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Argentina & Peru

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Buenos Aires – Calafate – Lima – Cusco – Machupicchu

Day 01: Arrive Buenos Aires

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by our local representative who will escort you to your hotel via private coach. The balance of the day you are free to explore this vibrant city on your own. Buenos Aires has a strong subway system, and taxis are plentiful and cheap, though you may just want to stroll along the pedestrian promenades living like a local.

Meals: None



Day 02: City Tours

Starting in the sophisticated neighborhood of Recoleta, see the cemetery where Eva Peron is buried and the Church of Our Lady of Pilar. We'll continue on to Palermo, with its elegant residences and Japanese gardens, then on to the colorful neighborhood of La Boca featuring typical cantinas. The oldest area of San Telmo with cobbled streets is also home to many tango houses. Finally, see the modern side of town showing off its port warehouses converted to chic flats in Puerto Madero.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 03: San Isidro & Delta del Tigre

Heading through the San Isidro district, we come to Tigre, situated on the delta of the Parana River. The maze of little rivers and isles harbored smugglers until the end of the 19th century when the upper class favored it as a recreation area. We'll sail along the delta, admiring the grand old residences contrasting with their neighboring wooden houses built over piles. Enjoy lunch on the patio at Gato Blanco overlooking the Rio Capitan

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Dinner Show and Tango Lesson: This evening's tango lessons might not turn you into a pro, but the experienced locals put on a show while you enjoy a sumptuous dinner. Its origins trace back to 1880 slums inhabited by Italian and Spanish immigrants, Africans and gauchos. By the 1920's the tango came out of the shadows and into the high-class ballrooms and is still on display today.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Tango Show



Day 04: Buenos Aires – El Calafate

After breakfast transfer to the airport via private coach for your flight to El Calafate, a picturesque village and gateway to an impressive land of glaciers in Patagonia. Here, in the Province of Santa Cruz, at the southern extreme of Argentina, nature lovers have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have the most unique experience in the world; see living remnants from the Ice Age.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 05: Navigation Glaciers Gourmet

The most complete navigation of the Los Glaciares National Park, offers exclusivity, comfort and excellent services aboard the María Turquesa Catamaran. It has a capacity of 200 passengers, distributed in two rooms, one located on the main deck and one on the first deck. The kitchen equipped with the latest technology and the bar are on the main deck as well as the toilets including one for people with different capacities. It has tables and large leather upholstered armchairs. The VIP room with a capacity for 20 passengers has its own kitchen, toilets and

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private sun deck. On the third deck is the control cabin and the outer sun cover with banks with greater dimension. Its great virtue is the four exterior sun roofs to be able to comfortably contemplate the majesty of the landscapes. The interior setting refers to the Los Glaciares National Park, with images and technical files, it will be the children's recreation area also decorated with drawings of the typical fauna of the National Park. The new catamaran was built in naval aluminum, its measurements are 37.50 meters long, 9.60 meters wide and 3.10 meters wide. It has two Caterpillar engines of 1000 HP each for its propulsion, giving it a cruising speed of 20 knots. The Gourmet Glaciers experience proposes to sail the waters of Lake Argentino in search of the " **Spirit of the Glaciers** ". Walls over 50 meters high, deep blue ice and majestic icebergs are the framework to enjoy nature in all its magnitude. The "Gourmet Glacier Experience" is an ideal program for all those passengers who want to know Los Glaciares National Park in an exclusive and ideal way for families, with two " **Classic Cabin** " options that include a gourmet lunch box and " **Premium Cabin** " Includes a menu with drinks.

08:30 hours the boarding begins in the private port La Soledad (**Tranquil Bay**), 09:00 hours departure of the catamaran heading northwest, sailing towards Punta Avellaneda and Boca del Diablo (**the narrowest pass of the lake, with a width of approximately 800 meters**), it is an " **impressive navigation between icebergs** " continuing towards the Upsala channel, the catamaran reaches the Herminita Peninsula (**limit allowed by National Navigation Parks**), from this point you can see a panoramic view of the glacier, following the route to the south by the Argentino lake until reaching the channel Spegazzini, in the channel one obtains an excellent perspective of the hanging glaciers Seco and Heim and the Spegazzini glacier. Navigation allows you to approach this glacier with frontal walls between 80 and 143 meters above the lake level; " **Lunch is given in front of the Spegazzini glacier** ", continues the navigation to the Puesto de Las Vacas (**Canal Spegazzini bay**) where it disembarks and a coordinated walk is carried out by the guides team, with a view of the old Settlement post, reconnaissance of flora and fauna. Return to the catamaran. The navigation route continues towards the north arm of the Argentino lake to navigate in front of the north wall of the Perito Moreno Glacier, 16:15 mooring of the boat in the Lago Argentino port for the descent of the passengers who finish the navigation (return in charge) of the passengers) or those who make the Excursion Super Glaciers (*), 16:40 hours departure of the catamaran to the private port La Soledad, arriving at

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6:00 p.m.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch



Day 06: Trekking in Perito Moreno

The excursion starts at the port " **Bajo de las Sombras** " approximately 6 km. before the Glacier Viewpoint, where it embarks to cross the Rico Lake, reaching the southwest coast after approximately 20 minutes of navigation in front of the south wall of the P. Moreno glacier. After the disembarkation, the refuge is accessed where the guides organize the groups that are composed of up to 20 people each. Then we start a walk along the lake shore for approximately 20 minutes to the glacier. Upon reaching the edge of the ice the guides place the crampons to the participants, who receive instructions on how they should move on the ice. The tour on the glacier is done at approximately 1:30 hours, and during the course of it you can see a variety of ice formations such as cracks, seracs, sinkholes, small lagoons, etc. The walk is moderate. The ice surface on which you walk is irregular, but firm and safe. Explanations will be received about the flora, fauna and general glaciology of the region as well as the particular phenomenon that occurs in the P. Moreno glacier and eventually produces its rupture. At the end of the walk, return to the refuge through the exuberant Magellanic forest..

Meals: Breakfast



Day 07: Calafate – Buenos Aires - Lima

After breakfast, catch the flight back to Buenos Aires to connect your flight to Lima. Assistance on your arrival in Lima and transfer to your selected hotel. Free time to rest and prepare for

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starting your trip around this unusual city and magical country.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 08: Lima

This day we will have guided sightseeing tour to the most attractive and important sites in Lima, the " **City of Kings** ". The tour includes Lima's Historical Centre, passing by Plaza San Martin, The Main Plaza, the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral and its Religious Art Museum, the Church of Santo Domingo, with the tombs of Santa Rosa and San Martin de Porras, and Lima's Colonial Balconies. We will visit the Convent and Church of San Francisco, the greatest monumental complex of Colonial Art in America and Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The tour includes a visit to the Basilica of 21 altars, Convent of Cloisters, Capitulary and Clementine Rooms, Chorus and Library of the Monks, a Museum showing 11 paintings of the Rubens School, the Sacristy with paintings of Surbaran and Ribera, its great patio decorated with Seville tiles of XVIth Century, Moorish arches and underground Catacombs. We will also visit El Olivar Park with olive trees brought from Spain in the XVth Century, the Central Park of Miraflores and Larco mar, a symbol of modern Lima and a tourist and entertainment centre as well as a privileged site to enjoy an amazing view of the Pacific Ocean. Back to the Airport for our fly back home

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 09: Lima – Cusco: Sightseeing tour and Nearby Ruins

Breakfast. Transfer to Lima Airport for your fly to Cusco Morning at leisure or we will take a visit by your own Street San Blas The artistic barrio (**Neighborhood**) of narrow and high streets beautiful little plaza and a beautiful paqcha exists; in this barrio numerous artists and artisans reside, there are located the workshops of famous artisans such as the family Mendevil Olave and merida, Panoramic views of Cusco City, Hatunrumivoc is located close to Plaza Nazarenas, not far from Plaza de Armas, It's a narrow pedestrian street. Famous for it's Inca walls where huge stones are precisely carved to fit together without mud or concrete. You'll find the masterpiece, **a 12 Angled Stone**, about halfway down the street The Inca stonework was

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incredible, actually so good that Spanish conquerors often used the old Inca structure as foundations for their own buildings. Hatunrumiyoc is a great place too have a closer look at their skills.



Lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, we will have a guided sightseeing tour of Cusco visiting the Main Square, the Cathedral and the Temple of the Sun or **Korikancha**. Then, we drive out of the City to visit the Inca sites of Kenko, Tambomachay, Puca Pucara and the impressive Fortress of **Sacsayhuaman**, strategically built on a hill overlooking Cusco and famous for its enormous carved stones, some of them standing over 9m / 30ft high and weighing over 350 tons.



at 20.00 p.m. evening get ready to enjoy a dinner with a folklore show in a typical restaurant where the musicians play their melodies with Andean instruments of beautiful sounds, while typically dressed dancers will show you different ancient Peruvian dances.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner Show Folklore



Day 10: Cusco – Rainbow Mountain - Cusco

A fantastic day tour (**with trekking**) to the so - called 7 Color Mountain, leaving from Cusco. Located in southern Peru, in the Cusco region, this route will take you through stunning landscapes with glaciers, snowcapped mountains and crystal clear rivers and lakes. Pass by local villages of Quechua descendants and explore the breathtaking surrounding nature. The colors of the Rainbow Mountain will leave you speechless. You will be picked up from your

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accommodation at around 3.00am and start making your way to Arco (**on the route to Puno**) eventually getting to the Checacupe district (**2 hour journey**). Then we will continue to Pitumarca and a number of small villages till we reach the Hanchipata - Quesuno community (**another 1.5 hours**). From here we start our hike. We will be able to enjoy the view of numerous mountains around as well as the Ausangate glacier, and we will be able to witness up close the local wildlife and camelids in their natural environment. The trek lasts for about 3 hours until we get to the stunning landscape of Vinicunca (**Rainbow Mountains**). Here we will have about one hour to relax and take amazing pictures of this natural wonder. We then hike back to the starting point of the trek, and from there return to Cusco (**arriving at approximately 19.00**).

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Alimentación: Desayuno & Almuerzo



Day 11: Cusco: Sacred Valley of the Incas – Santa Maria

Early morning excursion to the Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. on our way 30' from Cusco we can stop in Awanakancha, You can't travel to Peru without taking time to see animals native to the Andes. And, unless you plan on heading deep into the countryside, the very best (**and easiest place**) to see them is at Awanakancha, a small camelid farm dedicated to the animals and intricate textiles produced from their wool. On arrival at the farm, you will have the opportunity to meet the **resident animals**; Alpaca, Llama and Vicuña. Separated by species and sex in large pens, the friendly animals are keen to meet visitors in the hope of receiving a tasty grassy snack. After getting to know the animals, you can take some time to visit some of the small **onsite exhibits**, where you can understand how the animals wool is refined and naturally dyed, before finally being expertly woven into fabrics, tapestry's, clothing or a variety of other products. Women from native communities offer live examples of traditional (**and intricate**) **weaving techniques**, using basic tools and wooden looms.



Visit to the picturesque indian Pisac Market held on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays**, the shopping paradise of the Andes where barter is still practiced. Enjoy the unique atmosphere during a typical lunch. In the afternoon, passing through the Towns of Calca and Urubamba, we visit the Inca Fortress and Citadel of Ollantaytambo (**No Include Entrance**), built to guard the **Jr. E. Guzmán Barrón 3816Urb. Condevilla Señor SMP Phono: 0051 – 01 - 5693311 whatsapp: +51982290111**

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entrance to this part of the Valley, and protect it from possible invasion from the tribes in the Lower jungle. You can walk through the quaint streets of the nearby Town, and get a good idea of what this strategic Military, Religious, and Agricultural Centre was like during the era of the Inca Empire. Evening free.



We continue the journey along a winding ascent toward the Abra Malaga and the snowy veronica is located at an altitude of 4,316 meters where we can enjoy the magnificent landscapes of the Cusco geography. After a short break of 15 minutes in the Abra Malaga, the descent into the jungle of the Inca trail through the different climates that combine the paradisiacal landscapes of majestic snow to the hot jungle of the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is undertaken. To the height of Alfamayó find an Inca trail in admirable condition fully paved. Place where begins the process of asphalt road, continue towards the district of Santa Maria; Located at an altitude of 1,575 meters,

Meals Included: Breakfast – Lunch & Dinner



Day 12: Santa Maria – Santa Teresa

At 07.00 am wake up finds you shrouded in the mists of the jungle. After a hearty breakfast your day starts with a short but intense climb to start your section of an authentic Inka Trail. As you wind up and down precipitous cliffs over a stunning valley your guide will transport you to the time of the Incas, revealing some of what little we do know from this ancient and amazing culture. The trail descends to Quellomayo where the group will stop for lunch and have some time to relax in hammocks. Keep an eye out for natural fruit, especially the taste explosion that is maracuya (**passion fruit**). After lunch the trek continues along the surging Urubamba river, crossing it at one point in a cart and pulley (**safe yet thrilling !**).



Then we can walk for 30' to **Santa Teresa Hot Spring** Constructed on the slopes of the mountain and on the banks of the Urubamba River, the thermal water complex has three pools, of different sizes and depths, which are supplied with medicinal water that varies between 40°C

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and 44°C. The thermal baths of Santa Teresa differ mainly from the other springs of Peru because of its crystalline waters. These medicinal waters possess properties to treat cutaneous ulcers, bone pain and rheumatism. In the thermal baths you can also submerge under cold streams from the Uripata lagoons, which provides a comforting sensation. At the bottom of the pools there is soft sand and around the pools we can contemplate rocks, vegetation, the sound of the river and the mountain. The thermal baths of Santa Teresa are fully equipped with bathrooms, showers, dressing rooms, soccer fields, space for camping, cafeteria, kiosk for food and beverage supply and a viewpoint. It also has a hydromassage system. It is a very pleasant place to rest after extensive walks such as Machu Picchu and Choquequirao

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



Day 13: Santa Teresa - Aguas Calientes (Machupicchu Town)

This day we will take a car to Machupicchu Hydroelectric Station it's take us 30' drive to continue the journey of adventure, those who wish to walk are three hours of Hydroelectric to Aguas Calientes " **Town of Machu Picchu** "; where we will place in our respective assigned hotels in this itinerary tours to Machu Picchu will have some free time,

Meals: Breakfast



Day 14: Aguas Calientes – Huaynapicchu - Machu Picchu - Sun Gate - Aguas Calientes - Cusco

The day starts with an early morning rise to Bus Station for a 20' journey to the famous Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, also known as " **The Lost City of the Incas** ". bus drive, climbing 6 km of winding road, to the incredible site of **Huayna Picchu** also known as **Wayna Picchu** (Quechua " **Young Peak** " **Optional** The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 200 is a mountain in Peru around which the Urubamba River bends. It rises over Machupicchu, the so - called lost city of the Incas, and divides it into sections. The Incas built a trail up the side of the Huayna Picchu and built temples and terraces on its top. The peak of Huayna Picchu is about 2,720 meters (8,920 ft) above sea level, or about 360 meters (1,180 ft) higher than Machu Picchu. According to local guides, the top of the mountain was the residence for the high priest and the local virgins.

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Machupicchu Every morning before sunrise, the high priest with a small group would walk to Machu Picchu to signal the coming of the new day. The **Temple of the Moon**, one of the three major temples in the Machu Picchu area, is nestled on the side of the mountain and is situated at an elevation lower than Machu Picchu. Adjacent to the Temple of the Moon is the Great Cavern, another sacred temple with fine masonry. The other major local temples in Machu Picchu are the Temple of the Condor, Temple of Three Windows, Principal Temple, " Unfinished Temple ", and the Temple of the Sun, also called the Torreón. Then we'll participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, **The Sacred Sun Dial** the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.



The Sun Gates of Machu Picchu boast a picture - perfect vantage point overlooking Peru's most famous ruins. Tourists flock to this outcrop high in the Andes Mountains to enjoy the same view featured on virtually every postcard depicting the Machu Picchu citadel. Also known as Intipunku, the Sun Gates consist of two stones perched at a narrow passage in the crevice of the mountain just above Machu Picchu. The sun shines brilliantly through this portal each day when it rises -- hence the name. Back to Cusco

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 15: Cusco – Lima – Home

On time required transfer to Lima Airport fly back home

Meals Included: Breakfast

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- Daily Tour per itinerary
- English Guide Spoken
- All the nights hotel category 3*
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinner in Tango Show
- Lunch & Dinner Mentioned
- Internal Airfare Buenos Aires - El Calafate – Buenos Aires
- Airfare Lima – Cusco – Lima
- Private car Cusco – Santa Maria
- Entrance Fee
- Personal assistance

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Royal Inca	Cusco	2019	2019	02
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Yakumama	Santa Teresa	2019	2019	01
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Royal Inka	Cusco	2019	2019	01

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