

DISTINCTIVE  
AMERICAS



*Distinctive Peru*

*16-days / 15-nights*

## Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
<b>1</b>	Day 01	<b>LIMA</b>	Arrive in Lima	-	Sol de Oro	2
	Day 02		Half day city tour including Larco Herrera Museum	B		
<b>2</b>	Day 03	<b>CUSCO</b>	Air & road transfer to Cusco	B	Aranwa Boutique	2
	Day 04		Half day city tour, including nearby Inca sites	B		
<b>3</b>	Day 05	<b>SACRED VALLEY</b>	Full day excursion & transfer to the Sacred Valley	B	Sol y Luna	2
	Day 06		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 07	<b>INCA TRAIL</b>	Start 4-day Inca Trail	B	Camping	3
	Day 08		Trekking the Inca Trail	B		
	Day 09		Trekking the Inca Trail	B		
<b>4</b>	Day 10	<b>MACHU PICCHU</b>	Trek to Machu Picchu for guided tour of the citadel	B	Inkaterra Machu Picchu	1
<b>2</b>	Day 11	<b>CUSCO</b>	Unguided re-entry to Machu Picchu & Huayna Picchu & train to Cusco	B		
<b>5</b>	Day 12	<b>AMAZON</b>	Air, road & boat transfer to your Amazon Lodge	B	Reserva Amazónica	3
	Day 13		Activities from your Amazon Lodge	B		
	Day 14		Activities from your Amazon Lodge	B		
	Day 15	<b>DEPART</b>	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 16	<b>HEATHROW</b>	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	





## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01 DEPART - LIMA

Depart Heathrow for Lima via Madrid, flying with Iberia.



IB7443 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 07:25  
IB6651 Economy Dep: Madrid T4s 13:10

Arr: Madrid T4s 10:50  
Arr: Lima 19:15

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

#### Sol de Oro



#### 1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Sol de Oro is a luxury, all-suite hotel located in Miraflores close to the airport, a range of restaurants, cafés and art galleries. Sol de Oro is also only five minutes from the beaches of the Costa Verde for those wanting to relax on the beach. The hotel has a range of different suites, an outdoor rooftop swimming pool, fitness centre, spa with steam room, sauna and massage room, bar and an elegant restaurant serving up international and Peruvian cuisine.



### Day 02 LIMA



#### Private half day city tour including Larco Herrera Museum

Get to know Peru's Capital City and its 2000 years of history and colonial heritage. Experience the artistic traditions and contemporary lives of its residents. Tour Lima's Historical Centre and admire its most important historical monuments and colonial constructions. You will visit the San Francisco Monastery, a masterpiece of colonial architecture housing important colonial paintings. You will then proceed to the Larco Herrera Museum with its ceramic, gold and silver art collections. Visit Casa Luna, where the owners welcome you to their home and show you their unique collection of Nativity scenes. Finally drive through the residential district of Miraflores where you will stop briefly to enjoy a magnificent view of the Pacific Ocean and its beaches before returning to your hotel.



**Day 03 LIMA - CUSCO**

Private transfer to Lima airport for your onward flight with LAN.



LA2047 Economy Dep: Lima 09:10

Arr: Cuzco 10:30

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

**Aranwa Boutique Hotel**



**1 x Classic Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights**

The Aranwa Boutique Hotel is an elegant 5\* hotel within a converted 16th-century mansion decorated with colonial era furniture, impressive paintings from the Cusco School of Art and colonial gold-leaf plated carvings and sculptures. Declared a National Historic Landmark, the former mansion once belonged to the Dean of the Cusco Cathedral, Alonso Pérez de Villarejo, and has one of the best preserved façades in Cusco. The hotel has a nutritionist, hair salon, steam room, dry sauna and massage space. It has 43 rooms and suites, each equipped with an intelligent oxygen system to help alleviate any stress on the body due to the high altitude. Bathrooms have large Jacuzzi-style bathtubs, showers and heated floors to keep you warm on those cold Andean nights.



**Day 04 CUSCO**



**Private half day city tour including nearby Inca sites**

At an altitude of 3000 metres, Cusco is the most captivating town in the Peruvian Andes. Capital of the Inca Empire, the town was later built upon and expanded by the Spanish. The blend of such differing architectural styles has resulted in a unique cityscape, making Cusco a real must see destination. You could easily spend a week here; every street and square has its own charm and history just waiting to be discovered.



**Day 04 CUSCO ...**

Many of the winding cobbled lanes are still flanked by their original Inca high stone walls. Marvel at the many ornate and opulent churches or hunt out a bargain at one of the local markets. Inca ruins are scattered all over the town and religious and ceremonial sites are also easy to find on the outskirts. The tour of Cuzco includes visits to the Cathedral, Koricancha, Sacsayhuaman & Kenko. There is also an optional walk to Tambomachay (approx 10mins).



**Day 05 CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY**



**Shared transfer and full day excursion to the Sacred Valley including lunch**

The Sacred Valley stretches along the Urubamba River combining the beauty of the of rolling countryside and many well preserved Inca sites. The town of Pisac is renowned for the colourful artisans and antiques market held in the main plaza on a Sunday morning, although smaller markets are also held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hundreds of stalls fill the central square and sellers come from the surrounding villages wearing the dress typical of their village. Even if you're not a committed shopper, it's an event you shouldn't miss! The small village of Ollantaytambo is one of the oldest recorded settlements in the Americas and is surrounded by snow-capped mountains. The fortress that looms high above the town witnessed one of the few Inca victories over the Spanish. Below the ruins, Ollantaytambo's old town is a splendid grid of streets dating to Inca times and lined with adobe brick walls. Continue on to your hotel.

**Sol y Luna Lodge & Spa**



**1 x Superior Casita on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights**

Located one km from Urubamba in the Sacred Valley, Sol y Luna is a delightfully tranquil and luxurious property set amongst spectacular scenery. Its 43 red-roofed bungalows have been constructed using local materials and all have private verandas and are set in a delightful tropical garden. There are 3 family bungalows and 5 suites. Hotel facilities include the 'Killa Wasi' restaurant, the 'Chichi Wasi' lounge/bar and the Yacu Wasi Spa with fully equipped gym, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi. The hotel can also book a variety of adventure & cultural activities in and around the Sacred Valley including hikes, horseback rides, kayaking, mountain biking, cookery classes and textile & pottery workshops.



**Day 06 SACRED VALLEY**



Day at leisure in the Sacred Valley. Tours and activities can be arranged locally.



**Day 07 SACRED VALLEY - INCA TRAIL**



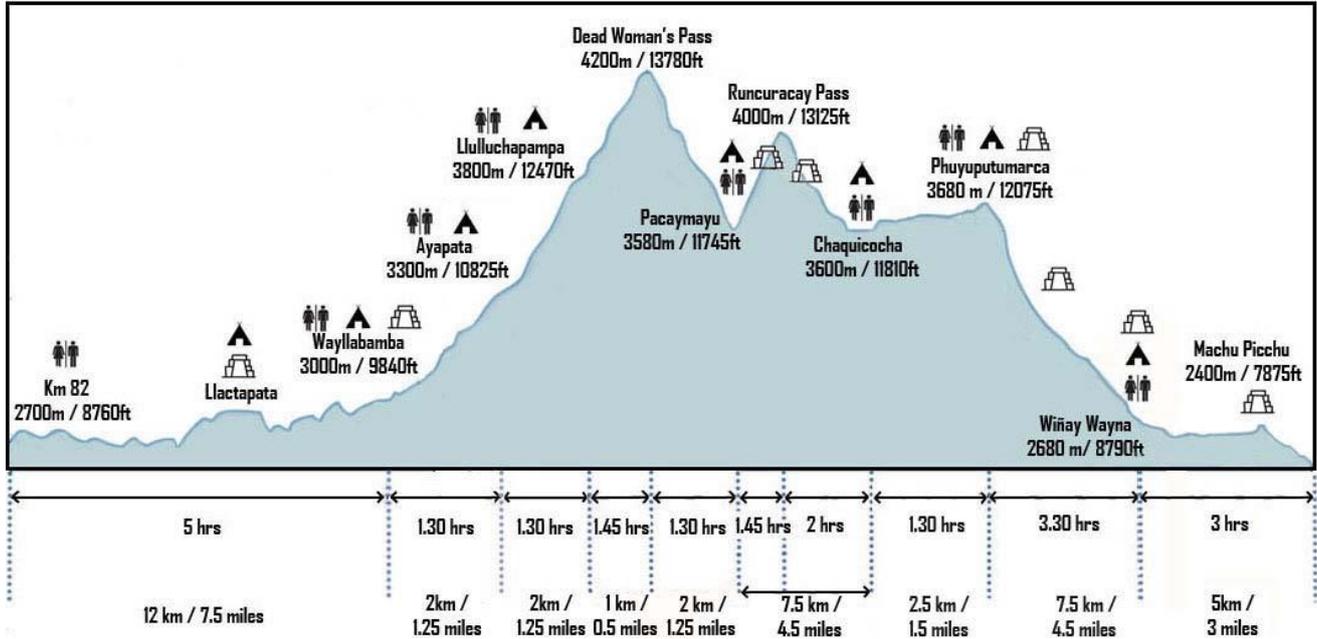
**4-day / 3-night shared Inca Trail trek**

Between 5 – 05:30 you will be picked up from your hotel. You will drive to Piskacuchu (2700m / 8856ft), a community located on the 82nd kilometre of the Cusco –Machupicchu railroad, which is the starting point of the Inca Trail. You will begin the hike by crossing the bridge over the Urubamba River and walking along its left shore as it flows northwest along the Sacred Valley. Following the trail along a flat terrain, you will arrive in Miskay (2800m/9184ft), to then ascend and finally see, from an overlooking viewpoint, the impressive Inca city of Llactapata (2650m/8692ft). You will continue trekking along the valley created by the Kusichaca River, gradually climbing for about five hours until you reach the community of Wayllabamba (3000m / 9840ft); the site of the first camp. All along the way you will enjoy spectacular views of the Vilcanota ridge on the opposite side of the Urubamba River, where the impressive Veronica peak reigns at 5832m above sea level. Not to mention the diversity of wild flora and fauna that can be found all along the valley.



Distance: 7.47miles (12 km) / Walking time: 5-6 hrs / Max altitude: 3000m (9840ft) / Campsite altitude: 3000m (9840ft)

**Inca Trek Information**



We include sleeping bags.

We include additional porter which gives you a personal luggage allowance of 9kg per person. In reality this works out at 7kg as per the sleeping bag and sleeping mat weigh around 2kg.

Personal tents are based 2 people in each 4-people-capacity tent, to allow for higher comfort and a safe keeping of backpacks.

The tents are 3-season, highly maintained to ensure an excellent performance in field.

Eureka Timberline 4 Outfitter tents are use when double accommodation is requested and Eureka Timberline 2XT for single travelers.

Regarding toilet facilities, some of the campsites offer them but our trek operator also has its own toilet tents with bio-degradable facilities.

For shared treks there is a group maximum of 12.

Inca Trail includes professional bilingual guide, cook and equipment of kitchen, foods (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, snacks every day in the morning), porters for carry only the camping equipment and food, tents, mattress, table and chairs, dining and kitchen tents, emergency kits and oxygen.





**Day 08 INCA TRAIL**



You will wake up at around 6am and after breakfast, begin the most difficult part of the trek, which consists of an abrupt and steep ascent that stretches for 9 km. Along this climb, the landscape changes from sierra to puna (a dry and high area with little vegetation). On the way to the first mountain pass, the Abra Warmihuañusca (Dead Woman's Pass – 4200m/13776ft), you may see domesticated llamas and alpacas grazing on ichu, one of the few plants that grow at high altitude. You will also cross an area of the so-called cloud forest, which is the habitat for many different kinds of birds like hummingbirds and sparrows, and the Andean bear, which is also called the Spectacled Bear. It is recommended that on this day specially, your daypack is well stocked with sweets, chocolates and coca leaves to keep your sugar levels high, and help with altitude sickness. Immediately after the pass, you will descend into the Pacaymayo valley (3600m/11808ft), where you will camp after approximately 7hrs of hiking.



Distance: 6.84 miles (11 km) / Walking time: 6-7 hrs / Max altitude: 4200m (13,776ft) / Campsite altitude: 3500m (11,480ft)



**Day 09 INCA TRAIL**



This is the longest day but also the most impressive and the most interesting, due the number of archaeological sites and the lush cloud forest area that you will cross, so rich in Andean flora and fauna. From Pacaymayo you will climb to the second pass, the Abra Runkurakay (3970m/13022ft). Halfway up, you will stop to visit the archaeological complex with the same name. This site, located at 3800m/12464ft, consists of a small oval structure that is believed to have served the purpose of a watchtower. After going over the pass, you will descend towards Yanacocha (Black Lagoon) and enter the cloud forest to finally arrive at Sayacmarca (3624m/11887ft).



**Day 09 INCA TRAIL ...**

This is a beautiful complex made up of a semicircular construction, enclosures at different levels, narrow streets, fountains, patios and irrigation canals. Continuing up an easy climb, you will arrive at the third pass, the Abra Phuyupatamarca (3700m/12136ft). Along this climb you can appreciate the magnitude of the Incas' ancient craft, by walking along paths semi-detached from the mountain, and seeing rocks that fill up ravines perfectly, saving the trail from the multileveled Andean geography.

You will go through an Inca tunnel to later arrive at the aforementioned pass and down to the complex of the same name. This is one of the most complete and best-preserved archaeological complexes along the Inca Trail to Machupicchu, and is located on the highest point of a mountain. Curiously, Phuyupatamarca means "town over the clouds". From above, one can observe a sophisticated sacred complex made up of water fountains with solid foundations, and also impressive views of the Urubamba River valley. You will continue your trek down the long descending stone steps that lead to Wiñaywayna (2650m/8692ft), an impressive Inca complex made up of an agricultural centre with numerous terraces, a religious sector and an urban sector, close to which your camp will be located. This campsite hosts a trekker lodge, a bar and bathrooms with hot shower facilities. After visiting the impressive archaeological site, you will enjoy a farewell dinner at your camp.



Distance: 9.94 miles (16 km) / Walking time: 8hrs / Max altitude: 3900m (12,792ft) / Campsite altitude: 2650m (8,692ft)



**Day 10 INCA TRAIL - MACHU PICCHU**



On this fourth and last day you will get up at 0400 to leave Wiñaywayna an hour later 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, you will see the sunrise over the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu. From Intipunku descend into Machu Picchu, and 40 minutes later enter the citadel from the highest point through the "House of the Guardians". Descend to the control point where you will register and leave your backpacks. Begin a complete guided tour of the Inca citadel that will take approximately 2 hours. You will then have free time to walk around the site. Lunch will be at the Inkaterra Café.



Distance: 2.49 miles (4km) / Walking time: 2hrs / Max altitude: 2700m (8829ft) / Machu Picchu altitude: 2400m (7,872ft)



**Day 10 INCA TRAIL – MACHU PICCHU ...**

**Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo**



**1 x Superior Room on a Half Board basis for 1-night**

Located in the small town of Aguas Calientes directly below Machu Picchu, the Inkaterra is a low level hotel set in expansive tropical gardens in the high cloud forest. The 83 beautifully furnished guest houses are nestled amongst the world's largest collection of native orchids and the hotel boasts over 150 species of birds in its 13 acre grounds. Facilities include a small pool, sauna and spa, restaurant, bar and lounge areas with comfortable sofas overlooking the luxurious gardens and river. There are a variety of complimentary activities to choose from including a bird watching trip where you should see most of the 16 different species of humming bird, an orchid walk where you will see many of the 372 native varieties, a nature walk and a twilight walk with the possibility to see the very rare spectacled bear.



**Day 11 MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO**



**Half day unguided re-entry to Machu Picchu & Huayna Picchu**

This morning you will rise early to enter the ruins for a second time from your hotel. Arriving at dawn means you will avoid the crowds and if the sky is clear the sunrise can be truly spectacular. Entrance to climb the peak of Huayna Picchu is also included from where you get stunning views looking down on the site and of the surrounding Andean peaks and deep valleys.

Shared afternoon transfer to the train station to board your return train to Ollantaytambo. Private transfer on arrival your hotel.



**Aranwa Boutique Hotel**

**1 x Classic Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night**



**Day 12 CUSCO - PUERTO MALDONADO - RESERVA AMAZÓNICA**

Private transfer to Cuzco airport for onward flight to Puerto Maldonado, flying with LAN.



LA2075 Economy Dep: Cuzco 11:10

Arr: Puerto Maldonado 12:05



It is a short and incredibly dramatic flight from Cusco over the Andes and down into the Amazon Rainforest. On arrival at the airport in Puerto Maldonado you will be met and transferred to the harbour where you board your motorized canoe to take you deep into the rainforest to your hotel.

**Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica Lodge**



**1 x Superior Cabaña with Full Board & Shared Activities for 3-nights**

Located on the edge of the Tambopata Reserve, the lodge is set within 10,000 hectares of private grounds and is one of the finest lodges in the Peruvian Amazon. Built in a traditional style the rooms have thatched roofs, hammocks and mosquito nets. Superior Rooms are 38 sq m and are divided into three areas topped with a high thatched-palm roof. The bedroom has 2 twin beds canopied with mosquito netting. The screened siesta area invites has 2 hammocks, 2 comfortable wooden chairs, and a side table. Each cabaña is equipped with umbrellas, flashlights, a central ceiling ventilator, and electric sockets. The property has no electricity so kerosene lamps are provided in the evening.

A typical day at Reserva Amazonica starts with an early breakfast at 05:00 for those who want to avoid the heat and maximize nature encounters. Full buffet breakfast is served from 07:00 to 09:00. Most excursions will leave the lodge at 08:00 and return at 11:30. Lunch and siesta are scheduled from 12:00 to 15:00. At 15:30 it is time for afternoon tea and to prepare for two to three hour long early evening excursions. At sunset, the lodge offers a nature presentation and cocktails after which Dinner is served from 19:30 to 20:00. After dinner you can retire early or hear rain forest tales while listening to the entrancing sounds of the jungle.



**Days 13-14 RESERVA AMAZÓNICA**



Shared guided activities from your lodge. Your Amazon rainforest experience can include resting in your hammock, enjoying an authentic treatment in the massage room on the river's edge or disappearing into the forest to explore the geography and biodiversity of the ecosystem. All of your excursions will be led by expert bilingual Interpreters. Each guest will coordinate his or her individual schedule with the Head Interpreter upon arrival at the lodge - with choices depending on personal preference, length of stay, desired activity levels, and weather conditions.



**Day 15 RESERVA AMAZÓNICA - PUERTO MALDONADO - LIMA - DEPART**

After breakfast, shared road and boat transfer to Puerto Maldonado airport to meet your flight to Lima, flying with LAN.



LA2080 Economy Dep: Puerto Maldonado 15:55 Arr: Lima 17:35

Check-in for your international flights back to the UK, flying with Iberia.



IB6650 Economy Dep: Lima 21:00 Arr: Madrid T4s 14:35 (Day 16)



**Day 16 UK**

Board onward flight to the UK.



IB3166 Economy Dep: Madrid T4s 15:55 Arr: Heathrow T5 17:20

Arrive back in the UK.



# Holiday Cost

**from £3,675.00 per person**

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

## **Suggested Itinerary**

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

### **> Includes**

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

### **> Excludes**

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

### **> Please Note**

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

### **> Booking Conditions**

- Usually a deposit of 20% is required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
- You can review our full booking conditions at: [www.distinctiveamericas.com](http://www.distinctiveamericas.com)

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