

TRIP EXTENSIONS - PERU

Macchu Picchu Day Trip (Inca Trail and Inca Adventure)

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This day trip occurs on day 8 of our Inca trail and Inca Adventure trips. If you choose not to see Machu Picchu, you will have the day free to explore the beautiful town of Ollantaytambo on your own.



Price: \$250 Cdn

The price includes:

- return Sacred Valley train trip from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes
- bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu
- admission to Machu Picchu
- guide

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Macchu Picchu. 3d/2n. (Awesome Andes Trip)

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Itinerary

Day 1: Early flight from Lima to Cusco. Our team will meet you in the airport and take you to the main plaza of Cusco to start the Sacred Valley Tour. You will visit Pisac, Urubamba and Ollantaytambo (tickets not included). At the end of the day, you will take the train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and you are going to stay in a nice hotel in the middle of the Amazon Jungle!

Day 2: Early in the morning, your guide will meet you in the hotel and take you to visit Machu Picchu. You will have a 2-hour guided tour of the ruins and then free time on your own to continue exploring Machu Picchu. Upon return to Aguas Calientes, you'll hop on the train for the return trip to Cusco.

Day 3: You'll have the morning free to explore the city of Cusco and surrounding area before catching the last flight back to Lima at 3:30 pm. You'll be back at your hotel in Miraflores in time for dinner.

Price: \$900 Cdn

Single Supplement: \$100 CAD

The price includes:

- Two airport transfers (one in Lima and one in Cusco).
- Lima – Cusco – Lima flight.
- Sacred Valley Tour.
- Train to Machu Picchu.
- Tour to Machu Picchu (Bus, Entrance fee, guide).
- Two nights at 3 star hotels or similar.
- Guided tour to Machu Picchu

Not included:

- Entrance tickets to Pisac and Ollantaytambo.
- Airport taxes.
- Meals.

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Tambopata National Reserve (Jungle Trip). 4d/3n.

Our partners from the Amazon Jungle operate three award winning lodges on the Tambopata National Reserve. Each Amazon lodge uncovers a wide array of fascinating ecotourism experiences in the middle of our jungle. Refugio Amazonas is the lodge we have selected for your tour and it's located at 2 ½ hours by boat from Puerto Maldonado. This fascinating place will give you a unique and special touch with the wildlife of the Amazon Jungle.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Flight from Lima or Cusco to Puerto Maldonado. Puerto Maldonado is the entrance to the Peruvian Southern Jungle and for the Tambopata National Reserve. It is located just 30 minutes of



flight from Cusco. Our guides will meet leave unnecessary equipment and sail on the river lightly. The 2 ½ hours of sailing will take us to the Tambopata National Reserve's checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. You will have lunch on the Refugio Amazonas and on the afternoon our guides will give you an orientation and safety guidelines. At night we will go in search for some caimans that lives near the river.

Day 2: After breakfast we will start our activities going to Sachavacayoc Oxbow Lake. A two hour hike takes you to Sachavacayoc Lake. You will then paddle around the lake in a catamaran, searching for the resident family of five giant river otters (seen by about 30% of lake visitors) and other lakeside wildlife such as caiman, hoatzin and horned screamers. We hike out at dawn - when otters are active. Don't forget the two hour return hike! For those who do not want to take the long hike Condado Lake, thirty minutes from the lodge, is an option. After lunch we will make a farm visit and also an ethno botanical garden visit. Five minutes downriver from the lodge lays a farm owned and managed

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by charismatic Don Manuel from the neighboring community of Condonado. He grows a variety of popular and unknown Amazon crops - just about every plant and tree you see serves a purpose. He has also identified and cultivated many of the medicinal plants used in the region in a little backyard garden.

Our next visit is the Brasil Nut's garden. A few minutes hike from the lodge is a beautiful old growth patch of Brazil Nut forest that has been harvested for decades (if not centuries) where the precarious remains of a camp used two months a year by Brazil Nut gatherers can still be experienced. We will be demonstrating the whole process of the rain forest's only sustainable harvested product from collection through transportation to drying. After dinner it is programmed a night walk. You will have the option of hiking out at night, when most of the mammals are active but rarely seen. Much easier to find are frogs with shapes and sounds as bizarre as their natural histories.



Day 3: After breakfast we will visit a parakeet clay lick. A fifteen minute boat ride and sixty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas is a parakeet clay lick. From a blind you will see parakeets descend on most clear days to ingest the clay on a bank. Species such as Dusky headed and Cobalt winged Parakeet descend at this clay lick. We visit the lick at dawn, when parrots are most active or in midmorning or early afternoon, when they are active.

Mammal clay lick: Twenty minutes walking from Refugio Amazonas is a peccary clay lick. These wild rain forest pigs show up in herds of five to twenty individuals to eat clay in the late morning. Chances of spotting them are around 15%, but well worth the short hike. Other wildlife also shows up including deer, guan and parakeets. After lunch we will head on to the Canopy towers. A thirty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas leads to the 25 meter scaffolding canopy tower. A banister staircase running through the middle provides safe access to the platforms above. The tower has been built upon high ground, therefore increasing your horizon of the continuous primary forest extending out towards the Tambopata National Reserve. From here views of mixed species canopy flocks as well as toucans, macaws and raptors are likely. Tambopata National Reserve Lecture. After dinner, we offer nightly

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lectures prepared by the staff of Refugio Amazonas, cover conservation threats, opportunities and projects in the Tambopata National Reserve.

Day 4: After breakfast you will be transferred by boat from Refugio Amazonas to Tambopata River Port, then to Puerto Maldonado Headquarters office and finally to Puerto Maldonado airport. From here you will take your return flight to Lima or Cusco.

Boat Transportation: All our boats are 20 foot long, roofed canoes with 55 hp outboard motors. Daily arrivals and departures from every port are scheduled to meet every airline's arrival and departure with a maximum two hour wait.



Price: \$1200 Cdn

Single supplement: \$150 Cdn

The price includes:

- Four days and three nights at Refugio Amazonas.
- All meals during your stay at Refugio Amazonas.
- Domestic flight to and from Puerto Maldonado
- Airport transfers.

The price does not include airport taxes and fees.

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Arequipa and Colca Canyon. 4d/3n.

Arequipa is the second biggest city in Peru. It is located at an altitude of 2,380 masl (7,740 ft.) and it's the entrance to the Colca Canyon and the Volcano's Valley. The city lies in the highlands at the foot of the snow-capped volcano El Misti. El Misti is currently inactive, but erupted strongly between 1438 and 1471. Arequipa has many fine colonial-era Spanish buildings built of sillar, a pearly white volcanic rock used extensively in the city, and from which it gets its nickname La Ciudad Blanca ("the white city"). In December 2000, UNESCO declared the historical center of Arequipa a World Heritage Site, stating the following: "The historical center of Arequipa is an example of ornamented architecture, represents a masterpiece of the creative coalition of European and native characteristics. A colonial town challenged by the conditions of nature, the indigenous influences, the conquest process and evangelism as well as for a spectacular natural scenario."



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The Colca Canyon, twice as deep as the Grand Canyon, is in the province of Caylloma and the Cotahuasi canyon is in the province of La Union. Colca Valley provides incredible close-up views of majestic Andean condors soaring in their natural habitat. Cotahuasi, at 3535 meters is presently thought to be the deepest canyon in the world. Both canyons offer spectacular scenery and villages as yet unaffected by the modern world. Since they are such major features of the landscape, the Colca and Cotahuasi canyons are both easily recognizable in even low-resolution satellite photos of the region (Ask for side trips to Cotahuasi Canyon).

Itinerary:

Day 1: Flight from Lima or Cusco to Arequipa. In Arequipa you will meet our team at the airport and you will go first to the hotel to leave your baggage and prepare for the afternoon city and country side tour. At 2:00 PM you will meet in your hotel with our team to start a 4 hours tour to the center and the countryside of Arequipa. You will visit main attractions like the Cathedral, the main plaza, Yanahuara lookout, Santa

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Catalina convent, Sabandia mill, the main plaza and terraces of Paucarpata between other attractions. You will have the night free to explore Arequipa's nightlife.

Day 2: After breakfast you will meet our team at 8:00 AM to start your tour to the Colca Canyon. You will border the Chachani Volcano and reach a Vicuña Reserve on the highlands of Arequipa. From this point you will see many snow-capped glaciers and other natural attractions before you reach Chivay in the Colca Canyon. You will have lunch in Chivay and in the afternoon you will have a 2 hours walk on the right side of the river to finally end on the hot springs of La Calera, one of the best hot springs in Peru. At night you will visit a folkloric restaurant to enjoy local music and dances.



Day 3: At 6:00 AM you will have breakfast and then you will be transferred to the Condor's Cross, a natural lookout to see the Condor's flight and the Colca River more than 1,500 meters below you. After a super-landscape -views walk on that area we will start our return to Chivay and finally to Arequipa. You will spend the night in Arequipa.

Day 4: You will have all the morning to visit other attractions in Arequipa and in the afternoon you will be transferred to the airport to take your return flight to Lima. (Ask for earlier flights).

Price: \$1050 Cdn

Single supplement: \$150 Cdn

The price includes:

- 3 nights at three star hotels. Breakfast included.
- Domestic flight to and from Arequipa.
- Airport transfers.
- City and country side tour.
- Colca Tour.
- Activities in the Colca Canyon.
- Entrance fee to the Colca Canyon.

The price does not include airport taxes and fees.

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Puno & Lake Titicaca. 3d/2n.

Puno is just 4 hours away from Cusco by bus. On the way there are numerous Inca remains and other attractions that will make the trip more interesting. The Lake Titicaca is considered as the highest lake in the world where ships can sail. Visit this greatness of nature and explore their floating islands of Los Uros.



Itinerary:

Day 1: You will be transferred to the Inka Express bus station in Cusco to take the tourist bus to Puno. It's a luxury bus with on board service. On the way, you will stop on main Inca places and your guide will explain the history of each place. You will visit Andahuaylillas, Raqchi and Pukara. The bus will stop on the way to have a lunch buffet on a local restaurant. You will reach Puno around 5:00 pm. Overnight in Puno.



Day 2: Uros floating islands. Early in the morning you will be transferred to the port in Lake Titicaca. You will visit the floating island of Los Uros and see how this people live. You will have lunch in Lake Titicaca and have a guided tour over the floating islands and Taquile Island. Overnight in Puno.

Day 3: Return to Cusco. Early in the morning you will have your last guided tour to the archaeological site of Sillustani. On the afternoon you will take the bus to Cusco.

Price: \$650 Cdn

Single supplement: \$150 Cdn

The price includes:

- 2 nights at three star hotel in Puno. Breakfast included.
- Tourist bus to Puno.
- Tour to Lake Titicaca, Uros Island and Taquile Island.
- Tour to Sillustani archaeological site
- Return bus to Cusco.

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