
EXPLORING THE MAGICAL LAND OF THE INCA

October 23rd- November 1st – 2026 10 Days

Journey to Lima, Cusco, Urubamba, Machu Picchu, Ollantaytambo, Willoc, Moray
Maras, Tapon, and Pikillagta



Lima



Machu Picchu



Maras Salt mine



Chincheru women

Peru is a land of mysteries, legends, and ancient cultures. Step into the past as you discover the country's different traditions that people have preserved and still practice today. Surround yourself with impressive landscapes: from the arid desert and sand dunes on the coast, the snow-capped mountains and volcanoes in the Andes, to the lush Amazon rainforest. Indulge in incredible gourmet meals, fresh seafood and ceviche, or try unique fruits, different types of potatoes, and

exquisite chocolate. Whether you enjoy culture, adventure, or nature, your experiences in Peru will become memories of a lifetime.

Day 01 – Friday, October 23rd - 2026

Arrival in Lima

- ✓ Transfer airport - hotel

Lima, also known as the "City of Kings", was founded in 1535 by the Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. Located directly on the Pacific coast, Peru's capital city is a melting pot of cultures where you will encounter people, flavors, and history from different regions. The bustling metropolis has something for all tastes and ages: indulge in exquisite, internationally praised cuisine, catch some waves on the coast, visit museums, and stroll around the historical center or the bohemian district of Barranco.

You will be welcomed at the airport and driven to your hotel in Lima.

Overnight at the **Hotel Jose Antonio Deluxe4***



Day 02 – Saturday, October 24th - 2026

Lima-Cusco-Urubamba

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**
- ✓ Transfer hotel – airport
- ✓ Flight Lima – Cusco
- ✓ Visit to Pisac Market
- ✓ Transfer airport to hotel in Sacred Valley

You will be picked up from your hotel in Lima and driven to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Once you arrive in Cusco you will have lunch in a typical restaurant overlooking the city.

Drive through the Sacred Valley's winding roads until you reach **Pisac**. Well-known amongst locals and tourists, the bazaar-like open market offers a wide selection of Peruvian **handicrafts**: ceramics, paintings, weavings, and jewelry. After the visit to Pisac we will continue to Urubamba in the Sacred Valley, where your next hotel is located. Time to relax.

Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel Sacred Dreams Lodge 4***

Day 03 - Sunday, October 25th - 2026

Urubamba-Willoco

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast, Lunch and dinner**
- ✓ Visit to Willock Community

This morning visit to the rural Community of **Willock** famous for the hand made fabrics by the women of the village. In the afternoon stop for a visit to a Ceramic studio. Dinner at the hotel
Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel Sacred Dreams Lodge 4***



Day 04 - Monday, October 26th - 2026

Urubamba-Moray-Maras

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner**
- ✓ Full day tour to Moray and Maras with lunch

In the afternoon we will continue with a visit to **Moray** and its unique circular agricultural terraces. The pre-Inca platforms had underground irrigation channels, different soil, and changing temperatures, which made it ideal for a plant nursery and research center. Walk down 30m (98ft) and appreciate its ingenuity and splendor. About 12km (7mi.) away, go to **Maras** and admire over 3,000 salt ponds with a stunning view of the Andes Mountains in the background. To this day, a network of water canals fills the ponds, the water evaporates, and the salt is harvested by hand. Return to the hotel, time to relax.

Dinner and overnight at the **Hotel Sacred Dreams Lodge 4***



Day 05 - Tuesday, October 27th- 2023

Ollantaytambo -Aguas Calientes

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast, Dinner a la Carte**
- ✓ Transfer from hotel to Ollantaytambo train station
- ✓ Visit to Ollantaytambo (2h)
- ✓ Vistadome train Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes (1h 30min)

You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to Ollantaytambo.

Before you take your train to Aguas Calientes you will visit Ollantaytambo, a typical Inca community. You will visit a **typical house** located in the town of Ollantaytambo, one of the oldest towns in the surroundings of Cusco and very often called the "last living Inca village of Peru". Experience the unique way of living in the Sacred Valley in a family home owned for generations, located close to the entrance of the Ollantaytambo ruins. Then, you continue to **Ollantaytambo fortress** which thrones protectively above the village, the sight is great. Ollantaytambo is one of the few scenes where the Spaniards lost a battle against the Incas.



Afterwards, take the train toward Machu Picchu. Check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon at leisure to relax explore the area or take a complimentary hotel tour.

Dinner & overnight at the **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel -5***



Day 06 – Wednesday, October 28th - 2026

Aguas Calientes

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast, Dinner a la Carte**
- ✓ Guided tour to Machu Picchu (2h 30min)



Machu Picchu. - *The "Lost city of the Incas" is not only one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, but also the biggest treasure of Peru's past and the empire of the Incas. Undiscovered by the Spaniards and forgotten over centuries, it was 1911 that the US-American scientist Hiram Bingham came upon it accidentally. Until today, the ruins leave scientists with numerous questions and riddles on how it was built and for which purpose. Theories vary but one thing is for sure: Machu Picchu is one of the most impressive and exciting places in the world, sublime and majestic on top of the mountain and surrounded by impenetrable rainforest.*

In the morning, you will take the shuttle bus to Machu Picchu, after 30-minutes bus trip you will arrive at the citadel of Machu Picchu to start your guided tour. Enjoy the marvellous citadel, visiting the main plaza, the royal quarters, Temple of Three Windows, the circular tower and the sacred Sun Dial and burial grounds.

Rest of the day at leisure or join Alex for a nice hike.

Dinner & overnight at the **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel -5***

Day 07 - Thursday, October 29th - 2026

Aguas Calientes-Cusco

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast and dinner**
- ✓ Vistadome train Aguas Calientes - Cusco (3h 30min)
- ✓ Transfer Poroy train station - Cusco

Morning and lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, train back to Poroy (Cusco), our guide will meet you at your arrival and take you to the hotel and dinner.

Cusco - The "Navel of the Earth" is another name for Cusco, since during the height of the Inca civilization nearly all pathways led to this capital of the empire. Today, almost every visitor to Peru eventually comes to this city located 11,150 feet above sea level (3,400 meters) and one of the best places to experience the remainders of different ages. You will not only find Incan walls and temples, but also colonial mansions and catholic churches. In combination with the flair of modern Cusco, it is one of the most fascinating cities in the country.



Overnight at the **Hotel Novotel 4***

Day 08 - Friday, October 30th - 2026

Cusco

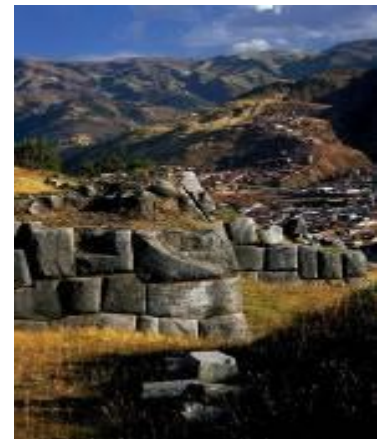
- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast and lunch**
- ✓ Full day Cusco City Tour including archeological site.

You will be picked up at the hotel and start your tour through Cusco. In the heart of the Incan empire, at the Plaza de Armas, you begin your tour with a visit to the impressive **Cathedral**. Furthermore, you make your way through little alleys that are edged with Incan walls until you reach the temple of the sun, **Koricancha**. This religious site was used by the Spaniards as a basis for the construction of the Catholic Church Santo Domingo. Time for lunch and continuing in the afternoon for the archeological site.

Journey into the past as you explore the different Inca ruins around Cusco. Start at **Sacsayhuaman**, the Inca ceremonial fortress dedicated to the sun. Admire the gigantic rocks used to build the site and the way they were perfectly fitted together: some are as high as 8.5m (28ft.) and weigh up to 200 tons. Nearby, head to **Qenqo**, a temple carved in a gigantic monolith. Admire the tunnels and chambers that were hand carved by men thousands of years ago. Visit of the folkloristic San Pedro Market.

Tonight, dinner at leisure, suggestion to go to a dinner- show where you will enjoy local music and dance.

Overnight at the **Hotel Novotel 4***



Day 09 - Saturday, October 31st - 2026

South valley of Cusco - Pikillagta

- ✓ Meals: **Breakfast, lunch and Farewell dinner**
- ✓ South Valley of Cusco tour
- ✓ Farewell dinner at restaurant



In this beautiful valley south of Cusco, we will visit a fascinating attraction like Tipón, an ancient hydraulic engineering masterpiece built by the Inkas, Pikillagta a pre-Inka citadel built by the Wary civilization of Peru. Lunch in a local restaurant and return to Cusco. Tonight, we are going to a local restaurant for our **farewell dinner**.

Farewell dinner in a typical restaurant

At the scheduled time you will be taken to a local restaurant to have your farewell dinner. After the meal you will be taken back to your hotel in Cusco.

Overnight at the **Hotel Novotel 4***

Day 10 - Sunday, October 1st - 2026

Cusco-Lima-USA

- ✓ Meals: **Buffet breakfast**
- ✓ Transfer hotel to the airport
- ✓ Flight Cusco – Lima- USA

Today after breakfast you will still have time to walk around Cusco until you depart back to Lima in time to connect with your flight to USA. Once at the airport in Lima, we will wait for the final flight.



Day 11th - Monday, October 2nd - 2026

USA

As many flights from Peru arrive the next day, I added this information as arrival day back in USA.

End of services.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- All transfers from and to the airports. Bilingual guide English/Spanish for the entire tour.
- Accommodation in double occupancy in 4- or 5-stars hotel with daily breakfast
- 7 Dinners and 5 lunches
- Round trip tickets on Vistadome train from Cusco to Machu Picchu
- Round trip airline tickets from Lima to Cusco
- Sightseeing tour to Machu Picchu, Ollantaytambo, Maras, Moray, Pisac, Cuzco,
- Full day tour to Cusco South Valley and visit the Inka fountains.
- Cultural visit to Willoc village and Lama farm

- Entrance fee for Machu Picchu and all the archeological site in Cusco
- Daily water and snacks on the bus.
- **Cost for the program \$ 4050.00 per person in a double room.**
- **Single supplement \$ 850.00**

WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Round trip airline tickets from USA to Peru
- Personal expense throughout the program
- Meals and beverages, not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Pre or post extension to this program
- Gratuity for the guide and driver.

General Conditions:

All transfers and excursions are inclusive of local **English-speaking** guide.

Included in our rates are all services, accommodation and meals mentioned in the tour description, taxes, entrance fees, tax & service charge at the hotels and tips at the hotels based on one piece per person.

Not included are all your flights, optional tours, luggage handling fee at the airports, airfares, airport-taxes, personal expenses, extras at the hotels, drinks during meals if not otherwise mentioned, tips for the local guide and driver.

Liability:

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Conditions of Payment

Upon booking your trip a deposit of \$ 500.00 is required.

Full payment is due 45 days prior to arrival.

Payment can be done via personal check, or Zelle bank service, or Credit Card processed via PayPal on my web page: <https://essentialjourneystravel.com>

Cancellation conditions for the trip

Until 60 days prior to your departure 100% of your deposit will be refunded.

Until 45 days prior to your departure 50% of your deposit will be refunded.

30 days prior to your departure the tour is not refundable. In a special case it is negotiable with the local suppliers.

Hotels

All the hotel are 4 and 5 stars, and subject to change according the availability.

Important remarks

Perú Transportation information:

- For the train ride to/from Machu Picchu /Aguas Calientes only one 5kg piece of hand luggage is allowed. In Cusco the extra luggage can be stored at your hotel.
- For the visit of Machu Picchu, we recommend good shoes, the trail is without handrail and could be slippery. Walking sticks need to have a rubbery end to be permitted inside the Sanctuary. Bags/Backpacks bigger than 40x35x20 as well as umbrellas, selfie sticks, comestibles and plastics like bags, straws and Styrofoam are not permitted.
- For groups travelling through Cusco please note that due to regulations to protect the historic

buildings and streets, certain larger vehicle sizes are not allowed in some central areas of the city. This implies that various parts of the city tour will be done walking, and to approach hotels groups will be split up temporarily in smaller vehicles, and some vehicles will be travelling for a short period of time without an assistant (driver only).

- For certain visits as well as to access Ollantaytambo train station, smaller vehicles are used for certain periods. The vehicle sizes very much depend on the exact group size. In case you have questions, please check with your contact at Essential Journeys Travel.

Hotel Jose Antonio Deluxe

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Local category: 4*



Location:

In the heart of the touristic district Miraflores with immediate proximity to the Kennedy Park, restaurants, and shopping facilities. In walking distance to the promenade at Lima's coast (20min).

Rooms:

166 rooms, divided into double rooms, triple rooms and suites. All rooms are equipped with sound-proof windows, heating / AC, WiFi, 220/110 Volt, writing desk, chair/armchair, side table, safe, minibar, coffee-making kit, Flat screen TV, hair dryer, anti-allergic bed linen, ironing board and flat iron.

Facilities:

2 restaurants, bar, laundry service, internet (WiFi) in public areas, business center, room service, fitness center, massage service, outdoor swimming pool, terrace, conference rooms and parking lot.

Hotel Sacred Dreams Lodge

Urubamba, Sacred Valley, Peru

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Local category: 4*



Location:

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is located in the Peruvian Andes, 56 kilometers north of the city of Cusco, about 30 minutes drive. Part of the Vilcanota River between the towns of Pisac and Ollantaytambo is considered as part of the valley. It has a dry and rainy climate. Temperatures vary between 66° and 75°F. There, you will find the main citadels of the Inca Empire: Ollantaytambo, Chinchero, Sacsayhuamán, Qenqo, Tambomachay, Maras, and Moray.

Rooms:

All rooms are Superior or Suite in Casita style. All rooms have a spacious terrace, one king-size bed or 2 queen-size beds, adjustable heating, desk, tub or shower, hair dryer, Free WIFI, room service, Internal telephone, amenities, table, Safe-deposit box, closet.

Facilities:

We have a restaurant, bar, and a common entertainment room. The Lodge also has an open-air BBQ area including a traditional Andean oven for pizza. Our bonfire pit is the perfect place to end your day with a glass of wine or some local Coca tea.

Our recently inaugurated SPA that consist of a Sauna, Jacuzzi, Spanish shower, and Massage area, guaranties an especial moment of relaxation surrounded by the most amazing natural scenario.

Our restaurant and bar have a full menu that is design to indulge you with some authentic Peruvian specialties as well as with some international dishes and drinks.

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Local category: 5*



Location:

The hotel is located within a private five-hectare (12 acre) mountainside reserve at the foot of the Machu Picchu Mountain in Aguas Calientes. The train and bus station are close by. From here, you can reach the ruins of Machu Picchu, restaurants and shops.

Rooms:

82 rooms, divided into superior rooms (30 m2/323 sq. ft.), superior deluxe rooms (30 m2. / 323 sq. ft.), junior suites (40 m2./431 sq. ft.), junior suites deluxe (42 m2. / 452 sq. ft.), suites (117 m2. /1259 sq. ft.), Inkaterra Suites (176 m2. / 1894 sq. ft.) and one Inkaterra Villa (293 m2. / 3154 sq. ft.).

The rooms are located in one- or two-story cottages which are built in an Andean architectural style. These cottages are situated in a tropical garden and offer garden or river view.

Superior rooms and superior deluxe rooms have a king size bed or two twin beds. The junior suites, junior suites deluxe and suites have a king size bed or two double beds. The Inkaterra Suite has a king size bed while the Inkaterra Villa has two king size beds or one king size bed and two double beds.

All rooms are equipped with heating, sitting area, safe, environmentally friendly amenities, bathrobes, slippers and hypoallergenic pillows.

Superior deluxe rooms include a chimney.

Junior suites include a chimney as well as a separate sitting area and an iPod docking station while junior suites deluxe include a work area. Some junior suites and junior suites deluxe have a terrace.

Suites are equipped with a heated plunge pool, outdoor shower, day bed as well as a closet area, satellite Internet (included in room rate), minibar, satellite TV, DVD player, cordless telephone, and housekeeping 3 times a day. Inkaterra Suites include a private garden, covered terrace, second room, AC and a minibar (included in room rate).

The Inkaterra Villa consists of the amenities of a suite and an Inkaterra Suite. In total it has two terraces, two plunge pools and a private garden. Furthermore, it adds the comfort of a private entrance with private check-in at the Villa and butler service (24h).

Facilities:

Restaurant, bar, lounge with chimney, Eco media center, laundry service, Internet, room service, UNU Spa area, Andean sauna, grounds with ecological trails and observation spots, boutique.

Novotel Cusco

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Local category: 4*



Location:

Located in a building from the early 16th century in the heart of the city, close to restaurants and shops.

Rooms:

99 rooms distributed in 83 modern standard rooms and 16 colonial style suites (superior rooms). 1 accessible room available. All rooms include adjustable heating / AC, WiFi, 220/110 Volt, complimentary mineral water, writing desk, safe, minibar, SAT TV (cable), telephone, tub and hair dryer.

Facilities:

Restaurant "La Cave", café "Cote Jardin", bar, lobby with live music, express check-in, laundry service, internet (WiFi) in public areas & web corner with a Mac, room service, terrace, indoor patio and baby crib on request.