



## ***THE BEST OF PERU***

### **DESTINATIONS:**

**Lima – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Cuzco**

### **DURATION:**

**9 Days / 8 Nights**

### ***ITINERARY***

#### **Day 01 ► Lima**

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Arrival in Lima. Meeting at the airport with our assistant and transfer with private transportation to your hotel located in the commercial and residential district of Miraflores, just a few blocks away from the Pacific Ocean. Lima is a bustling metropolis considered the gastronomic capital of Latin America with some of the best existing restaurants.  
*Overnight at selected the hotel.*

## Day 02 ► Lima

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Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning sightseeing of Lima city visiting the historical centre with important colonial monuments like the Plaza de Armas, the Plaza San Martin and guided tour of the Cathedral and the San Francisco Monastery famous for its catacombs and colonial library.

Panoramic tour of modern Lima in the way back to the hotel. Enjoy this free afternoon walking along the "Malecones Parks" facing to the Pacific Ocean *Overnight at selected hotel.*



## Day 03 ► Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley

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Breakfast at the hotel. Morning transfer to the airport to board our flight to Cusco City, the former Inca Capital (3,400 m.a.s.l.). Meeting at the airport with our assistant. In order to avoid altitude sickness we immediately continue towards to the Sacred Valley of the Incas set at a much lower altitude than Cusco City (2,600 m.a.s.l.). The valley is full of archaeological sites and traditional villages.

Visit the traditional textile Centre of **Awanacancha** where we can appreciate the 4 different types of Andean "Cameloids" and beautiful textiles made with ancestral techniques.

We continue to the famous Village of **Pisac** where everyday takes place a picturesque market. On the slope of the mountain a huge archaeological site dominates the area.

In the afternoon we drive along the Urubamba Valley till the town of **Urubamba**. Accommodation in our hotel. Spending a night here is an excellent way to get a faster adaptation to the altitude. Enjoy a coca tea during check-in. *Overnight at selected hotel.*



## Day 04 ► Sacred Valley – Chinchero – Maras – Ollantaytambo

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Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we visit the Famous Chinchero Community known for its ancestral tradition of textiles. **Chinchero** was born as an Inca village and was then dominated by the Spaniards in the XVII century. We continue to the **Salt Mines of Maras** exploited since the Incas time. Short transfer till the Inca **village of Ollantaytambo**, where we climb up to the top of this Inca fortress, one of the best Inca architecture in Peru, with fine examples of beautifully carved polygonal stones and monumental rocks.

After the visit we go to The Seminario Ceramics workshop, after careful study and contextualization of pottery techniques and styles utilized in Peru's ancient cultures, has created a new proposal for ceramic art that is apt for today's modern world. This new expression of art is the fruit of more than 35 years of research that **Pablo Seminario** has undertaken, now known as the Seminario Style. Pablo Seminario and Marilú Behar developed their style in Urubamba, a town in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The unique location fosters continual growth and a more widespread recognition of this pair's artwork.

Both the Cusco Museum of Pre-Columbian Art (MAP) and the Chicago Field Museum have acquired their pieces. The workshop in Urubamba continues to grow, and it has become a place where art and culture come together to create a magical atmosphere for every visitor.

*Overnight at selected hotel.*

## Day 05 ► Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu

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Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the train station to board the train to Aguas Calientes Village (one hour and a half) alongside the Sacred Valley and the wild landscape of the high Valley of the Urubamba River between spectacular gorges redressed with thick vegetation. Then, transfer by bus (20 minutes) coach ascent to the '**Lost City of the Incas**': **Machu Picchu**. Our guide will explain you the fascinating history of this impressive archaeological site walking through its main sectors and feeling the magical atmosphere of this fabulous place.

Optional climb Huayna Picchu (Young Mountain). The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 400. Some portions are slippery and steel cables provide some support during the one-hour climb. Accommodation in your hotel in Aguas Calientes.

*Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.*



### Notes:

- Please consider that nowadays Huayna Picchu requires a prepayment (according to the last announcement of Regional Direction of Culture Cusco) and must be booked in advance. The availability is limited due to is only 400 spaces per day. It is not recommendable for people who suffer of vertigo and for children, due to the way is narrow and steep.
- Due to luggage weight restrictions on the train only 1 piece of hand luggage is allowed on board. Please leave the rest of your luggage in Sacred Valley hotel.

## Day 06 ► Machu Picchu – Cusco

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Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at Leisure. You may enjoy a second visit to the archaeological area.

In the afternoon you will descend by bus To Aguas Calientes to board the train to Ollantaytambo where a private transportation will be ready for a faster transfer to your hotel located in the monumental area of Cusco.



Overnight at selected hotel.

*The **Belmond Hiram Bingham** is an exclusive and luxury train. All service included where you will enjoy a full day of unforgettable experiences.*  
*If you purchase only Machu Picchu - Cusco one way ticket, it includes: Tea Time in the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, bus transfer Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes, gourmet dinner, excellent selection of Peruvian wines, on board entertainment.*  
*Operates: Monday to Saturday.*



## Day 07 ► Cusco

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning dedicated to visit the city and the surrounding archaeological sites. In the morning sightseeing of **Cusco city** and the amazing **fortress of Sacsayhuaman** identified as a great sacred place, from where we enjoy an amazing view over Cusco.

We continue with the visit of the historic city center, strolling through the elegant **Plaza de Armas**, surrounded by colonial buildings dominated by the majestic Cathedral.

Visit of the Temple of **Koricancha**, also known as Temple of the Sun, the most important site of worship of the Inca Empire.



Finally we walk through the picturesque central market of Cusco, the **San Pedro Market**, a true touch of the local life where products from the Andean Mountain and the High Jungle are sold throughout the day.

Afternoon at leisure for shopping, walking or just drinking a good Cusco coffee in one of its cosy Cafés facing the main square.  
*Overnight at selected hotel.*

## Day 08 ► Cusco

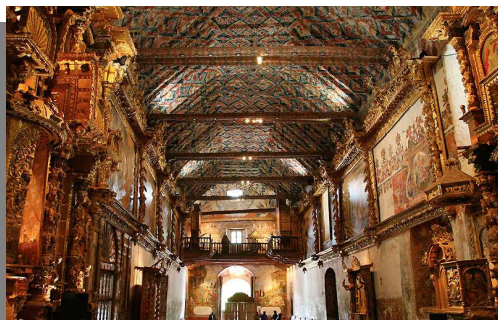
Breakfast at the hotel.

### **Southern Circuit**

Towards the south of the city of Cusco is **Tipon**, real and beautiful city of amazing water fountains enclosures, is another of the most important architectural complexes are located within the city of Cusco. This admirable Inca recess located southeast of Cusco is seated on a very uneven surface. At the time of the Incas were no grounds or horizontal planes, everything was amended by the inhabitants of Tahuantisuyo empeñosos to satisfy their Lackluster veteran monarch. It is possible that the area was occupied by Tipon lordships wars fought many years to make, and extensive built colossal defensive walls, which undoubtedly took many years of work. Subsequently the wall lacked subject for all regional kingdoms



became part of the great empire of Tawantinsuyu. It continues "down" by the paved up to Pikillacta which is considered today as one of the most famous and best preserved preInca cities in Peru there. It is located 30 km. Southeast of the city of Cusco, over 3,350 meters high and covers an area of approximately 50 hectares. **Pikillacta** is shown of a great civilization, known for the extraordinary planning capability of its cities. This is the Wari culture, which is based in Ayacucho. Thanks to its size, Pikillacta is considered among the main cities in ancient Peru. It is surrounded by what were aristocratic villages located in front of the whole plain and Wakarpay gaps.



We continue on to the beautiful and picturesque town **Andahuaylillas** possesses its unique church, San Pedro de Andahuaylillas, the main attraction for visitors. Built in the early s.XVII, the interior of the temple is decorated with murals attributed to Luis de Riaño (s.XVII) representing the path to glory and the road to hell. Overnight at selected hotel.

*Note: City and the surrounding archaeological site in SIB (share services) with English/Spanish speaking guide*

## **Day 09 ► Cusco – Lima – International departure**

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Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport and flight back to Lima. Our assistant will help you with your international connection flight.

### ***END OF OUR SERVICES***

***SERVICES SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SURAMERICAN WAY***



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