

18:00 Dinner at the local Wayra ranch.

Meals: breakfast, box lunch, dinner

Overnight: Sacred Valley



January 11

Sacred Valley – Inca trail

05:30 Early morning we pick you up from your hotel and drive to the train station to board the train that will take us to km.104 on the Cusco – Machupicchu railroad (starting point of the hike), where we arrive at around 10:00 am. We start visiting the Chachabamba archaeological complex (2150m/7052ft), located very close to the control point, to then embark upon an 8 km (5 miles) ascending trail, which after four hours takes us to the archaeological complex of Wiñaywayna (2650m/8692ft). This is an impressive complex made up of an agricultural center with numerous terraces, a religious sector and an urban sector. On the way up we may enjoy magnificent views of the Urubamba River valley and the Choquesuysuy archaeological complex located on the other side of the river, and also of a beautiful waterfall located just a few minutes away from Wiñaywayna. We then continue and climb to Intipunku, or The Sun Gate. This will take an hour of hiking along a trail of flat stones on the edges of cliffs in highland jungle. From this fabulous spot, we may contemplate the sacred citadel of Machupicchu. From Intipunku we descend to Machupicchu and then by bus to Aguas Calientes.

Dinner and accommodation at your selected hotel.

Meals: breakfast, box lunch, dinner

Overnight: Aguas Calientes

January 12

Machu Picchu - Cusco

07:00 We wake up early and board a bus to Machupicchu where we begin a complete guided tour of the Inca citadel that will take approximately two hours. You will then have free time to walk around, climb up the Huaynapicchu Mountain, where one can experience spectacular views of all of Machupicchu, the valleys and mountains that surround it (*please note that there are only 400 visitors allowed per day*), or visit the Temple of the Moon or the impressive Inca Bridge.

In the afternoon, we meet in the town of Aguas Calientes where, if you like, you can visit and relax in its hot springs. From here we take the Vistadome train back to Cusco, where we arrive after nightfall.

Dinner will be at your leisure this evening.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Overnight: Cusco

January 13

Cusco

08:00 Eat a hearty breakfast. You're going river rafting! A mid-morning drive takes you to a put-in point on the upper Urubamba River. This dramatic river flows from the high Andes down through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, past MachuPicchu and into the jungle. We'll be on the finest, clearest and most scenic section of the river. It's exciting and unforgettable. The rapids have a degree of difficulty ranging from 2-4. As always, you're in the hands of expert guides so you can focus on just having fun. At the end, you'll relive your new memories over a riverside picnic lunch.

19:00 In the evening, get ready to cook! You will enjoy a cooking class at one of the city's top restaurants. Prizes will be rewarded for the best dishes!

Meals: breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

Overnight: Cusco



January 14

Cusco – Juliaca - Puno

At proper time transferred to Cusco airport to take your flight to Juliaca

LAN 2123: 1105am – 1205pm

Upon arrival you are met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Settle into life at the lake over dinner at your hotel.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Puno

January 15

Puno

07:00 After breakfast, you are picked up and transferred to the harbour to board the boat that will take us on a first stop to Uros Islands. These artificial islands are made by tying together totora reeds, which grow in the lake, and form the base of the islands. The totora reed is undoubtedly the life stay of the islanders, and is used to build huts, boats, make furniture and even serving as food, as the tip of the reed can be eaten. The islands are anchored to the bed of the lake, which is only 4m below the surface, to stop them from floating away. The islands have developed somewhat in recent years, and there is now a hospital, a school a hotel and even electricity on some of the islands. There are 45 floating islands in total, most of them relatively close to Puno, of which about 60% are visited by tourists. Continue by boat to the island of Taquile, the largest in the lake. Although being in an Aymara-speaking area, its 1200 inhabitants speak Quechua. The island is essentially governed communally and is famous for its beautiful textiles, the UNESCO having proclaimed the textile art of Taquile as one of the 43 Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Weaving is carried on every day by men, women and children, their colorful clothes containing hidden messages about the social condition and marital status of the wearer. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before starting our three-hour return trip by boat to Puno.

Transfer and accommodation back to the hotel for dinner.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight: Puno

January 16 Juliaca - Lima – and Home

At proper time you will be transferred to Juliaca airport to take your flight to Lima.

Upon arrival in Lima, you are met by your guide. You have some free time here to explore the city before your flight home in the evening.

Meals: breakfast