

BEST OF PERU

**TOUR DAYS:
09 DAYS/08 NIGHTS**

DEPARTURE DAYS: 25 OCT 2023

Vancouver - Lima - Cusco - Machu Picchu - Cusco - Puno - Lima - Vancouver

Fly over the snow-capped Andes Mountains, explore the Lost City of the Incas, and cruise on the highest navigable lake in the world with this fascinating tour of Peru!

Vancouver

C\$ **3699**

Single Supp.

C\$ **349**

This 9-day small-group tour will take you on a magical adventure to one of the most popular destinations in South America! Begin your journey in Lima, from where you will fly over the breathtaking Andes Mountains to Cusco. Explore the ins and outs of this magnificent city as you visit the San Cristobal Plaza, taste the rich flavors of the San Pedro Market, and discover the Korikancha Temple. From there you will take a train to Machu Picchu, the most famous tourist attraction in Peru and one of the 7 Wonders of the World. Bask in the beautiful scenery of this extraordinary site, also known as the "Lost City of the Incas". Make your way back to Cusco, one of the most scenic and gorgeous overland trips in Peru. Stop at various sites along the way as you travel to Puno, including Racchi, the Temple of the Wiracocha God, and La Raya, a natural border between the two cities. Enjoy a breathtaking cruise of Lake Titicaca - the highest navigable lake in the world. From there you will return to Lima, where your extraordinary tour of Peru will end.

TOUR LODGING INFO: 08 Nights' Accommodation
Accommodation will be provided on twin-sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Lima	01 Night	Limaq Hotel
Cusco	04 Nights	Xima Hotels Cusco
Puno	02 Nights	Xima Hotels Puno
Lima	01 Night	Arawi Miraflores Express

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Admire the rich colonial architecture of Lima, the famous City of the Kings
- Bask in the beauty of Machu Picchu, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World
- Learn about Peru's exciting past as you explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas
- Discover the man-made islands on Lake Titicaca, bordering Uros and Taquile

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 08 nights' accommodation on a twin sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 02 local lunches
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Transportation in AC deluxe vehicle
- Transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Excursion to Machu Picchu aboard Inca Rail train
- English-speaking local guides
- Shuttle bus tickets to Machu Picchu
- Bus tickets from Cusco to Puno
- International airfare from Vancouver
- Domestic airfare (Lima – Cusco/ Juliaca – Lima)
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All applicable taxes

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Visa fees or entrance taxes, if applicable
- Items not mentioned as being included

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: VANCOUVER – LIMA (ARRIVAL)

Make your own way to your gateway airport for your international flight to Lima. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Upon arrival at the Lima International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure. Lima, the "City of Kings", is famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture, extraordinary museums, and delicious cuisine. This extraordinary city is internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its culinary scene is considered among the most diverse and exquisite in the world, on par with French cuisine. Overnight in Lima

DAY 02: LIMA – CUSCO (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your short flight to Cusco. Prepare for a spectacular flight over the snowcapped Andes as you travel to Cusco, the oldest inhabited city in the hemisphere, with an elevation of 11,440 feet. Upon arrival, you will be met by one of our representatives and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, your exclusive city tour will start with a visit to the San Cristobal Plaza, where you may enjoy panoramic views of the city. From there, visit the San Pedro Market to soak in the local flavors and learn about the products grown in the area which supply the city. After this, the Korikancha Temple will welcome you with its magnificence. This temple, whose Quechua name means "Gold Enclosure", still bedazzles with its gold-covered walls. From there you may visit the Santo Domingo Church. Walk from San Blas, the artisans' neighborhood, to Hatun Rumiyoq Street. Enjoy a stop at the Inca Roca Palace, which is now home to the Archbishop's Palace and the famous Twelve Angle Stone. Continue your walk to the Main Square to visit the Cathedral and its beautiful and valuable colonial masterpieces. Overnight in Cusco

DAY 03: CUSCO - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO (B/L/-)

In the morning you will be transferred to the Ollantaytambo Train Station, where you will depart by train to discover one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. Arrive at the Aguas Calientes Station where you will be assisted to board the bus and travel up the winding road to Machu Picchu and enjoy a magnificent view of the Urubamba River and its canyon. The Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, will astonish you with its terraces, ceremonial shrines, steps, and urban areas. Experience the intoxicating energy all around you. After a guided tour, you will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. At the arranged time, take the train back to Ollantaytambo, and then transfer to your hotel in Cusco by car. Overnight in Cusco

DAY 04: CUSCO (B/-/-)

Enjoy two days at leisure or choose to book some of the following optional full or half-day tours. Overnight in Cusco

Optional: Full Day Sacred Valley Tour with Lunch
CAD 165 per person (min 4 people)

Home to breathtaking views with excellent opportunities for photo stops, the Sacred Valley of the Incas will be waiting for you. On the way to the valley, you will stop at Awanacancha, a quaint complex, and admire the Andean camelids such as alpacas and llamas. Learn about traditional dyeing and knitting techniques from local inhabitants. Later, you will explore the Pisac Market with free time to look around and purchase handicrafts. If you feel like tasting something traditional, stop by the wood ovens for a delicious empanada or a piece of bread. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, your tour will continue to Ollantaytambo, a small town full of local color which has been inhabited since the Inca times. There, you will visit the main temple used as a fortress during the Inca resistance.

OR

Optional: Full Day Via Ferrata and Zip Line in the Sacred Valley-private basis: CAD 280 per person (min 4 people)

Starts at: 7.00am. Level of difficulty: Moderate.

Situated in Pachar, in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Via Ferrata is a new choice for adventure lovers. It was designed for an adrenaline-charged experience amidst breathtaking views and with safety measures needed for those with no climbing experience. Climb 300 meters using iron ladders and knowing you are 100% safe. Enjoy the breathtaking views, and then descend a 100-meter cliff fixed to a rope. This will be a truly unforgettable experience for adventure lovers. In the afternoon, you will go on the Sacred Valley Zipline, where visitors of all ages will get the opportunity to fly over this magical and magnificent valley in a fun and safe manner. The zipline consists of 6 lines or cables, stretching from 100m to 500m, for a total of 2000m. The guide will hook you to the cables using a pulley connected to the harness. The cables are so tight there is no need for a brake system since the speed decreases upon approaching the end. To get to the first line, a 35-minute hike will be required. This entire hike is equipped with Via Ferrata (iron ladders) to ensure maximum security and confidence for all adventure lovers. No experience will be required.

OR

Optional: Half Day Biking- Best Down Hill in Cusco
CAD 100 per person (min 4 people)

This activity will take you to the highlands of Cusco. You will be picked up from your hotel and travel to the upper area of the city. Prepare to see the truly breathtaking scenery surrounding the city of Cusco. You will test your bike and receive a safety briefing and instructions. Based on your experience level, you will choose between going down a paved runway or descending onto roads and single-track roads. These declines can be prepared according to the skills and experience of the traveler. At the end of your adventure, you will return to the Cusco City Center.

DAY 05: CUSCO (B/-/-)

Spend two days at leisure or book some of the following optional full or half-day tours.

Overnight in Cusco

Optional: Full Day Chacan Rainbow Temple & Cusilluchayoc Hike: CAD 280 per person (min 4 people)

This hike offers a breathtaking view of Cusco city and its countryside along with high Andean landscapes. You will be picked up from the hotel and drive for 15 minutes through the paved road up near Sacsayhuaman, where you may admire the gorgeous scenery of Cusco City (entrance fee

will not be included). En route, you will see the peasants' houses, fields with various types of crops (such as potatoes, corn, and barley), and see llamas traveling to Cusco from the Andean villages. These llamas will be accompanied by their owners, all of them perfectly dressed for photos with tourists in Cusco City. Upon arrival, you will leave the bus and start your hike to the Temple of the Rainbow. There, you will see the magnificent rainbow, made by a small waterfall under the sunlight. After spending some time admiring the breathtaking views you will cross a cave, following the stream, and then go back to hiking to Cusilluchayoc Temple for about two hours where you will have an hour for lunch. After lunch, you will explore this Inca temple and caves. Then you will cross the last agriculture field and continue your hike down to Cusco and visit the old part of the city such as the San Cristobal and San Blas neighborhoods.

Box lunch is included

OR

Optional: Half Day Stand Up Paddler at Piuray Lake: CAD 319 per person (min 4 people)

The tour will start early in the morning and take you to The Sacred Valley. After an hour's drive, you will arrive in Chincheros, home to Piuray Lake. This breathtaking lake offers spectacular scenery, perfectly flat water, and plenty of birds. Your base is the home of a local family that lives at the shore of the lake. They will greet you with a smile and share a little about their lifestyle and culture. Start the activity with a safety briefing and paddle technique on land. Once you are in the water, the idea will be to first get acquainted with the board, paddling techniques, and making turns. Upon return, the family in Piuray will welcome you with hot infusions to relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

DAY 06: CUSCO - PUNO (B/L/-)

Today you will be transferred to the bus station for your tour bus adventure to Puno. On the way, stop to visit the magnificent attractions this breathtaking route has to offer. The first stop will be in Andahuaylillas, where you will see the magnificent chapel. From there you will discover Racchi, the Temple of the Wiracocha God, where the walls and narrow streets stand out. Enjoy lunch and take the opportunity to admire the view at "La Raya", a natural border between Cusco and Puno. Before you arrive at your final destination, you will visit the in-site Pucara Museum. Here, you will have the opportunity to get one of the local classic bull-shaped ceramics. Arrive in Puno at the end of the afternoon, where you will be transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Puno

DAY 07: PUNO (B/-/-)

Embark on a morning trip to the "People of The Lake": the Uros. There are approximately 40 scattered islands built with totora reeds (an aquatic plant), comprising a significant archipelago inhabited by 10 to 20 families. At 3,810 MASL, you will visit two islands of the Uros to appreciate the unique beauty of the place and experience the culture and lifestyle of the locals of millenary origin. Even today they continue with their ancestral traditions, with a large Aymara influence — all linked to the totora reed. The subsistence of the Uros is based on fishing, hunting, and gathering eggs, complementing their economy with the sale of handicrafts. Spend the afternoon at leisure or choose one of the following optional activities. Overnight in Puno

Optional: Full Day Taquile Island Tour
CAD 155 per person (min 4 pax)

Get ready to explore Lake Titicaca. Travel to Taquile where a native community of approximately 400 families live with the traditions and high principles of the Incas. Taquile is a very important site on Lake Titicaca

which is known for its archeological remains, sacred and ceremonial sites, festive activities, and cherished rituals. Taquile is characterized by its friendly inhabitants, who retain their customs and traditional clothing. They distinguish themselves by their detailed, fine, and colorful textiles with symmetrical decorations and symbols that reflect their way of life and Andean beliefs. A typical lunch will be served during your visit to the island. We will return to the city in the afternoon.

Please note: This tour will continue after visiting the Uros islands and requires booking in advance. Passengers taking this optional tour will visit the Uros separately from the main group (you will depart earlier to have enough time to visit all the islands).

**Optional: Evening Sillustani Pre-Inca Tombs on a Private basis
CAD 65 per person (min 2 pax)**

Visit the pre-Inca cemetery of the Hatun Colla chiefs in Sillustani, on the shore of Lake Umayo. This is a wonderful trip to see the funerary towers or Chullpas reaching up to six meters in height.

DAY 08: PUNO - LIMA (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

In the morning, you will be transferred to the Juliaca Airport for your flight back to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, head on a tour through Lima's streets and plazas. Start the tour from the Love Park in Miraflores, with a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean, and head to the Huaca Pucllana, a ceremonial center of culture in Lima. From there, you will visit the Main Square where the Government Palace and Town Hall are located. Discover the Cathedral and explore the Santo Domingo Convent, along which the corridors San Martin de Porras and San Rosa de Lima used to walk around in the 17th century, and where their remains rest today. Spend the evening at leisure to explore the city at your own pace.

Overnight in Lima

DAY 09: LIMA (DEPARTURE) - VANCOUVER (B/-/-)

Today, at the arranged time, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

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