

TRIP ITINERARY



Departure Date:	August 12-13, 2025
Arrival Date:	August 13, 2025
Destination:	Lima, Cusco and Aguas Calientes Peru



Day 1 - LIMA

Upon arrival at the airport, a representative will meet and assist you in transferring to the lovely Casa Andina Premium Miraflores hotel.

If arriving prior to check in time you may request early check-in which is subject to availability. If your room is not ready you may wish to leave your bags with the hotel and explore a little.

The Miraflores area is one of the most beautiful and exclusive neighborhoods in Lima. It is located on the city's coast, in the center-south of the town. It is known for its beautiful beaches, unique experiences, and ocean views.

Check into your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure OR opt to attend an Afro-Peruvian Jazz performance in the evening. For this activity we'll meet in the hotel lobby at 6:45 PM. It's best to opt in as soon as possible to ensure availability.

| Overnight in Lima

Day 2 - LIMA



After breakfast, meet in the lobby at 8:45 AM for our half-day guided city tour exploring Lima's streets and plazas. Our private guide will first take us to "Parque del Amor" in Mira Flores, for a spectacular view of Lima's Bay, Barranco, and Chorrillos districts. After, we'll navigate Miraflores for a view of the Huaca Pucllana Pyramid, the ceremonial center of the Lima culture. Traversing San Isidro, you'll glimpse the city's principal landmarks: a replica of the Government Palace, foreign embassies, the historic Park of the Exposition, the Lima Museum of Art, and significant monuments and squares like San Martín Plaza. Entering the Historic Center via Jirón Conde de Superunda, we'll follow a path laid by Francisco Pizarro in 1535 and admire the Colonial House of Osambela, notable for its grand façade and exquisite balconies. The tour winds down with an exploration of the magnificent Basilica and Convent of Santo Domingo the oldest university in the Americas. Then we'll visit the Lima Cathedral. Entrance fee to Lima Cathedral and Santo Domingo Convent are included in this tour.

After the tour, enjoy free time OR join us first for a short walk to Casa Tambo restaurant near San Martín Square for lunch. This short vibrant walk offers glimpses into local life with numerous popular stores & restaurants along the way. (This optional lunch is not included in tour price.)

In the evening we'll meet in the lobby at 5:30PM to experience one of Lima's most magnificent museums by night. The Larco museum is housed in an 18th-century mansion and boasts art and historical artifacts from ancient cultures like the Chimú, Chancay, and Nazca, including the museum's famed Moche portrait vessels.

Our private guide will help us to explore the extensive collections of pre-Colombian artifacts and delve deeper into Peru's fascinating history. After our tour, we'll sit down to sip a warm, or cool, beverage in the tranquil ambiance of the museum's beautiful gardens followed by a gourmet dinner inspired by the regional specialties of Peru.

- | Overnight in Lima
- | Breakfast
- | Dinner

Day 3

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Cusco (flight not included in tour rate). Upon arrival at the airport, a representative will meet and transfer us to the hotel.

The rest of this day in Cusco is at your leisure. Please note that the city of Cusco sits at an altitude of over 11,000 feet, so taking it easy on your first day may help prevent the symptoms of altitude sickness. But, if you're feeling up to it, take an optional excursion this afternoon.

And this evening you can optionally take a private food tour of Cusco with a local and sample local specialties that you might otherwise miss out on. Taking this as a private tour for our group members means that you can tailor the foods you sample to your dietary requirements and preferences. Plus exploring with a local guide helps you to overcome the language barrier.

| Overnight in Cusco

| Breakfast



Day 4

Begin your fourth day with a light breakfast at the hotel before taking an exclusive luxury train ride on the Hiram Bingham Train through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the “Lost City of the Incas”, Machu Picchu. Journeying from historic Cusco through the Sacred Valley and up to the entrance of Machu Picchu, the Hiram Bingham is a **once-in-a-lifetime** adventure with breathtaking, open-air views. Or if open air is not your style, head to the observation car to listen to live music while the amazing views whirl by. Then, take your assigned seat and feast upon exquisite Peruvian cuisine for brunch.

Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes, you will store your bags at the station and proceed by exclusive bus to Machu Picchu. At the citadel, enjoy professional guide services on one of the main circuits and be awed by the majestic ruins before heading to Sanctuary Lodge, in the mountains for a rest break and a beverage. Then we'll head back by bus to Aguas Calientes to retrieve our luggage and settle in at El Mapi Hotel.

This evening we'll enjoy an a la carte dinner at the hotel.

| Overnight in Aguas Calientes

| Breakfast

| Brunch

| Dinner

Day 5



Today we will also receive undivided attention from our private guide as we take a second trip to the Lost City. On the upper terraces of Machu Picchu our guide will help us to capture photographs from the best vantage points, come face-to-face with resident llamas, and absorb spectacular views of the Sacred Valley from your spellbinding perch. The upper terrace trail passes through the Guardhouse, offering amazing views of the citadel below and the mountains. The trail also passes through an Andean cloud forest. This trail is suitable for all ages and fitness levels, and is less strenuous than other paths.

The rest of the day is yours free to arrange a spa treatment or shop and explore the town.

In the evening we'll gather for our included a la carte dinner.

- | Overnight in Aguas Calientes
- | Breakfast
- | Dinner

Day 6

After breakfast, do as you please with your free time. If your dream is to see Machu Picchu at sunrise (at an additional cost), now is your chance! And if getting up that early is not your thing, sleep in, rest, read, visit the spa, or explore Aguas Calientes it's market, museum, waterfall or hot springs.

At the arranged time, we'll return via train to Cusco. Then we will be transferred from the train station to the hotel.

- | Overnight in Cusco
- | Breakfast

Day 7

Today after breakfast we'll leave at 8:30AM to enjoy a half-day tour exploring the best of Cusco city. We'll visit the most beautiful and important neighborhoods, streets, plazas, temples, and archaeological sites. We'll explore the magnificent architecture of the Colonial buildings lying over the Inca foundations, visit the temples and palaces of the city center. And we finish by visiting Archaeological sites Saqsayhuaman, Quenqo, PukaPukara, & Tambomachay located just outside the city.

We'll then return to our hotel to freshen up before embarking on our amazing culinary adventure.

At 3:30 PM our hosts will pick us up for our trip to San Pedro market (the largest and most famous market in Cusco) where we'll help to shop for the locally sourced meal preparation ingredients.

- | Overnight in Cuzco
- | Breakfast
- | Dinner



Day 8

Today is an early day so be sure to get breakfast in before we leave the hotel at 8am to tour the Sacred Valley. This tour will allow us to spend a beautiful full day exploring the surroundings of Pisac, Urubamba, Ollantaytambo, and Chinchero. This tour takes us from the highlands to the fertile lands of the Sacred Valley, one of the Incan empire's most important farming centers. We'll enjoy the spectacular views of the mountains and the Urubamba River. We'll encounter llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas. And explore Inca ruins, local food, local markets, and typical villages of Peru. On this tour we will spend enough time with local people to give us a unique window into and a rich experience of Peruvian culture.

- | Overnight in Cuzco
- | Breakfast
- | Lunch

Day 9

Enjoy Breakfast and Relax until your transfer to the airport for your departure.

- | Breakfast

NOTES:

FLIGHTS

To/From Peru

Your international Flights should be booked into Lima and out of Cusco.

You may book it independently or our team can assist for a modest surcharge.

To Cusco From Lima

Enlighten Excursions will book all participants flights from Lima to Cusco.

Quotes for the flight from Lima to Cusco will be available from January 15, 2025.

Payment in full for this flight will be due within 1 week of quote conveyance.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Stay tuned optional excursions for free time and also pre and post tour will be posted soon.