



Machu Picchu & Iguassu: Lima, Cuzco & Iguassu

Short on time but high on ambition? Here's an opportunity to knock out 2 of South America's bucket list highlights in one week. Start your adventure in Peru, taking in modern highlights of Lima, including an entertaining culinary tour. Experience the colonial city of Cuzco with its vast array of ancient Inca ruins. You'll travel by train for a full day tour to majestic Machu Picchu. Finally, marvel at the spectacular natural wonder of Iguassu Falls from the Argentina side, the Brazilian side.....or both!

ACCOMMODATIONS

• 2 Nights Lima

• 3 Nights Cuzco

• 2 Nights Iguassu

INCLUSIONS

• All Ground Transfers
• Lima Gastronomy Tour

• Cuzco City and Ruins Tour
• Machu Picchu Tour

• Daily Breakfast



DAY 1

ARRIVE LIMA:

After arriving at Lima Airport, meet your driver for a transfer to your selected hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore your surroundings.

(Accommodations, Lima)



DAY 2

LIMA:

Meet your guide for a gastronomic tour, savoring Lima with all your senses. The cuisine of Peru is rapidly gaining renown the world over, and Lima now has the reputation as a "foodie haven". On this tour, you will experience Peruvian gastronomy, getting to know the agricultural and seafood products, as well as the techniques for preparation of the delicacies of Peru. The market you'll visit allows you to interact with local vendors and experience a shopping day with locals; walking and eating like a Limeño! Your guide will explain the history of popular favorites like ceviche, anticuchos, and carapulcra. Equipped with your newfound knowledge, we'll head to the La Rosa Nautica restaurant and learn to prepare and taste Ceviche and Pisco Sour. Afterwards, enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch at the restaurant. Returning to your hotel, the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations, Lima)



DAY 3

LIMA - CUZCO:

In the morning, you'll have a transfer to the airport for your 90 minute flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival, your driver will transfer you to your chosen Cuzco hotel. After checking in, relax or explore your surroundings as you acclimate yourself to the higher altitude.

(Breakfast Lima; Accommodations, Cuzco)



DAY 4

CUZCO:

After breakfast, meet your guide for a City and Ruins Tour. This tour is a good introduction to this amazing colonial city built on the foundations of the Inca palaces. In the center of the city is the Plaza de Armas, surrounded by colonial arcades and historical buildings. The tour includes a visit to Koricancha (Temple of the Sun), the Inca ruin that forms the base of the colonial Church of Santo Domingo. It is believed that during Inca times the temple walls were covered with gold. Next, you will visit the Cathedral, dating back to 1559, the primary church in Cuzco, which has a fine collection of paintings from the Cuzco School of Painting, as well as beautiful carved altars and woodwork. Leaving the city center you'll continue to the Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman overlooking the city. The attraction of the site is the magnificent zigzag walls that remain from the original fortifications. Finally, we visit the living art workshop Inkas Expression. The visit will allow passengers to admire how the local artisans create wonderful silver pieces, paintings and wood carvings. After the tour, you'll return to your hotel late afternoon.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Cuzco)



DAY 5

CUZCO:

A full day Machu Picchu Tour awaits you traveling via the Vistadome Train. This comfortable train ride allows travelers to be in contact with the environment and appreciate the wonderful journey to Machu Picchu. Large panoramic windows offer incomparable scenic views and numerous opportunities to capture amazing pictures of the impressive landscape. An unforgettable experience! Board the scenic train to Machu Picchu for a 1-hour ride following the meandering Urubamba River through beautiful farmlands and picturesque villages. You will arrive into Aguas Calientes Station (below Machu Picchu) and transfer by bus (20 minutes) up the switchbacks to the top of the mountain and the citadel of Machu Picchu. Arrive at the citadel of Machu-Picchu, one of the most renowned examples of Inca architecture, surrounded by lush cloud forest. Lost in history, it was not discovered until 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. After the guided visit, enjoy lunch at Machu Picchu Sanctuary lodge hotel, located adjacent to the entrance of the ruins. Return by train to Cuzco and transfer to your hotel.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations, Cuzco)



DAY 6

CUZCO TO IGUASSU:

After breakfast, take a transfer to Cuzco Airport for your flight to Iguassu. Based on your choice to stay on the Argentine or Brazilian side of the falls, you'll have a transfer to your selected hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

(Breakfast, Cuzco; Accommodations, Iguassu)

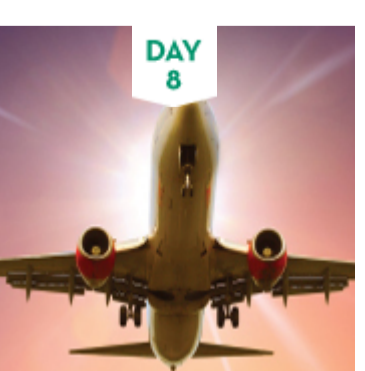


DAY 7

IGUASSU:

Today you'll experience the majestic Iguassu Falls, and with your tour, you'll have the option to view the Argentine or Brazilian side of the Falls, or... both! 70% of Iguassu Falls is located on Argentinean territory, but most of the Falls face Brazil. For this reason it is advisable for visitors to see the Falls from both the Brazilian and Argentinean sides. Brazil gives you an unparalleled and undisturbed panoramic view of the 275 individual waterfalls crashing over an 80 meter cliff, while the Argentine side brings you in direct contact with their immense power of this UNESCO World Heritage site. No matter what you choose, you will enjoy the lush vegetation, delightful wildlife, and powerful majesty of these world famous falls. This guided tour gives you the opportunity to get up close to the teeming waterfalls - so close that you will be refreshed by the water - and enjoy the surrounding flora and fauna. Brazil's Iguassu National Park along with its 'sister' park in Argentina form the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern region of South America.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Iguassu)



DAY 8

IGUASSU:

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll have a transfer to the airport for your return home, or on to your next Avanti Destination!

(Breakfast, Iguassu)