

**DAY 01****WEDNESDAY****LIMA**

(-/-/-)

- Transfer airport/hotel

Arrival at the airport in **Lima**, where you will be welcomed by an English speaking guide. Transfer to the hotel and Check-in.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO (3\*+)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ESTELAR MIRAFLORES (4\*)** or similar (standard room)

**DAY 02****THURSDAY****LIMA – CUSCO – YUCAY**

(B/-/-)

- transfer hotel/airport
- flight LIM/CUZ
- transfer airport/hotel in the Urubamba Valley including Pisac & Ollantaytambo

Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Cusco**.

Upon arrival transfer to the hotel located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

On the way you will visit the typical **Pisac market** in the town of Pisac. Here a very special and traditional market is performed every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. A large handicraft fair is organized by the Pisac and Cusco craftsmen who exhibit and sell wide variety of fine crafts such as woven goods, Alpaca rugs, tapestry, sculpture, jewellery.

Continue to the ruin site of **Ollantaytambo** and visit the town, the shrines and the fortification with its stairs to the sky.

Afterwards transfer to the hotel in **Yucay** located in the Urubamba valley.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA YUCAY (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS (5\*)** or similar (colonial room)

**DAY 03****FRIDAY****YUCAY – MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO**

(B/-/-)

- full day excursion to visit Machu Picchu

Transfer by bus to the train station of Ollantaytambo where the tour starts by train that goes through the fertile plain of the Urubamba valley and on to Aguas Calientes. From there, small busses drive up the steep mountain to the ruin town **Machu Picchu**.

Called the Lost City of the Incas, this cultural heritage of mankind is a beautifully located impressive stone city constructed with a technique incredible for its era and even for present times. Stone upon stone, fitted together perfectly without any cement, with impressive delicacy, exquisite detail and discrimination worthy of the world's greatest palaces.

There are many theories about Machu Picchu, but one thing is for sure - it is one of the most impressive sites in the world.

Enjoy a guided visit of the ruins of around 2 hours and return by bus and train to the Sacred Valley. Transfer to your hotel in Cusco.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ECO INN (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE (5\*)** or similar (classic room)

#### **DAY 04**

**SATURDAY**

**CUSCO**

(B/-/-)

- half day city tour + ruins

In the morning the **half-day city tour** begins. It will be shown the exact centre of the Inca Empire, the Plaza de Armas. There one can find the cathedral built on the ruins of the ancient Inca Palace. The cathedral borders on other churches on both sides. Next stop will be the old town with its magnificent renovated colonial buildings; some of them are being used as hotels. Then proceed to **Sacsayhuaman**, a ruin located approx. 3 km above Cusco. Sacsayhuaman also offers a fabulous view of the city. Afterwards visit the surrounding ruins.

The afternoon is free at leisure.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ECO INN (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE (5\*)** or similar (classic room)

#### **DAY 05**

**SUNDAY**

**CUSCO – PUNO**

(B/L/-)

- overland transfer Cusco/Puno (regular seat-in basis)

A full day bus journey from **Cusco to Puno** leads through the Peruvian highland along snow-covered peaks, passes up to 4.300 m above sea level and then goes down to Puno, which is right on Lake Titicaca. On route we will visit the town of Andahuaylillas, the ruins of Racchi and the small town of Pucara. **Lunch** in a typical restaurant en route is included. After arrival in Puno transfer to your hotel.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO PUNO (3\*+)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL LIBERTADOR LAGO TITICACA (4\*)** or similar (standard room)

**DAY 06****MONDAY****PUNO**

(B/L/-)

- full day excursion Uros & Taquile including lunch (regular seat-in basis)

Full day excursion on Lake Titicaca to visit the **Uros floating islands**. The Aymara Indians build their houses over floating artificial islands that elaborate themselves on the waters of the Titicaca in which they inhabit in organizations and with ancestral customs.

Continue to **Taquile Island** where you find numerous pre-Inca and Inca ruins and Inca terracing. The island is narrow, only about 1km wide, but 6-7km long. The people here still wear their traditional clothes and there is a co-operative shop on the Plaza where one can buy woollen goods of very fine quality.

A typical lunch at Taquile Island is included.

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Overnight at **HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO PUNO (3\*+)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL LIBERTADOR LAGO TITICACA (4\*)** or similar (standard room)

**DAY 07****TUESDAY****PUNO – LIMA**

(B/-/-)

- Transfer hotel / airport of Juliaca
- flight JUL/LIM
- Transfer airport / hotel
- 4 hours City Tour including San Francisco monastery and Larco Herrera Museum

Transfer from the hotel to the airport of Juliaca.

Flight to **Lima** and transfer to the hotel.

Today you will explore the city on a **sightseeing tour** through Lima. The Plaza de Armas with the beautiful buildings of the government Palace, the town hall, the Palace of the archbishop and the cathedral are still the most important places in town. After that you will visit the beautiful San Francisco monastery.

Proceed through the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores and to the Coastline enjoying the view over the beaches of Lima and the Pacific ocean.

Afterwards enjoy a guided visit of one of the Lima's most noted museums, the **Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum** which houses the world's largest private collection of Peruvian pre-Columbian Art. Mr. Rafael Larco Hoyle founded the museum on July 28, 1926, in the Chiclin sugar estate in Trujillo, naming it as his father as an expression of filial homage. In 1958 he moved the collection to Lima, installing the Museum in a Colonial house in the district of Pueblo Libre, where it currently functions. This locale was adapted to the characteristics style of the 18th century Colonial houses from Trujillo. The approximate 45,000 objects of the collection have been exhibited to the public in the Permanent Hall, Jewelry Vault and the Classified Storage Area ever since.

The Halls of the Larco Museum are organized by subjects. The Metals, Ceramics, the Stones, the Culture, the Great Jewelry Vault and Textile Halls emphasize the technological aspects by Pre-Columbian cultures. Finally the World's unique Erotic Hall gives us a glimpse of the fascinating sexual life of ancient Peruvians.

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Overnight at **HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO (3\*+)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ESTELAR MIRAFLORES (4\*)** or similar (standard room)

**DAY 08**

**WEDNESDAY**

**LIMA**

(B/-/-)

Day at leisure – **optional** tours can be booked at our local office.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO (3\*+)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL ESTELAR MIRAFLORES (4\*)** or similar (standard room)

**DAY 09**

**THURSDAY**

**LIMA – IGUASSU**

(B/-/-)

- Transfer hotel / airport of Lima
- flight LIM/IGU
- Transfer airport / hotel

Transfer from the hotel to the airport of Lima. Flight to **Iguassu** and transfer to the hotel.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL RECANTO PARK (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL BOURBON CATARATAS (4\*)** or similar (superior room garden view)

**DAY 10**

**FRIDAY**

**IGUASSU**

(B/-/-)

- visit of the Brazilian and Argentinean side of the falls

You will leave your hotel on the **Brazilian side** by motor coach and cross the Iguassu National Park towards the Brazilian Falls. You walk along the paths following the cascades and then along the catwalk which leads you very close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat. You will enjoy magnificent views. Afterwards you take an elevator to go up back to the road, and there you will board the motor coach which will take you to the **Argentinian side** of the falls.

You will make a short stop at the Visitor's Centre and proceed from there along the Inferior Circuit, the down-river falls, to the Superior Circuit, the up-river cascades. The Ecological Jungle Train leads you to the most impressive observation point of the falls – The Devil's Throat. After visit transfer to the hotel on the Brazilian side of the falls.

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Overnight at **HOTEL RECANTO PARK (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL BOURBON CATARATAS (4\*)** or similar (superior room garden view)

**DAY 11****SATURDAY****IGUASSU – RIO DE JANEIRO**

(B/-/-)

- Transfer hotel / airport of Iguassu
- flight IGU/GIG
- Transfer airport / hotel
- half day city tour incl. Sugar loaf

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for the flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Arrival in Rio and transfer to the hotel, check-in and time for a first stroll along Copacabana Beach.

This afternoon starts a **half day city tour including visit of Sugarloaf**.

Downtown is the business heart of Rio. It is a part of the city where colonial Rio meets modern skyscrapers. Passing through Rio Branco Avenue, you will see the Candelaria Church, which was started being built in the late 18th century and was completed in 1898. The headquarter of major Brazilian banks and commercial enterprises is located on this avenue. You will also see the Opera House (Teatro Municipal) and the Carioca Square, the church of Santo Antonio built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as well as the contrast of the modern buildings such as Petrobras and the Cathedral. Moreover you will get to know Rio's aqueduct built in the 18th century which is nowadays connecting downtown to Santa Teresa district, an old residential area. Afterwards you will drive through one of the highlights of this tour: the Flamengo Park from where you have the chance to see already the top highlight of this tour, the Sugar Loaf. This famous mountain reached by a cable car 1,200 feet high, will give you an experience you will never forget: looking down at Rio from top of the Sugar Loaf is one of the most spectacular views in the world.

*Middle Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL WINDSOR PLAZA COPACABANA (3\*)** or similar (standard room)

*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL WINDSOR EXCELSIOR COPACABANA (4\*)** or similar (superior room)

**DAY 12****SUNDAY****RIO DE JANEIRO**

(B/-/-)

Day at leisure – the following **optional** tours can be booked at our local office:

**Optional: Half day Corcovado & beaches**

Enjoy a half day beach tour including a visit to the Corcovado statue. Leaving the hotel you proceed as far as Cosme Velho Station to board a cog-train for the ride through Tijuca Forest up to Corcovado Mountain. The train ride takes 20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest's lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and the city. Disembarking at the top of Corcovado and then proceeding up the steps will lead to the top lookout where the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer stands. After appreciating the breathtaking view unfolding below descend by train and continue passing by some of Rio's beaches.

**Optional: Full day tour to Petropolis**

Going on a scenic drive up Serra dos Orgaos Range across the Atlantic Forest's lush vegetation through mountains and valleys as far as 850m high Petropolis. Visit of the Summer Palace and the Cathedral, and touring along that charming city's highlights, such as the Crystal Palace, Santos Dumont's House, old mansions and charming squares. (tour can also be booked including lunch)

**Optional Rio by night – Show** in the evening

Visit a folklore and Carnival show featuring skilled dancers, entertainers, samba bands and wonderful costumes in a wonderful display of Brazilian folklore and Carnival.

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*Comfort Class:*

Overnight at **HOTEL WINDSOR EXCELSIOR COPACABANA (4\*)** or similar (superior room)

**DAY 13**

**MONDAY**

**RIO DE JANEIRO**

(B/-/-)

- transfer hotel/airport

Transfer to the airport for your international flight back home.