7 Day Peru & Machu Picchu

February 8-15, 2022 - \$2442 pp. dbl. occ.

Escorted Package Includes

- Round trip flights St. Louis-Lima, Lima-St. Louis Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: Lima-Cuzco & Cuzco-Lima
- 6 nights accommodations
 - o 2 nights Lima
 - 1 night Sacred Valley
 - 1 night Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu)
 - 2 nights Cuzco
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 9 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager
- Services of English-speaking local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- City Tour of Lima with its 2000 years of history
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via The Voyager Inca Rail Train
- This 7 day "on-the-go" program features the highlights of Peru in an active itinerary which includes several walking tours as well as some early starts and long days.
- DAY 1, Depart for Peru

Depart for Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure **Overnight:** Lima DAY 2, - Lima City Tour, Fly to Cuzco & Transfer to Sacred Valley

This morning's tour of Lima, with its 2000 years of history, begins at the colonial center of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with

its historic buildings surrounding the splendid Plaza Mayor. View the impressive Palace of the Archbishop with its fine carved balcony, the opulent Government Palace, the official residence of the President, and the 16th-century Cathedral of Lima whose first stone was laid by Pizarro. Continue to the 17th century Monasterio de San Francisco complex with its magnificent tiles, ornately carved ceilings, exceptional paintings and world-renowned library. In the afternoon, transfer to the Lima Airport for your flight to Cuzco. Upon your arrival in Cuzco, transfer to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. This evening, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, followed by a Welcome Dinner

Overnight: Sacred Valley **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, - Discover Machu Picchu Early this morning, transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station and board The Voyager Train for the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu*, a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site arriving in the early afternoon. Also known as "The Lost City of the Incas", Machu Picchu was built circa 1450 and abandoned only 100 years later. The purpose of this splendid city is still a mystery to modern historians. Enjoy exploring the ancient citadel and marveling at the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this significant archaeological site will be a longlasting memory. This evening, savor a Peruvian dinner at your hotel *Approximate time spent at the ruins

of Machu Picchu is 3 hours

Overnight: Aguas Calientes (Machu

Picchu)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, - Return to Cuzco

This morning, enjoy time at leisure before departing Aguas Calientes for your return to Cuzco. Upon arrival in Cuzco, transfer to the hotel. Remainder of the evening is at leisure

Overnight: Cuzco ▲ Meals: Breakfast

• DAY 5, - Full Day in Cuzco

Spend today independently discovering the "Imperial City" of Cuzco, once the capital of the Inca Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This lively city, rich in history, reveals remains of both the Inca and the Spanish presence. Take time to explore some of the city's stunning sights, or shop for some of the finest handicrafts and textiles in all of Peru. Participate in the optional Cuzco "Behind the Scenes" tour, offering a glimpse into the other side of life in Cuzco. On this tour, visit a local market and taste fresh-baked Chuta bread. Stop at the Cuzco cemetery to learn more about Andean life and death and meet with a local "shaman" (holy man). After the cooking demonstration, enjoy a delicious meal. In the afternoon, join the optional Highlights of Cuzco excursion that takes you to the impressive Colonial Cathedral with its collection of over 400 paintings, the Temple of the Sun and the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, which took over seven decades to complete Optional: Half Day Cuzco Behind the Scenes (AM)

Optional: Half Day Highlights of

Cuzco (PM) **Overnight:** Cuzco **Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 6, - Pisac Market, Fly to Lima, Farewell Dinner

This morning take a scenic drive to Pisac Village. There, explore the town and bargain with vendors on the cobblestone streets of the Pisac handicraft market. Enjoy a cultural blast as the entire town has been converted into a street market. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Lima. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Enjoy one last evening with the group and say goodbye to your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at the Farewell Dinner

Overnight: Lima

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

• DAY 7, - Depart Peru

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for your departure flight*
*Some flights depart shortly after midnight in the very early morning of Day 7 and will require a transfer on Day 6. Transfers depart the hotel approximately 4 hours prior to flight time.

Meals: Breakfast

 A Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.

