

Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Puerto Maldonado

# Tour Package Includes:

- Round trip economy airfare from Canada to Peru
- Domestic airfare within Peru.
- Return transfers between the airport and your hotels with an English-speaking guide
- Superior hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Private sightseeing tours with admission and meals as per itinerary
- Professional English Speaking local guide service

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- Any items not specified as included

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## **Tour Itinerary**

#### Sep 10: Lima

Arrive in Lima, meet and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation: Jose Antonio Deluxe or similar

## Sep. 11: Lima (B)

Enjoy a guided walking tour for the best way of getting to grips with the Peruvian capital. First up is the Plaza de Armas which is dominated by the central 16th century Cathedral, as well as grand colonial buildings, fountains and even native palm trees, making it the perfect introduction to Old Lima. Then visit the 1553 Casa Aliaga Mansion, known not only for its architectural grandeur but also an intriguing history, as the house was built on land gifted to Jerónimo de Aliaga by Francisco Pizarro on the 1535 founding of Lima, and has been inhabited by his descendants continuously ever since! Next, another colonial mansion-turned-place of historical interest at the Larco Museum, home to many pieces of fine pre-Columbian art, gold and silver artefacts, in a building constructed on the site of a 7th century pyramid.

#### Sep. 12: Lima - Cusco (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to your hotel. Due to high altitude (10,912 feet above sea level), we recommend you rest for a short period. In the afternoon, pick up for city tour that includes a walkthrough of the Cathedral, the Koricancha ('site of gold'), and the four ruins that surround the city: the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, Kenko, Puca Pucara, and Tampumachay.

Accommodation: Costa del Sol Cusco or similar

## Sep. 13: Cusco – Sacred Valley (B/L)

Full day excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Begins at Awanakancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes, observe traditional textile dyeing and weaving techniques and the four types of camelids that are native to the region. Visit the Indian artisan market in Pisac and have lunch at a local restaurant. The last stop is the impressive Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo that served as both a fortress and ceremonial center, and is the site of a short-lived victory by the Incas over the Spanish.

Accommodation: Posada del Inca Yucay or similar

## Sep. 14: Cusco - Machu Picchu (B/L/D)

After breakfast, transfer to the train station for the ride to Machu Picchu – the Lost City of the Incas (7,900 feet). This mountaintop citadel, which served as both a center of worship and an astronomic observatory, is located in the middle of the cloud forest overlooking the Urubamba River. Enjoy a guided tour followed by lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge. In the afternoon, board the bus down to Aguas Calientes, then walk to your hotel. Dinner will be served in a restaurant in Aguas Calientes.

Accommodation: El Mapi or similar

## Sep 15: Machu Picchu - Cusco (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure to explore Machu Picchu. You can choose to hike the Huayna Picchu or enjoy another activity. Mid-afternoon, depart from Machu Picchu by train to Poroy Station in the Sacred Valley, and then be taken to your hotel in Cusco.

Accommodation: Costa del Sol Cusco or similar

#### Sep 16: Cusco – Sandoval Lake Lodge (B/L/D)

After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight to Puerto Maldonado. Upon arrival, the lodge representative from the lodge will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the Puerto Maldonado fluvial port, to take a 25-minute boat trip to the port of entry to the path that leads to Lake Sandoval. After trekking for about half an hour, you will arrive at the shores of the lake, from where you will board a canoe to be transferred to the Sandoval Lake Lodge. After checking in and enjoying lunch, you can board a catamaran to visit the Western side of the lake, and then the arrival of the macaws that approach to spend the night. There will be a night tour after dinner to look for black caimans, whose eyes stick up from the water and shine when then are lit up by the flashlights.

Accommodation: Sandoval Lake Lodge or similar

#### Sep. 17: Sandoval Lake Lodge (B/L/D)

Today visit the lake in the early morning. Lake Sandoval is actually a meander abandoned by the river and, due to its particular ecosystem of calm waters; it is home to an exuberant fauna, which includes, among others, giant otters, caimans and shanshos, an exotic bird with a prehistoric appearance. After having breakfast, you will take a tour through the jungle to see wild chestnut trees, as this local nut represents an important income for native communities. There you will learn the harvesting, packaging and trading processes. You will then return to the lodge to have lunch and visit the lake to watch monkey species, especially the capuchin monkey. You will take a nighttime tour to watch the night fauna.

## Sep. 18: Sandoval Lake Lodge (B/L/D)

You will get up to watch the sunrise from the shore of the lake. Next, you will board the catamaran to explore the Western end of the lake, to look for a family of giant river otters, an endangered mammal hat has found peace in these calm waters due to the absence of predators. Upon your return to the lodge to have breakfast, you will explore the neighboring paths together with a resident naturalist guide. After lunch, you will have a free afternoon to rest or explore the surroundings on your own, and you will subsequently board the catamaran to watch the sunset from the water.

## Sep. 19: Puerto Maldonado - Lima (B/D)

After breakfast, a motor boat will take you to Puerto Maldonado airport and the Lodge representative will assist you with your check-in to catch your flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima, meet and transfer to your hotel. In the evening, enjoy a Folkloric Dinner Show at La Dama Juana Restaurant.

Accommodation: Jose Antonio Deluxe or similar

#### Sep. 20: Lima - Departure (B)

Enjoy the day at leisure. Transfer to the airport in the late evening for your homebound flight.