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PERU

LAND OF THE INCAS



November 10 – 25, 2027 • 16 Days • 37 Meals

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MACHU PICCHU

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE TREASURES
Explore Machu Picchu's terraces, reached aboard the Vistadome train, and admire Cusco's remarkable Inca stonework. Explore the colonial centres of Lima and Arequipa, the "White City", and fly over the Nasca Lines.

INCA ENGINEERING & ANCIENT PERU
Visit the farming terraces of Pisac, the circular terraces of Moray and the fortress of Ollantaytambo. Climb to Sacsayhuamán above Cusco and see Coricancha's Temple of the Sun. In Lima, admire pre-Columbian gold and silver at the Larco Museum and dine beside the adobe pyramid of Huaca Pucllana.

ALTIPLANO & ANDEAN TRADITIONS
Ride the PeruRail Titicaca train across the Altiplano with live music and lunch on board. Step onto the Uros' floating reed islands, meet the weavers of Taquile, whose textile art is recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Enjoy a pachamanca lunch, prepared underground using hot stones.

CANYON, DESERT & PACIFIC WILDLIFE
Watch for Andean condors at Colca Canyon and vicuñas across Aguada Blanca National Reserve. Taste locally produced pisco at an Ica distillery and see the towering dunes of Huacachina, then cruise past the Candelabra geoglyph to the Ballestas Islands to spot sea lions, Humboldt penguins and guano birds.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

CT RATING: 4.5/5

EXTREMELY CHALLENGING:
Much of this journey takes place at high altitudes, reaching elevations of approximately 4,910 metres, where altitude sickness is possible. Temperatures vary considerably, from warm conditions along the coast to cool or cold conditions in the Andean highlands. It involves long travel days by air, rail and coach through areas with limited facilities. Sightseeing includes strenuous walks, steep climbs, uneven terrain and numerous steps at archaeological sites. Sturdy hiking footwear is strongly recommended. Members must be in excellent physical health, fully mobile, comfortable with demanding physical activities and must be able to manage their own luggage when required.



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NOV 10 | DEPART CANADA
Our Peruvian journey begins with an overnight flight from Toronto to Lima, the capital of Peru.

NOV 11 | LIMA
Welcome to Lima! We transfer to our hotel in the upscale district of Miraflores for immediate check-in. After some time to rest, a panoramic drive introduces us to 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*** (BD)

NOV 12 | 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 visit the Church of Santo Domingo to view its impressive collection of colonial-era altars and sculptures before exploring the pre-Hispanic Huaca Pucllana. We explore the squares and ramps of this massive adobe pyramid, then enjoy Peruvian fusion cuisine at the site's restaurant overlooking the illuminated ruins. (BD)

NOV 13 | LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY
Following our flight to Cusco, we drive into the Sacred Valley. Our journey introduces us to the region's history at the archaeological site of Pisac, home to an impressive network of ancient agricultural terraces. 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*** (BLD)

NOV 14 | SACRED VALLEY: MORAY / OLLANTAYTAMBO
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. Next is a unique culinary experience, a pachamanca lunch. This traditional culinary ritual, meaning "earth oven," is a feast of meats and vegetables cooked underground using hot stones. In the afternoon, we explore Ollantaytambo, a remarkable Inca archaeological complex that stands as a testament to Inca engineering and resistance against the Spanish colonizers. (BLD)

NOV 15 | SACRED VALLEY / MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO
Setting out for the "Lost City of the Incas", the day begins aboard the Vistadome train. Panoramic windows offer uninterrupted views of the Urubamba Valley as we wind toward Aguas Calientes. Guided by a local expert, we spend time exploring the stone paths, temples, and agricultural terraces. Perched high on an Andean ridge, this 15th-century citadel is a masterclass in ancient engineering, famed for its sophisticated dry-stone construction where colossal granite blocks fit together seamlessly without mortar. Discover the site's spiritual significance and the Incas' remarkable understanding of astronomy. We descend to Aguas Calientes to catch a return rail service to Ollantaytambo, concluding the evening with a transfer to our Cusco hotel.
Novotel Cusco - 2 nights (BL)

NOV 16 | 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 explore the city's landmarks, including the majestic fortress of Sacsayhuamán and the charming San Blas neighbourhood. We explore the Cathedral and Coricancha, where the Convent of Santo Domingo stands atop the ancient Inca Temple of the Sun. Tonight, enjoy dinner and a traditional performance. (BD)

NOV 17 | CUSCO / PUNO
We take the PeruRail Titicaca train to Puno and watch the scenery unfold through the windows of the 1920s-inspired Pullman carriages. Take in the fresh mountain air from the open-deck observation car.
Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno - 2 nights (BLD)

NOV 18 | LAKE TITICACA: UROS / TAQUILE
We venture onto Lake Titicaca, the world's highest commercially navigable lake, to discover the fascinating Uros floating islands. Built entirely from totora reeds, these islands are home to the Uros people, whose traditions date back to pre-Inca times. We then continue to Taquile Island, where Quechua-speaking residents preserve centuries-old traditions, including their renowned textile arts. After exploring the island, we enjoy a traditional local lunch. (BLD)

NOV 19 | PUNO / COLCA CANYON
We watch for wild vicuñas in Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve, then pass the Toccra wetlands, home to alpacas and migratory birds. At the Patapampa Viewpoint, our journey's highest point at 4,910 metres, we admire the surrounding volcanoes before descending to Chivay. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure before dinner at the hotel. ***Colca Lodge Spa & Hot Springs - 1 night*** (BLD)

NOV 20 | COLCA CANYON / AREQUIPA
We visit Cruz del Cóndor, where we hope to watch majestic Andean condors soar above the canyon on morning thermals. Along the way, we explore the traditional towns of Yanque and Maca, rich in cultural heritage. After lunch, we cross 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 21 | 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 22 | AREQUIPA / LIMA / PARACAS
After our flight back to the capital, we head south along the coast to Paracas. We arrive at our seaside resort in time to settle in before dinner.
Aranwa Paracas Resort & Spa - 2 nights (BLD)

NOV 23 | NASCA LINES / ICA / HUACACHINA
The mysteries of the ancient world come to life as we fly over 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 locally produced pisco. 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 24 | BALLESTAS ISLANDS / LIMA
A boat ride takes us 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. ***Wyndham Costa Del Sol Lima Airport - 1 night*** (BL)

NOV 25 | LIMA / DEPART FOR CANADA
Our journey ends with a transfer to the airport for the flight home to Toronto. (B)

B: BREAKFAST (15) L: LUNCH (10) D: DINNER (12)

DID YOU KNOW?

The remarkable floating islands of Lake Titicaca are home to the Uros, an Indigenous people whose history dates back to pre-Inca times. Built from layers of totora reeds that grow naturally in the lake, the islands require regular maintenance as the lower layers gradually decompose. Fresh reeds are continually added to keep these extraordinary floating communities afloat.



UROS ISLANDS

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Single Supplement	***$1,595***

Deposit is $750 per person
Final payment is due August 4, 2027



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Prices are in Canadian dollars per person. Land-only members join and leave the group at the hotel in Lima. The air-inclusive rate includes economy-class airfare. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. The tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 15 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective November 2026, and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. The group will be escorted with a minimum of 20 members. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Canadian passport holders do not require a visa for short tourist visits to Peru. A passport valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry is required. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended.

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