



WOMAN GROUP TRAVEL

2022

Secure, Safe & Fun Experiences...



14 Days / 13 Nights

DEPARTURES

Friday, 21 May – Thursday, 2 June 2022

Friday, 24 June – Thursday, 7 July 2022

Friday, 10 July – 4 August 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Our small group personal attention on this tour will afford you beautiful once-in-a-lifetime memories!

Visit the bustling cosmopolitan city of Lima

Journey through Inca heritage in the Sacred Valley

Explore majestic Machu Picchu

Tour Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Experience cultural diversity on Lake Titicaca and its floating islands

Enjoy the beauty of the Colca Canyon and Andean Condor in flight

Visit the 'White City' of Arequipa

Savour Peruvian cuisine



Day 1

Welcome to Peru!

Schedule your arrival into **Lima, Peru** at your convenience. As most flights arrive in the evening, there are no scheduled activities for this day. Our hotel is located at the airport for convenience as most flights from the USA arrive late evening. No transfer services are necessary as the hotel is a short walk from the main terminal.

Day 2

Today you fly to **Cusco, the Imperial City of the Incas!** A quick one hour flight over the majestic Andes mountain range and your adventure begins! On arrival you will be met by our Team and transferred to your hotel.

Before we commence our tour today we enjoy lunch together at **Inka Grill Restaurant** great Peruvian Cuisine!

This afternoon we get to know this great UNESCO World Heritage city taking you on a City tour to the most important sites: **The Cathedral, Koricancha "Temple of the Sun", Tambomachay "Temple of the Water", Qenqo and Sacsayhuaman**. Evening at leisure and dinner at restaurant of your choice.

Day 3

It is time to explore the **Sacred Valley of the Incas!** We will visit **Awanacancha Cultural Village**, where you can see and interact with many species of camelids (alpacas, llamas, vicuñas). Here you will also see ladies making fine alpaca weavings. From here we travel to the town of **Pisac** where we visit the market for a little while – perhaps sample some of the town's delicious empanadas - and then travel by car up to the ruins above the town.

We walk in the area of the ruins for around an hour learning about the civilisations that have inhabited the area over the centuries. Descending back down to the valley we continue our journey to the main town of Urubamba where we will stop for lunch at **Tunupa Restaurant**.

Our final place to visit is the pretty Andean town of **Ollantaytambo**. We will hear all about the amazing history of this village and explore some of its pretty cobbled lanes. Later on we board our train to **Aguas Calientes**, the little town at the bottom of Machupicchu! Dinner is at **Totos Restaurant**.

Day 4

This morning you rise early to take the bus together with your guide up to the ruins of this beautiful **New World Wonder, Machupicchu!!** You will walk with your guide around the citadel exploring the most important sites and temples learning about the civilisation that once inhabited this mountain top citadel. The tour lasts around 2 hours. We take lunch at the **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge Hotel** before heading back down to the town and taking the train back to Ollantaytambo where you will overnight. Dinner can be taken at the hotel this evening (own account).

Day 5

Further exploration of the valley today! We start making our way back to Cusco stopping enroute at the little town of **Maras** which is the gateway to the Inca circular terraces of **Moray** commonly referred to as the "Inca Greenhouse" due to the fact that it is believed these terraces were used to experiment with growing crops at



various levels of altitude. From here we visit the ancient **saltworks of Salineras** where salt is still being farmed using the age-old techniques. From here we make our way to the market town of **Chincheros** where we will visit the market and the pretty colonial church in this town. Lunch today is at a local restaurant. Arrival in Cusco late afternoon. Dinner at restaurant of your choice.

Day 6

Free day to explore wonderful Cusco! Perhaps take a walk to the well-known San Pedro food market and try one of the local smoothies or go to the Inca Museum or explore the old area of San Blas (the artistic area).

This evening we enjoy dinner and a folklore show together at **Tunupa Restaurant** on the main plaza of Cusco. Enjoy the city lights from the Balcony!

Day 7

Our journey down the **altiplano of Peru** commences taking the TurismoMer Bus Service from Cusco to Puno. This is a public touristic bus service that stops at various sites enroute such as **Andahuayllillas Chapel, Raqchi, La Raya (photostop) and Pukara**. The total journey is 10 hours approximately and including stops. A buffet lunch is included in **Sicuaní**. You arrive in Puno at approx. 5pm and we transfer you to your hotel. Dinner at restaurant of your choice.

Day 8

This morning we transfer you to the Port of Puno from where you embark your private boat to venture out on the beautiful **Lake Titicaca**! Our first stop is the Floating Islands of Uros where you will learn how these islanders have developed their own little floating homes. Our next stop is **Amantani Island** where you will have a cultural exchange by staying with a local Family. All meals are included today. Please note the meal with the local family is rustic and may not be to everyone's taste but we can assure you that the families go all out to accommodate!

Day 9

Enjoy breakfast with your family before continuing onwards to the **Isle of Taquile**. Here we find beautiful local costumes and hand woven products. We take lunch together enjoying the spectacular views before returning to the Port of Puno and transfer back to your hotel. Dinner at hotel/restaurant of your choice.

Day 10

Today we will travel from Puno to **Chivay in the Colca Canyon**. The drive takes around 5-6 hours passing scenic landscapes. You can enjoy the natural hot springs here at Calera in the afternoon if you wish – these are great medicinal waters. Dinner is taken together tonight in a local restaurant.

Day 11

We have an early departure at around 6am to the viewpoint of **Condor Cross (Cruz del Condor)** where we can observe the majestic condor in flight. We spend a few hours here watching the birds flying on the thermal updrafts – it's a spectacular sight! Once we are finished viewing we make our way to the little villages of **Pinchollo, Maca and Yanque** that have beautiful colonial churches. We stop for a bit and explore a little, also stopping for another view of the amazing Canyon!



We get back to Chivay around lunchtime, take lunch, and then in the early afternoon we start making our way to **Arequipa**. It's a beautiful drive where you will pass by the well-known Volcanos that surround the city. Dinner at restaurant of your choice.

Day 12

This morning we acquaint ourselves with the city! We visit the **Santa Catalina Monastery**, a wonderful place that housed the nuns of Arequipa for centuries. Later on we will walk around the main square of Arequipa, a nice spot surrounded by colonial arches. At the main plaza we will visit the interiors of magnificent **Cathedral of Arequipa**. Later on we visit the **Museum of Santuarios Andinos** where we will see the Mummy named Juanita, an amazing frozen body of a little girl found at the cold slopes of the Ampato Mountain. The tour lasts approx. 4 hours and afterwards we take lunch in a local restaurant.

Free afternoon and dinner at choice of your restaurant.

Day 13

It is time to return to Lima!

On arrival we make our way to the vibrant suburb of Miraflores where you will be staying overnight. This afternoon we explore the city with your Local Guide. You will have the opportunity to visit one of the most important architectural constructions of the 17th century, **Convent of Saint Francis**. This complex has a small square, the convent and church. Its cloisters have beautiful tiles and one can visit the catacombs which are more than 300 years old. We then visit the three most important sites from colonial times: **Plaza Mayor, plaza San Martin, Palacio de Gobierno (known as the house of Pizarro), and the Municipality**, preserving their original architecture.

We have a late lunch today at **La Mar Restaurant** – delicious fresh seafood options which Lima is well known for! Try out the traditional Ceviche dish! Please note this meal cost is not included and is a personal cost. We return to your hotel after lunch and you have a free afternoon to explore Lima and its many great shopping areas and restaurants! Lima offers some of the finest restaurants and food in the world – do check it out!

Day 14

Free day.

We transfer you to the airport for your flight home.



PRICING

Room Share
US\$ 3,000 per person

Single Room
US\$ 3,350 per person

INCLUDES

All tour activities in Private Service with English Speaking Local Guides
Tour Leader to enhance the individual & group experience
Airport Transfers, except Lima where not required
All entrances to sites
Roundtrip Train Tickets to Machupicchu
Meals : all breakfasts / 9x lunches / 3x dinners
National Flights - Lima // Cusco // Lima
Arranged room sharing with another solo traveller (subject to availability)

Hotels with buffet breakfast

1 night in Costa del Sol, Lima Airport
3 nights in Casa Andina Standard, Cusco
1 night in Casa Andina, Aguas Calientes
1 night in Pakaritampu Hotel, Ollantaytambo
2 nights in Sonesta Posada Hotel, Puno
1 night in Sonesta Posada, Arequipa
1 night in Pozo del Cielo, Chivay

Please note that if any hotel is not available at the time of booking we will replace with another of the same standard at no extra cost to the traveler.

DOES NOT INCLUDE

International Flights – travelers are required to reserve their own flights into and out of Lima
Meals and activities not specified in the itinerary
Tipping of Local Guides/Tour Leader
Any personal expenses or expenditures
Any pre- or post- tour arrangements
Passport fees
Travel Insurance



HOW ROOM SHARING WORKS

Traveling Solo? Most of the women on your tour are traveling solo!

If you wish to share with another solo traveler, select this option on the Reservation Form and your tour price will automatically be based on the room share price.

Or, you may select a single room, when available, on the Reservation Form and your tour price will be automatically based on the single room price.

Please note that it happens sometimes that we have no choice but to accommodate you in a single room depending on room allocations of the group. In this case, the single room cost applies. We will give you as much notice as possible to consider this option.

A few facts about sharing a room:

All shared rooms have 2 beds

All shared rooms are non-smoking

No special requests about your roommate can be accommodated

PAYMENT CONDITIONS AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

A non-refundable deposit of US\$500 per person is due at the time of reservation.

Deposits can be carried over to another date if cancelling no less than 30 days prior to tour commencement date.

Cancellation of tour 7 weeks or more prior to departure date: We will refund the cost of the tour less all deposits which are non-refundable.

Cancellation of tour within 4-6 weeks prior to departure date incurs a loss of 60% of total tour cost.

Cancellation of tour within 3 weeks prior to departure incurs a loss of 80% of total tour cost.

Cancellation of tour within 2 weeks prior to departure incurs a loss of 100% tour cost.

Balance Due Date: 15 March 2022

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travelers will make their own air arrangements as follows:

Arrival Airport: LIM - Lima, Peru (Jorge Chávez International Airport)

Arrival Date: Friday, 15 April 2022. Arrive at your convenience.

Please note there is no greeting at the airport on arrival as the Hotel allocated is located within walking distance of the airport terminal.

Departure Airport: LIM - Lima, Peru (Jorge Chávez International Airport)

Departure Date: Thursday, 28 April 2022.

Departure Transfer: One group transfer provided to the airport.

When to Purchase Air: We recommend you wait until you receive your Invoice before purchasing your air; however the decision to purchase air sooner is ultimately yours. Should the tour not operate, regardless of reason, traveler is responsible for any penalties airlines may impose to rebook or cancel the ticket.

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WANT TO ARRIVE A DAY EARLY?

Worried about possible flight delays? Consider arriving one day before the official tour start date. Many of our travelers choose this optional service. Your pre-tour package includes:

The room (standard check-in times apply)

Breakfast the following morning

Arrival Transfer from airport to hotel

Tour of Choco Museum

\$148.00 Roomshare \$237.00 Single

The pre-tour package is an optional service. Rates are established at time of tour posting.

Early check-in is solely at the discretion of the hotel and cannot be arranged in advance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOUR

All travelers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least 3 weeks prior to the tour start, and bring proof of vaccination with you, to join the tour.

Travelers are required to have a valid passport. Most countries require your passport to be valid a minimum of six months after your return home date, and have at least two consecutive blank pages.

There is limited ability to meet dietary restrictions on this tour due to traveling in remote areas where food choices are not as diverse.

Protect Your Travel Investment: In the era of COVID, travel insurance is more important than ever. You need to purchase travel insurance in the country of your residence for it to be valid, so regrettably we cannot sell it to you.

ACTIVITIES

As a solo traveler you are responsible for yourself, your possessions, your physical fitness, and all other aspects related to participation in our tour.

Because of this requirement this tour is not suitable for anyone who is physically challenged, walking impaired, or is a slow walker that cannot keep up with the pace of the group. The altitude in Cusco and Puno (Lake Titicaca) combined with uneven terrain and many steps may be challenging for some persons. If you are in average physical shape, you should have minimal issues.