

## Peru Revealed: Our Signature Journey



Machu Picchu

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The enduring appeal of Peru makes this Andes and Amazon itinerary a favourite amongst Revealed Travel passengers (and our staff) and provides a superb introduction for the first-time traveller to Latin America. The heart of the journey is time spent of the Andes, combining the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu with Cuzco, the capital of the Inca Empire. The Sacred Valley is at a lower altitude than Cuzco and is a great place to acclimatise before travelling by train to the “lost city” of Machu Picchu. With a few days in the Amazon rainforest and the itinerary topped and tailed in Lima which is the exciting gastro-capital of South America you have all the ingredients for a memorable holiday. Please contact us to discuss extensions to Lake Titicaca, Arequipa and the Colca Canyon, the Nazca Lines and to the lesser-explored northern areas of Trujillo, Chan Chan, Chachapoyas and Kuelap.

**Highlights:** Lima – Cuzco – Sacred Valley of the Incas – Machu Picchu - Amazon Jungle

**Length:** 14 Days

**Accommodation:** Choose upper, mid-range or value hotels.

**Costs:** From £2,573 pp excluding transatlantic flights



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#### Days 1-3: Lima:

- Day 1: Arrival transfer to your hotel; 2 nights' accommodation.
- Day 2: City tour included.
- Day 3: Departure transfer to the airport in time for your flight to Cuzco

The colonial part of town has been steadily restored over the last 25 years and there are some lovely squares, museums, buildings and churches to visit. The district of Miraflores is today the vibrant heart of the modern city. The Larcomar centre has a variety of shops, restaurants and cafes with great ocean views.

#### Days 3-6: Sacred Valley:

- Day 3: Arrival transfer from Cuzco to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. 3 nights' accommodation
- Day 4: Excursions to Maras, Moroy and Ollantaytambo are included.
- Day 5: Free day for optional excursions.
- Day 6: Departure transfer to the station to catch your train to Machu Picchu

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is dotted with villages, Inca sights and Andean markets. Do climb to the top of the fortress of Ollantaytambo to see the size and scale of the stonework. The Maras salt pools have been in use since Inca times to harvest salt. The circular terraces at Moroy appear to have been used by the Incas as an agricultural research station.

**Days 6-7: Machu Picchu:** There are regular train services run by Peru Rail and Inca Rail between the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. We recommend the Vistadome or the Expedition services as standard.

We will arrange transfers from your hotel to the train station in the Sacred Valley and will tie-in your entrance tickets to Machu Picchu to coincide with your train.

- Day 6: Arrival transfer from Machu Picchu station to the citadel.
- Tour of Machu Picchu including entrance fees and shuttle bus
- Overnight accommodation in the hotel of your choice.
- Day 7: Departure transfer to station and return by train to the Sacred Valley.

Machu Picchu is Latin America's foremost archaeological site and whether you are arriving by train or on foot a visit to this Inca landmark is always something special and exciting, even for frequent travellers to Peru. Machu Picchu was made famous by Hiram Bingham, an amateur archaeologist and academic who later became a US Senator, on whom, it is said, the character of Indiana Jones is based.

We prefer the hotels in the local village, but do let us know if you wish to stay at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge as there are only a few rooms and early booking is essential. Note that staying here does not give you any preferential access to the site.

#### Days 7-10: Cuzco:

- Day 7: Transfer from the station in the Sacred Valley of the Incas to the hotel in Cuzco, 3 nights.
- Day 8: City Tour and Fortress of Sacsayhuaman
- Day 9: Free day in Cuzco
- Day 10: Departure transfer to the airport for your flight to the Amazon Rainforest.

Cuzco was the capital of the Inca Empire and is built in the Spanish colonial style upon Inca foundations. Cuzco is friendly, vibrant and exciting and there is always plenty to do here with a good choice of restaurants, cafes, bars and clubs and fantastic handcraft shops. The Fortress of Sacsayhuaman overlooking Cuzco has impressively carved stone rocks up to 4 meters high.

#### Days 10-13: Amazon:

- Day 10: Arrival transfer to your Amazon lodge. 3 night's accommodation with all meals.
- Day 11: Excursions in the rainforest.
- Day 12: Excursions in the Amazon.
- Day 13: Departure transfer to Puerto Maldonado airport in time for your flight to Lima.

The Amazon Rainforest is a wildlife adventure with guided walks, bird-watching and monkey-spotting. The Tambopata National Park, near Puerto Maldonado, is home to over 20,000 plant species and is teeming with birds, mammals, butterflies, reptiles and amphibians.

#### Days 13-14: Lima:

- Day 13: Arrival transfer from Lima airport to your hotel; overnight accommodation
- Day 14: Departure transfer to Lima airport in time for your flight home.



## Suggested Hotels and Indicative Costs (excluding transatlantic flights):

	Premium	Upper	Mid-range	Value
Lima:	<a href="#">Belmond Miraflores Park</a>	<a href="#">Villa Barranco</a>	<a href="#">Autor 1</a>	<a href="#">Tierra Viva</a>
Sacred Valley:	<a href="#">Belmond Rio Sagrado</a>	<a href="#">Sol y Luna</a>	<a href="#">Pakaritampu</a>	<a href="#">Samanapaq</a>
Machu Picchu:	<a href="#">Sumaq</a>	<a href="#">Inkaterra Pueblo Machu Picchu</a>	<a href="#">El Mapi</a>	<a href="#">Tierra Viva</a>
Cuzco:	<a href="#">Belmond Monasterio</a>	<a href="#">Inkaterra La Casona</a>	<a href="#">Aranwa</a>	<a href="#">Tierra Viva</a>
Amazon:	<a href="#">Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica</a>	<a href="#">Posada Amazonas</a>	<a href="#">Hacienda Concepcion</a>	<a href="#">Corto Maltes</a>
<b>Indicative Costs:</b>	<b>From £4,716 pp</b>	<b>From £3,665 pp</b>	<b>From £2,818 pp</b>	<b>From £2,573 pp</b>

### Notes:

Indicative Costs are per person based on two people travelling together and sharing a double/twin room. Costs may change according to volatile £/\$ exchange rates, seasons and festival periods.

Transatlantic flights are not included: we will book your transatlantic flights in economy, premium economy, business or first class according to your preference.

Domestic flights within Latin America are included in economy class. Please contact us to discuss upgrades.

Additional supplements apply for special events such as the Inti Raymi festival, Christmas & the New Year, Full Moon at Machu Picchu. Costs for 2020 are not yet confirmed.

**What's included in the price:** All accommodation and meals as detailed; Local taxes & service charges associated with included accommodation - All transfers & sightseeing as detailed; various activities; ATOL protection; Research, sourcing, design and preparation of your tailor-made holiday itinerary and quote; booking admin and processing; The services of our local ground agent who will coordinate your stay and ensure that everything runs smoothly including access to a local English language 24/7 telephone help line.

**What's not included in the price:** Transatlantic flights; any national park entry fees which have to be paid locally; drinks, gratuities and items of a personal nature; meals and optional excursions not listed as included; personal travel insurance; passport and visa costs (e.g. costs associated with obtaining an American ESTA visa waiver, if flying via USA); Airport departure tax on leaving Peru, payable locally in US\$ and currently US\$ per person.

Please contact us for costs for families and parties of 3 or more passengers and for travel in 2020.

**Extensions:** Please contact us to discuss extensions to Lake Titicaca, the Nazca Lines, the Colca Canyon or Kuelap in Peru or to combine this itinerary with the Iguassu Falls, Rio de Janeiro or the Galapagos Islands.

### Seasons and Climate

Peru is a year-round destination. The dry season is from April to October but bear in mind it can be cold up in the Andes in June-August. The wet season runs from November to March.

### Entry

British nationals travelling on a full, valid British passport do not require a visa for entry to Peru. You should ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of arrival.

### Internal Travel

We will book internal flights and will arrange all transportation within Peru through our ground agents locally. We have been working with them for years so we know you will be in very safe hands.

### Vaccinations

It is advisable to check your immunizations for Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A. If you have been to Africa within 3 months of arriving in Peru you may need to provide proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever.

### Exchange Rates

Costs in Latin America are subject to \$/£ exchange rates. At present we are working on current exchange rates of 1.21 (as at 29 Aug 2019) although this may be subject to change, particularly in the event of a No Deal Brexit.

### Group Tours:

Although we specialise in building tailor-made itineraries for independent travellers, some people prefer to travel as part of a small group accompanied by a Tour Leader.

We offer a range of group tours from 14 days to 3 weeks or more at comfort levels to suit most budgets and age ranges.

<https://perurevealed.co.uk/escorted-tours/>

### Honeymoons:

If you are booking your honeymoon with us, we will create a personalised wedding honeymoon gift list website for you.

Your friends and family will be able to contribute towards the cost of your trip with personal messages which can be public or confidential as they prefer.

### Cruises:

Revealed Travel also book a range of cruise ships in Latin America. A journey from Peru to Argentina following the Pacific coastline through the fjords of Chile and around Cape Horn is one of the most popular.

For an introduction to some of the cruises we offer, please click the following link:

<http://latinamericarevealed.co.uk/cruises/>

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