



## PERU: MACHU PICCHU & THE SACRED VALLEY - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Latin America, Peru



8 days from AU\$13,070 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Sample Peruvian cuisine at a Chef's Table experience to understand its cultural impact on Peru and the world, and enjoy an exclusive A&K street food tour led by a local chef
- Mingle with the residents of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and gain an intimate understanding of their ancestral weaving and farming techniques during a private visit to their village, where you partake in a Pachamama ceremony
- Enjoy a private lecture on Machu Picchu with a renowned scholar in Incan history before discovering the magnificent ruins for yourself in the company of a local expert guide
- Discover Peru's rich musical traditions during a captivating private performance by an expert in Andean music
- From April through December, opt to trek the last portion of the Inca Trail from KM 104 to Machu Picchu



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Lima, Peru**

Arrive in Lima and transfer to your hotel, located in the city's exclusive residential district of Miraflores. Founded in 1535 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, this "City of Kings" is a blend of colonial structures, pre-Colombian sites and modern conveniences.

***Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima***

### **Day 2: Lima | Discovering Peruvian Cuisine**

Start with a visit this morning to Huaca Pucllana, a historical site in the midst of urban Lima. Then, visit a food market in the company of a local chef before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, stroll the city's colourful Barranco, an artists' haven, and visit the Osma Museum. Continue your gastronomic discovery of Peru on a Chef's Table experience, savouring the delicious dishes you have cooked for dinner.

***Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Sacred Valley | Cusco & Camelids**

Fly to Cusco, located more than 3,352 metres above sea level, where you are met and transferred to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit an animal sanctuary to interact with the South American camelids living there — such as llamas and alpacas — and learn about the valuable fibres created from their coats. Then, visit the beautiful Hacienda Sarapampa to savour lunch with the owner, who cordially shares his family's history in farming and shows you around the farm. Continue to your awe-inspiring resort, designed to fit in with the Sacred Valley's landscapes.

***Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD***

#### **Day 4: Sacred Valley | Learning Time-Honoured Traditions**

Visit a remote village where the local residents provide a hands-on introduction to the customs and crafts that make up their way of life, including weaving and cooking, for an A&K-exclusive experience. Then, participate in one of Peru's oldest and most sacred rituals when you join a local shaman in a traditional offering to Mother Earth (Pachamama). After this spiritual ceremony, visit the Kuychi Centre to meet the children at Niños del Arco Iris (Children of the Rainbow), a project supported by A&K Philanthropy that provides education, nutrition, medical care and hope to children in the Sacred Valley. Sit down to lunch served on site before returning to your hotel, where you prepare for your visit to Machu Picchu with a private lecture from a renowned scholar and expert on the Incas. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure, gazing upon the soaring Andes and savouring a refreshing Scenic Sundowner.

***Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD***

#### **Day 5: Machu Picchu | Bingham's Stunning Find**

Today, explore Ollantaytambo, a fortress of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes and the site of the Incas' greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Then Ride Like a Local, journeying aboard the Inca Rail First-Class Train deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu, gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, explore the ruins with your expert guide and, as you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this majestic high-altitude citadel. Overlooking the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca Empire. Although this "Lost City" was revealed to the rest of the world by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, its location was long known to locals. Alternatively (for an additional cost), travel by train for the same scenic ride, but with a twist: disembark at KM 104 and set out with a guide on a hike that culminates at the Sun Gate (Inti Punku), looking out over the vast UNESCO World Heritage Site. Either way, arrive for your overnight stay at the only hotel located on-site at marvellous Machu Picchu.

***Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Machu Picchu | Walking the Spectacular Ruins**

Rise with the sun to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive, an experience some consider the spiritual highlight of the journey. After exploring the “Lost City of the Incas,” board the Vistadome train back to Ollantaytambo. Continue to Cusco, where you check in to your hotel, once a 16th-century monastery and now a national monument that offers a retreat from the bustle of Cusco while set just off the city square.

***Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: BL***

### **Day 7: Cusco | Plaza de Armas & Colossal Sacsayhuaman**

This morning, discover Cusco on a city tour that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple. Listen as a local expert explains how the historic clashes between the Incas and the Spanish played a role in forming today’s Peruvian culture. Later, visit the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. This imposing fortress, which witnessed the greatest battle between the Spanish and the Incas, is compiled from colossal stones and overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure to rest or shop. Tonight, listen to a private Andean music presentation by a regional expert and learn the history of his handmade instruments. Absorb not only the timeless quality of the Peruvian folk tunes he plays but the unmistakable cultural identity revealed by their haunting, immersive melodies as well. Afterwards, sit down to a farewell dinner at an elegant Cusco restaurant, where the chef gathers local ingredients for use in innovative recipes that remain true to Peru’s culinary traditions.

***Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: BL D***

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## Day 8: Depart Lima | Design Your Day

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Visit the San Blas Neighbourhood**, a unique, bohemian enclave where you find the workshops of artisans.
- **Stroll San Pedro Market and Visit the Inca Museum** for a taste of local fruits and cheese, and a glimpse of daily life, followed by a look back into Peru's rich history.
- **Explore with an Expert Photographer** who helps you refine your skills and capture Cusco as a local sees it, including its narrow streets and beautiful houses.

Later, board your departing flight.

***Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom) | Meals: B***

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## Journey Details

Internal air included: Lima/Cusco; Cusco/Lima

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 9:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: airport assistance in Lima upon return from Cusco on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

For a supplement, Hike the Inca Trail from KM 104 as an optional activity on departures from April through December. This full-day high-altitude hike is challenging and over steep and uneven terrain. A good level of physical fitness and appropriate footwear is necessary.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## Customise this Journey

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

## Map





## Accommodation

### Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima



Renowned for its beautiful garden location beside the Pacific Ocean, the Miraflores Park enjoys breath-taking views out to sea. In typical Belmond style, it combines personalised service, exceptional dining and indulgent facilities to create the perfect base from which to explore - colonial architecture, superb museums and glamorous shops, bars and restaurants are all just moments from the hotel.

The suites are very well appointed and have huge windows to let the light, and the views, flood in. Tastefully decorated in neutral tones, they are brought to life by colonial style furniture and details like freshly cut flowers. As you'd expect, every detail, from the fine cotton linen on the beds to the size of the showerheads in marbled bathrooms has been designed with the utmost care, to create comfortable and stylish accommodation.

#### Why we like it

- The suites offer wonderful city, ocean or garden views, whilst the Presidential Suites all have private terraces
- Set in one of Lima's most fashionable areas, the Miraflores Park Hotel puts guests at the heart of all that's best about this great capital city
- Dining options include Mesa 18 for a culinary experience based on local ingredients, and The Observatory Restaurant

- The hotel has a lovely roof terrace swimming pool
- Other facilities include bars and lounges, a fitness centre and the innovative 'Bath Butler' service

## Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba



Built in the heart of the Urubamba Valley, among the flowers and trees that carpet the mountainous region, Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba has been designed with the architecture of the Cusco region in mind. Local life is also reflected in the kitchen, with alpaca steaks, river trout, lamb and guinea pig bred at Inkaterra's own organic homestead near that quite well-known ruin, Macchu Pichu. From the arrival drinks (pisco sours, Peruvian beers made from quinoa, wheat and maize, or chilled purple corn) to the vegetable garden, it's unlikely you'll go hungry. You can work off the indulgence in the 14-acre grounds or roam further afield with one of the hotel's ecological guides.

Each room is designed as a calm retreat to return to after a busy day of exploring, with warm fireplaces for the colder mountain nights, terraces for panoramic views, dining areas for private meals, and a living area to take some time out. VIP treatment comes as standard so take an extra day just to enjoy the calm of your private palace.

### Why we like it

- Nothing but awe-inspiring views over the Sacred Valley
- Modern design with colonial inspiration, set in an iconic Peruvian valley
- The 10 acre organic plantation affords the freshest produce: you can pick your own vegetables for dinner
- Experience a multitude of activities, including horse riding, bird watching and star gazing

## Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu



This Belmond hotel stands amidst a place rich in ancient heritage, renowned spirituality and incredible natural beauty. It is the ideal base from which to explore the archaeological wonders, spot rare species of birds and flowers (especially orchids of which there are an estimated 300 species in the area) or unwind and enjoy breath-taking scenery from the lodge's garden.

An intimate hotel, it has fewer than 30 rooms and only two suites, so we recommend requesting this hotel well in advance. All are simply, yet stylishly furnished, with large comfortable beds dressed with warm duvets.

Pleasant as they are, however, the rooms (and everything else) play second fiddle to the location. No other hotel stands as close to the Inca citadel or offers such jaw-dropping views.

### Why we like it

- 12 of the 29 rooms and suites have mountain views, some from private terraces
- The Sanctuary Lodge enjoys an exclusive location, nestled adjacent to the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu Inca citadel
- The intimate Tampu Restaurant serves international cuisine and Andean specialities using fresh, local ingredients
- Spa services include Inca or aromatherapy massages and complimentary yoga sessions
- Other facilities include bars and terraces, beautiful gardens and, of course, an array of tours and excursions to Machu Picchu (as well as some of the area's lesser known sights)

## Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco



One of the cities most unique hotels, Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco combines centuries-old charm with professional service. A national monument, you can experience a touch of Peruvian history without even leaving your room, each one remaining largely unchanged. All rooms are unique, varying in design and size. Most offer pleasant views across the courtyard of the cobbled streets of Cusco.

With a 300-year old cedar tree as its centrepiece and a chapel complete with an art collection, this elegant hotel is rooted within the local culture. The Belmond's team will be happy to arrange guided cultural tours, traditional crafts classes or even a hands-on cooking class. In the evenings, sit back and relax at the elegant lobby bar with a pisco sour in hand whilst listening to the finest jazz musicians.

### Why we like it

- A restored 16th-century monastery, the hotel is renowned for its magnificent architecture and impressive art collection
- Discover the origins of Peru's national drink, pisco, and enjoy tasting several varieties
- Take a tour of vibrant San Pedro Market before taking part in an action-packed cookery class

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## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### Dec 6, 2024 - Dec 13, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,070 pp</b>	AU\$4,760	Included	Call for Availability

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### Dec 13, 2024 - Dec 20, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$13,070 pp</b>	AU\$4,760	Included	Call for Availability

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