erotic ceramic tomb art that gives insights into various aspects of pre-Columbian sexuality.

Finally, you will head to the most traditional of the residential zones of the capital: San Isidro and Miraflores. You will pass through the heart of the city's financial district in San Isidro and visit Miraflores, a perfect spot to enjoy the wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean. Return to hotel and dinner served at the hotel.

### Day 3 Lima ✈ Cusco Meal: B

In the morning, you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon you will visit the Cathedral, considered the best repository of colonial art from the Cusco school and the circuit to Qoricancha ("court of gold", also known as the temple of the Sun), the religious and political centre of Cusco during the Inca era. Just outside the city is Sacsayhuaman ("speckled falcon"), the fortress above Cusco whose precise zigzags of massive stone remains

unmoved by the centuries. This is the centre of the ceremonies for the famous Inti Raymi festival. Continue your visit to San Pedro Market, which is one-stop shopping for the traveller from grocery to souvenir; though the Mercado Central is largely dedicated for fruits, vegetables, meats and bread. Return to your hotel to rest. Overnight in Cusco.

### Day 4 Cusco 🚗 Valle Sagrado Meal: B / L / D

Full day tour to Sacred Valley (Pisac market and Ollantaytambo)

You will visit Pisac, a picturesque town located 19.8 miles or 32 km. northeast of Cusco. It is famous for its colonial Church, where masses in Quechua are held every Sunday. In the colourful fairs you can find all sorts of handicrafts and the most important are the textiles and ceramic goods such as ceremonial goblets called "Q'eros", plates, ashtrays, necklace and replicas of pre-Hispanic pottery. After lunch, you will visit the remarkable fortress of Ollantaytambo, built by the Incas, also known as Temple Hill. The main access to the ceremonial centre is a series of stairways that climb to the top of the terrace complex. At this point, the site is divided into three main areas: the Middle sector, directly in front of the terraces; the Temple sector, to the south; and the Funerary sector, to the north.

Return back to hotel in late afternoon and overnight in Valle Sagrado.





**Day 5 Valle Sagrado 🏰 Machu Picchu  
🚆 Aguas Calientes Meal: B/L/D**

Full day Machu Picchu tour (with Vistadome train).

Transfer to the train station and board Vistadome train that goes through the Urubamba Valley or Sacred Valley of the Incas, to the fabulous mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu was never discovered by the Spaniards. For centuries it was buried in the jungle until Hiram Bingham found it in 1911.

The Holy City of Machu Picchu was built in stone among the flanks of two hills belonging to the eastern mountain range of the Andes, descending into the Amazonian upper sylvan. There is no doubt that Machu Picchu represents an extraordinary example of architecture and engineering.

Upon arrival at the station, you will take coach transfer to the top of the ruins (30 minutes) and take a guided tour of the ruins. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Aguas Calientes.

**Day 6 Aguas Calientes 🚆 Machu Picchu 🏰 Cusco Meal: B/D**

In the morning you could re-visit Machu Picchu with second entrance and bus ticket by yourselves (guide not included); then take



Vistadome train back to Cusco and transfer back to hotel.

Dinner served at the hotel and overnight in Cusco.

**Day 7 Cusco Meal: B**

Day is at leisure. Cusco, a nice small town has a lot to offer. You could leisurely explore more of the beautiful small town at your own pace.

Overnight in Cusco.

**Day 8 Cusco ✈️ Puerto Maldonado- Hacienda Concepcion**

**Meal: B/L/D**

Transfer to airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado for your Amazon Package.

Hacienda Concepción – Program 4 days / 3 nights

Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado and check in at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House).

Navigate by outboard motorized canoe along the Madre de Dios River to Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion (approximately 25-minute navigation). After enjoying your lunch with organic ingredients and native flavors, you will take a walk through Concepcion Trails, our inside property nature trails, where you will discover and learn about primary and secondary rainforest, its components,

uses, transformations by the human being, and its relevance for the world. At dusk navigate by outboard motorized canoe, at the Twilight River excursion. Sailing on the Madre de Dios River, you will learn about its ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior, and the southern constellations. In the evening enjoy a nice dinner at the dining room in the Casa Grande. Overnight at Hacienda Concepción.

**Day 9 Hacienda Concepción Meal: B/L/D**

After breakfast get ready for a long trek through terra firma into the Tambopata National Reserve towards Lake Sandoval. Here you will understand why Madre de Dios is called the biodiversity capital of Peru, while learning about the Reserve's conservation efforts and the lake's formation. Navigate by dugout canoe across this mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*), blue and yellow macaw (*Ara ararauna*), red howler monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*), black caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*), and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish - the paiche (*Arapaima gigas*).

Back to the lodge for lunch and later on the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway & Anaconda Walk wait for you. Take a 20-minute ride by outboard motorized canoe to the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway Interpretation Center where you will learn about its construction and the conservation projects of ITA-Inkaterra Association (NGO). Ascend one of the two 98-foot towers (30 m.) and cross the 7 hanging bridges that connect the treetops at 91 ft. high (28 m.). Enjoy the breathtaking vistas and get the chance to watch white-throated toucans (*Ramphastos tocanus*), woodpeckers, trogons, squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri boliviensis*) and the three-toed sloth (*Choleopus hoffmani*). After descending, keep on feeling the incredible primary rainforest energy going along the 200-meter wooden bridge over the aguajales swamps. You will learn about the fauna and flora of this flooded ecosystem.

At night get ready for an adventure at the Hidden Rainforest excursion, where you will explore the Amazon rainforest that gives way to nocturnal animals who display intriguing behavior patterns, and enhanced senses as adaptation mechanisms. Listen to nocturnal living nature sounds, and penetrate this hidden world. Return to the lodge and enjoy a nice dinner. Overnight at Hacienda Concepción.



## Day 10 Hacienda Concepción

Meal: B / L / D

After an early breakfast, you will take Native Farm excursion to learn the local techniques of cultivation and taste some of the products. After lunch, you will have a rest before we start the Cocha Water excursion. Enjoy a dugout canoe ride on the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Cocha Lake. Try native fishing applying the "catch and release" techniques, as you enjoy the scenery observing hoatzins (*Opisthocomus hoazin*), a diversity of fly catchers, and gray-necked woodrails (*Aramides cajanea*). Disembark at the remains of Fitzcarrald steam boat; learn about its history and how it inspired Inkaterra to ask Werner Herzog to film the award-winning "Fitzcarrald", best director at Cannes, 1982. You will be able to participate in the Inland Collpa during the evening, where you will see different species and their night routines

by observing through our "blinds". Overnight at Hacienda Concepción.

## Day 11 Hacienda Concepción - Puerto Maldonado ✈ Lima Meal: B

After breakfast, take a ride back to Puerto Maldonado and take your flight to Lima, stay overnight in Lima.

## Day 12 Lima ✈ Australia Meal: B

Transfer to the airport for your flight bound for Australia.

Please see Santiago Stopover Options.

### Health Concerns

Altitude sickness might occur when you stay in Cusco (3400m above sea level) or Puno (3830m above sea level), please consult your family doctor well in advance for any health concern matters for this trip and bring the appropriate necessary medications.



## The Best of Peru Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start		End Lima Tuesday	Full package with international air departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide	
	Lima	Friday		Qantas Airways	LATAM
BP170324	24-Mar-17	04-Apr-17	04-Apr-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170505	05-May-17	16-May-17	16-May-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170519	19-May-17	30-May-17	30-May-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170630	30-Jun-17	11-Jul-17	11-Jul-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170728	28-Jul-17	08-Aug-17	08-Aug-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170825	25-Aug-17	05-Sep-17	05-Sep-17	\$6,980	\$6,780
BP170922	22-Sep-17	03-Oct-17	03-Oct-17	\$7,050	\$6,850
BP171020	20-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	\$7,050	\$6,850
BP171117	17-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	\$7,050	\$6,850
BP180202	02-Feb-18	13-Feb-18	13-Feb-18	\$7,080	\$6,880
BP180316	16-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	27-Mar-18	\$7,080	\$6,880
BP180420	20-Apr-18	01-May-18	01-May-18	\$7,080	\$6,880
Land Only: \$5,150		Single supplement: \$880			
* This tour is guarantee departure based on a minimum of 2 people.					

\* Land only price: Tour starts from Arrival transfer in Lima to Departure transfer in Lima, including Peru domestic air tickets Lima - Cusco - Puerto Maldonado -Lima but excluding any international air tickets.

\* Peru tourist visa: Not required for Australian passport holders.

\* Package prices of LATAM are for departure from Sydney only. LATAM will transit both way via Auckland.

\* Package prices of Qantas are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide.

\* Hotels used for this tour: 4\* Lima Jose Antonio Hotel; 4\* Cusco Costa del Sol Ramada; 4\* Sacred Valley Casa Andina Private Collection Valle ; 3\* Aguas Calientes El Mapi Hotel; 3\* Puerto Maldonado Hacienda Concepcion or similar

Amazon upgrade: Extra \$285 per person upgrade to Puerto Maldonado Reserva Amazonica.

Inclusions of the Tour: Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, meals and entrance fees as per itinerary; twin share hotel accommodation & all transfers.

Extension: Please check "The Best of Ecuador" and Stopover package in Santiago de Chili.

Private Tour: add 10% you can make it a private tour; minimum 2 people required.

