

8-Day Student Expedition: Peru

CULTURE, SCIENCE & SERVICE IN MACHU PICCHU & TITCACA LAKE



DAY 1: Arrival & visit to Lima's Archeology & anthropology museums (Meals included: L & D)

Welcome to Perú, at the arrival you will be received by our representative who will transfer you to your hotel in Lima. At proper time lunch will be delivered at the hotel. (Tourist Menu).

In the Afternoon the group will discover the unique Peruvian culture & history. You will visit the two main museums in Lima. The Larco Museum is housed in an 18th century viceroyalty-era mansion. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, the Larco Museum exhibits an impressive archeological collection that enables an understanding of the ancient history of Peru in its permanent Galleries & rooms. The National museum of anthropology & history of Peru offers ethnographic information that will also help you understand the uniqueness of Peruvian culture. Return to the hotel. At proper time dinner will be delivered at the hotel. (Tourist Menu)

DAY 2: Lima to Cusco (Meals included: B, L & D)

At proper time you will be transferred to the airport for your departure to Cusco. At the arrival in Cusco, our representative will transfer you to your hotel in Cusco. Lunch will be delivered at the hotel. (Tourist Menu).

At 1 PM you will get to know the city of Cusco, an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site and possessor of a style all its own. The tour begins at the Koricancha Temple, an old Incan palace and main center for the worship of the sun god, Inti.

Your next destination is the Main Square, and then the adventure continues at the Sacsayhuaman Fortress built of enormous stone blocks expertly shaped by the Incas. It is strategically located at the top of a hill overlooking the city of Cuzco.

The tour continues with visits to three archaeological sites: Qenko, Puca-Pucara, and Tambomachay, important religious and administrative centers for the Incas. Finally you will visit the art workshop named InkasExpression, that presents artists working on silver pieces and painting in wood. It is an ideal place for the ones that like Andean art. Dinner is included at the hotel (Tourist Menu)



DAY 3: Service & tourism in Misminay (Meals included: B, L & D)

You will visit the Andean community of Misminay where you will live with the townsfolk, who have preserved their ancient traditions. The families live in small one or two room houses made of adobe, and they raise Guinea pigs, cows, and sheep. You can choose between helping them plow or harvest their crops, you can also help in maintenance and painting in the local school or help improving some green houses for various community members.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the history, complexity and uniqueness of the Inca Empire.
- Experience the Andean Kichwa culture of the altiplano & Titicaca Lake
- Relate to new ways of living by sharing your time with the Uros on reed floating islands.
- Engage in cross-cultural During your volunteer/ service experience.

PRICE: \$ 1540 pp *

INCLUDES:

- Private ground transportation.
- Bilingual guides
- Lodging in 2x and 3x rooms
- Meals according to itinerary
- 24/7 Emergency contact
- Activities according to itinerary
- All airport transfers & internal flights
- Tips

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel insurance
 - Extra beverages
- * Referential Price based on 15 travelers.

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DAY 3 Continued:

Depending on the time of year, you can even take part in an offering to the earth in a ceremony that honors mother earth, you can see them spin and dye wool thread using natural dyes as well as weave fabric following their ancient techniques, or maybe ride on a donkey's back, among other activities.

DAY 4: Expedition to Machu Picchu (Meals included: B, L & D)

At proper time you will be transferred to the train station. Awaiting you today is by far and away one of the high points in world tourism: Machu Picchu. Your adventure starts on a train ride to the city of Aguas Calientes, where you will disembark and then board a bus that drives you to the actual Machu Picchu archaeological site, where you will definitely have an experience you will never forget.. There is some free time for you to explore the site on your own, to relax or to meditate. At proper time you will go to Aguas Calientes town to have lunch which is included, after lunch you will have to go the train station in order to depart to Ollantaytambo, at the arrival to the train station you will be transferred to your hotel in Cusco.

DAY 5: Cusco, Puno Titicaca Lake (Meals included: B, L & D)

At proper time, you will be driven by bus to Puno, so you can enjoy the wonderful scenery on the way. First you will visit Andahuaylillas, a town where a precious church from the 17th century boasts an amazing organ decorated with angels and cherubs. After this you will visit Racchi ruins, known as "The Temple of God Wiracocha". The last stop before arriving to Puno will be La Raya, highest point on the road between Cusco and Puno from where we will get excellent photo opportunities. After this you will arrive to Puno.

DAY 6: Titicaca Lake: Uros Islands & Amanti Island. (Meals included: B, L & D)

The trip begins early as you head out of the city of Puno towards the Uros Islands, whose inhabitants are hunters and gatherers and handicraft vendors as well as descendants of the first altiplano residents. After an hour on these particular islands learning about the life of the residents there, you will sail over to Amantani Island located at an elevation of 4150 meters and whose culture can be traced back to Pre-Incan times.

DAY 7: Titicaca Lake: Taquile Island (Meals included: B, L & D)

After your breakfast, you will take an hour boat ride to Taquile Island, whose highest mountains are 3950 m. The culture on the island is old, dating back to Pre-Incan times. The islanders still live according to the traditions and beliefs of their ancestors and are world renowned for their lovely outfits and incredible textiles. In fact, UNESCO has declared the textile art of Taquile Island as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. After sharing some time with the islanders and standing in awe of the lake setting, you will return to the city of Puno

DAY 8: Puno to Lima (Meals included: B, L & D)

Transport to airport to take your flight to Lima. End of Services



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