

Wow Highlights Of Peru 10 Days



Follow in the ancient footsteps of the Inca to the ruins high in the Andes on this WOW Highlights of Peru tour. This program is specifically designed for the female traveller interested in learning about Peru's history and culture. There is so much to experience here, from the ancient Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, the remarkable collections of Spanish-colonial art, world-renowned museums, unique and colourful Andean weaving, the extraordinary city of Cusco and its nearby archaeological sites to world-class Peruvian cuisine.

This exclusive, custom-designed tour comes to life because of the many prominent Peruvian women who are contributing to your experience, sharing their knowledge of the country's culture, history, and archaeology. Each of these successful women comes from a very different ethnic, geographic, and socio-economic background and perspective, yet their special insights will contribute to a fuller understanding of the spectacular Andean culture - past and present.

Tour Highlights

Visit the world-class Larco Herrera Museum in Lima
Travel by Vistadome train through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu
Tour the incredible ruins of Machu Picchu with an expert local historian
Spend the night with local people on the island of Taquile on Lake Titikaka
Enjoy a ceviche and pisco sour cooking class with chef Penelope Alzamora
NO MANDATORY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!

Itinerary Information

DAY**1****LIMA (ARRIVAL)**

Welcome to Peru! Peru is one of the most fascinating countries in the Americas. Today you will arrive in the capital city of Lima, the "City of Kings," famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture and extraordinary museums. Lima is also internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its cuisine is considered among the most diverse and exquisite in the world, on par with French cuisine. Upon arrival, today our company representative will meet you and assist with your transfer to your hotel. Once in your room you are free to relax for the rest of the day.

DAY**2****LIMA (B/-/-)**

After a buffet breakfast this morning you can enjoy a tour of Modern and Colonial Lima, including the lovely Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, San Francisco Church and the exquisite Torre Tagle Palace, the modern-day seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In modern Lima, you will drive along the exclusive residential areas of Miraflores and San Isidro. Also, enjoy a guided visit to the Larco Herrera Museum, which was founded in 1926. The museum provides an excellent overview of 3,000 Years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Located in a unique vice-royal mansion of the 18th century built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid, it is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The museum also features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and the famous erotic archaeological collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions. The rest of the day is free at leisure; you can explore the traditional district of Barranco, the residential district of Miraflores and take a stroll along the seawall, where you can also find Larcomar, a multilevel entertainment, food and shopping megacomplex that caters to most tastes. Or book our optional visit to Indigo Gallery.

Optional: Visit to the Indigo Gallery and learn about Peruvian retablos 15 USD per person (Min of 2 pax)

This includes carved or sculpted wooden sculptures of religious figures set in a shadow box. The boxes form miniature houses or shrines, often with opening doors and a gable above the opening. Typically, both the doors and the sides of the box are covered with an ornate, polychrome floral decoration. Peruvian retablos traditionally serve as household shrines, which combine folk and Christian traditions. The art form has evolved to include the depiction of secular scenes of daily life in Peru, such as markets, shops, harvests, weddings and other ceremonies.

DAY**3****LIMA (FLIGHT) – CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY (B/L/-)**

Early this morning you will be transferred from the hotel to the airport for a short but spectacular flight (not included) over the snow-capped Andes to the oldest inhabited city in the hemisphere, Cusco, which sits at an elevation of 11,440 feet. During your flight, you will have magnificent views of the rugged Andes Mountains. Upon arrival, you will be greeted at the airport by your driver and guide, ready to begin your adventure to the Urubamba Sacred Valley. First you will drive through the fertile countryside of the Urubamba Valley to the colonial village of Pisac, where an Indian Market takes place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. During your visit to the bustling marketplace you will have the opportunity to bargain with the natives for many different types of Peruvian handicrafts and jewellery. The next stop is the Ollantaytambo archaeological complex, an Incan fort that included a temple, agricultural terraces and an urban area. Ollantaytambo was an important administrative center that likely had a military function, and which still boasts traces of ancient roads and aqueducts. The town of Ollantaytambo is called a "Living Inca Town" since the inhabitants maintain very old practices and customs. Lunch today is at a beautiful country estate on the shores of the Urubamba River

DAY**4****SACRED VALLEY - MACHU PICCHU (B/-/L)**

This morning you will depart the Sacred Valley and journey to Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." You will travel on the Vistadome train along the sacred Urubamba River to this unforgettable destination. The "Lost City of the Incas" was indeed lost for at least three and a half centuries - it was re-discovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, an American explorer and later U.S. Senator. The intact maze of empty plazas, chambers and palaces connected by stairways carved out of solid stone makes it easy to understand why it is considered one of the New Wonders of the World. Built precipitously high, it is surrounded by mountains covered in lush tropical vegetation. Terraced to the edge to provide for Inca domiciles, it stands today as a tribute to Incan ingenuity.

Your knowledgeable guide, a local historian, will accompany you through this incredible city of stone, pointing out the significance of various structures and explaining some of the theories about the mysteries of Machu Picchu (did you know that of the skeletons found there, women out-numbered men by ten to one?) It is said that Machu Picchu was a refuge from Pizarro's marauding Spaniards who were attracted to the Incan empire by tales of its fabulous stores of gold and silver. After your guided tour of the ruins you can stay and linger while the sun drops toward the western rim of the jungle and the softening light highlights the exquisite architecture.

Optional: Buffet Lunch at the ruins- Sanctuary Lodge

50 USD per person

DAY**5****MACHU PICCHU – SACRED VALLEY – CUSCO (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, you will go for a trek at the Huayna Picchu. This is a steep hike through the stone-paved trail of Huayna Picchu, the pyramid-shape mountain above Machu Picchu, for a breathtaking view of the site. This afternoon you will meet back at the hotel before boarding the Vistadome train for the return trip to Cusco.

Optional: Dinner at Limo restaurant

45 USD per person

Tonight, you may choose to join a meal to remember. Fiery red, green, yellow, orange and violet; those are the colors of aji limo, the star ingredient of Peruvian cuisine that the restaurant is named after. LIMO stimulates visually and arouses the palate with its sensuous flavours. Tucked away on the second floor of the old Casa del Inquisidor, the balcony tables offer an ample view of the Plaza de Armas and the city in all its ochre-toned splendour.

DAY**6****CUSCO (B/-/-)**

Cusco is the oldest continually inhabited city in the western hemisphere and was the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. This morning you can see this magnificent city on a walking tour. Walking along the cobblestone streets while marvelling at the flawless Incan stonework, you will love the delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture in evidence here. The tour takes you to the most important landmarks of the city, including Cusco's Cathedral, the "Plaza de Armas" or Main Square, and Koricancha - "The Temple of the Sun". The tour includes a visit to the emblematic Cusco neighbourhood of San Blas, which is filled with narrow streets, charming small homes, galleries and craft workshops where you can see local artisans at work.

Optional: half day Tour of the Nearby Ruins

70 USD per person (Min of 2 pax)

Just outside the city is Sacsayhuaman ("speckled falcon"), the fortress above Cusco whose precise zigzags of massive stone remain unmoved by the centuries. This is the center of the ceremonies for the famous Inti Raymi festival. Continuing away from the city, we'll visit the labyrinthine ruins of Qenqo ("zigzag"), Puca Pucara and Tambomachay ("cavern lodge") where fountains built by the Incas capture the waters of a natural spring.

Optional: Buffet Dinner Show at Don Antonio restaurant with transfers

40 USD per person

"Don Antonio is another top-notch dinner-and-show restaurant in a huge barn of a venue off the Plaza Regocijo. It's often booked out by large tour groups but offer a huge selection of Peruvian food and offer great entertainment."

DAY**7****CUSCO – PUNO (B/L/-)**

Today one of South America's most extraordinary overland trips takes you by coach from Cusco to Puno, passing through striking highland scenery and picturesque Andean villages. You will make brief stops at the town of Andahuaylillas, a showcase of the colonial art in Peru, sometimes called "the Sistine Chapel of the Americas," and at Raqchi to see the remains of the remarkable temple of Viracocha, considered by historians to be a particularly important Inca construction. You can enjoy lunch en-route before arriving in Puno later this afternoon / evening.

DAY**8****PUNO – TAQUILE (B/L/D)**

Today you can enjoy an amazing boat excursion out onto the highest navigable lake in the world, Lake Titicaca. The first stop is the floating islands of the Uros Indians. The islands themselves are made by tying totora reeds together and are a must-see for any traveller. The Uros people consider themselves Lords of the Lake; they hunt wild birds and maintain traditional fishing methods. The men have developed an extraordinary skill in weaving reeds; producing houses, boats and handicrafts, and the women are expert knitters. After visiting the floating islands, you will continue by boat to Taquile Island, where a native community of about 400 families live. Taquile is a very important site on Lake Titicaca for its archaeological remains, sacred and ceremonial sites and festivals. The island is characterized by its friendly inhabitants, who maintain the customs and traditional clothing of their ancestors. They distinguish themselves by their detailed, fine, and colourful textiles with symmetrical decorations and symbols that reflect their Andean beliefs. The people of Taquile have maintained a lifestyle that is remarkably detached from modern amenities and they demonstrate a strong sense of group identity - rarely do they marry non-Taquile individuals. Red and white caps distinguish unmarried men while married men wear red ones. Unmarried women are likewise distinguished by the multi-coloured pompoms that adorn their clothes while married women wear red ones. You can enjoy a local lunch and dinner on the island today. Tonight, you have the opportunity to spend the night in a local house on Lake Titicaca, allowing you to get off the beaten path and immerse yourself in a completely different way of life. While the accommodation is simple, you will have the opportunity to connect with the people of the island and enjoy some local cuisine while supporting their centuries-old way of life.

DAY**9****TAQUILE - PUNO (FLIGHT) – LIMA (B/-/-)**

During this second day on the island you will have time in the morning to spend at your leisure. You can explore the island or shop for souvenirs in this unique place. This afternoon you will return to Puno by boat and transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival, our company representative will meet and assist you with the transfer to your hotel, where they will help you with check-in formalities.

DAY**10****LIMA (DEPARTURE) (B/L/-)**

Today you can enjoy an incredible culinary experience with Penelope Alzamora, a Peruvian chef who studied and worked in Boston and San Francisco before settling back in Lima. You will begin with a visit to a local market, where Penelope will introduce you an amazing variety of seasonal and local ingredients which you will purchase for your class. After the market visit you will head to Barranco, the district known for its bohemian character and which has been home to several famous Peruvian writers of the 20th century, to Penelope's apartment. After a walk around the district you will be able to enjoy a Pisco Sour before beginning the cooking class. During the class, you will learn how to make a classic Peruvian dish, ceviche! You can enjoy the fruits of your class with your fellow travellers while taking in the stunning views of Lima's coast with a pisco sour in hand. Later today you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight home.

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Tour Package Includes

Accommodation on a twin sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
Daily breakfast
04 Lunches
02 Dinners
Airport/Hotel Transfers
Private excursions as per itinerary (with exception of the Bus to Puno, and the Excursion to Uros & Taquile)
Tour Leader/ Guide in each city that accompany the group from the start and the end of the tour
Transportation in a Modern, Air-Conditioned Vehicle
Entrance fees to sites as per itinerary
Vistadome train to and from Machu Picchu
Cooking class with chef Penelope Alzamora

Tour Package Does Not Include

International or domestic airfare
Items of a personal nature
Tips and gratuities
Meals not specified as included & beverages with meals
Optional tours and activities
Visas, if applicable
Travel Insurance
All items not mentioned as included

Pre or Post night accommodation at Novotel Lima:
Per Person on a Single basis: USD 160 per single
Per Person on a Twin Sharing basis: USD 85 per person

Private transfers supplement:
From 7:30 am to 5:29 pm USD 75 per person
From 5:30 pm to 7:29 am USD 105 per person

Accommodation Information

09 Nights' Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

Sonesta Posada del Inca - Yucay

Our Rating: 4 | **Local Rating:** 4 | **Accommodation Type:** Superior | **City:** Sacred Valley



The 87-room Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay is located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, a one-hour drive from the ancient Inca capital of Cusco and close to Machu Picchu. The Sonesta Yucay Posada is a former 18th century colonial-style monastery and is surrounded by beautiful gardens.

The Sacred Valley produces an idyllic year-round climate of moderate warm weather with abundant sunshine and fresh air. The area is a perfect setting for horseback riding, hiking, rafting and other activities.

Near the Sonesta Posada are the craft markets of Pisac and Chincheros, the Salt Mines of Maras, the town of Moray, Ollantaytambo ruins and Machu Picchu.

Casa Andina Private Collection - Cusco

Our Rating: 5 | **Local Rating:** 4 | **Accommodation Type:** Superior | **City:** Cusco



A beautifully renovated 18th-century manor house, just 3 blocks from Cusco's Plaza de Armas, replete with authentic colonial character. It offers the intimacy of a boutique hotel but the comforts and services of a much larger property.

The hotel is distinguished by its 3 interior patios with wooden balconies. The principal patio, featuring a gurgling stone fountain, is one of Cusco's emblematic colonial courtyards. In the hotel's cozy lounge and reading room is a massive stone fireplace that's always crackling, while the romantic gourmet restaurant invites guests to dine by candlelight in one of 4 connected salons richly decorated with 18th-century Cusco School paintings. Several rooms in the original structure of the hotel feature surviving colonial frescoes unearthed during renovation.

Novotel Lima

Our Rating: 4 | **Local Rating:** 4 | **Accommodation Type:** Deluxe | **City:** Lima



Hotel Jose Antonio Puno

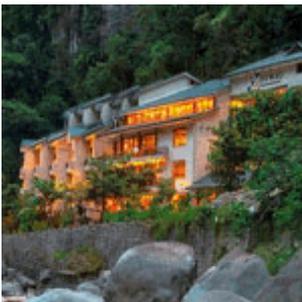
Our Rating: 3 | **Local Rating:** 3 | **Accommodation Type:** Superior | **City:** Puno



We are located in front of the majestic and sacred lake of the Incas, Lake Titicaca, just 10 minutes away from the city of Puno, Jose Antonio Puno offers the comfort and warmth of home you deserve.

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel

Our Rating: 5 | **Local Rating:** 5 | **Accommodation Type:** Deluxe | **City:** Aguas Calientes



Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel is a family hotel experienced in Peru's luxury hospitality industry and dedicated to its guests' every last need.

Besides offering an exclusive family service, Sumaq's privileged location within the Machu Picchu historical sanctuary, on the banks of the Vilcanota River near the main tourist attractions, is unbeatable.

Aguas Calientes train station is just a 10-minute walk away, and we provide a bus service from the hotel to and from Machu Picchu for our guests.

Taquile Village House

Our Rating: 2 | **Local Rating:** 2 | **Accommodation Type:** Standard | **City:** Puno

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Dates & Prices

GUARANTEED DEPARTURE DATES

Accommodation Type	Description	Dates	Price	
Superior	Price Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	10 Nov 2017 - 19 Nov 2017	USD \$ 2495.00	Per Person
Superior	Supplement for Single Room	10 Nov 2017 - 19 Nov 2017	USD \$ 675.00	Per Single
Superior	Price Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	06 Apr 2018 - 15 Apr 2018	USD \$ 2495.00	Per Person
Superior	Supplement for Single Room	06 Apr 2018 - 15 Apr 2018	USD \$ 675.00	Per Single
Superior	Price Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	11 May 2018 - 20 May 2018	USD \$ 2495.00	Per Person
Superior	Supplement for Single Room	11 May 2018 - 20 May 2018	USD \$ 675.00	Per Single



Terms & Conditions

Indus Travels Inc. in return for full payment by you of the amount specified, shall arrange for the transportation, accommodations, and other services specified (in the Booking Form and any supplemental documents) and as included in this brochure as and to the extent you have selected them, and subject to the following terms and conditions:

PROCEDURES

When you have finalized your plans, please read the terms and conditions below as your booking is subject to these Terms and Conditions. A contract is formed once your signed Booking Form and deposit is received by Indus Travels and we accept and confirm the booking. Please note that travel arrangements are not confirmed until slated in writing by Indus Travels Inc.

PAYMENT

A deposit of 25% of the tour price per person is required within seven (7) calendar days of issuance by us to you of an invoice. The balance of the cost must be paid (and received in Indus Travels office) 45 days prior to the first day of the tour. If the final balance is not received on time, Indus Travels reserves the right to tear the booking as cancellation by you. If the booking is cancelled by you in this manner, your deposit shall be treated as a cancellation charge to cover Indus Travels' costs. If you book the tour within 45 days prior to the start of the tour, the full amount must be paid when the booking is confirmed.

CHANGES BY YOU

If you request any changes to your travel arrangements once we have confirmed a booking, all out of pocket charges, including charges imposed by our suppliers, will be payable by you, plus an amendment fee of \$50.00 per revision per booking. If after the commencement of your tour you request any changes to your travel arrangements, we will do our best to implement them, but we cannot guarantee that it will be possible. In the event of such change(s) being made, you'll be liable for any cancellation charges that may be levied for the previously booked service and for any costs incurred by us and our suppliers in attempting to secure any revised arrangements, any name changes must be provided to us in writing and are subject to any airline fees or penalties.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

You may cancel your booking at any time prior to commencement of the tour by notifying us in writing, which must be signed by the person that signed the Booking Form. If you cancel on or before 45 days the first day of the tour, we'll retain your deposit to cover our costs. In addition, if the cancellation notification is received less than 45 days prior to the first day of the tour, additional cancellation charges shall be as follows:
Amount of cancellation charges
45-30 Days before arrival - 50%
29 - 15 Days before arrival - 75%
Less than 14 Days before arrival - 100%*
(* Cancellation conditions for Maldives may differ)

CANCELLATION BY US & MAJOR CHANGES

Indus Travels reserve the right to cancel the tour and/or to make changes to the travel arrangements. Such cancellations and/or changes are sometimes necessary due to circumstances beyond our control. If your tour is cancelled, we will notify you in writing at the earliest possible date and will refund all amounts you have paid to us. OUR LIABILITY IN SUCH A CASE IS LIMITED TO A RETURN TO YOU OF ANY AMOUNTS YOU HAVE PAID US. If we make major changes prior to your departure, you have the right to cancel and receive a full refund. If a major change is made we will notify you at the earliest possible date and may cancel the tour in writing up to the date of the commencement of the tour. If you do not notify us in writing of a cancellation, then you shall have accepted the changes.

ALTERATIONS TO THE TOUR

Occasionally non major changes may be made to your travel arrangements which we reserve the right to do at any time and we will advise you at the earliest possible date. These changes may be the result of force major or similar reasons beyond our control, delays in departure, weather conditions, over bookings or closer of a hotel, strikes, riots, decisions by state government or tourist organizations, altering the itinerary, the duration of time spent at a location or even omitting a destination or part of the itinerary due to the local situation. In such cases we will offer comparable alternative arrangements, if possible, but if not, will make an appropriate refund to you commensurate with the nature of the change.

PRICES

All prices are based on either CAD or US dollars. Once your booking is accepted by us, we will not make any changes to your price after you have paid the final balance. Prior to the time you pay the final balance, we may revise the tour solely due to increased transportation costs, including costs of fuel and any currency fluctuation. No such revisions shall amount to more than 15% of the tour price. If you do not wish to accept the changes, you'll be entitled to cancel the tour with a full refund of all amounts you have paid us. OUR LIABILITY IN SUCH A CASE IS LIMITED TO A RETURN TO YOU OF ANY AMOUNTS YOU HAVE PAID TO US.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Indus Travels does not own or operate any of the accommodation or transport or other facilities used connection with the tours. We therefore are not liable for the conduct, actions or negligence of those parties or their staff, employees or agents. We do accept responsibility for our employees only. When you travel with an airline, the

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PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All passengers and travelers are responsible for securing proper documentation prior to joining the tour. Passports are required. US and Canadian passport holders require separate visas for countries they intend to visit and passengers and travelers are advised to check with respective consulates and/or visa agencies for full details.

YOUR TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES

Travel costs to arrive at the starting point of the tour.
The cost of personal items such as laundry, drinks, incidentals etc.
Airport security charges if levied by any airport to cover the cost of security arrangements.
Airport taxes.
Optional excursions.
Costs of visas and passports
Gratuities for service provided on a personal basis
Meals other than specified
Excess baggage charges

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The payment of your deposit shall constitute consent to all provisions contained under these general information, terms and conditions.