



## MAGICAL PERU

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Lima – Amazon Rainforest – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Rainbow Mountain

Discover the magic of Peru on this unforgettable 11-day journey that blends ancient heritage, breathtaking natural wonders, and meaningful cultural encounters. Thoughtfully designed to showcase the very best of the country, this itinerary takes you from the vibrant capital of Lima to the lush Amazon rainforest in Tambopata, onward through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the legendary citadel of Machu Picchu, and finally to the dramatic landscapes of Rainbow Mountain. Along the way, you'll enjoy guided excursions, immersive local experiences, scenic nature hikes, and ample free time to relax or explore at your own pace.

### Itinerary:

#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport, a friendly representative from Perú Increíble will be waiting to welcome you and provide a private transfer to your hotel in Lima. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to rest or begin discovering the capital at your own pace. If you're up for some light exploration, we recommend a walk through the bohemian district of Barranco. Known for its vibrant street art, charming colonial architecture, and sweeping coastal views, this neighborhood offers a perfect first taste of Lima's creative soul.

**Optional (based on arrival time):** In the afternoon, around 1:00 p.m., meet your guide for a captivating city tour of Lima, designed to showcase the city's rich layers of history and culture. Begin in the heart of Miraflores with a visit to Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Inca adobe pyramid that stands as a fascinating contrast to the modern city around it. Continue to Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll explore the Plaza Mayor and its iconic landmarks: the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima - final resting place of conquistador Francisco Pizarro - and the eerie catacombs beneath the San Francisco Monastery. End the tour with a scenic drive along the coast, stopping at Larcomar, a cliffside complex with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Return to your hotel to relax and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Overnight: Hotel in Lima

Meals: None

#### DAY 2: LIMA – PUERTO MALDONADO – AMAZON RAINFOREST

Today begins a whole new chapter of your Peruvian journey as you trade the coast for the heart of the jungle. An early morning transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to the southern Amazon rainforest. Upon arrival, a representative from your jungle lodge will be waiting to greet you and escort you to the nearby port, where your river adventure begins. As you cruise along the Tambopata River, the landscape begins to shift dramatically. Towering trees, lush vegetation, and the rhythmic sounds of the forest surround you, welcoming you into a world that feels both ancient and untouched. Upon arrival at the lodge, you'll have time to settle into your rainforest retreat,



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enjoy a warm welcome, and take in the serenity of your surroundings. In the late afternoon, meet your expert naturalist guide, who will introduce you to the flora, fauna, and upcoming excursions that will immerse you in the wonders of the jungle.

Dinner is served in the lodge's dining area - a delicious and thoughtfully prepared meal that harmonizes with the natural environment. The rest of the evening is yours to relax, listen to the nocturnal symphony of the forest, or simply unwind under a blanket of stars.

Overnight: in Tambopata Research Center

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 3: AMAZON RAINFOREST

Awaken to the rhythm of the rainforest, where the first light of dawn stirs the jungle to life. Today begins with an early morning expedition, setting out just as the Amazon shakes off its slumber. This is one of the most active and magical times of day, when wildlife stirs along the riverbanks and among the trees. Keep your eyes open for caimans gliding through the water, turtles sunning themselves on logs, colorful hoatzins and toucans flitting through the canopy, and, if you're truly lucky, the elusive giant river otters, which can grow up to six feet long.

After your morning adventure, return to the lodge for a hearty and delicious lunch, a welcome pause before your next foray into the forest. In the afternoon, rejoin your naturalist guide to explore the jungle on foot, learning about the extraordinary variety of native flora used for generations by local communities. As you walk beneath the towering trees and along tangled trails, discover the hidden world of insects, medicinal plants, and the delicate balance that sustains this ecosystem.

As dusk falls, prepare for a completely different side of the Amazon: the nocturnal world. Equipped with a flashlight, follow your guide into the darkness where the sounds of frogs, insects, and rustling leaves replace the visual spectacle of the day. Night walks are often the most unforgettable part of a jungle stay, revealing the forest's otherworldly atmosphere in all its raw beauty. Alternatively, spend your evening unwinding in a hammock on your cabana porch, listening to the symphony of the jungle as it hums and calls around you.

Overnight: in Tambopata Research Center

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 4: AMAZON RAINFOREST

After breakfast, embark on a journey deeper into the heart of the jungle - a chance to further explore the profound relationship between the rainforest and the people who call it home. With every step along the trail, you'll uncover the practical wisdom passed down through generations: how local communities harness the forest's abundant resources for food, medicine, shelter, and spiritual practices.

Along the way, keep your eyes peeled for flashes of color and movement overhead. A toucan's brilliant plumage, the rhythmic calls of native birds, monkeys leaping through the trees, or



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even a slow-moving sloth camouflaged in the canopy. Each moment brings a renewed sense of awe for the wildlife that thrives here.

Upon returning to the lodge, a nourishing lunch will be served. Take time to relax, reflect, or simply soak in the stillness of your surroundings before setting off for your afternoon excursion. This visit offers a closer look at the human side of the rainforest, where sustainable gardens flourish and local traditions endure. Walk among crops grown with care and intention, gaining a deeper appreciation for the delicate harmony between cultivation and nature.

As the sky shifts into twilight and golden light filters through the trees, make your way back to the lodge for one final night in the Amazon. Let the sounds of the forest accompany your evening reflections on the beauty, resilience, and spirit of this remarkable world.

Overnight: in Tambopata Research Center

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 5: AMAZON RAINFOREST – PUERTO MALDONADO – CUSCO**

Begin your day with an early breakfast at the lodge as the sounds of the rainforest stir one final time around you. After checking out, you'll board a boat for the return journey along the Tambopata River, slowly drifting away from the heart of the jungle and back toward the city of Puerto Maldonado. This peaceful voyage offers a final opportunity to soak in the serenity and magic of the Amazon.

Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Cusco, gateway to the ancient Inca Empire and the next chapter of your Peruvian adventure. As you transition from rainforest to highlands, take a moment to reflect on the vibrant memories forged in the Amazon: the wildlife encounters, the warmth of the local communities, and the quiet wonder of being surrounded by nature in its purest form.

Once in Cusco, our team will greet you and provide a private transfer to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and begin acclimating to the altitude.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 6: SACRED VALLEY TOUR**

After breakfast, embark on a full-day excursion to the breathtaking Sacred Valley, a region known for its fertility and spiritual significance in Inca culture. Highlights include:

- **Pisac:** Explore the impressive archaeological complex perched on the hillside, followed by a visit to the vibrant traditional handicraft market.
- **Urubamba:** Enjoy a traditional Andean buffet lunch featuring authentic Andean flavors at a local restaurant.
- **Ollantaytambo:** Discover this remarkable fortress-town, showcasing military and religious architecture from the Inca era.



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After the tour, you'll be transferred to your hotel in the Sacred Valley for a restful evening.

Overnight: Hotel in the Sacred Valley

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 7: MARAS – MORAY – OLLANTAYTAMBO – AGUAS CALIENTES**

After breakfast, set out to explore more of the Sacred Valley's hidden gems. Begin with a visit to the salt mines of Maras, a dazzling patchwork of terraced salt pools that have been harvested by local families since pre-Inca times. Continue to the remarkable site of Moray, an ancient agricultural laboratory where the Incas used concentric circular terraces to experiment with crops at different elevations and microclimates.

Enjoy a delicious Andean lunch in the Sacred Valley before heading to Ollantaytambo. This living Inca town retains its original urban design and waterways, offering a rare glimpse into daily life during the Inca Empire. Your guide will lead you through its archaeological site, highlighting massive stone terraces, ceremonial areas, and its strategic significance in Inca history.

In the afternoon, board the scenic Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes, a journey through lush cloud forest and alongside the Urubamba River. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and escorted to your hotel for the night.

Overnight: Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 8: MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO**

After an early breakfast, board the shuttle bus for the scenic ride up to Machu Picchu, the awe-inspiring Inca citadel nestled high in the Andes. Accompanied by your expert guide, embark on a captivating three-hour tour through the site's most iconic landmarks, including the Sun Temple, the Sacred Plaza, the Intihuatana stone, agricultural terraces, and ceremonial fountains. As you walk along its ancient pathways, uncover the secrets of Inca engineering, spirituality, and daily life. **Optional:** For those craving an extra dose of adventure, a hike to either Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain offers unparalleled panoramic views (advance booking required and subject to availability).

After the visit, descend by bus to Aguas Calientes, where you'll have free time to enjoy lunch and explore the town at your own pace. In the afternoon, board the train back to Ollantaytambo. Upon arrival, a private transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel in Cusco for the evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 9: CITY TOUR**

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of Cusco's most important historical sites:



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- **Qoricancha (Temple of the Sun):** The ancient Inca ceremonial center dedicated to Inti, the Sun God.
- **Sacsayhuamán:** An impressive ceremonial fortress built with massive stone blocks expertly fitted together.
- **Qenqo, Puka Pukara, and Tambomachay:** Explore these archaeological sites known for their ritualistic, administrative, and water-related significance.

In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Cusco's lively historic center, visit museums, or relax at a local café.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAIN (VINICUNCA)**

This day begins early around 4:30 AM with pickup from your hotel for an unforgettable adventure to one of Peru's most spectacular natural wonders: Rainbow Mountain, also known as Vinicunca. On the way, we'll stop at a local community to enjoy a traditional Andean breakfast. We then continue along a scenic route with views of snow-capped peaks, rivers, and remote Quechua villages. The hike lasts approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (one-way) and reaches an altitude of 5,030 meters (16,500 ft). The climb is challenging but deeply rewarding, as the summit reveals a stunning palette of natural colors caused by mineral deposits in the mountain. You'll have time to rest, take photos, and appreciate the beauty of the Andes in all their splendor. After taking in the views, begin your descent and enjoy a hearty lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Cusco in the late afternoon.

**Important:** This is a moderate to high-difficulty activity due to the altitude. Good physical condition and acclimatization are highly recommended.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 11: CUSCO – LIMA**

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning with time to explore Cusco at your own pace. You may choose to revisit a favorite spot, shop for local handicrafts, or simply take in the final moments of this magical city. At the scheduled time, our team will provide a private transfer to the airport for your flight back to Lima, where you will connect with your international departure or continue your onward travels.

Meals: Breakfast

#### **END OF SERVICES**

Thank you for trusting us to guide you through this unforgettable journey into the heart of the Inca Empire.



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**INCLUDED:**

- All private guided tours and personalized experiences
- Professional bilingual guides (English & Spanish)
- Domestic flights (Lima – Puerto Maldonado – Cusco – Lima)
- Hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- Meals as noted in the detailed itinerary
- All ground transportation, including private airport transfers
- Roundtrip boat transfer between Puerto Maldonado and the lodge
- Full board (all meals) during the Amazon stay
- Jungle excursions and guided activities led by naturalist guides
- Vistadome train service to and from Machu Picchu
- All entrance fees to archaeological sites and attractions listed in the itinerary
- All bus tickets, train tickets, and logistical support for excursions
- Personalized trip coordination and travel documentation
- 24/7 in-country support and emergency assistance

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- International airfare
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tips and gratuities
- Meals not specified in the detailed itinerary
- Optional Lima City Tour
- Optional hikes to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic beverages and bottled drinks at the jungle lodge

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:**

- Valid passport (with minimum 6 months before expiration)
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots and trekking clothes
- Warm layers (including gloves, beanie, and scarf) and windproof jacket for high-altitude locations, especially Rainbow Mountain
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- Light long-sleeved shirts and pants (for sun and mosquito protection)
- Insect repellent with DEET
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Reusable water bottle
- Daypack for daily excursions
- Small bills for local markets and tips
- Personal medications
- Travel insurance documents



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