

Cultural Adventures Tours for the Young-at-Heart

Discover Peru Escorted Trip

10 nights - \$2895 - April 16 - 26, 2010

Cultural Adventures tours offer you the opportunity to learn about a fascinating culture as part of a small group. You'll enjoy select experiences away from the usual tourist sights during a visit that combines soft adventure with maximum comfort. All our multi-lingual guides are Peruvian and have extensive knowledge about the history, culture, flora & fauna of Peru. When you take a Cultural Adventures trip, you are supporting local people who provide information and services.

- Combine guided tours with opportunities to explore on your own
- Visit Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Puno & Lake Titicaca
- Enjoy special dinners featuring performances by folk dancers and local musicians
- Travel with an escort who will answer your questions and provide travel tips before and during the trip

Highlights:

- Culinary tour of Lima
- Folk dancing performance in Cusco
- Two days to explore Machu Picchu
- Visit to Taquile & Uros islands on Lake Titicaca

An optional visit to the Nazca Lines is available following this trip.

Included: All hotels, flights in Peru, land and sea transportation, tours, airport transfers, guides, escort & 19 meals.

International flight to Peru is not included.

Itinerary:

Day One - Arrive in Lima on your own. You'll be met at the airport and escorted to our hotel. La Hacienda.

Day Two - Culinary tour, Lima - We'll spend the day learning about the food of Peru. First we'll visit a local market to learn about the ingredients of Peruvian cuisine. Then you'll have a cooking lesson and eat your creation. This is followed by a visit to a traditional restaurant to sample a few more treats. The evening is free for you to explore the Miraflores district of Lima and perhaps put your new knowledge to use as you order dinner at a local restaurant. La Hacienda (B, L)

Day Three- Cusco tour - After breakfast we'll fly to Cusco and begin to experience the Peru of the Incas. Lunch at a local restaurant is followed by a tour of the major sights in Cusco with a knowledgeable local guide. Then you'll have the evening to walk around the plaza or just relax. Casa Andina Plaza (B, L)

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Day Four - Cusco - You'll have the day to explore Cusco on your own with a pass to many Cusco museums and sights as well as a ticket to a folk dance performance. You can decide what you want to do. Casa Andina Plaza (B)

Day Five - Sacred Valley tour - Today we leave Cusco and take a private van with a guide to wander through the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We'll stop at a hacienda for a lunch featuring local specialties. Tonight we'll stay in the Inca town of Ollaymtambo at a charming hotel with gorgeous gardens. Hotel Pakaritampu (B, L)

Day Six - Ollaymtambo - A free day to explore this Inca town on your own or maybe join a special half-day activity I'm planning. Dinner will be at a favorite, local restaurant where musicians will serenade us. Hotel Pakaritampu (B, D)

Day Seven - Machu Picchu - From Ollaymtambo we'll board the Vistadome train for Machu Picchu. This is about a 4-hour ride offering spectacular views of the Andes. On our arrival a guide will meet us and take us through the main areas of Machu Picchu. Then you'll have time to walk through the ruins on your own. Those wanting a challenge can climb to the Sun Gate or even hike up Huayna Picchu. This evening we'll relax in a comfortable, first-class hotel in Aguas Calientes, the town closest to Machu Picchu. Hatuchay Tower (B, L, D)

Day Eight - Machu Picchu & Aguas Calientes - Today is free for you to return to the Machu Picchu sanctuary, walk around Aguas Calientes, visit the local hot baths, or just relax until boarding the late afternoon train to Cusco where we'll spend the night. Casa Andina Plaza (B)

Day Nine - Puno - From Cusco we'll drive to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca stopping to view highlights along the way. We'll arrive at Puno in the afternoon and you'll have free time for the rest of the day before meeting for dinner. Hotel Plaza Mayor (B, L, D)

Day Ten - Lake Titicaca - After breakfast we'll begin our day on Lake Titicaca, the highest navigated lake in the world. As we travel on the lake we'll learn why the Incas considered it a sacred place. A highlight of the day will be a visit to the floating islands of the Uros and Taquile Island where we'll have lunch. Hotel Plaza Mayor (B, L)

Day Eleven - Lima - Today we fly back to Lima. You'll arrive in time to take a late afternoon or an evening flight home. In Lima the optional trip to the Nazca Lines begins. (B)

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