



PERU

BOOK BY MAY 28, 2026
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LAND OF THE INCAS | SMALL GROUP
NOV 4 – 19, 2026 | 16 DAYS | 36 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: DANIEL BENSON

Get lost in the magic of Machu Picchu

A journey through Peru is an exploration of a land defined by dramatic contrasts, where the mysteries of the past remain vibrantly alive. From the arid beauty of the coastal desert to the soaring peaks of the Andes, this thoughtfully designed itinerary unveils the true depth of a captivating nation. Beyond the legendary stones of the Incas and the colonial grandeur of the cities, this journey delights the palate with celebrated gastronomy and fosters meaningful connections with enduring local traditions. Join us as we ascend into the clouds and traverse the Altiplano, discovering a world where history is not just remembered, but lived.

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada with Air Transat plus domestic flights in Peru
- Rail travel to Machu Picchu, and from Cusco to Puno
- Accommodations in first class and best available hotels as indicated or similar
- 36 meals as indicated (B - 14 breakfasts, L - 10 lunches, D - 12 dinners)
- Services of your Canadian journey leader plus professional guides in Peru
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with the purchase of group airfare

Highlights

- Discover Lima's rich heritage with visits to the Larco Museum and the Huaca Pucllana pyramid
- Taste the authentic flavours of Peru through a traditional Pachamanca lunch in the Sacred Valley
- Marvel at Inca engineering at the agricultural terraces of Pisac and Moray, and the fortress of Ollantaytambo
- Journey aboard the panoramic Vistadome train to Machu Picchu for a guided visit of the Lost City
- Explore the Imperial City of Cusco
- Traverse the spectacular high Andes aboard the PeruRail Titicaca train
- Cruise the highest navigable lake in the world, visiting the unique floating reed islands of Lake Titicaca
- Witness the majesty of the Colca Valley
- Wander the "White City" of Arequipa
- Soar over the desert to view the enigmatic Nasca Lines and encounter sea lions and penguins on a boat tour of the Ballestas Islands

Journey Leader

Daniel Benson, a seasoned traveller and United Church minister, loves sharing his enthusiasm for exploring new places. He has travelled across Canada, Europe, the U.K., Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, and has studied in Switzerland, Israel, Scotland, France, and Italy. Dan's love of people and places make him an intrepid tourist, seeking out the unusual, conversing with locals, and exploring the history and meaning of a place. His interests include art, architecture, history, literature, and scenic landscapes. Join him on this exciting journey.



SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS

NOV 4, Wednesday

CANADA / LIMA, PERU

Our journey begins as we gather in Toronto for our overnight flight to Lima, the capital of Peru.

NOV 5, Thursday

ARRIVE LIMA

Upon arrival this morning, we transfer to our hotel in the upscale district of Miraflores. Following a chance to freshen up, we take a panoramic drive to experience the neighbourhood's modern energy. We then head to the renowned Larco Museum, housed in an 18th-century viceregal mansion built atop a pre-Columbian pyramid. Inside, we discover a private collection of Peruvian art, including exquisite gold and silver artifacts that offer a window into the ancient Andean worldview. As evening falls, we gather in the museum's enchanting gardens for a welcome dinner at the Larco Café, the perfect setting to toast the start of our trip.

INNSIDE by Meliá Lima Miraflores (2 nights)

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NOV 6, Friday

LIMA

We dedicate today to the UNESCO-listed historic centre, beginning in the Plaza Mayor and the colonial Cathedral of Lima. A short walk leads us to Casa Aliaga, a stunning mansion gifted by Francisco Pizarro to his captain Jerónimo de Aliaga, where his descendants still live to this day. We then explore the Church of Santo Domingo to view its impressive collection of viceregal altars and sculptures. In the afternoon, we explore the pre-Hispanic Huaca Pucllana. We traverse the squares and ramps of this massive adobe pyramid, built between 200 and 800 AD. The evening brings a special treat as we dine at the site's restaurant, enjoying Peruvian fusion cuisine against the backdrop of the illuminated ruins.

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NOV 7, Saturday

LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY

This morning we fly to Cusco, touching down in the high-altitude air of the Andes. Upon arrival, we drive into the Sacred Valley. Our journey introduces us to the region's history at the archaeological site of Pisac, home to a masterpiece of ancient farming: the largest complex of agricultural terraces in the area. We also explore the vibrant Pisac Market to admire local products. Then, we continue to our beautiful hotel to relax and acclimatize.

Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado Urubamba (2 nights)

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NOV 8, Sunday SACRED VALLEY / OLLANTAYTAMBO

Today we delve deeper into the wonders of the Incas at Moray, where concentric terraces served as an ancient agricultural laboratory for experimenting with crops in varying microclimates. Our day continues with a unique culinary experience, a pachamanca lunch. This old culinary ritual, meaning "earth oven," is a feast of meats and vegetables cooked underground using hot stones. In the afternoon, we explore Ollantaytambo, a massive fortress that stands as a testament to Inca engineering and resistance against the Spanish colonizers. BLD



Peruvian boy in the Sacred Valley

NOV 9, Monday MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Our full-day journey to the "Lost City of the Incas" begins aboard the Vistadome train, where panoramic windows offer uninterrupted views of the Urubamba Valley as we wind our way to Aguas Calientes. We spend our allotted time traversing the stone paths, temples, and terraces with a local guide, marvelling at the engineering and spiritual significance of this UNESCO World Heritage site. After our visit, we return to Aguas Calientes to board the Vistadome train back to Ollantaytambo, followed by a transfer to our hotel in Cusco. **Novotel Cusco** (2 nights) BL



Aerial view over the Plaza de Armas in Cusco, Peru

NOV 10, Tuesday CUSCO

Cusco is a captivating intersection of cultures, where the Inca spirit remains as palpable as the ancient stone walls supporting its colonial city. We enjoy a relaxed morning to wander these historic streets before setting out to discover the city's landmarks. Our tour takes us to the majestic fortress of Sacsayhuamán for panoramic views, then descends into the bohemian artisan enclave of San Blas. In the city's heart, we explore the Cathedral and the Coricancha, witnessing the dramatic fusion of the Convent of Santo Domingo built upon the Inca Temple of the Sun. Tonight, we celebrate our time in this magical city with dinner and a traditional performance. BD

NOV 11, Wednesday CUSCO / PUNO

We embark on a spectacular rail adventure aboard the PeruRail Titicaca train to Puno. Traversing the dramatic landscapes of the Andes, the scenery unfolds through the windows of the 1920s-style Pullman carriages, as we enjoy a gourmet lunch and live traditional music. We can also breathe in the fresh mountain air from the open-deck observation car, making our transit to Puno not just a travel day, but a highlight of our Peruvian experience.

Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno (2 nights) BLD



Lake Titicaca, Puno

NOV 12, Thursday LAKE TITICACA

We venture onto the waters of Lake Titicaca today, the highest navigable lake in the world. Our first stop is the fascinating floating islands of the Uros, an ancestral society that constructs their homes and the islands themselves entirely from totora reeds. After exploring this unique way of life, we continue to Taquile Island, distinct for its Quechua-speaking residents who maintain traditions from the Inca Empire. We enjoy a tour of the island followed by a local lunch before returning to our hotel. BLD

NOV 13, Friday PUNO / COLCA CANYON

This morning, we set out for the dramatic Aguada Blanca National Reserve. This vast plain offers us the chance to observe wild vicuñas grazing in their natural habitat. Continuing past the Toccra wetlands, home to alpacas and migratory birds, we reach the journey's highest point at the Patapampa Viewpoint. At 4,910 metres above sea level,



Marvel at wildlife on Ballestas Island

we take in the majestic chain of volcanoes before descending to Chivay. Following lunch, the rest of the day is yours to relax before we reconvene for dinner at the hotel. **Colca Lodge Spa & Hot Springs** (1 night) BLD

NOV 14, Saturday COLCA VALLEY / AREQUIPA

We rise early to witness one of the region's most spectacular natural displays at the Cruz del Cóndor. Here, perched on the edge of the canyon, we watch for the majestic Andean condor soaring on morning thermals. Our drive showcases the cultural heritage of the valley with visits to the traditional towns of Yanque and Maca. After lunch, we journey across the high Altiplano to Arequipa, known as the "White City" for its unique architecture with white volcanic stone.

Casa Andina Premium Arequipa (2 nights) BLD

NOV 15, Sunday AREQUIPA

We explore Arequipa today, starting with panoramic views of the Misti and Chachani volcanoes from the Carmen Alto viewpoint. In the Yanahuara district, we admire the city's signature white sillar stonework before visiting the Plaza de Armas and the sprawling Santa Catalina Monastery, a vibrant citadel within the city. Our day concludes with a unique "Alpandino" fusion dinner at a local restaurant. BD

NOV 16, Monday AREQUIPA / LIMA / PARACAS

Today, we fly back to the capital. Upon arrival in Lima, we travel south along the coast to Paracas. We arrive at our seaside resort in time to settle in before dinner.

Aranwa Paracas Hotel (2 nights) BLD

NOV 17, Tuesday HUACACHINA / NASCA PLAINS

The mysteries of the ancient world take centre stage today as we board a flight to view the famous Nasca Lines. From the air, we observe colossal geoglyphs like the monkey, spider, and condor etched into the desert floor, if weather permits. After lunch in Ica, we explore the city square and visit an artisanal distillery to sample local Pisco and wine. Our afternoon ends at the Huacachina Lagoon, a stunning oasis ringed by towering sand dunes, before we return to our resort. Tonight, we gather for our farewell dinner. BLD

NOV 18, Wednesday PARACAS / LIMA

We set out by boat to the Ballestas Islands for a unique coastal wildlife experience. Amidst the rocky arches, we marvel at sea lions, Humboldt penguins, and guano birds in their natural habitat. After the tour, we travel back to Lima.

Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport (1 night) BL

NOV 19, Thursday ARRIVE CANADA

Our journey concludes early this morning as we board our flight home to Canada. B

Important Note About Machu Picchu Tickets: Access to the citadel is regulated by the Peruvian government. Tickets are assigned to specific circuits and time slots, requiring a copy of your passport for purchase. We strive to secure the most comprehensive route, and allocation is based on availability at the time of booking. The group may be divided onsite based on ticket assignments. **To guarantee the best circuit, we recommend booking early.**



**Book by May 28, 2026
and save \$200 per person**



Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only* (Join / Leave Hotel).....	\$8,975
Toronto	\$9,975
Ottawa / Montreal.....	\$10,145
Halifax / St. John's / Winnipeg / Moncton	\$10,245
Regina / Saskatoon	\$10,345
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$10,295
Victoria.....	\$10,345
Single Supplement	\$1,495

*Land only price includes domestic flights in Peru but excludes international flights and arrival/departure transfers in destination. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective January 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Tour prices are per person, based on sharing a double/twin room at hotels and a minimum of 20 participants travelling. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 group members.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due on July 30, 2026

Deposit is \$900 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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CT Rating 4.5/5 - Extremely Challenging: Members will travel at high altitudes (between 2,400 and 4,300 metres) for most of the trip and may be affected by altitude sickness. Expect pleasant to hot weather throughout. This tour involves long travel days by air, rail, and coach through areas with limited facilities, and includes some difficult walks and climbs with many steps. Hiking boots are recommended for exploration, and members must be in excellent physical health with no mobility issues to fully enjoy this journey.