



PERU BY RIVER & RAIL - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Peru, Latin America



14 days from AU\$31,185 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

Glide through the Peruvian Amazon on a three-night cruise aboard a brand-new riverboat that reveals a biodiverse world of colourful flora and fauna. Then, discover Peru’s alluring natural and manmade wonders in comfort and style, riding through the panoramic Andes aboard the luxurious Andean Explorer train and meeting island residents on Lake Titicaca, on a truly unique itinerary designed by the experts at Abercrombie & Kent.

Journey Highlights

- Embark on Pure Amazon, the region’s newest boutique riverboat, on a three-night cruise through the Peruvian Amazon, kayaking, swimming, fishing and observing the incredible bird and animal life aboard skiff and on shore
- Cross the Andean Plateau on one of the world’s highest rail routes aboard Andean Explorer, South America’s first luxury sleeper train
- Explore the stunning ruins of Machu Picchu with an expert before a return journey on luxurious Hiram Bingham train
- Cruise on Lake Titicaca to meet the islanders of the Uros who build entire settlements from totora reeds
- Marvel at the fascinating cave paintings, some of which date back over 8,000 years, at the Sumbay Caves



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Lima, Peru

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

Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel

Day 2: Lima | Discovering Peruvian Cuisine

Start with a visit to Huaca Pucllana, a historical site in the midst of urban Lima. Proceed to a food market in the company of a local chef before, enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, stop for a coffee tasting before strolling 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 | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Iquitos & Nauta | Birthplace of the Amazon

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 Marañón River, one of the Amazon’s three main tributaries, where you are met by a river guide. Begin your three-night river 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 a dinner featuring innovative Amazonian cuisine.

Pure Amazon | Meals: BD

Day 4: Pure Amazon | Learning from the Experts

In this paradise for birders, where vibrantly coloured macaws may be seen gliding over the river, start your day at dawn’s first light on an expert-led birding excursion, catching glimpses of some of the many exotic avian species living here. View any of the hundreds of amphibians, reptiles and mammals that call the Amazon home as well, including frogs, bats, iguanas and a diverse array of insects. Be sure to scan the forest canopy for long-limbed spider monkeys or an endearingly slow-moving sloth. 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 5: 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. Afterward, relax or perhaps enjoy a swim. 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 guides of your vessel who recount stories of life in the Amazon, followed by a farewell dinner on board.

Pure Amazon | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Lima | Engaging Market & Museum Visits

Return to Nauta, bid farewell to your crew and disembark Pure Amazon before making your way to Iquitos to visit a lively market, where the freshly harvested bounty from the surrounding forest is on display, as well as the Museum of Indigenous Amazonian Cultures. Then, fly to Lima and check in to your hotel.

Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: BD

Day 7: Sacred Valley | Cusco and Camelids

This morning, fly to Cusco, located more than 3,353 metres above sea level. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the city’s main square. Afterward, continue to your awe-inspiring resort, designed to complement the Sacred Valley’s landscapes. 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.

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

Day 8: Sacred Valley | Meet With Local Residents

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.

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

Day 9: Machu Picchu | Bingham’s Stunning Find

Explore Ollantaytambo, a fortress of massive stone. Then, journey aboard the Inca Rail First-Class Train deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu and gaze out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside while you have lunch. Upon arrival, explore the ruins with your expert guide and, wandering amid the age-old stone walls, picturing 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. Enjoy tea time at Sanctuary Lodge before returning to the station and boarding the Hiram Bingham train. Travel in luxury while you enjoy a gourmet dinner en route to Cusco. Upon arrival, transfer to your elegant hotel, a former monastery.

Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Cusco | Plaza de Armas & Colossal Sacsayhuaman

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 afternoon, enjoy time at leisure. Tonight, sit down to a 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: BLD

Day 11: Andean Explorer | Discovering Raqch’i

This morning in Cusco, step aboard Andean Explorer, the first luxury sleeping train in South America, to begin a relaxing trek across the Andean plains backdropped by Peru’s lofty landscapes. Get comfortable in your deluxe cabin as the train rolls southeast to Puno and savour your first lunch on board in one of the elegant dining cars, choosing from refined Andean specialties served with contemporary flair. Upon arrival at Tinta Station, disembark to discover Raqch’i, a one-of-a-kind Incan archaeological site set more than 3,353 metres above sea level. View the remnants of high walls that were once part of the largest Inca temple ever built. Then, proceed through the stunning La Raya mountain range, before preparing for an elegant dinner on board. Afterward, you may opt to head to the bar car and chat with your fellow passengers as the train continues to Lake Titicaca.

Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train, Peru | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Andean Explorer | Floating Islands

Wake up early for breakfast on board before setting out to enjoy the eclectic beauty and rich biodiversity of Lake Titicaca, the largest lake in South America. Embark by traditional boat for a ride to the islands of the Uros, extraordinary floating manmade isles created from carefully woven reeds. Then, head to Taquille Island, where many local residents are Quechuan, for lunch before a visit to the sparkling sands of Collata Beach. Enjoy an afternoon tea on your return to the train at Puno station, before departing.

Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train, Peru | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Andean Explorer | Sumbay Cave Paintings

Visit the Sumbay caves, home to fascinating cave paintings estimated to be over 8,000 years old that depict camelids, pumas and other animals. Return to the train for lunch and continue to Arequipa. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport to fly to Lima.

Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Depart Lima

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

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

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: airport assistance in Lima on Day 14.

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.

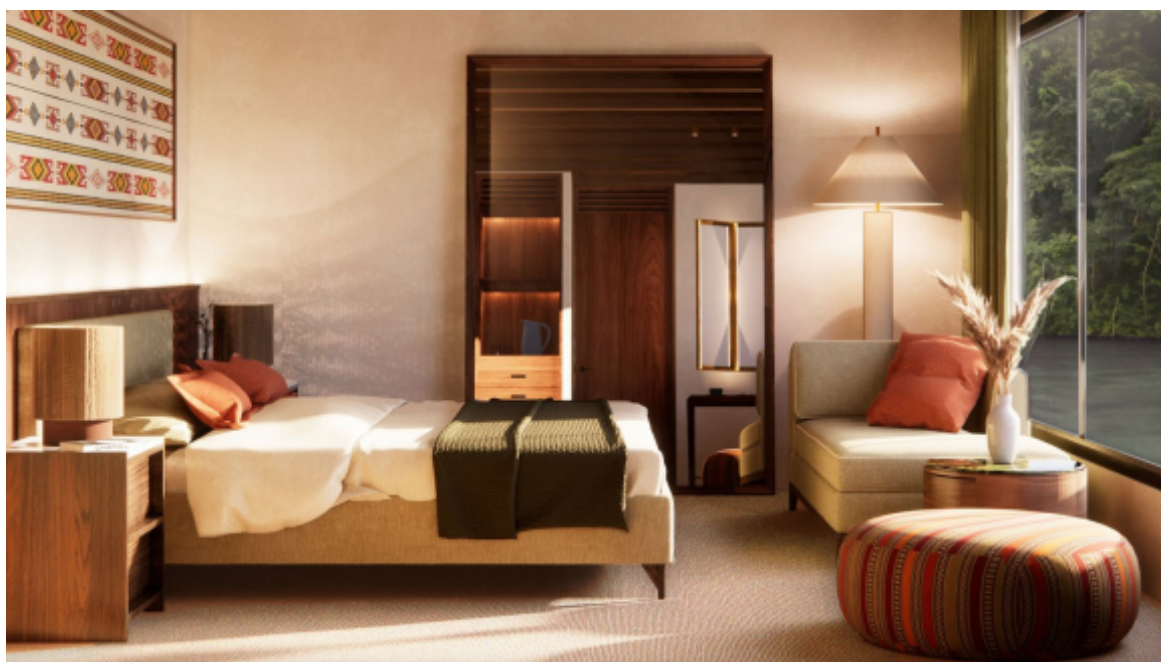
The suites are very well appointed and have huge windows to let the light, and the views, flood in. Tastefully decorated in neutral tones, they are brought to life by colonial style furniture and details like freshly cut flowers. As you'd expect, every detail, from the fine cotton linen on the beds to 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

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.

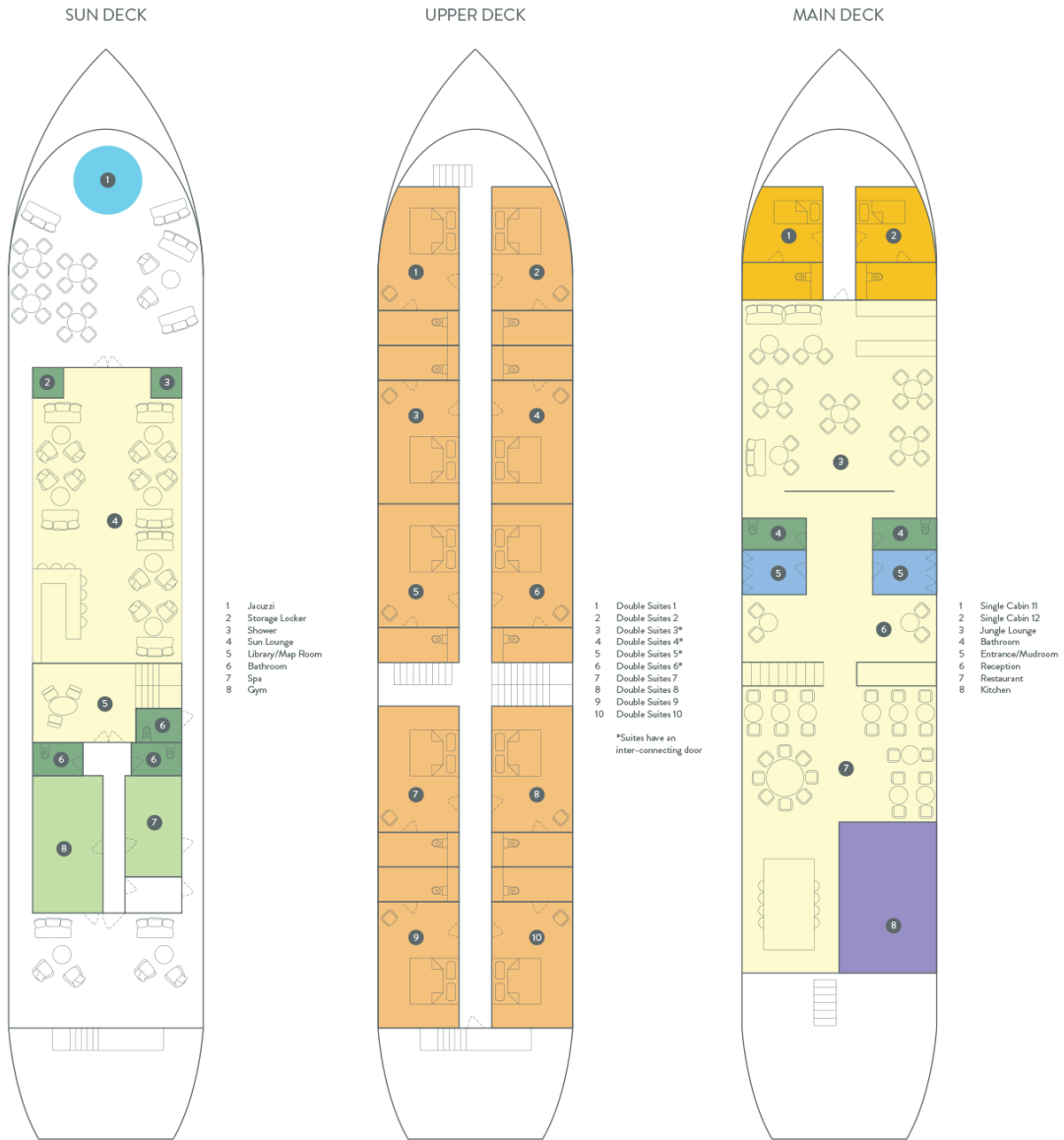
The opportunities for wildlife spotting – from pink dolphins to colourful macaws – are matchless, whether on expert-guided excursions by land or water or observed through one of the wall-to-wall panoramic windows in your own superbly appointed suite, as you contemplate a sunset glass of something chilled 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





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

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

Andean Explorer, A Belmond Train



The Andean Explorer offers you the opportunity to slow down the pace of your holiday with classic Belmond hospitality. This once in a lifetime experience will allow you to explore the astonishing Peruvian landscape in comfort and style. With four different types of private cabins offering double, twin and bunk bed options, with the junior suite boasting the largest living space - the perfect place to unwind and take in the views. With two dining cars you will experience one of Peru's most unique dining experiences served in sophisticated style. The menu has been created by Peruvian Chef, Diego Muñoz. Enjoy freshly prepared breakfast, leisurely lunches and lavish dinners not forgetting the traditional Afternoon Tea. When not in your cabin or enjoying sumptuous meals unwind in the lounge car or observation car, the latter with an open deck is the perfect spot for taking in the fresh Andean air watching the world pass by.

The train passes through some of the most beautiful Peruvian scenery with four different routes available including: the Peruvian Highlands, Andean Plains and Islands of Discovery, Spirit of the Water and Spirit of the Andes. Travel through Cusco, the capital of the ancient Inca Empire, spectacular Lake Titicaca, Puno or Arequipa depending on the route chosen

Why we like it

- A luxury and stylish sleeper train
- Discover one of the world's highest train journeys
- Two dining cars create fresh, seasonal dishes
- Stay in private cabins, contemporary in style and en suite
- Ever changing landscapes will captivate your imagination

Dates & Pricing

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

Jul 7, 2025 - Jul 20, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

Aug 4, 2025 - Aug 17, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

Sep 22, 2025 - Oct 5, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

Oct 20, 2025 - Nov 2, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

Nov 17, 2025 - Nov 30, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

Dec 1, 2025 - Dec 14, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$31,185 pp	AU\$15,450	Included	Available

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