



## PERU: MACHU PICCHU & THE AMAZON - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Peru, Latin America



13 days from AU\$25,720 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Explore the pristine Amazon Rainforest on a four-night cruise aboard our all-new boutique riverboat Pure Amazon, disembarking on daily shore excursions, including to the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, one of the most pristine, biodiverse regions in the Amazon Basin
- Join a guided nature walk in the Sacred Valley, accompanied by llamas on a trek that features a gourmet picnic
- Ride through scenic vistas by train en route to Machu Picchu
- For a more active experience, enjoy the option to trek the last portion of the Inca Trail from KM 104 to Machu Picchu
- Discover one of the culinary capitals of South America on a biking gourmet food tour in Lima



## Itinerary

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

Arrive in Lima, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

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

### **Day 2: Lima | Immersion in Peruvian Cuisine**

Set out for a guided visit to a market to learn about the products used locally for Peruvian cuisine. Continue by bike, stopping along the way for juice and a Peruvian lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, return to the hotel by bike or car, enjoying time to freshen up and rest. This afternoon, embark on a colonial city tour, starting in the historical centre of Lima, visiting Casa de Aliaga and Santo Domingo Convent. Stop at a chocolate shop for a brief explanation on the importance of chocolate and coffee production in the Amazon region. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner at a top-flight local restaurant.

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

### **Day 3: Cusco | Into the Sacred Valley**

Fly to Cusco, arriving in time for lunch. Head out for the Sacred Valley, stopping en route at a centre devoted to caring for South American camelids, such as llamas, guanacos and alpacas. Arrive at your hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to acclimatise. This evening, dine at your hotel's restaurant.

***Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 4: Sacred Valley | Village Visit & Llama Walk**

Begin your day with a refreshing light trek — escorted by llamas — on a trail that overlooks a lake, and then proceed to a village in the Sacred Valley to meet with members of the local community. Stop for a delicious picnic lunch before enjoying an afternoon at leisure capped off by a Scenic Sundowner. Tonight, dine at your hotel.

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### **Day 5: Machu Picchu | Stunning Citadel of the Incas**

Start the day by exploring 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, journey by Inca Rail First-Class Train deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Upon arrival, transfer up to Machu Picchu and check into the only hotel on site, situated just steps from the Incan citadel. This 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 citadel. Alternatively (for an additional cost), you may opt to hike the Inca Trail en route. Depart early, forgoing the visit to Ollantaytambo, boarding a many-windowed Vistadome 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.

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

### **Day 6: Machu Picchu | In the Spectacular “Lost City”**

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. 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. Its original purpose, however, remains a matter of some conjecture, as the Incas left no written records. Enjoy lunch before returning to Ollantaytambo by Vistadome Train. Continue to Cusco.

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

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

Discover Cusco on a city tour that includes the remnants of Korikancha, once a major Incan religious center, as well as 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, an imposing fortress compiled from colossal stones. Later, enjoy time at leisure to rest or shop. This evening, dine at an elegant Cusco restaurant, where the chef gathers local ingredients for use in innovative recipes that honour Peru's culinary traditions.

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

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## Day 8: Cusco | Design Your Day

Experience Cusco your way, enjoying one of these Design Your Day activities.

- **Visit the San Blas Neighbourhood**, a unique, bohemian enclave where you visit the workshops of artisans.
- **Stroll San Pedro Market and Visit the Inca Museum**, first tasting local fruits and cheese and glimpsing daily life, and then looking 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 this afternoon, depart for Lima. Enjoy dinner at the hotel before you retire early to rest up for the next leg of the adventure.

### *Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: BD*

## Day 9: Nauta | Cruising the Maraïón

Today, fly to Iquitos. Upon arrival, journey overland into the Peruvian countryside en route to remote Nauta, a village set on the banks of the Maraïón River, one of the Amazon's three main tributaries. Begin your four-night river-cruise adventure, embarking elegant Pure Amazon, A&K's all-new boutique riverboat offering an intimate and exclusive experience. Designed for sustainable exploration and authentic cultural immersion it features panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows for superb wildlife viewing and a staff-to-guest ratio of over 1:1, ensuring exceptional, personalised attention. Settle into your spacious suite before meeting the expert naturalist guides who accompany your expedition. This evening, gather for dinner featuring innovative Amazonian cuisine.

### *Pure Amazon | Meals: BD*

## Day 10: Pure Amazon | Seeking the Life of the Forest

In this paradise for birders, where vibrantly coloured macaws may be seen gliding overhead, start your day at dawn's first light on an expert-led birding excursion. View any of the hundreds of amphibians, reptiles and mammals that call the Amazon home as well, including frogs, bats, iguanas and insects. Return to your ship for lunch and an exclusive midday lecture from one of the local experts travelling by your side. This evening, as the equatorial sun dips behind the treetops, you may opt to set out by skiff for a night safari, watching as your guide shines a light over the ink-black water to reveal the glowing yellow eyes of dozens of caimans and other nocturnal river dwellers.

### *Pure Amazon | Meals: BLD*

### **Day 11: Pure Amazon | Learning From the Experts**

Devote your day cruising along the Pacaya River aboard a skiff for up-close looks at shoreline flora and fauna, and be sure to scan the forest canopy for long-limbed spider monkeys or an endearingly slow-moving sloth.

***Pure Amazon | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 12: Pure Amazon | Village Visit & Piranha Fishing**

A new day along the ever-changing river brings with it new possibilities. This may be the day you spot the Amazon's fabled pink dolphins or go ashore to visit the residents of a local village to learn about daily life deep in the Amazon. Back on your vessel, enjoy lunch before heading out on another river foray or fish for piranha from a skiff, catching (and carefully releasing) this tenacious species. Later, gather for a chat with the your vessel's expert guides who recount stories of life in the Amazon, followed by a farewell dinner on board.

***Pure Amazon | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 13: Depart Lima**

Disembark Pure Amazon in Nauta and return to Iquitos to immerse yourself in everyday local life with a visit to a lively neighbourhood market with freshly harvested bounty from the surrounding forest is on display as well as the Museum of Indigenous Amazonian Cultures. Fly to Lima, where you enjoy the use of a dayroom until privately transferring to the airport for your departing flight.

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

## **Journey Details**

Internal Air Included: Lima/Cusco/Lima/Iquitos/Lima

For a supplement (\$1,150), 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.

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 on Day 13.

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

## **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
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- 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



# 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

## Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa



Escape to a luxurious and mystical journey like no other at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado. The luxury hotel in Peru is nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas and stands as a contemporary doorway to the vast cultural richness of this region. The only hotel in Urubamba with a private train station to Machu Picchu, ensuring your experience is truly an awe-inspiring one.

The hotel has just over 100 well-equipped rooms and suites. All are light and spacious, their décor combining white walls with wood panelled details, large beds and comfortable furniture. Large, floor to ceiling windows let the light flood in, and provides superb views.

Savour the refined dining options available at the hotel, with on-site restaurants featuring organic ingredients and local products. If you prefer to dine in the privacy of your room, explore the customised In-Room Dining menu, available around the clock. The lobby bar even serves refreshing cocktails.

Indulge in self-care at the therapeutic spa and maintain your exercise routine at the premier fitness centre and heated indoor pool.

### **Why we like it:**

- The hotel boasts one of the first and best spas in the area - offering Inca inspired treatments
- All rooms have private, furnished outdoor spaces
- Tambo del Inka is located in the very heart of the timeless Sacred Valley of the Incas overlooking the Urubamba River
- There is a private station for the guest to take trains to Machu Picchu

## 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

## Pure Amazon



The Amazon Basin is the biggest tropical rainforest on earth. Realistically, there's only one way to explore it: by boat. And certainly, there's only one way to explore it in the highest of high style: aboard Pure Amazon.

This meticulously conceived, state-of-the-art riverboat is quite simply unique in the region in terms of the material comfort and human expertise that it provides. A maximum of 22 passengers per cruise and a one-to-one guest-staff ratio guarantee an intimate, blissfully uncrowded, wholly focused experience, in which every detail is managed by a best-in-class local team.

Pure Amazon operates three-, four- and seven-night itineraries in and around the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, a pristine protected area of some 21,000 square kilometres in northeastern Peru.

The opportunities for wildlife spotting – from pink dolphins to colourful macaws – are matchless, whether on expert-guided excursions by land or water or observed through one of the wall-to-wall panoramic windows in your own superbly appointed suite, as you contemplate a sunset glass of something chilled and interesting on the top-deck Sky Lounge before a leisurely dinner prepared by your award-winning onboard chef. The rainbow-plumed macaws themselves will gaze down and squawk in envy from their treetop perches.

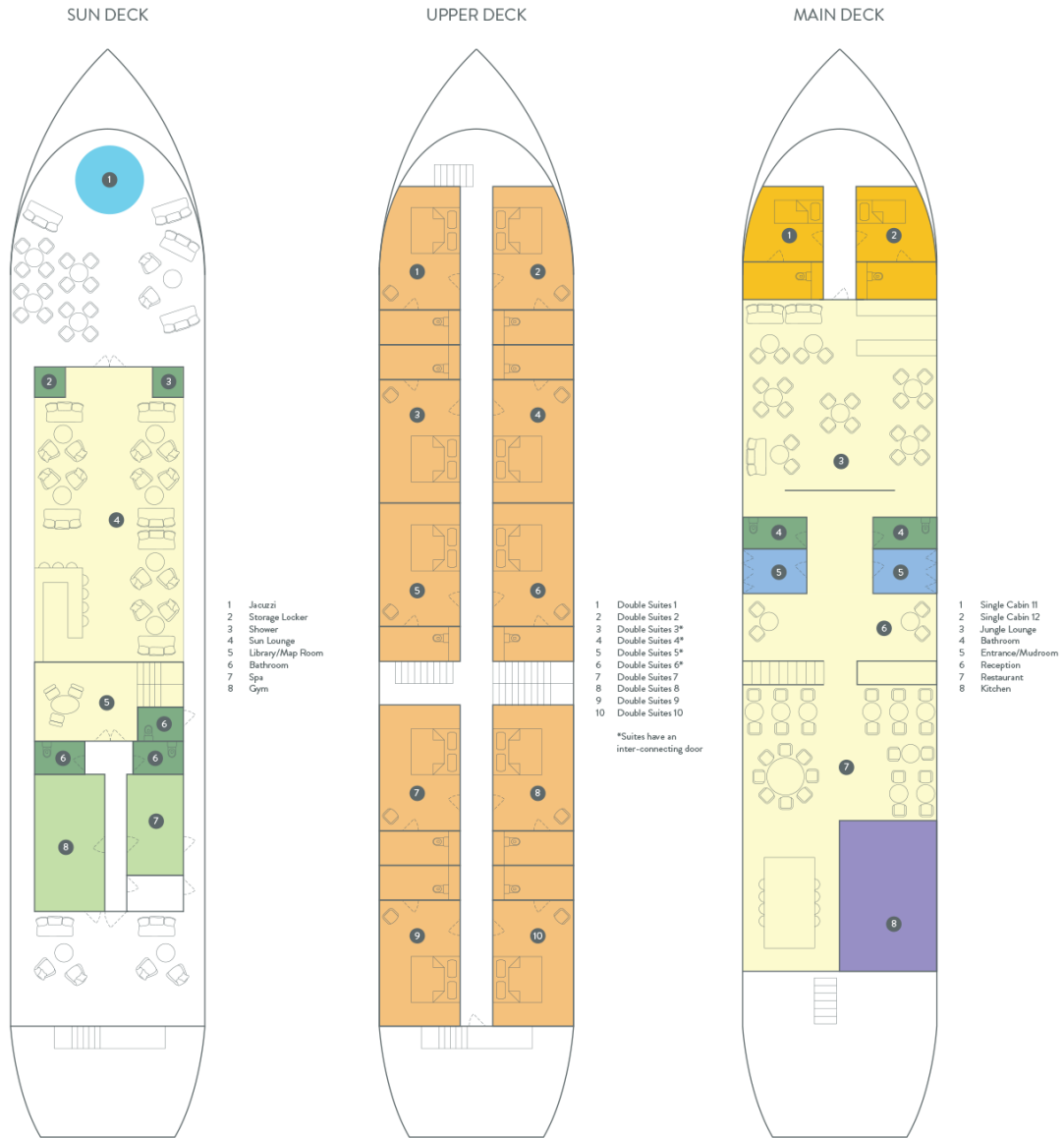
### Why we like it

- Uniquely intimate boutique river cruise with a maximum of 22 passengers, ideal for solo travellers, small groups or private charter
- Discreetly sumptuous interior design by renowned architect Adriana Granato



- Flexible excursions on land and water with best-in-class local guides
- A variety of itineraries over three, four or seven nights
- **Our top tip:** the Sky Lounge is as good for wildlife-spotting during the day as it is for stargazing at night





## Dates & Pricing

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

### Jul 4, 2025 - Jul 16, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$25,720 pp</b>	AU\$13,770	Included	Available

### Aug 1, 2025 - Aug 13, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$25,720 pp</b>	AU\$13,770	Included	Available

### Aug 22, 2025 - Sep 3, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$25,720 pp</b>	AU\$13,770	Included	Available

### Dec 12, 2025 - Dec 24, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$25,720 pp</b>	AU\$13,770	Included	Available

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