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Saturday · September 21st, 2024 - Sunday · September 29th, 2024

Inca Discovery Private Group Tour with Pandia Graves

Saturday · September 21st	Fly to Lima Transfer Ibis Budget Lima Miraflores - Lima, Peru (Or Similar) (2 Nights)
Sunday · September 22nd	Lima City Tour Meet G Adventures Representative
Monday · September 23rd	Fly to Cusco Hotel Prisma Cusco (Or Similar) (1 Night)
Tuesday · September 24th	Travel From Cusco to Ollantaytambo Ccaccacollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op Visit Cuyo Chico Pottery Making Demonstration Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley Hotel Inka Paradise (or similar) (1 Night)
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Hotel Prisma Cusco (Or Similar) (1 Night)

Sunday · September 29th

Depart Cusco or Extend Your Stay
Transfer

Pricing and Inclusions
How to Register

Saturday · September 21st



Opt to book your own airfare, or Pandia can assist.

Transfer

Departure Location
Lima Airport

Arrival Location
Lima Hotel



Sep 21 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Sep 23 · 12:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Located in Lima, within a 12-minute walk of Playa Redondo and 0.8 miles of Waikiki Beach, ibis budget Lima Miraflores has accommodations with a shared lounge and free WiFi throughout the property. The property is around a 18-minute walk from Playa Makaha, half a mile from Larcomar and 4.4 miles from Museum of the Nation. Guests can have a drink at the snack bar.

Amenities

Restaurant
Bar
Air Conditioning
Wi-Fi

Room Selection

Room Category
Standard Room

Room Description

Rooms are equipped with a private bathroom with free toiletries, air conditioning, and a flat-screen TV.

Sunday · September 22nd



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Lima City Tour

Immerse yourself in Lima's rich history and culture with a half-day tour. Visit the Santo Domingo Monastery and climb the bell tower for the best view of the city, enjoy a walking tour of the Plaza de Armas, and visit the oldest colonial mansion in Lima.

Meet G Adventures Representative

This evening we gather to review the details of our tour with a representative from G Adventures.

Monday · September 23rd



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Fly to Cusco

Take a transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco. Spend the rest of the day relaxing and exploring this fascinating city, and getting used to the altitude.

If you're adjusting well to the altitude, opt for one of the following activities (not included in the package price).

Cusco City Tour

45PEN per person (approximately \$12)

Enjoy a half-day tour of Cusco's main sights. Walk around the Plaza de Armas (main square) and explore this city steeped in one of the world's most alluring and ancient cultures. Visit Qenko, Koricancha, the Cathedral, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, and the archaeological site of Sacsaywaman.

Cusco Tourist Ticket

130PEN per person (approximately \$35)

This ticket allows admission at 16 sights of the city of Cusco including many popular museums and cathedrals. The ticket also provides entrance to Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park and sights in the South Valley of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Inka Museum

10PEN per person (approximately \$3)

Get ready to explore the artifacts from the Inca Empire, including mummies, jewelry, skulls, and ceramics at this museum of archaeology.



Hotel Prisma Cusco (Or Similar)

Sep 23

Check In

Sep 24

Check Out

1 Night

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Amenities

Restaurant
Wi-Fi
Currency Exchange
Laundry Service

Room Selection

Room Category

Standard Room

Room Description

All rooms have private baths and hot-running water. They are nicely decorated with cream-colored walls and wooden furniture. There is cable TV and heating.



Travel From Cusco to Ollantaytambo

Enjoy a full-day guided tour of the Sacred Valley. Stop at the G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op before visiting a local pottery making community. Break for lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa Community Restaurant in Huchuy Qosco. After lunch, opt to head out on a hike to the Ollantaytambo storehouses and look out over the ruins. Or, wander around the cobblestone streets and visit a local Chicheria (corn beer bar).



Ccaccacollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op Visit

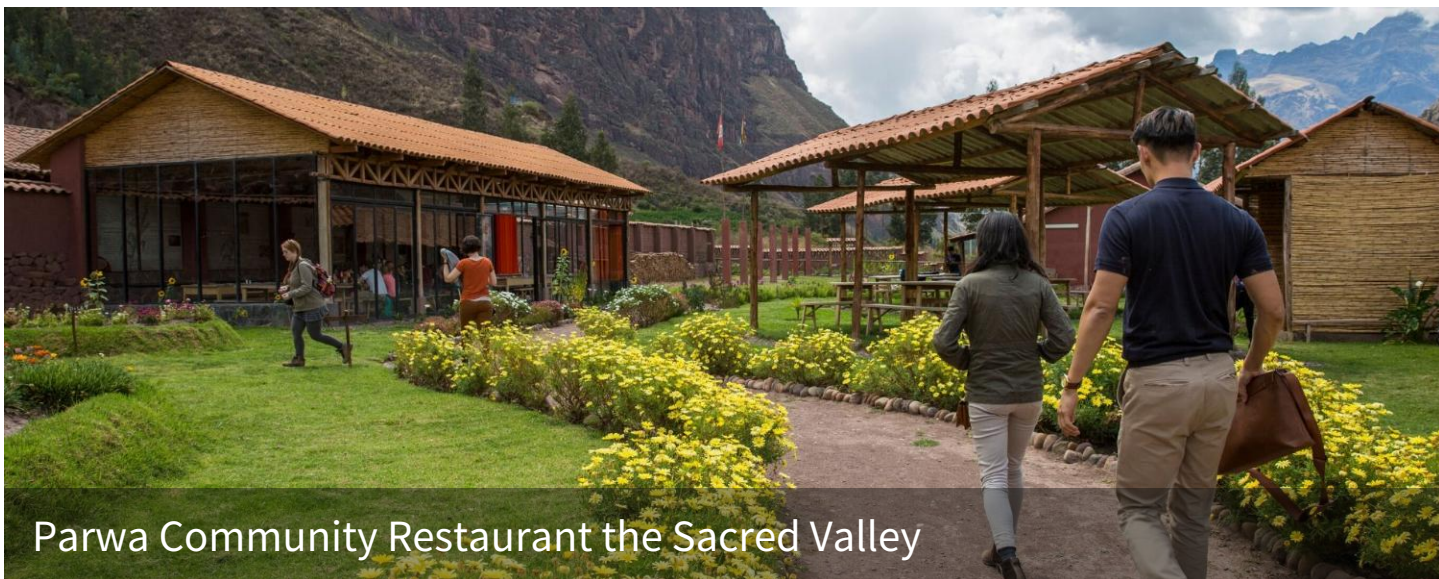
Visit the Ccaccacollo community centre which G Adventures travellers' donations helped create in 2005, thereby enabling local women to sell traditional textiles to travellers. See local weaving and dyeing techniques used to create garments and souvenirs, and learn how the Planeterra weaving co-operative has impacted the community and those who visit it. This includes the purchase of alpacas to provide a steady supply of wool, looms, and sewing machines as well as several training courses on production, sales and small business management.

This [video](#) tells more about the weaving co-op and how your visit impacts the local community



Cuyo Chico Pottery Making Demonstration

In the rural village of Cuyo Chico in the Sacred Valley, a group of families joined together to create a small business based on their traditional adobe ceramic crafts. Using clay from their surroundings, they mold bowls, plates, and all manner of decorations. Learn about the ceramics process as well as the traditional adobe brick-making that forms the basis of houses throughout the valley, all while taking in a spectacular view of the Pisac Ruins. After the demonstration, peruse the items for sale directly from the artisans in their shop.



Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley

Contribute to sustainable tourism in Huchuy Qosqo, a small village of 65 families in the Sacred Valley, by eating at the Parwa Community Restaurant. Learn how the resident-run restaurant was kickstarted by G Adventures and the Multilateral Investment Fund, to become a successful farm-to-table program that boosts the local economy and several spin-off microenterprises.

Click [here](#) to see a bit more about the restaurant and it's origins (3:03 on video)

Hotel Inka Paradise (or similar)

Sep 24

Check In

Sep 25

Check Out

1 Night

Located close to Ollantaytambo Sanctuary, Inka Paradise Hotel offers a sunbathing terrace and a garden.

Amenities

Wi-Fi
Terrace
Garden

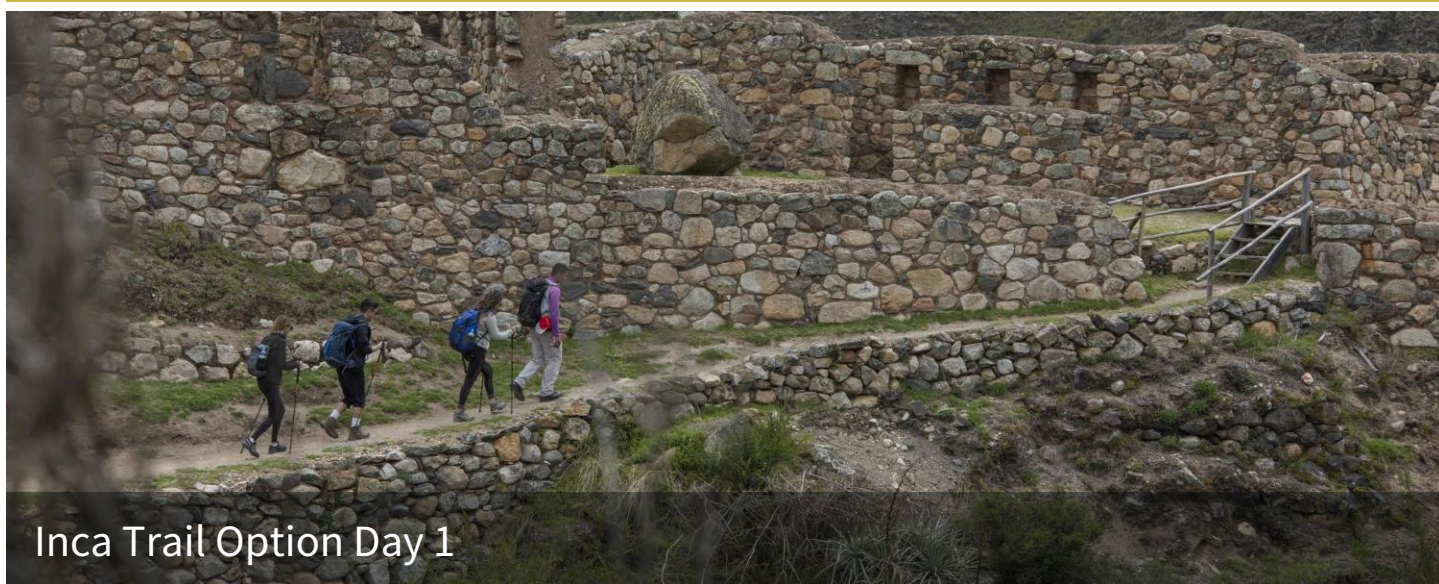
Room Selection

Room Category
Standard Room

Room Description

A flat-screen TV with satellite channels, an adjoining terrace and a seating area as well as en suite bathrooms are provided. Ironing facilities, an alarm clock, and toiletries are also provided.

Wednesday · September 25th



Inca Trail Option Day 1

Depart Ollantaytambo by van to where the Inca Trail begins. Ease into the adventure with a straightforward day of hiking the meandering streams, stunning Andean scenery, and ancient Incan ruins. Trek through beautiful scenery, with a variety of flora that changes with the seasons, passing several smaller ruin sites like Llactapata. The first half is about 3 miles (about three hours) before a break for lunch followed by another 3.5 mile hike (about 2.5 hours).

A crew of local porters, cooks, and guides will take care of all the details for the duration of the hike. Porters carry the majority of the gear so you'll only need to carry a small daypack with water, rain gear, snacks, a camera, etc.

Meals

The cooks prepare three delicious meals that are perfect for a day of trekking, as well as snacks. They're able to cater to dietary restrictions and allergies, just let Pandia know when you book and we'll plan ahead!

Equipment

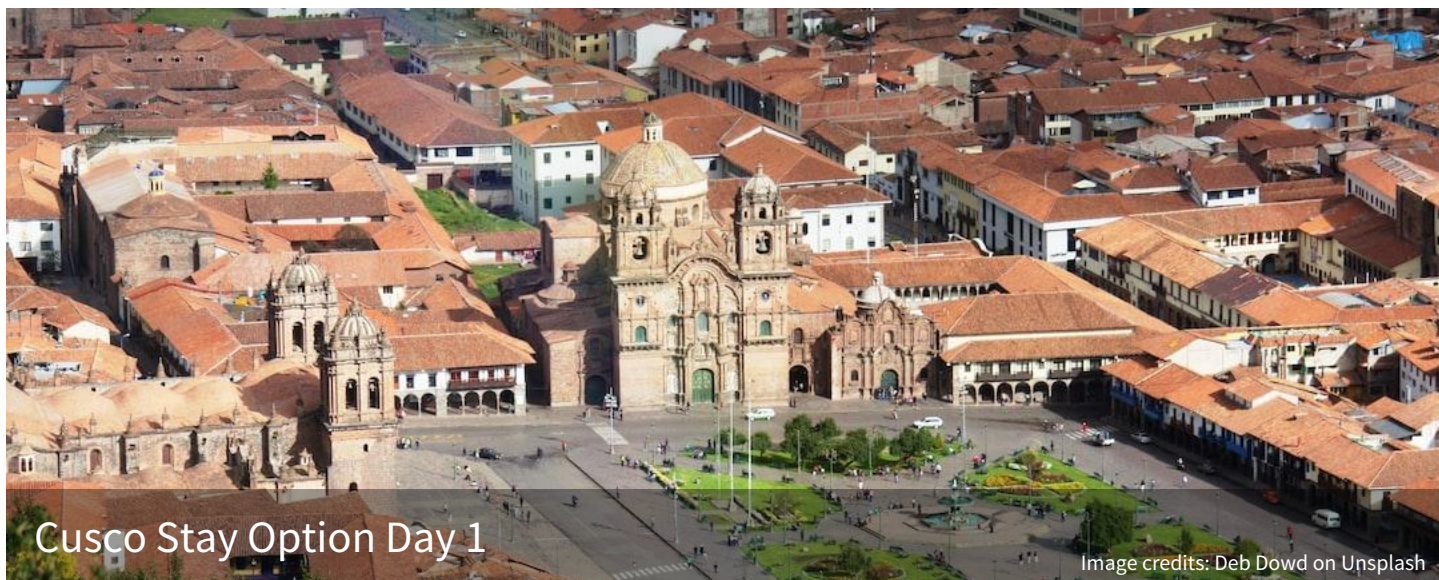
Tents are provided and the porters will set them up and take them down for you. Extra equipment such as sleeping bags, camping mattresses, and walking poles are available to rent, or you can bring your own.

Enjoy G Adventures-supported handmade biodegradable soap products, for use on our trek. This *G Adventures for Good* project empowered local Cusqueña women to start their own business in order to reduce the environmental impact of treks in the region. *Planeterra* (G Adventures' non-profit foundation) provided \$10,000 of seed funding for two young entrepreneurs to register their biodegradable products in order to sell them to the tourism industry. "Esencia Andina" is now a successful business that produces biodegradable soaps, detergents, and natural products for travelers, guides, porters, and cooks on our treks. Learn more about this small business [here](#).

Safety

The local operations teams in Cusco and Lima are nearby and available 24/7 in case of emergency. The trekking team carries radios and oxygen for emergencies and are trained in First Aid and evacuation.

Here is a [link to an overview of the full hiking experience](#).



Cusco Stay Option Day 1

Image credits: Deb Dowd on Unsplash

Leave the hikers to start their trek and head out to explore Moray and Maras ancient Incan ruins. Enjoy a scenic drive through Andean farmland on the way.

After breakfast visit the Ollantaytambo ruins where you'll walk up the 200 stone steps to reach the top. Return to the Sacred Valley with your G representative to explore the sites of the Maras Salt Mines and the ancient Incan agricultural terraces of Moray. Continue on a scenic drive through small villages and stunning views of the Andean countryside. Then visit the Chincheros ruins. Known to the Incas as the birthplace of the rainbow, this site offers stunning views of the Andean countryside. Return to Cusco for the evening.



Ollantaytambo Ruins Guided Tour

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Tour the town and fortress of Ollantaytambo with a local guide. Take a step back in time at this Inca archaeological site; it still shows signs of its former glory, including agricultural terraces, a Temple Hill, and storehouses. Learn how the area, overlooking the Urubamba River Valley, was an important stronghold during warfare between the Spanish and Incas.



Moray Ruins Guided Tour

Drive a little more than an hour to get to the Moray archaeological site. Tour these unique Inca ruins, consisting of circular terraces and a sophisticated irrigation system located at 1,1483 ft. Learn about the history and study of this fascinating site speculation has it that it was an Inca agriculture experiment station.



Maras Salt Mines

Visit the impressive Maras Salt Mines, after Moray. See thousands of individual ancient salt pools spilling over a hillside. Learn about the different varieties of salt, and try the renowned pink salt, famous worldwide.

Then, set out on a scenic drive above the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop along the way to look out over small farms carved into the hills and small villages dotted along the landscape. Enjoy the views and have lunch near Maras, opt to relax, explore the surroundings.



Chincheros Ruins Visit

Chincheros is known to the Incas as the birthplace of the rainbow. This typical Andean village has Inca ruins, a colonial church, and sweeping mountain views. Explore the ruins and check out the impressive architecture of this ancient place.



Hotel Prisma Cusco (Or Similar)

Sep 25

Check In

Sep 27

Check Out

2 Nights

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- Currency Exchange
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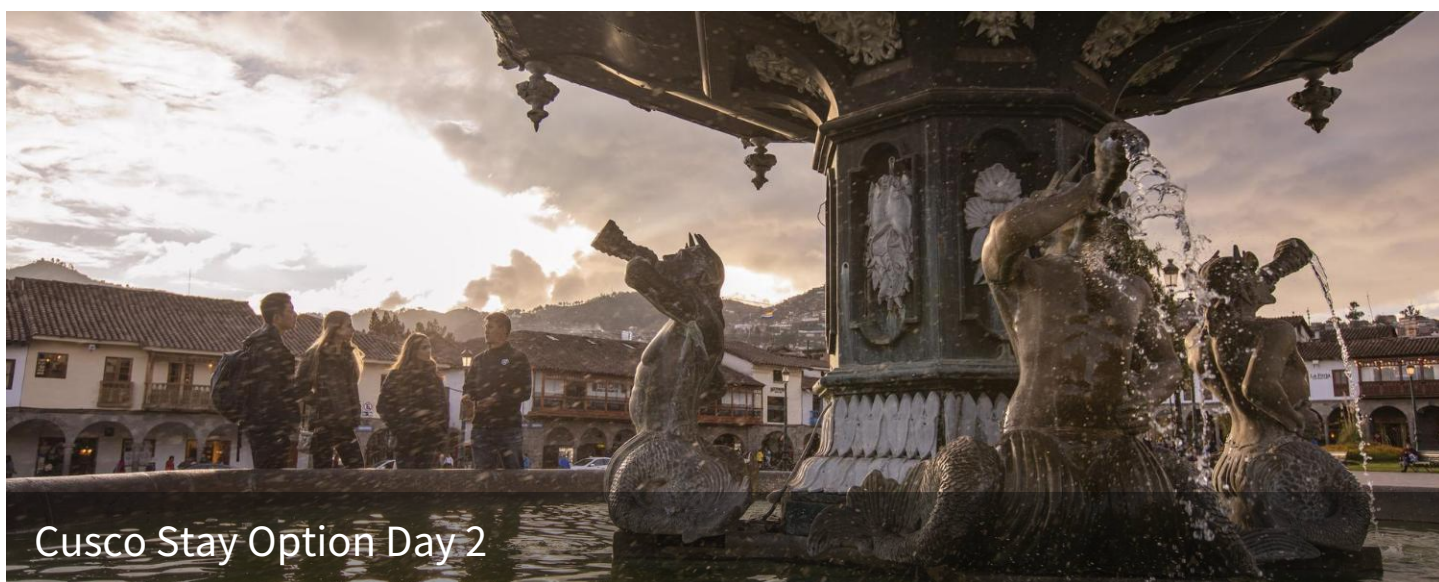
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Thursday · September 26th



Start early to trek over progressively spectacular and steeper terrain on your way to Warmiwañusca (aka Dead Woman's Pass), the highest point of the trek at 13,769 ft. Be prepared to face strong Andean weather (blazing sun or cold winds) around the pass. Take the hike slow, and drink lots of water along the way – amazing views are waiting as a reward. There are periodic breaks built in. Enjoy some ample time to rest and relax after reaching the camp; most campers arrive around early afternoon.



Fill up on breakfast at your hotel in Cusco before walking to the Cusco Cathedral where your guide will meet the group for your walking tour of Cusco's colonial side. See the colonial and Inca architecture visible throughout the city and visit the Sapantiana staircase waterfall aqueduct before having lunch near the main plaza. Afterwards, walk back to the hotel and enjoy free time for the rest of the evening.

Optional Activities (Not Included)

Cusco Tourist Ticket

130PEN per person (approximately \$35)

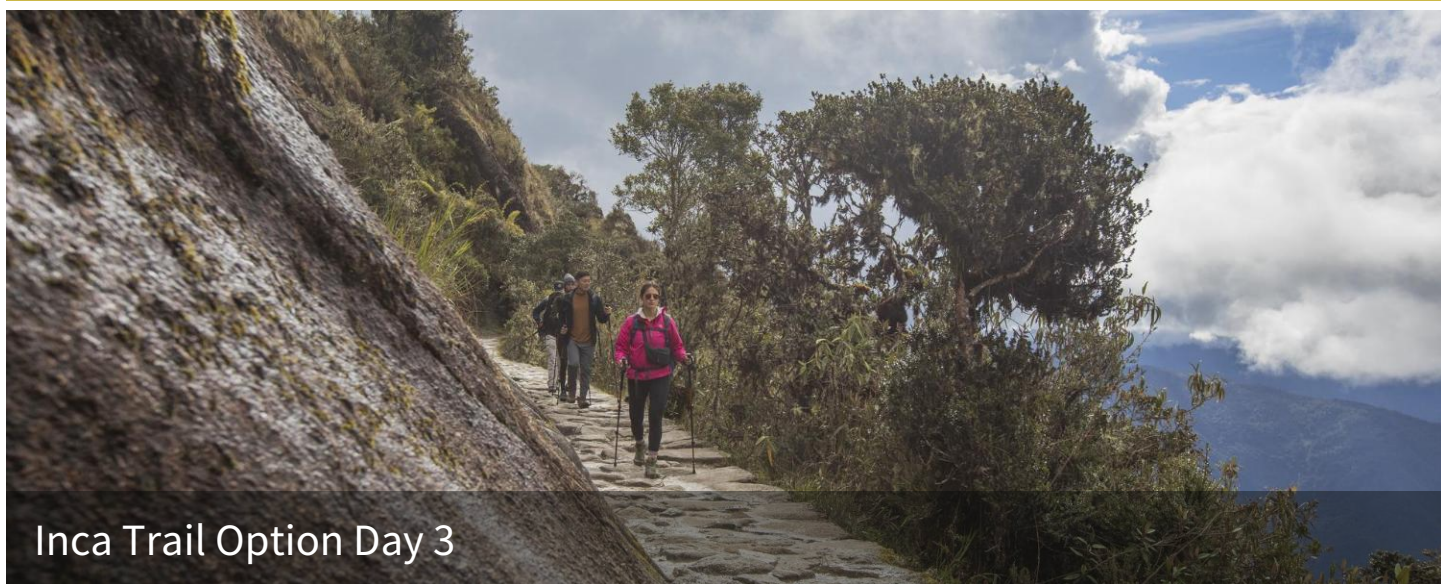
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Friday · September 27th



Inca Trail Option Day 3

Cross two more passes and ruins on today's trek. The first pass is Runkuraqay at 13,113 ft where, on a clear day, hikers can catch a glimpse of the snow-capped Cordillera Vilcabamba. Hike through the cloud forest on a gentle climb to the second pass of the day, walking through original Incan constructions. The highest point of the pass is 12,136 ft. On a clear day, enjoy the spectacular views of the Urubamba Valley. At 11,972 ft, reach the ruins of Phuyupatamarca, the "town above the clouds." Camp here or go another 1.5 hrs to the Wiñay Wayna ruins ("forever young") located at 8,694 ft. Periodic breaks for snacks and lunch are built into the itinerary.



Cusco Stay Option Day 3

After breakfast at the hotel in Cusco, the group will travel by van to Ollantaytambo to catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes. After enjoying a quick orientation walk around the town of Aguas Calientes the group will have free time for optional activities. Opt to visit the Machu Picchu Museum, the Mandor Waterfalls, and the butterfly garden. Or consider taking a dip in some thermal baths to relax those muscles.

Optional Activities (Not included in package)

Machu Picchu Museum Visit

7USD per person

Get an in-depth look at Inca history and learn more about Hiram Bingham, the American archaeologist and explorer that discovered Machu Picchu. The museum holds the largest collection of Inca artifacts excavated from Machu Picchu. Your guide will point out items of interest so you walk away feeling like an explorer yourself.

Mandor Waterfalls Optional Visit

20PEN per person (Approximately \$5)

This botanical garden boasts a beautiful waterfall, varied wildlife and lush scenery. Walk along one of the trails and admire the many orchids.

Machu Picchu Thermal Baths

6USD per person

After Machu Picchu, the biggest tourist attraction in the town of Aguas Calientes are its thermal baths. Temperatures vary from 100.4 ° F to 44°C. The waters come from a natural spring of volcanic origin that is yellowish in colour due to the presence of sulfur.

Machu Picchu Butterfly Garden

20PEN per person (Approximately \$5)

This sanctuary is located inside the National Park of Machu Picchu. There are more than 100 different endemic species here and you'll have the opportunity to see them on this visit to the House of Butterflies.



Sep 27

Check In

Sep 28

Check Out

1 Night



Inca Trail Option Day 4

Wake around 3:30 AM to reach the Sun Gate as early as possible (about 1.5 hrs). Head to the checkpoint and join the lineup to wait for the gate to open. Catch the first views of the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu (fingers crossed for a clear day). Hike down to Machu Picchu (about 45 mins) for a 1.5 hr guided tour of the site. Learn about the history and gain insights into this massive mountaintop citadel while wandering through ancient dwellings, stone temples and along sculpted terraces. Feel the energy of this 15th-century site, now both a UNESCO World Heritage site and voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide internet poll.

Opt to visit the Inca Bridge (a 15-min walk one way) for no additional charge, if time allows.

Climb aboard a train back to Cusco.



Cusco Stay Option Day 4

Rise early to catch the first bus up to Machu Picchu with your guide. Enjoy a guided visit to the ruins, then head back down by bus to Aguas Calientes to meet up with the rest of the group. Take the scenic train back to Ollantaytambo to meet the van for the ride back to Cusco.



Hotel Prisma Cusco (Or Similar)

Sep 28

Check In

Sep 29

Check Out

1 Night

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Amenities

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Currency Exchange
Laundry Service

Room Selection

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Standard Room

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Sunday · September 29th

Depart Cusco or Extend Your Stay

Choose to fly home today or extend your time in Peru with a variety of options. You can add a night or two in Cusco, hop back to Lima to explore the Peruvian Coast, embark on an Amazonian River Cruise, spend some time at an Amazonian Lodge, or take in the breathtaking views of Lake Titicaca.

If you're interested in extending your stay, please contact Pandia for more information.

Transfer

Departure Location
Cusco Hotel

Arrival Location
Cusco Airport