

TRAVEL WITH GINA . . .

# PERU & MACHU PICCHU

## The Land Of The Incas

SEPT. 7-16, 2019 (10 DAYS)

**LAND:** \$1695 per person

**AIR:** starting at \$900 (or fly FREE using your frequent flyer miles - see tips below)

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, one of the greatest attractions in all of South America.
- Take the incredible train journey to Machu Picchu.
- Visit the Inka ruins of Sacsayhuaman, the Qorichancha Temple, Ollantaytambo & Pisac in the Sacred Valley.
- Friendly people, fascinating Conquistador-tinged history, indestructible Inca architecture – all set in a spectacular landscape.

**Please note,** this is the Andes and although this is not a mountain climbing trip, the air is thin. This is not for those with asthma or breathing problems.



### ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 USA to CUZCO.** Arrive in Cuzco, Peru & check into the hotel. Cuzco is the seat of the Inca civilization founded around 100 A.D. in the Andean mountains, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere and was the home of the Incas for two centuries before the Spanish built their first capital here. Cuzco offers a wealth of fascinating historical sites and a charming Spanish plaza setting with outdoor cafes and vendors. Pre-Inca, Inca, and colonial architecture abound in the colorful Andean town nestled in a high valley over 10,909 feet above sea level, surrounded by





some of the mightiest Andean peaks glistening with ice & snow. Afternoon walking tour of the local neighborhood with Gina while we take time to acclimate to the city's 3,450 m (11,150 ft) altitude. Evening "Welcome Group Dinner". Meals: (D).

**DAY 2 CUZCO / SACAYHUAMAN.** Morning group tour of Cuzco with its Inca-built walls lining the central streets and Baroque churches. We'll visit the Cathedral de Cusco with its famous "Last Super" portrait. We'll also visit the impressive Qorichancha Sun Temple whose interior walls were once covered in gold leaf, emeralds & turquoise. Then we travel to the magnificent Inka ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a huge Inka fortress high above Cusco at a height of 12,136 feet, zigzags across the

side of the mountains and at one time garrisoned 5000 Inka soldiers. Lunch & dinner on your own or join Gina at a local restaurant. Meals: (B).

**DAY 3 TRAIN TO AGUAS CALIENTES / MACHU PICCHU.** Morning local train to the small town of Aguas Calientes ("Hot Springs"). This four-hour train ride scenery is incredible as the switchback train makes its way up the steep mountainside surrounding Cuzco. Night in Aguas Calientes hotel. Meals (B). Option to stay at the famous Belmond Sanctuary Lodge at the Machu Picchu entrance (A bit of a splurge at \$1500 per night sgl or dbl).

**DAY 4 MACHU PICCHU.** Morning group trip to the famous Machu Picchu Inca Ruins. Machu Picchu is shrouded & in mystery and lively debate. This "Lost City of the Inkas" is perched high in between two peaks and only rediscovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham. The impressive ruins, hidden for 400 years by semi-tropical jungle lies between two peaks with sheer mountain sides falling vertically to the valley below. Built in the style of the last Imperial Inka, constructed, occupied, and abandoned within a century. Free afternoon to wander through the mysterious terraces and temples. Our English-speaking guide will point out the significance of the various stone structures and explain the theories offered to solve the mysteries of Machu Picchu. Walk to the "Gate of the Sun" looking down on Machu Picchu in the mist below. Walls made of stone so finely carved that you can barely slip a piece of paper between them. Sturdy hiking boots and sunscreen are recommended for hiking around Machu Picchu – you can easily walk around the terraces or hike the more challenging uneven surfaces & ruins. Free afternoon to explore the ruins on your own with plenty of photo opportunity. The surrounding rainforest also offers fine bird watching. Night in our Aguas Calientes hotel. Meals (B).

**DAY 5 AGUAS CALIENTES & MACHU PICCHU.** Free day to return to Machu Picchu or relax and stroll around Aguas Calientes visiting the local market, Inka museum, butterfly farm and the famous "hot springs" (\$3 entrance). Optional return to Machu Picchu \$125pp, Machu Picchu Mountain \$140pp or Machu Picchu & Huaynapicchu \$150pp (includes

entrance & RT shuttle, and English speaking guide). **Please note that tickets to Huaynapicchu are limited and need to be purchased 6 months in advance.** Meals: (B).

**DAY 6            AGUAS CALIENTES & MACHU PICCHU.** Free day to return to Machu Picchu or relax in Aguas Calientes. Meals: (B).

**DAY 7            TRIAN TO OLLANTAYTAMBO.** Group tour of the fortress of Ollantaytambo built to protect the Sacred Valley. Optional moderate hike to the top of the massive fortress. Lunch on your own in one of the local outdoor cafes on the Ollantaytambo plaza. Afternoon transport to Pisac and the Sacred Valley. Meals: (B).

**DAY 8            PISAC & THE SACRED VALLEY.** Morning group tour of the impressive Inka fortress ruins situated 1800 feet above Pisac. The incredible view overlooks the Rio Kitamayo Gorge, the Rio Chongo Valley, and is famous for its agricultural terracing. Free afternoon to enjoy Pisac, a quaint town with a colorful market, picturesque plaza, market where you can enjoy lunch at the many restaurants surrounding the market. Dinner on your own at our charming Pisac hotel. Meals: (B).

**DAY 9            PISAC to CUZCO.** Morning transport back to Cuzco. Free afternoon to explore Cuzco and the surrounding area. Suggested local activities:    a. Self-walking tour of San Blas with the local artists handicraft markets. b. Stroll to the San Pedro Market with little shops enroute offering many local handicrafts. c. Visit the many local museums. d. Enjoy a massage (\$20) or simply relax and enjoy people-watching from the numerous balcony restaurants overlooking the plaza. Evening “Farewell Group Dinner”. Meals: (B, D).

**DAY 10          CUZCO to USA.** Morning flight to Lima & the USA. Meals: (B).

## **LAND PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 9 nights accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- Eight meals. • All ground transportation per the itinerary.
- All group sightseeing per the itinerary with an English-speaking guide. • Single supplement is \$295. If you would like to share a room, Gina will help match you with a compatible roommate.
- Suggested budget for extra meals & sightseeing is \$200. • Land price does not include international air to Peru, Peru domestic air to/from Cuzco, or airport departure taxes. Approximate prices are \$900 roundtrip air Miami to Lima, \$270 roundtrip air Lima to Cuzco, & \$40 Peruvian airport departure taxes. • We do suggest tipping to any guide who offers you extra special attention and assistance.
- All prices are subject to change based on airline policies until time of purchase. All Peruvian train prices & entry fees are set by the Peruvian government and prices are subject to change.

## TRIP EXTENSIONS:

### Extra hotel nights in Cuzco (Pre & Post Trip)

\$90 dbl or single room including tax & breakfast.

### Optional Daytrips from Cuzco:

- Hike Rainbow Mountain or Vinincunca Rainbow. \$170pp (min 2p).
- Explore Ananiso Canyon or the Four Lakes. \$170pp (min 2p).
- Visit Chinchero on market day, famous for offering the best of the Andean handicrafts. Then visit the ancient agricultural terraces of Moray and the salt pans of Salinas. Local English-speaking guide included. \$80pp (minimum 2p)



Photos: The ancient agricultural terraces of Moray and the salt pans of Salina.

### PRE -TOUR “MACHU PICCHU TREK” Sept 4-10, 2019 (7 Days) (COST: \$800pp)

SEPT 4 Arrive in Cuzco & check into our hotel. Meet with your trek guide.

SEPT 5 Morning group tour of Cuzco and Sacsayhuaman (same as DAY 2 above).

SEPT 6, 7, 8, 9 Four day TREK TO MACHU PICCHU

SEPT 10 Join the above tour group in Aguas Calientes (above itinerary beginning DAY 4)

## TIPS ON GETTING FREE AIR TO PERU:

Go to [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and apply for their Citibank credit card

- The Citibank personal credit card often offers promotions of 40,000-60,000 bonus points with a \$3,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card. No annual fee the first year. A free roundtrip international ticket to Peru only requires 40,000 reward points!
- Citibank business credit card often offers promotions of 70,000 bonus points with a \$4,000 spend in the first 4 months of getting the card. No annual fee the first year.

FOR MORE INFO, contact Gina Henry / Go Global at 512-751-5096 or  
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**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THIS TRIP:**

Mail this form along with your \$300 trip deposit to Gina Henry / Go Global, PO Box  
632222, Nacogdoches, TX 75963-2222 or call 512-751-5096 to pay via credit card.

**This \$300 trip deposit is 100% refundable up to 120 days before the trip  
departure.**

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