

Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley

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

Experience the enduring heritage of the Incas, as you interact with the rural people of the Sacred Valley, sample Peruvian culinary delights and explore magnificent Machu Picchu, staying at the only hotel on site.

& A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Mingle with the residents of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and gain an intimate understanding of their ancestral weaving and farming techniques, during a private visit to their village, where you partake in a Pachamama ceremony
- ▶ Enjoy a private lecture on Machu Picchu with a renowned scholar in Incan history before discovering the magnificent ruins for yourself in the company of a local expert guide
- ▶ Discover Peru's rich musical traditions during a captivating private performance by an expert in Andean music
- ▶ Trek the last portion of the Inca Trail from KM 104 to Machu Picchu on select departures

DAY 1: Arrive Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima 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 blend of colonial structures, pre-Colombian sites and modern conveniences.

Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima

DAY 2: Lima | Discovering Peruvian Cuisine

Today, learn why Lima is considered one of the world's premier culinary cities by discovering its history and flavors with top local chefs, visiting a market to learn about the unique food products of the Land of the Incas. Take part in a Peruvian cooking experience, and savor the delicious dishes you have cooked. After lunch, discover Peru's capital, visiting Plaza de Armas, 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. Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima | 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 and 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.

Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: B L D

DAY 4: Sacred Valley | Learning Time-Honored Traditions

Visit a remote village where the local residents provide a hands-on introduction to the customs and crafts that make



Discover the wonders of Machu Picchu with an expert local guide

up their way of life, including weaving and cooking, for an A&K-exclusive experience. This afternoon, participate in one of Peru's oldest and most sacred rituals when you join a local shaman in a traditional offering to Mother Earth (Pachamama). 🌿 After this spiritual ceremony, 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, and then return to your hotel where you prepare for your visit to Machu Picchu with a private lecture from a renowned scholar and

certified expert on the Incas. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure, gazing upon the soaring Andes on a refreshing Scenic Sundowner. **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: B L D**

DAY 5: Machu Picchu | Bingham's Stunning Find
Begin your day by exploring Ollantaytambo, a fortress of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes and the site of the Incas' greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Then, Ride Like a Local, journeying deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu aboard the Inca Rail First Class Train, gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Arrive for



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



Walk beside the imposing ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an Incan fortress overlooking Cusco



Explore the sights of Cusco, including the historic Plaza de Armas

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 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.

Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu | Meals: B L D

HIKE THE INCA TRAIL



On select dates, engage in a more active Day-5 adventure, departing the train early for an expert-guided hike along the last portion of the Inca Trail, starting at KM 104 and ascending to the Sun Gate (Inti Punku) overlooking Machu Picchu.

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 (Inti Punku), 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.

Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: B L

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 from colossal stones, its 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 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 as well. 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. **Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco** | 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.

INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS



Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu

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



Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco

A *Travel + Leisure* World's Best hotel.



Inkaterri Hacienda Urubamba

Boutique hotel nestled in the Sacred Valley, with stunning Andes views.



Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima

Luxury hotel with ocean views.



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 14-21, Feb 11-18, Mar 4-11, Mar 18-25	\$6,295	\$2,395
Apr 1-8, Apr 16-23, May 6-13, May 13-20, Jun 10-17, Jun 17-24, Jun 25-Jul 2, Jul 8-15, Jul 15-22, Aug 12-19, Aug 19-26, Aug 26-Sep 2, Sep 16-23, Sep 30-Oct 7, Oct 8-15, Oct 14-21, Nov 5-12, Dec 9-16	\$6,595	\$2,695

KM104 Inca Trail Hike Departures: May 27-Jun 3, Sep 10-17, Oct 22-29	\$6,595	\$2,695
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Book one of these dates for a more active Day-5 adventure, departing the train early for an expert-guided hike along the Inca Trail from KM104 to Machu Picchu.

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.