

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Machu Picchu & The Sacred Valley

By Amigos Travel
9 days | 8 nights

Itinerary in a nutshell

Experience the majesty of Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca citadel that's top of many travellers' bucket lists. Peruse quaint weaving villages in the Sacred Valley, and visit Cuzco, the archeological capital of the Americas and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. This itinerary is carefully paced, with hand-selected activities and visits, accompanied by expert guides to offer you a memorable trip of a lifetime.

Why you'll love this itinerary

- Enjoy two visits to the iconic Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, including a guided tour.
- Wander the cobbled streets of Cuzco, once the epicentre of the Inca Empire.

DAY 1 Arrive Cuzco – Sacred Valley of the Incas

On arrival, you will be met by an Amigos Travel representative and be *privately* driven through Cuzco and down to the Sacred Valley of the Incas to your hotel, where you will have three nights' accommodation.

DAY 2 Sacred Valley of the Incas – Pisac & Ollantaytambo

After breakfast this morning you will be taken on a *shared* tour to the famous and traditional Pisac Market. Here you will have time to bargain with the local Indians for their fabulous artifacts and weavings. You will then visit the Inca Fortress city of Ollantaytambo. Dominated by two massive Inca ruins, the quaint village of Ollantaytambo is the best surviving example of Inca city planning, with narrow cobblestone streets that have been continuously inhabited since the 13th century. Lunch today will be included. (BL)

DAY 3 Sacred Valley of the Incas – Maras & Moray

This morning you will be taken on a *shared* tour where you will firstly travel to Moray, a fantastic place where circular and semi-circular agricultural terraces were built into the top of a limestone hill overlooking the Urubamba Valley and were used by the Incas as a botanical laboratory. Apart from their agricultural function, some believe they have a mystical meaning that we have yet to unlock. Close at hand is the Colonial village of Maras, famed for its salt pans where one of the finest salts in the world is extracted... Maras salt. (B)

DAY 4 Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

After an early breakfast you will be *privately* transferred to Ollanta Train Station for your excursion to Machu Picchu. You will follow the Urubamba River on one of the world's great train journeys. Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas" is undoubtedly the best known and most spectacular archeological site on the continent and is a must for all visitors to Peru. After lunch, your archeologist guide will take you on an amazing walk through this "wonder of mankind". For the next 2 nights you will stay in a wonderful hotel in the township of Aguas Calientes, located just below the ruins - an absolute highlight in itself! (BLD)

DAY 5 Machu Picchu

You have another entry to Machu Picchu this morning to be able to climb to Huayna Picchu. Huayna Picchu (on which there are also some more Incan ruins) is the mountain overlooking the site and has steps to the top for a superlative view of the whole area. Your second entry to Machu Picchu, & Huayna Picchu permits are included. This afternoon please make your way back to the train station for the Vistadome Train to Ollantaytambo. On arrival you are met and *privately* driven to Cuzco, to your hotel where you stay for three fabulous nights. (B)

DAY 6 Machu Picchu / Cuzco

This morning you will take your train back to Ollanta, where you will be met and *privately* transferred to Cuzco by road and to your hotel for three nights. Cuzco is the archeological capital of the Americas and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Massive Inca-built stone walls line most of Cuzco's central streets to form the foundations of Colonial and modern buildings. The streets are stepped, narrow and filled with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Inca Civilization. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 Cuzco

This morning you will be taken on a *shared* comprehensive tour of Cuzco. You will visit the Koricancha (Temple of the Sun) and the lookout of San Cristobal from where you have a beautiful view of the city. You also visit the Plaza de Armas (Main Square) and some of the other important Inca Ruins outside the city. (B)

DAY 8 Cuzco

Today is at leisure to enjoy this amazing town. (B)

DAY 9 Cuzco / Onward flight

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and *privately* transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TOUR COST IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS:

TOURIST CLASS SHARED TOURS: *from* AU\$3,200 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

SUPERIOR CLASS SHARED TOURS: *from* AU\$4,195 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

DELUXE CLASS SHARED TOURS: *from* AU\$6,300 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

UPGRADE ANY OF THE ABOVE PACKAGES TO ENJOY PRIVATE TOURS: *from* AU\$650 PER PERSON

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Your Amigos Travel Holiday includes:

- * Accommodation in standard, superior or deluxe-class hotels with private facilities.
- * All *private* airport transfers as described with English speaking guides.
- * All *shared or private* sightseeing tours in as described with English speaking guides.
- * All admission fees on such tours.
- * Meals as indicated: (B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner).
- * All ground transportation as described.
- * All touring vessels.

Not included:

- * Airfares.
- * Excess baggage.
- * Beverages.
- * Items of a personal nature.
- * Travel insurance.
- * Passport & visa costs.
- * Tipping.

How to Reserve Your Place on this Tour:

- * Please telephone 1300 AMIGOS or email office@amigostravel.com.au
- * Our booking form and booking conditions for the tour are attached. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of 10% per person to secure your place.
- * On receipt of your deposit and booking application form, we will then forward additional pre- departure information regarding visas, medical requirements and much more.
- * We can arrange your travel insurance if you wish.
- * Payment of your tour balance is then required 90 days before your departure.

“Feliz viaje” or happy travelling!