

CUZCO & MACHU PICCHU (7D / 6N) – Casa Andina first class

SUNDAY: Guayaquil – Lima

Upon arrival on Aerogal Flight 37 from Galapagos to Guayaquil at 3:10PM, transfer to the international terminal to check-in for your flight to Lima on LAN or TACA Airlines departing late afternoon. Upon arrival in Lima to the Jorge Chavez International Airport, you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores.

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Located in Miraflores, two blocks from the Central Park and the most exclusive residential district in Lima, the Casa Andina Private Collection is a 4 star hotel with 148 rooms fully equipped with wireless internet, there are two restaurants, spa, gym, heated swimming pool and beauty salon.

MONDAY: Lima – Cuzco

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cuzco on LAN Peru departing in the morning, Upon arrival to Cusco, transfer to Casa Andina Private Collection hotel. The rest of the morning is to acclimate to the altitude. In the afternoon, you will tour this capital of the Inca Empire including visits to “Plaza de Armas” (main square), the Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Monastery (Koricancha). Also visit the surrounding ruins of Kenko, Puka Pukara, Tampu Machay and the fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuaman. Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Cuzco.

CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION CUSCO

Located 4 blocks away from Cusco’s Main Plaza, an old colonial house from the 18th century has been transformed into the finest boutique hotel in the city. Now with 100 rooms with wireless internet and oxygen upon request, the hotel is decorated in an Andean theme, and has three large courtyards, a gourmet restaurant featuring Cusquena regional cuisine, bar and mobile spa.

TUESDAY – Cuzco – Machu Picchu

After buffet breakfast, transfer to the Cuzco station for a 3 ½ hour scenic train trip on the Vistadome train with panoramic windows through the Urubamba Valley, followed by a 30-minute bus ride up to the breathtaking Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu followed by a guided tour through the ruins. Lunch is included at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge. Your afternoon is free to explore the ruins on your own and return to the hotel at your leisure. Alternatively you may prefer to allow time to explore the paths from the hotel, take a guided tour: nature walk, orchid path or twilight walk . There is also a spectacled bear rescue and conservation project on site. Or just relax and schedule a spa treatment or sauna (outdoors, tented and powered by fire).

Dinner and overnight at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

This hotel sits amid a private twelve acre cloud forest at 6627 feet above sea level inside the Machu Picchu sanctuary. The hotel is located in Aguas Calientes (at the base of the mountain) and has 78 rooms and 7 suites (with IDD telephone, private bath with hair dryer) built in a rustic, colonial style. Facilities include the Hiram Bingham lounge bar, two restaurants; Mijuna Wasi and Café Inkaterra, reading room and eco media center with internet, UNU spa with treatments and massages, sauna and lobby overlooking the gardens and gift shop. Surrounded by lush vegetation and rich biodiversity, the hotel is the best choice for exploring the sanctuary including 3 miles of paths with observation

points for viewing flora (372 native orchid species), birds (157 species) and butterflies (108 species).

WEDNESDAY: Machu Picchu – Ollantaytambo – Urubamba (Sacred Valley)

After buffet breakfast, you are free to return to Machu Picchu (on your own, no guide or bus tickets provided) or you may choose to go on foot but you must leave early (6am).

The overnight stay allows you to fully explore the altars, temples, fountains, staircases and terraced gardens early – before the crowds arrive. If you are adventuresome, you may want to walk to Inti Punku or the “Gate of the Sun” a mountain pass on a hill behind the site through which the Inca Trail passes on its approach to Machu Picchu. Or you may wish to climb Huayna Picchu, the peak that rises dramatically above the ancient citadel. Return to the hotel for 3:30pm departure by train to Ollantaytambo station.

Upon arrival, transfer to Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley for overnight.

CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION SACRED VALLEY

Surrounded by superb Andean landscapes, the hotel features dynamic architecture subtle combining tradition and modernity with stone, adobe and wood. Located on 3 hectares of land in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the hotel is surrounded by gardens and has 85 fully equipped guest rooms with impressive views of the mountains, an observatory and planetarium, relax with therapies at the Sacred Spa and enjoy the area’s most exquisite nouveau Andean cuisine.

THURSDAY: Sacred Valley – Pisac market - Cusco

After buffet breakfast, depart early for the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Urubamba Valley. Tour the town and fortresses of Ollantaytambo and drive up and hike the splendid Inca ruins of Pisac, a large complex of religious temples, agricultural terraces and Astronomic observatories. A lunch buffet and ceviche bar is provided at Tunupa. After lunch, we visit Pisac, a picturesque town of creole and colonial aspect that comes alive on market day. People from surrounding communities converge on the tiny central plaza to buy and sell produce, alpaca sweaters, and beautiful llama rugs of all sizes, blankets, cotton fabric, musical instruments, and food.

Overnight at the Casa Andina Private Collection – Cusco.

FRIDAY: Cusco – Lima

Transfer to the airport for your flight on LAN from Cusco to Lima departing mid-morning. Upon arrival, transfer to the Casa Andina Private Collection in Miraflores. Afternoon city tour of Lima includes: The Cathedral, "Plaza Mayor" (main square), Government, Archbishop, and Torre Tagle Palaces. Afterwards, drive through Lima's modern residential areas: San Isidro with its olive grove, golf course, and “Huaca Huallamarca”; and Miraflores with its Central Park, “Parque del Amor”, and ocean views.

The private museum of Miguel Mujica Gallo includes a splendid display of gold objects and ornaments which illustrate the craftsmanship of the ancient Peruvian cultures of Chavin, Paracas, Nazca, Lambayeque, Mochica, and Chimú. This museum also houses an eclectic arms collection which includes old Peruvian weapons and ancient, bizarre firearms. Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores.

SATURDAY: Lima - USA

Buffet breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.