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#### **Peru 15 Days Family Travel**

Lima ( City of The Kings ) Paracas ( Ballestas Island ) Ica ( Huacachina Oasis ) Nazca ( Nazca Lines ) Arequipa ( Colca Canyon ) Puno ( Titicaca Lake) Cusco ( Machupicchu )

#### Day 01: International arrival in Lima

Assistance on your arrival in Lima and transfer to your selected hotel. Free time to rest and prepare for starting your trip around this unusual city and magical country.

Meals Included: None







Day 02: Lima - Paracas

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 Zurbaran 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 Larcomar, a symbol of modern Lima and a tourist and entertainment center as well as a privileged site to enjoy an amazing view of the Pacific Ocean.







14.00 p.m. We leave by bus to the Paracas Peninsula, where we can find the most important Wildlife Sanctuary on the Peruvian Coast. Arrive transfer to the selected hotel

Meals Included: Breakfast

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Day 03: Ballestas Island - Ica - Nazca

Boat excursion to the Ballestas Islands, where we can observe Sea lions, Boobies, Pelicans, Penguins and other Sea birds. On the way back, from the boat, we can also see the "Candelabro" ( Candelabrum ), a giant figure etched in the sand on the side of a hill in the style of the Nazca Lines. In the afternoon continue by Bus transportation to the City of Nazca







Then we go on to Ica 60 kms and we will visit Huacachina Lagoon which is surounded for sand dunes, then You will ride the dune buggy cars that will take you through the Ica desert up and down the dunes where you could also practice sand boarding

Meals Included: Breakfast







Day 04: Nazca Lines - Arequipa

transfer to Nazca Airport for a 30 - minute flight over the enigmatic Nazca Lines. These enormous lineal drawings of animals, birds and geometric figures remain etched in the desert and they can only be appreciated from the air. P.m. Bus drive to Arequipa

Meals Included: Breakfast







Day 05: Arequipa: Sightseeing tour

sightseeing tour of Arequipa, including the Main Square, one of the most beautiful squares in

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Peru, and the Cathedral, a prime example of XIXth Century Peruvian architecture, housing beautiful treasures in gold and silver. We also visit the La Compañia Church, an ancient Jesuit temple, maybe the most important one in Arequipa due to its history and tradition, with a beautiful façade with carved columns, laurel crowns, flowers, birds, etc. A more careful look at the façade, however, reveals the limits of European influence, as the angels have Indian faces; and indeed one face is even crowned with feathers. Then, we will visit the Santa Catalina Convent, a " Small Town " built in the XVIIth Century and opened to the public in 1970, after 400 years as a Cloister. Perfectly preserved for four Centuries, you go back in time as you enter the Cloister and see the numerous, spacious patios and gardens, the kitchen and slave quarters and stone washtubs of this Convent. About 20 nuns, of what were once 500, still live in a section of the Convent.

Meals Included: Breakfast







Day 06: Arequipa: Colca Canyon

around 08.00 a.m., depart on a wonderful four hours bus trip to the Colca Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the world ( 3400 mts.). On the trip we drive across Pampa Cañahuas in the Aguada Blanca National Reserve, inhabited by herds of Vicuñas and Alpacas ( South American cameloids ). We also see beautiful pre-Columbian terraces, still being cultivated by the native Collaguas. Box lunch. On your arrival at Colca Valley, transfer to the selected lodge. In the afternoon, we recommend you to rest and get used to the altitude. If you are in good shape, you will have free time to stroll around the lodge surroundings or you could take a repairing bath at the hot springs nearby the lodge. Dinner and overnight at selected lodge at the Colca Valley.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner







Day 07: Colca: Condor Cross - Chivay Valley Overnight

We leave early in the morning to the "Condor's Cross", where the biggest bird in the world can be usually seen flying. On the way back we visit the Colonial Towns and Churches of Yanque, Coporaque, Achoma and Maca. Good opportunity to appreciate the life of these people that has changed little since Inca times. Lunch at a local restaurant.

One more night Overnight in Chivay Valley

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Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch







Day 08: Chivay Valley - Puno

at 13.00 p.m. Route offers great natural sceneries. Along this paved road we will drive throughout small towns, as well as a beautiful lagoon called Lagunillas, where trout farms can be seen, and if you are lucky you might also see Andean flamingos and many others Andean birds. The highlights of this road are without doubt the burial towers of Sillustani, enormous cylindrical constructions built long before the Incas. The Sillustani towers are perhaps the finest and the most perfect cylindrical constructions of ancient Peru, as such perfection can be found no where else in South America. A tour optional if time permits to Sillustani will give you a better view into the life of pre - Inca civilizations, and exploring the area you can marvel with the great beauty of the Umayo Lagoon, which is located at the foot of Sillustani natural platform.







Day 09: Puno: Titicaca Lake, Floating Islands of the Uros and Taquile Island - Puno Early in the morning, we will have an unforgettable by tourist motorboat excursion on the waters of Lake Titicaca to the unique "Floating Islands" of the Uros. These ancient inhabitants of the lake, known as the Water Tribe, have built their own "Islands" by periodically adding new layers of a type of reed called "Totora" (Scirpus Totora), vegetable fibre of the Papyrus family. Their homes and boats are also made from this material. We continue our motorboat trip to Taquile Island, inhabited by Quechua - Speaking Natives who have developed, down through generations, an efficient and unique social system, as well as fine hand weaving techniques. It is necessary to go up a stairway of more than 567 steps - steps of stone that wind their way among green platforms - to arrive at the Town of Taquile where we will have a break to eat. After lunch in a local Taquile Inn, we have a walk through the various hills and archaeological sites of this 6 km long Island. In the afternoon, return to Puno for overnight at your hotel. Evening free.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

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Day 10: Puno - Cusco (389 kms = 08 hrs)

Breakfast. Early departure by bus to the City of Cusco. We travel along the High Plateau of Collao, stopping at the Town of Ayaviri, an important livestock and textile centre, to visit the impressive Temple of Kalasaya, ruins from the ancient Pucara Culture. On the way, we stop in Raqchi, where we can see a spectacular Inca Sanctuary built by the Inca Pachacutec, and dedicated to the great Inca God of Wiracocha. It has a great central wall with a stone base of fine Inca architecture. Other walls are made of giant adobe bricks. The structure also has two circular lateral columns. Around the Temple are several buildings once used for housing and storage. About 70 km further on, we pass through the La Raya Ranch where we can see troops of vicuñas and llamas. During the trip, we pass by the lovely Wacarpay Lake, offering spectacular views of the mountains reflected in its calm waters.

We proceed to the beautiful Town of Andahuaylillas, and visit the Church of San Pedro de Andahuaylillas, better known as the Sistine Chapel of the Americas, due to its decorated polychrome ceiling. Buffet lunch in a quiet countryside restaurant, where we can enjoy the delightful culinary art of the Region. Upon arrival in Cusco, meet and transfer to your hotel. Dinner on your own.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch







Day 11: Cusco: Sightseeing tour and Nearby Ruins

Breakfast. 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 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.

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leisure The Central Market or Mercado de San Pedro is one of the oldest of Cusco, founded in 1925; despite its age it had no significant changes , but it still remains the largest center of concentration and supply of the city .

The San Pedro Market in Cusco sits about an eight minute walk south from Plaza de Armas but couldn't be more different!! On the walk to it you'll generally notice more and more street vendors and ladies in traditional dress sitting on the side of the streets selling nuts, popcorn and other small bags of dried foods. You'll spot more and more local shops ( Tiendas ) selling the most random of things all in the one tienda. If you're looking for an alpaca jumper, a freshly made juice, a bag of nectarines, some plantains to fry, buttifaras ( Ham sandwiches served on French bread ) or some cheesy gifts for your parents or friends back home you're definitely on your way to the right place!







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.

Meals Included: Breakfast







Day 12: 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 accommodation at around 3.00am and start making your way to Arco ( on the route to Puno )

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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 17.00 ).

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Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch







Day 13: Cusco: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Aguas Calientes (Machupicchu Town)
Early morning excursion to the Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. 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, built to guard the 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 Mlitary, Religious, and Agricultural Centre was like during the era of the Inca Empire. 16.30 p.m.

**Aboard the train to Aguas Calientes** 

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch







Day 14: Aguas Calientes ( Machupicchu Town ) Machu Picchu - Sun Gate - Cusco 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 6km of winding road, to the incredible site of Huayna Picchu also known as Wayna Picchu ( Quechua "Young Peak") 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

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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.







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 Torreon. 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 Inti Punku, 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.







Garden Waterfall of Mandor - Hot Spring - Cuzco

Excellent opportunity to enjoy a stroll through the Town of Aguas Calientes and visit its Hot Springs Thermal Waters. Then, you will have time to perform some of the following activities:

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MANDOR WATERFALLS. Visiting Mandor Waterfall is an unforgettable adventure. It is an area of lush forest surrounding the town of Machu Picchu. You just have to follow the railway line from Machu Picchu Pueblo for a 45 minute-hike. You will reach a railway crossing, from which you will see a small group of houses whose dwellers will tell you how to reach Mandor Waterfall







#### **Hot Spring**

Is a distance of 800 m. east of the town of Machupicchu, there are under ground hot sulfur springs wich bubble up from the rocky under ground at varying temperatures. The especially – Built pools at this resort are the basis of its use as hot mineral baths. The hot spring offer natural resources for medical therapy, and also is a great treatment for Rheumatism. It help to rid of stress and toxins, enhance your metabolism and avoid high blood pressure. The average temperature of the water runs from 38° to 46°C. There are also changing rooms, bathrooms sand and a small snack bar. at 14.30 p.m or 19.00 p.m train back to Cuzco upon arrivel transfer to your selected hotel for overnight.

Meals Included: Breakfast







Day 15: Cusco - Lima - Home

Time required transfer to Lima Airport for your flight to Lima and back home

Meals Included: Breakfast







#### Include:

In Lima: Sightseeing Tour.

**In Paracas and Nazca:** Excursion to the Ballestas Islands in Paracas and overflight of the Nazca lines

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In Arequipa: Sightseeing Tour.

In Colca: All included (excursions and meals).

In Puno: Boating excursion on Titicaca Lake, Lunch in Taquile

In Cusco: Sightseeing Tour and Nearby Ruins; Dinner including Folklore Show.

In the Sacred Valley of the Incas: Excursion to Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Lunch included.

In Machu Picchu: Guided visit of the Citadel

- 14 Nights accommodation
- All breakfasts and meals as described in the programme
- All entrance tickets applicable
- All transfers and land transportation
- Bus tckt Lima Paracas Nazca Arequipa
- Bus tckt Puno Cusco
- Train ticket from Ollantaytambo Aguas Calientes Ollantaytambo
- Bus ticket Aguas Calientes Machu Picchu Aguas Calientes
- Bus ticket Colca Canyon Puno
- Entrance to Machupicchu
- Airfare Cusco Lima
- All applicable taxes
- Tour group Size 15 20 peoples
- Daily tours with all bilingual guided tours (English Spanish) as described in the itinerary

#### No Include:

- International flights
- Alcoholic drinks, soda or bottled mineral water
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Airport tax in Nazca 10\$USA Transit Card 5\$USA
- Entrance to Hot Sprig in Colca Canyon (Chivay) 5\$USA
- Entrance to Silustani Ruins 5 8\$USA
- Entrance to Waynapicchu
- International or National personal telephone calls
- Meals not mentioned

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Price per person in Hostel 3\*: ( Backpacker Class )

**Double Occupancy: 1860\$USA** 

**Triple Occupancy:1790\$USA** 

Single Occupancy:2100\$USA

Hostel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Dragon Fly	Lima Miraflores	2023	2023	01
Mar Azul	Paracas	2023	2023	01
Alegria I	Nazca	2023	2023	01
Tierra Mistica Su M	Arequipa	2023	2023	02
La Casa d' Anita	Chivay	2023	2023	02
Balsa Inn	Puno	2023	2023	02
Santa Maria	Cusco	2023	2023	03
Bromelias	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01
Santa Maria	Cusco	2023	2023	01

Price per person in Hotel 3\*: ( Tourist Class )

Double Occupancy: 2080\$USA

**Triple Occupancy:1990\$USA** 

Single Occupancy:2500\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Allpa	Lima Miraflores	2023	2023	01
El Mirador	Paracas	2023	2023	01
Alegria II	Nazca	2023	2023	01
Santa Rosa	Arequipa	2023	2023	02
Casona Plaza Colca	Chivay	2023	2023	02
Qalasaya	Puno	2023	2023	02
Royal Inka	Cusco	2023	2023	03
Gringo Bill	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01
Royal Inka	Cusco	2023	2023	01

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Price per person in Double Occupancy in Hotel 4\*: (First Class)

**Double Occupancy: 2355\$USA** 

**Triple Occupancy:2260\$USA** 

Single Occupancy:2985\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
San Agustin Exclusive	Lima Miraflores	2023	2023	01
San Agustin Paracas	Paracas	2023	2023	01
Las Lineas	Nazca	2023	2023	01
Casa Andina	Arequipa	2023	2023	02
Colca Lodge	Chivay	2023	2023	02
Jose Antonio	Puno	2023	2023	02
San Agustin Dorado	Cusco	2023	2023	03
Casa del Sol	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01
San Agustin Dorado	Cusco	2023	2023	01

Price per person in Double Occupancy in Hotel 5\*:( Luxury Class )

**Double Occupancy: 3855\$USA** 

**Triple Occupancy:3700\$USA** 

Single Occupancy:5805\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Marriott	Lima Miraflores	2023	2023	01
Libertador	Paracas	2023	2023	01
Majoro	Nazca	2023	2023	01
Libertador	Arequipa	2023	2023	02
La Casita del Colca	Chivay	2023	2023	02
Libertador	Puno	2023	2023	02
Marriott	Cusco	2023	2023	03
Sumaq	Aguas Calientes	2023	2023	01
Marriott	Cusco	2023	2023	01

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