9 DAYS • 16 MEALS • LIMA > LIMA

MYSTICAL PERU

Departure Date: September 28, 2027

Discover the wonders of Machu Picchu along with the history and beauty of Peru and its people. From the bustling cities of Lima and Cusco to small villages and island communities. Learn about traditional techniques and ways of life still in use today. Visit local artisan markets with colorful handicrafts. Stroll through amazing historic sites and charming cobblestone-street villages. Travel by rail from the Andean highlands to the entrance of the jungles. Explore the many wonders of the Inca Empire while the magic of mystical Peru is revealed during this unforgettable adventure.

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Enjoy a scenic rail journey to Machu Picchu

DAY 1 Depart the USA
Depart the USA on a flight to Lima, Peru. With a late evening arrival, a representative will meet you at the airport, walk you to the hotel, located at the airport, and assist with check-in procedures.

DAY 2 Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley
Following breakfast, the representative will meet you at the hotel and bring you to the check-in counters at the airport for a morning flight to Cusco. Upon arrival in Cusco, meet your local guide and begin your Peruvian adventure. En route to the Urubamba Valley, visit an Andean textile center whose people work to keep the traditions of Incan textile art alive. Learn about the dyeing techniques used to create the brilliant colors, and the instruments that have been used for hundreds of years in the weaving process of these products. Continuing through the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba, visit Pisac Market and enjoy the colorful ambiance as the artisans proudly display their handicrafts. Stroll through the marketplace and pick up some handmade souvenirs! Arrive at the hotel this evening and enjoy the included dinner. Meals: B, D

Visit an Andean textile center

DAY 3 Sacred Valley
Cultural immersion continues with a visit to the rural community of Misminay to sample daily life. A traditional welcome with music and dance is provided by your hosts, dressed in local attire. Interact with the villagers, visit their homes, experience the traditional "blessing of the earth", see how ancient techniques and tools are still used in agriculture and cooking. Help prepare a typical Andean sauce, using traditional methods, and enjoy this, along with other local specialties, for lunch. Continue to the village of Ollantaytambo – consistently inhabited since the 13th century, it once served as a country retreat for Inca royalty. While strolling through this ancient village of cobblestone streets and adobe buildings, your guide provides the history of the Inca's planning with the grid-formation and irrigation channels. Remnants of these feats, along with the visible ruins of the massive fortress and stone terraces built into the hillside, provide a sense of time standing still. It remains evident the inhabitants still live by customs and traditions inherited from their ancestors. After a full day of touring, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Meals: B, L

DAY 4 Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu
This morning, it's *'all aboard'* a scenic train on your journey from the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes, home of Machu Picchu. Changing landscape surrounds as you travel from Andean highlands to the beginning of the jungle before arriving in Aguas Calientes. For centuries, Machu Picchu has remained a mystery, holding onto its secrets. Journey to the "Lost City of the Incas" and uncover the mystery of this ancient citadel as Machu Picchu wraps its magical spell around you. Perched high on an isolated mountaintop, this citadel in the clouds is a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring an intricate complex of stone stairs, ruins and tunnels. Your guide will walk you through this amazing archaeological site and provide history and lore that is sure to leave you in awe. During the excursion, lunch will be provided at a local restaurant. After exploring Machu Picchu, return to the hotel in town before the included dinner. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5 Aguas Calientes – Cusco

Visit unique island villages on Lake Titicaca

Enjoy a morning at leisure before an early afternoon departure by train to Ollantaytambo where the coach will be waiting to take you to Cusco, the Imperial City and archaeological capital of South America. Once the capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco sets the stage, taking you back in time to when the glorious Incas ruled. Meal: B

DAY 6 Cusco

The day begins with a guided tour as you follow the trail of the Incas. Admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture and take in the panorama of dramatic mountains and spectacular canyons. Cobbled streets and plazas feature both colonial and religious landmarks. Visit the Plaza de Armas, the cathedral, and the Santo Domingo Church built on the foundations of the Inca temple Koricancha and dedicated to the Sun God. The entire valley is filled with architectural wonders around every vista! Continue to Sacsayhuaman, a gigantic walled city and monumental former royal fortress. This former ceremonial compound is a magnificent example of Inca military power and boasts an amazing panoramic view of Cusco. After the excursion, the afternoon is at leisure before an included dinner with entertainment at a local restaurant. Meals: B, D

DAY 7 Cusco – Puno

This morning, transfer to the airport in Cusco to board the short flight to Puno, home of Lake Titicaca – the largest lake in South America. Your adventure begins with a picnic lunch on the shores of the lake, surrounded by an amazing landscape. Afterwards, a guided excursion to the Sillustani Tombs enlightens you about the history of this pre-Incan burial ground. See the circular, stone "funeral towers" on the plateau, built by the Colla Tribe over 3,000 years ago, surrounded by the scenic beauty of the Umayo Lagoon. Continue to the hotel, on the shores of Lake Titicaca, for an evening at leisure. Meals: B, L

DAY 8 Lake Titicaca

Journey by motorboat to explore islands along beautiful Lake Titicaca and meet local inhabitants. See how daily life varies from the Quechua-speaking natives of Taquile Island to the Uros people inhabiting the "floating islands" handmade by "Totora" – a living reed of the papyrus family. Discover their traditions and art forms, passed down through the generations, in everything from social systems to unique hand-weaving techniques. While visiting the peninsula of Chucuito, enjoy a magnificent view of the lake while having lunch. Return to the hotel for a final evening at leisure. Meals: B, L

DAY 9 Puno – Lima – USA

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners
- Explore the sites of the Incas in the Sacred Valley
- Visit Pisac Market, mingle with the artisans and shop for indigenous handicrafts
- Interact with the locals of rural communities and experience their daily lifestyle
- Travel from the highlands to the jungle aboard a scenic rail journey
- Experience the wonders of Machu Picchu during an included excursion
- Enjoy the culture and sights of Cusco, including the ruins of Sacsayhuaman
- Discover the 'funeral towers' of the Sillustani Tombs
- Meet native inhabitants and visit unique island villages on Lake Titicaca

It's time to return to Lima for the final day of touring. After a morning flight and included lunch, a panoramic tour showcases the main sites of the historical center of this capital city.
The tour concludes at the airport for your homebound flights. Flights should depart after 10:00pm. Meals: B, L

Itinerary subject to change.
Depending on flight schedule, arrival in your home city may be on Day 10.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 – Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol, Lima Airport
Days 2 and 3 – Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley, Peru
Day 4 – Hotel Sumaq, Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes, Peru
Days 5 and 6 – Hilton Garden Inn, Cusco, Peru
Days 7 and 8 – Sonesta Posada, Puno, Peru

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The village of Ollantaytambo, once a country retreat for Inca Royalty

Mystical Peru		Tour Code 514PR
2027 Departure Date	**Per Person Twin**	**Single Room add**
September 28	$4,649	+ $2,675

Pricing includes Land Touring and Intra-Country Air in Peru. Receive a $500 per person credit when booked by 03/31/2027.

Air pricing is not included - please call for rates from your city.

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