

A high-angle, panoramic view of the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, Peru. The city is built on a steep, terraced mountain ridge, surrounded by lush green terraces and stone structures. In the background, jagged mountain peaks rise against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic, capturing the essence of the site's natural beauty and historical significance.

S3 Adventures
Peru
May 17th - 26th, 2025

Trip Overview

Day 1: Arrive in Lima.

Day 2: Lima City Tour & Catacombs Tour.

Day 3: Flight to Cusco.

Day 4: Cusco City Tour.

Day 5: Sacred Valley Tour with Andean Experience.

Day 6: Inca Trail 8hr Day Hike OR Train ride to Aguas Calientes. Hot Springs Calientes at night.

Day 7: Tour of Machu Picchu.

Day 8: Maras and Moray Tour.

Day 9: Humantay Lake Day Tour.

Day 10: Flight from Cusco – Lima – Home

Trip Details

Day 1: International Flight to Lima

You will be picked up from the Lima Airport by a Kusa Treks representative who will meet you outside baggage claim with a Kusa Treks sign and take you to your hotel in the Miraflores district of Lima in our private shuttle van. You will have the rest of the afternoon / evening to yourselves.



Meals Included: None

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Shuttle service from airport – hotel

Day 2: Lima City Tour + Catacombs Tour

You will have the morning free to explore Lima on your own, or sleep in after a long day of travel. Breakfast will be served at your hotel. In the



afternoon, your Kusa Treks guide will pick you up from your hotel at ~1:00 PM and lead you through a private guided tour of Lima. The tour includes palaces, museums, churches, famous squares, panoramic views, and ends with unforgettable vistas of the Pacific Ocean from the Miraflores District.

After your tour of the city, you will then be taken to the eerie catacombs beneath the San Francisco Monastery. Below this majestic cathedral are the remains of over 70,000 individuals, housed in the largest and best persevered catacombs in all of South America. After the tour, you will be taken back to your hotel and have the rest of the evening to yourselves.



Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: All the tickets necessary for Lima and Catacombs tours

Day 3: Flight to Cusco

You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to the airport in time for your domestic flight to Cusco. A Kusa Treks representative will either email or give you physical copies of the airline tickets the night before. Upon arrival, you will again be met outside of baggage claim for your private shuttle service to your hotel in Cusco. You will have the rest of the afternoon to explore Cusco on your own and slowly acclimate to the elevation. Trust us, this takes a while, Cusco's elevation is 11,152ft.

Meals Included: Breakfast (at hotel)

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Shuttle to Lima airport and to Cusco hotel. One-way flight from Cusco to Lima

Day 4: Cusco City Tour

You will have the morning free to explore Cusco on your own. Around 1:00 PM, your tour guide will pick you up from your hotel to start your Cusco City Tour. This is a wonderful tour that will take you across the historical city of Cusco—the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. You will start with a tour Q'oricancha, the Temple of the Sun. At Q'oricancha you will see the differences between the Inca and Spanish building methods. This temple was the spiritual center of the entire Inca Empire and as such the construction here is amazing. Dozens of roads lead from Q'oricancha to the four quarters of the entire Inca Empire.

After visiting Q'oricancha you will walk down the Avenida El Sol, where you will board a private van that will take you just outside of the city. The 25-minute drive will take you to the majestic Inca site of Sacsayhuaman, which has enigmatic monoliths weighing as much as 200 tons! Your guide will explain this phenomenal site and you will have extra time to do a bit of exploring on your own.



From Sacsayhuaman it is a 5-minute van ride to the Q'enqo Inca site. These ruins include fascinating Inca altars. Following this site is another 5-minute drive to Puca Pucara, which is a small, circular Inca site. The final stop on our tour is Tambomachay, the Inca water temple thought to be used

by the ancient civilization for bathing, with its impressive water fountains. After touring all these sites, you will drive back down to Cusco where the tour ends at your hotel. You will then have the rest of the day to yourselves!

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Everything required for Cusco City Tour

Day 5: Sacred Valley Tour & Andean Experience

You will be picked up from your hotel at 8:00 AM and driven through the Sacred Valley—a key area of settlement for the Incas. You will stop at multiple ruins, vistas, photo spots, and towns along the way as your tour guide explains about the local and ancient culture and history. Your tour will continue to a local restaurant where you will have lunch and then you will continue towards the town and ruins of Pisac for another walking tour and an opportunity to buy local handmade goods at the bustling market.



After visiting these majestic sites, you will visit the Andean town of Chinchero where you will 1) visit the Rainbow Temple, 2) Visit the Catholic cathedral, and 3) enjoy lunch and a demonstration of traditional Incan weaving and lunch. You will have time to browse the shop for the many colorful and exquisitely patterned artisanal goods that you saw them make. After the demonstration, you will have a cooking lesson with a local family and learn how to make some of the traditional and staple meals of their culture. Your tour will end at Ollantaytambo where you will be dropped off at your hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodations: Sol Natura (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Private shuttle service and professional tour guide through Sacred Valley

Day 6: Short Inca Trail OR Train

You will be picked up from your hotel in the morning and taken to the train station where you will ride the train for ~2 hours to the KM 104. Here, you will disembark with your tour guide and go on the 8-mile hike along the famous Inca Trail to the Sun Gate for your first view of Machu Picchu. You MUST SHOW YOUR PASSPORT AT THE CHECK IN STATION BEFORE BEGINNING THE HIKE. BRING YOUR PASSPORT. You will have a packed lunch along the trail and the famous ruins of Wiñay Wayna. After scaling the steps to the Sun Gate, you will take the path down into Machu Picchu itself to get photos at the end of the day and potentially at sunset.



You will then exit Machu Picchu and take a bus down to the town of Aguas Calientes where you will be taken to your hotel to shower and change and then head to dinner at a local restaurant. Here, the hikers will meet the rest of the group who took the train the rest of the way to Aguas Calientes and enjoy the hot springs after a long day of hiking.

After the hikers disembark, those who will take the train ride to Aguas Calientes will enjoy this incredible train ride as it follows the Urubamba River through the rest of the Sacred Valley. Upon arriving in Aguas Calientes, you will be taken to your hotel and have the rest of the evening to yourselves to explore the city and try an authentic Peruvian meal at a local restaurant, where you will meet the part of the group that went on the hike and join them to the hot springs.



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Train ticket, bus ticket down from Machu Picchu, permits for Inca Trail and Machu Picchu

Day 7: Machu Picchu Tour

You will take the bus back up to Machu Picchu and have your official tour of this Wonder of the World. The tour lasts for 2-hours and then you will have time to either hike up Huayna Picchu or explore the city on your own and take more pictures.

After your time is up inside Machu Picchu (max 6 hours), you will go to the bus stop and again ride down to Aguas Calientes for your Vistadome train back to Cusco. You will arrive to Cusco ~7:00 PM and be taken to your hotel.



Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Permits to Machu Picchu, Expedition train ticket to Cusco, Bus ticket to and from Machu Picchu, professional tour guide

Day 8: Maras and Moray Tour

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco at 8:00 AM and driven to two incredible sites along with lunch at an Andean Village. Your first view will be at Moray, ~ 1.5 hours from Cusco, one of the largest and best-preserved examples of Incan terraced farming.

You will then drive a few miles down the road to the salt pools of Maras,



which is over 1,000 years old. After that, you will travel to a local Andean town and visit temples, cathedrals, and then sit down with the locals and eat lunch and see a demonstration of the famous weaving technique. You will return to Cusco ~4:00 PM and have the rest of the evening to yourselves.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Private tour service for listed activities

Day 9: Humantay Lake Day Tour

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco at 5:30 AM and take the 3.5 hour drive through some incredible scenery that will end at the first campsite of the Salkantay Trek—Soraypampa. Here, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast and then you will start the 1.5 hour hike to Humantay Lake. At the top, you will have time to view the stunning lake and its turquoise waters—truly a gorgeous and once-in-a-lifetime spectacle. The brave in the group can swim in the frigid waters (so bring your travel towel)! You will then return back to the campsite for lunch and board the van to return back to Cusco around 6:00 PM.



Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodations: Casa Andina Premium (or similar 4-star hotel)

Inclusions: Private transportation and guide of Humantay Lake

Day 10: Flight Home

You will be picked up from your hotel in time for your departing flight from Cusco to Lima for your connecting flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Accommodations: N/A

Inclusions: Private shuttle service from hotel to airport. Domestic flight from Cusco to Lima.

Miscellaneous Information

For tips in Peru, we generally recommend the following tip structure:

- \$10 for the group for any drivers
- \$20 - \$30 / person for the porters/support staff
- \$15 - \$20 / person for assistant guide
- \$30 - \$40 / person for head guide
- In total, we recommend bringing ~\$100 - \$150 for tips

Inclusions:

- Domestic Transportation
 - o Flights Lima – Cusco – Lima
 - o Shuttle service to and from airports
 - o Shuttle service to and from hotels / tours
- Professional English / Spanish speaking tour guides
- 4-star hotels
- All activities outlined in this itinerary
- Meals as listed
 - o 7 Breakfasts
 - o 4 Lunches
 - o 1 Dinner
- Entrance fees for all activities described
- Private tours and transportation

Exclusions:

- Alcohol
- Tips and Gratuities
- Meals as listed
- Personal Expenditures / Souvenirs
- International Airfare to/from Lima

Transportation:

Sprinter Vans Used for Domestic Transportation:

- 8 – 10 passenger sprinter vans
- Private transportation
- Air Conditioned

*our group will have 2-3 vans



TRAIN INFO:

Vista Dome Train

The Vista Dome Train is an upgraded train, which provides entertainment and a meal. It also has a glass domed ceiling which provides better views of the Sacred Valley on your way from Aguas Calientes to Cusco. The Vista Dome train will end at the Poroy station, a 30-minute drive to Cusco from where we will pick you up in our private sprinter vans. The arrival station is based on the time the train leaves Aguas Calientes.

The following are departure times for the Vista Dome to the Poroy Station:

- Leave Aguas Calientes: 16:43 → Arrive to Ollantaytambo station: 20:23 → Arrive to hotel in Cusco: 21:00
- Leave Aguas Calientes: 17:23 → Arrive to Ollantaytambo station: 20:52 → Arrive to hotel in Cusco: 21:30