

LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

# Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley

8 days from \$6,295 | Limited to 18 guests

Journey through Peru, from Lima to Cusco, interacting with the people of the Sacred Valley and experiencing their culture, music and cuisine, and explore magnificent Machu Picchu ahead of most visitors by staying at the only hotel on site.

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Travel by PeruRail Sacred Valley, an elegant train with 1920s-era styling, and overnight at the lone hotel at Machu Picchu, for extra time to explore the colossal “Lost City”
- ▶ Hear a private lecture on Machu Picchu by a renowned scholar of Incan history before discovering the amazing ruins for yourself in the company of a local expert guide
- ▶ Privately visit a village in the Sacred Valley where the people still use ancestral weaving and farming techniques, and join a local shaman for a traditional Pachamama ceremony
- ▶ Capture the architectural beauty of colonial Cusco during an interactive photography lesson
- ▶ Sample Peruvian cuisine at a Chef’s Table experience to understand its cultural impact on Peru and the world, and enjoy an exclusive A&K street-food tour led by a local chef
- ▶ Discover Peru’s rich musical traditions during a captivating private performance by an expert in Andean music

### DAY 1: Arrive Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima this evening and transfer to your hotel, located in the city’s exclusive residential district of Miraflores. Founded in 1535 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, this “City of Kings” is a mélange of colonial structures, pre-Columbian sites and modern conveniences. It’s also one of the world’s premier culinary cities, with a cuisine that reflects its people’s varied origins and traditions. **Belmond Miraflores Park**

### DAY 2: Lima | Discovering Peruvian Cuisine

Discover Lima, its history and flavors with top local chefs, visiting a market to learn about the unique food products of the Land of the Incas. Next, join in a Peruvian cooking experience, and then savor the delicious dishes you have cooked, sharing



them family style. After lunch, discover Peru’s capital, visiting the Plaza Mayor, birthplace of the city, and the beautiful Cathedral, built in the 16th century. Continue your journey to the bohemian Barranco neighborhood and discover the essence of the Limeños lifestyle. Meet a local chef who takes you to his or her favorite places, where you are invited to sample some of the iconic dishes and spirits of Peru, an interactive Chef’s Table experience exclusive to A&K. **Belmond Miraflores Park | Meals: B L D**

“This was our first A&K experience and it will not be our last. The quality of service throughout was unmatched. Thank you for an incredible journey.”

– Jordan; Franklin, TN; May 2019

### DAY 3: Sacred Valley | Cusco & Camelids

Fly to Cusco, located more than 11,000 feet above sea level. Stop for lunch in the central square, and then take part in a photography workshop, learning pointers from a professional, before proceeding to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit Awana Kancha, a center where South American camelids, such as llamas and alpacas, are bred, and learn about the valuable fibers created from their coats. Continue to your awe-inspiring accommodation, designed to blend in with, and provide an advantageous view of, Sacred Valley landscapes.

**Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa | Meals: B L D**



Discover the wonders of Machu Picchu with an expert local guide

#### DAY 4: **Sacred Valley** | Learning Time-Honored Traditions

Visit a remote village, where the local residents greet you warmly before giving you a hands-on introduction to the customs and crafts that make up their way of life, including weaving and cooking, for an A&K-exclusive experience. Andean cultures have long revered Mother Earth goddess Pachamama for sustaining life on our planet. This afternoon, participate in one of Peru's oldest and most sacred rituals when you join a local shaman in a traditional "payment to the earth" ceremony, extending an offering to Pachamama, to give thanks and honor new beginnings. & Next, visit the Kuychi

Center to meet the children at Niños del Arco Iris (Children of the Rainbow), a project supported by A&K Philanthropy, which provides education, nutrition, medical care and hope to children in the Sacred Valley. Eat lunch locally before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure, and gaze upon the soaring Andes on a refreshing Scenic Sundowner. **Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa | Meals: B L D**

#### DAY 5: **Machu Picchu** | Bingham's Stunning Find

Prepare for your visit to Machu Picchu with a private lecture from a renowned scholar and certified expert on the Incas.



Stroll through the historic Plaza de Armas in Cusco



Delve firsthand into local culture on a visit to a remote village in the Sacred Valley



Behold the massive stone marvel that is Sacsayhuaman

Next, explore Ollantaytambo, a fortress of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes and the site of the Incas' greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Although it served well as a military stronghold, Ollantaytambo had a deeper, religious significance for the Incas, as evidenced by the unfinished, stone-carved Temple of the Sun found near the top of the terraces. Then, Ride Like a Local, journeying deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu on board the PeruRail Sacred Valley, a train inspired by the elegance of the 1920s, gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Arrive for your overnight stay at the only hotel located on site at Machu Picchu. Overlooking the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca empire. Although this "Lost City" was revealed to the rest of the world by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, its location was long known to locals. Its original purpose, however, remains a matter of some conjecture, as the Incas left no written records. Explore the ruins with your expert local guide and, as you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this majestic citadel, set some 8,000 feet above sea level.

Belmond Sanctuary Lodge | Meals: B L D

**DAY 6: Machu Picchu** | Walking the Spectacular Ruins  
Rise with the sun to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive, an experience some consider the spiritual highlight of the journey. You may also opt to trek up from the ruins to the Sun Gate, entry point to the Inca Trail. After your explorations, bid adieu to this "Lost City of the Incas" and board the Vistadome train back to Ollantaytambo. Continue to Cusco, where you check in to your hotel, once a 16th-century monastery and now a

national monument that offers a delightful retreat from the bustle of Cusco, while set just off the city square. Enjoy an evening at leisure, free to relax or begin to explore Cusco on your own. **Belmond Hotel Monasterio** | Meals: B L

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"One of the top travel experiences of my life. Peru is stunningly beautiful, with a rich and complex history, and Machu Picchu is a magical, mysterious and compelling site that stirs the soul."

– Stacey; New York, NY; March 2019

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**DAY 7: Cusco** | Design Your Day

This morning, discover Cusco on a city tour that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple, a Dominican church built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building. Listen as a local expert explains how the historic clashes between the Incas and the Spanish played a role in forming today's Peruvian culture. Later, visit the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. Compiled of colossal stones, the largest of which may weigh as much as 200 tons, the walls were cut and placed together with incredible precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. This imposing fortress, which witnessed the greatest battle between the Spanish and the Incas, overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.



- ▶ **Visit the San Blas Neighborhood**, a unique, bohemian enclave where you find the workshops of artisans.
- ▶ **Stroll San Pedro Market and Visit the Inca Museum** for a taste of local fruits and cheese, and a glimpse of daily life, followed by a look back into Peru's rich history
- ▶ **Explore with an Expert Photographer** who helps you refine your skills and capture Cusco as a local sees it, including its people, narrow streets and beautiful houses.

Tonight, listen to a private Andean music presentation by a regional expert, and learn the history of his handmade instruments. Absorb not only the timeless quality of the Peruvian folk tunes he plays, but the unmistakable cultural identity revealed by their haunting, immersive melodies. Afterward, gather for a farewell dinner at the elegant MAP Café, where the chef gathers local ingredients for use in innovative recipes that remain true to Peru's culinary traditions.

**Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Depart Lima**

After a morning at leisure to sleep in, visit shops or simply relax, fly back to Lima. Later, board your departing flight. **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom) | Meals: B**

**TRAVEL PRIVATELY WITH A&K**

Customize this itinerary to create the perfect private Luxury Tailor Made Journey just for you. Contact Wyllys Professional Travel for more details.

**INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Belmond Sanctuary Lodge**

Occupying a privileged site just steps from the mystical Incan citadel of Machu Picchu, the only hotel adjacent to the "Lost City."



**Belmond Hotel Monasterio**

Once a 16th-century monastery, now a *Travel + Leisure* World's Best hotel.



**Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa**

Serenely nestled in the Sacred Valley.



**Belmond Miraflores Park**

Luxury hotel with ocean views from Lima's Miraflores neighborhood.



**Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport**

— Stylish hotel conveniently located just steps from Lima's airport.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jan 15-22, Feb 12-19, Mar 19-26	\$6,295	\$2,295
Apr 10-17, May 8-15, May 30-Jun 6, Jun 4-11, Jun 18-25, Jul 9-16, Aug 13-20, Aug 27-Sep 3, Sep 3-10, Sep 17-24, Oct 1-8, Oct 15-22, Dec 3-10	\$6,595	\$2,595

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$495  
Lima/Cusco; Cusco/Lima

**Journey Details**

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 9:30 a.m. on Day 2.  
Last group event: airport assistance in Lima upon return from Cusco on Day 8.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact Wyllys Professional Travel for up-to-date information on dates, pricing, extensions and special offers.