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13 Day Mystical Cultures Of Peru – A Private, Active, & Luxury Immersion



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS DATES – 13 DAY ITINERARY

Experience the mystical culture of Peru, where a two-thousand-year-old history is uncovered in enchanting surroundings.

Enjoy unprecedented access to private culinary events and shopping tours in the capital city of Lima. There, learn the secrets of Peruvian cuisine, a sophisticated fusion of Incan and Spanish culture, defined by a cornucopia of tantalizing native fruits, vegetables and spices. Learn how to make the national dish of ceviche by esteemed chefs, while sipping Pisco, the clear grape brandy that serves as Peru's national drink.

Trek the Inca Trail on a three day experience you will never forget. Explore the mountains of Peru as very few have; up close and personal. Hike up to 3 stations and see panoramic views of Machu and Apu Picchu and a whole lot more...

By first class train, travel through the Sacred Valley to the lost Incan city of Machu Picchu, nestled in an emerald cloud forest and only rediscovered a hundred years ago. Spend two days exploring the vast archaeological ruins of the region, defined by its unforgettable scenery and vibrant indigenous culture. Visit the colorful village markets of the Quechua tribe where vivid alpaca wool sweaters, carved handicrafts and other local specialties are sold as they have been for generations.

Encounter Cusco, once the capital of the Incan Empire that recently was declared a UNESCO World Heritage city. Surrounded by ancient stone walls and framed by the Andes Mountains, the picturesque city contains a myriad of architectural and cultural history and is situated nearby the intriguing ruins of ancient temples and palaces.

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13 Day Itinerary: Peru: Lima – Sacred Valley – Inca Trail – Machu Picchu – Cusco

Sample Itinerary - Travel Anytime

<u>12 Days / 11 Nights</u> Customized Luxury Private Toring Experience

Lima (2 nights) ; Sacred Valley (2 nights); Inca Trail (3 nights); Machu Picchu (1 night); Cusco (2 nights); Lima (1 nights)



Day 1 Arrival Peru: Lima

Upon your arrival at Lima airport, meet our English-speaking Guest Services Representative, who will be waiting in the arrivals area. You will be escorted through immigration and customs and forward to the baggage claim area. You will meet your

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private English-speaking Driver there who will assist you with collecting your luggage. You will be transferred to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will meet the Concierge who will welcome you with a VIP private check-in experiences. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel, enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment, or start exploring on your own.

Lunch & Dinner are on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Lima.

Day 2 Peru: Lima

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for your half day tour of Lima.



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Half Day City Tour:

Be introduced to Lima, the Spanish Vice-Royal capital of South America, home to some of South America's most remarkable colonial mansions, churches and squares. The city of Lima is a cradle of several Pre-Columbian cultures, dating back thousands of years. All were part of the Inca Empire until the Spanish Conquistador Francisco Pizarro founded the city in 1535.

On this tour, relive Lima's history and visit the city's vice-royalty sites, including San Martin Square, Plaza de Armas, The Archbishop's Palace, and the Cathedral. Enjoy the masterpiece of colonial architecture, the San Francisco Church, home to some of the best examples of colonial religious art.

Enjoy a drive through of Lima's most exclusive areas, including stops at incredible ocean lookout points. **dine at Huaca Pucllana**. Situated at the foot a 4th century archaeological site composed of adobe and clay pyramids, enjoy a fine meal in a spectacular setting.

You will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax and enjoy the property or explore on your own for the afternoon.

This evening, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to



Highlights of Lima by Night with dinner at Huaca Pucllana Restaurant

Your guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel at the appointed time. Throughout the evening you will re-live Lima's millenary history through a

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combination diverse attractions during its three most representative periods: pre-Columbian, Colonial and contemporary.

The city of Lima is the cradle of several pre-Columbian cultures, dating back thousands of years, which were part of the Inca Empire until the Spanish Conquistador Francisco Pizarro founded the city in 1535.

Explore Lima's viceroyalty sites; old streets surrounded by colonial style mansions with Moorish styled balconies, influenced by the Moorish invasion in Spain. Included is San Martín Square and the Main Square or "Plaza de Armas" where the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the Cathedral, and City Hall are located. San Francisco Church, a masterpiece of Colonial architecture preserving the best examples of Colonial religious art in America, stands tall and impressive lit at night.

Drive through the exclusive areas of San Isidro and the touristic district of Miraflores, and its privileged lookouts along the cliff line to view the Pacific Ocean.

Finally, dine at Huaca Pucllana Restaurant, with a spectacularly lit view of the archeological site built in the IV century. Built with small adobe bricks wrought on a continuous base of blocks still exists after the three centuries. Enjoy a fine meal in a spectacular setting.

Magnificence was reflected by the configuration of a monumental architecture, which has successfully withstood a number of earthquakes and seismic movements. It was an important ceremonial and administrative location in the Lima culture (200-700AC).

At the end of the services you will be returned to your hotel. [B-D]

Day 3 Peru: Lima

Breakfast in your hotel.

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After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for your Visit to the exceptional Larco Herrera Museum founded in 1926.



Browse the museum display of 45,000 archaeological objects, considered to be

exceptional pre-Columbian art icons. Everything is chronologically exhibited in impressive galleries, showing the continuous development of 3,000 years of Peru's pre-Columbian history. Take pleasure in its beautiful gardens, located inside a unique viceroyalty mansion dating back to the XVIII century, and appreciate the museum's finest old Peruvian gold and silver collection.

This museum is also renowned for its famous and fascinating erotic pottery collection, which is on display in the separate "Erotic Hall", depicting sexual practices of several Peruvian cultures.

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Lunch at Café del Museo Restaurant, surrounded by Larco Museums beautiful gardens and managed by the most prestigious Peruvian Chef Gaston Acurio.



Shopping in Lima

After lunch Our Expert Shopper will take you to the best shops and galleries in Lima, where you can find exclusives Peruvian crafts, souvenirs, jewels and art collections. Arrangements will be made in advance and appointments will be scheduled around your interests and passions. (These are determined in the Celebration Escapes' Creative Planning Session.)

Have fun shopping in Barranco at Las Pallas, Welsh-born Mari Solari's Peruvian folk art shop/gallery has woven textiles and baskets, pottery, hand painted masks and picture frames, delicately engraved gourds, amulets and retablos.

No items are factory-produced. Continue on to Dédalo, Staged in an old refurbished colonial beach house also in Barranco. A block away from the sea, it offers Peruvian non-traditional workmanship at its best.

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Find that unique gift you need to take home with you, or spoil yourself! Shops dedicated to Alpaca pieces, textiles and ceramics; you will find all you need and away from the crowds by visiting our array of suggested stores.

At the end of the services you will return to your hotel.

Dinner on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Lima.

Day 4 Peru: Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the Lima Airport to meet your flight to Cusco.

Upon your arrival at Cusco airport, our English-speaking Guest Services Representative will be waiting in the arrivals area. You will be escorted through the airport and to baggage claim to collect your luggage. You will meet your private English-speaking driver who will assist you with your luggage and transfer you to your hotel; with visits in route.

Excursion to Pisac Ruins in route

Excursion to Pisac Ruins & Market (Alternatives available: Chinchero, Pisac Ruins, Pisac Market or Maras & Moray in route).



Visit the Pisac mountaintop complex including overlooks, terraces and the main temple, located next to the town of Pisac. It is known for its small, polished stones

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that fit perfectly together. In the main ruins, you will find temples of the sun, moon, rain, rainbow, and stars, as well as a few Inca crosses rising from the ground. Among the most important buildings in the area are Pisaca, which is a fine curving wall, the Intihuatana group of temples, and the military area, called "Q' Allaqasa". Exploring these ruins means walking a path, which snakes its way along the hillsides east of the Sacred Valley.



Hacienda Huayoccari - Lunch



Lunch at Hacienda Huayoccari, a beautiful ranch built in the Fifties by one of the most prestigious families in Cusco:landowners and art collectors. It is located 1.5 miles uphill from the main Sacred Valley road.

Huayoccari is a private home. It provides beautiful surroundings, amazing garden and views, antiques and folk art throughout the home. You hosts, will serve you a delicious luncheon. The house is lived-in by its owners and receives guests to private luncheons by appointment only.

After lunch, you will continue on your journey, making a stop at a children's orphanage to volunteer some time to help the children.

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Volunteering in Children Orphanage

At this Orphanage for the volunteers we can arrange the following activities:

- -Assist or help with their homework in the afternoon after their school classes
- -Teach English
- -Play with the children performing creative activities
- -Assist in learning disabilities

After your very helpful assistance with the children you will continue on to the Sacred Valley to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be met by the concierge who will welcome you with a private VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to relax and settle into your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations on dining in the Sacred Valley.

Overnight in Sacred Valley [B-L]

Day 5 Peru: Cusco – Sacred Valley

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel.

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Biking in Scared Valley

You will be transferred to Yuncaypata; from there you receive your bicycles and start biking downhill and flat traversing beautiful woods to visit some local area communities. After a brief rest, we will continue across the wilderness to visit Inkilltambo (Inka jail) and further to the Chuquiquirao site, a nice place with terraces, fountains and an ancient astronomical observatory located in a small valley.

The ride continues down to Rumiwasi and ends at Las Salineras – San Sebastian; here our van will be waiting for you. You will be returned to the hotel to freshen up before lunch.



At the appropriate time, you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to Wayra for lunch.

Lunch in Wayra

Lunch is served in the Sacred Valley, in Wayra Restaurant's terrace, where you will enjoy the delights of the Valley on the table.

After lunch, you will enjoy a performance of the Peruvian step horses, performing the "Caballo de Paso" and the typical coast dance "Marinera", with a fabulous combined dance of the horses.

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After the performance, you will be returned to the hotel. Upon arrival, you will be at leisure to relax in your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations on dining in the Sacred Valley.

Overnight at Sacred Valley [B-L]

Day 6 Peru: Sacred Valley – Inca Trail

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel to transfer you to the site where you will begin your Inca Trail Hiking experience.

At the site, you will meet your Private Professional Inka Trail Guide, who will be with you for the duration of your Inka Trail Journey.



HUAYLLABAMBA / PACAYMAYO

After a healthy breakfast, you will begin the walk to the Warmihua Cusca station (4,050 m.). From this site, it is possible to see the other side which leads to the Runkurakay ruins. At the end of the gorge, you will be in Pacaymayo. This is the second campsite.

You will check-into the camp and settle in for the evening.

Dinner in the camp. [B,L,D]







Day 7 Peru: Inca Trail

Breakfast in your camp.

PACAYMAYO / WIÑAYWAYNA



After breakfast, you will continue your journey on the Inka Trail. From Pacaymayo, you will ascend to the Runkurakay circular ruins. There is no sign of human life, only great woods and abrupt hills.

After a good rest, you will start your descent and reach the steps, which go up to the Sayacmarca ruins (3600 m.).



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From Sayacmarca, the stone road begins to enter the forest. Continue the trek toward the Phuyupatamarca ruins. The trail crosses the "Lago Seco," and for a brief moment, the trail will have upward and downward sections. Cross "The Tunnel", a natural cavity produced by a landslide but creatively adapted by the Incas.

Lunch en-route today on the trail.



Later, you will begin to see some steep steps, which walk on top of the Ceremonial Center of Phuyupatamarca. Continue down the trail where you will find an impressive view of the Urubamba Valley and River. The path goes down to Wiñay Wayna, the second most important Inca ruins. Wiñay Wayna will be the last campsite.

Dinner in the camp. [B,L,D]

Day 8 Peru: Inca Trail – Macchu Picchu

Breakfast in your camp.

WIÑAY WAYNA / MACCHU PICCHU



Early in the morning, you will leave the camp towards the Inti Punku, the last station. From this site, you have an astounding and magnificent view of Machu Picchu. You can visit the ruins for the rest of the day.

Lunch en-route today on the trail.

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Your guide will lead you back to the Aguas Callentes Train Station.

You will take the train back to Cusco from Aguas Calientes Train Station.

Upon arrival at the train station, you will meet your private English-speaking driver and then be transported to the hotel. (B,L) NOTE: Last campsite may be in Phuyupatamarca instead of Wiñay Wayna.



Upon arrival at the hotel in Machu Picchu, you will be met by the concierge for a private welcome and VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation, where your luggage you did not take on the Inka Trail will also be waiting for you.

Evening at leisure to relax or enjoy some of the hotel's most charming attractions that include the reading room, the wall in the main dining room displaying scores of pre-Columbian artifacts, the lounge's crackling fireplaces, and the Andean sauna, an igloo made from indigenous bamboo and fresh eucalyptus leaves, in the UNU Spa (Prices for services at the UNU Spa are available at the front desk of the Hotel).



Suggested Excursions: Bird-watching walk, Nature trail, Twilight walk, Orchid Tour, Organic Tea Processing and Evening Nature Shows.

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Dinner "a la carte" at the Main Restaurant; This restaurant, brags adjacent terraces which were built as a large glass house with an exceptional view of the Urubamba River and the surrounding green mountains.

Overnight at Machu Picchu [B-L]

Day 9 Peru: Macchu Picchu – Apu Machu Picchu

Breakfast at your hotel: Buffet breakfast at the hotel followed by a short walk from the hotel; take a 30-minute bus ride to Machu Picchu Citadel. (8000 ft. – 2432 m.a.s.l.)

Hike the Machu Picchu mountain for two and a half hours from the archaeological site, and reach the Summit of Apu Machu Picchu. Apu Machu Picchu & Machu Picchu. (Options available: Huayna Picchu, Mandor Waterfalls or Putukusi Mountain).



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This trail, accessed from the Reserve, joins parts of the Inca trail leading to the Sun Gate before climbing to the mountain's highest point. From there, enjoy the view of soaring eagles as well as Machu Picchu, other significant ruins in the area, Putukusi, Wayna Picchu, Salkantay mountain and the Vilcanota River.



You will be returned to your hotel, where you will enjoy lunch on your own.

After lunch, meet yoruprivate English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the train station to meet your Vistadome train from Aguas Calientes to Cusco



Departure from Aguas Caliente train station to Ollantaytambo to Cusco by the Vistadome train service.

The Vistadome trains have beautiful panoramic windows offering unsurpassed scenic views and photographic opportunities as you enter the Inca's territory in search for Machu Picchu Citadel. With glass surrounding them on all sides, passengers feel as if they are part of Peru's remarkable landscape.



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Entertainment on board, snacks and hot and cold refreshments are included on the journey.

Upon Arrival at Cusco in Ollantaytambo train Station, your Guest Services Representative and private English-sp[eaking driver will meet you at train Station and transport you to your hotel in Cusco.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will meet the concierge for a welcome and private check-in experience. Your luggage will be handled and delivered to your accommodation.

After check-in, you are at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cusco.

Overnight at Cusco [B]

Day 10 Peru: Cusco

Breakfast at your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin a **Half-day city tour and Four Ruins**,

Once the ancient capital and spiritual heart of the Incan empire, Cusco was an important cultural center for centuries. It is now home to some of Peru's most talented textile and ceramic artists and is also renowned for its superb cuisine.



Take a half-day private guided tour through Cusco. Framed by the Andes and lined with arcades and carved wooden balconies, Cusco's Plaza de Armas or main square is the city's main attraction and home to a number of annual celebrations.

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Built in the shape of a Latin Cross, visit the Renaissance-style Cathedral, which contains nearly 400 colonial paintings from the Cusco School of Art. Then stop at the Koricancha Temple, a Catholic church and convent, considered to be a masterpiece of Incan architecture.



Venture outside the city to the main ruins, including Sacsayhuaman, a walled complex of religious and military significance.

Visit Puca Pucara, believed to have once been a hunting lodge, with its chambers, storerooms and upper esplanade lookout.

Stop at Quenko, a temple complex renowned for its zig-zag carvings, then visit Tambomachay, historically used for ritual bathing by the higher nobility.

Lunch at Incanto Restaurant.

Return to your hotel and then enjoy the afternoon at leisure.



Dinner is at MAP Café this evening. Set inside an updated colonial house with a minimalist glass structure, dine at MAP Cafe, which serves award-winning contemporary haute Andean cuisine. [B-L-D]

Day 11 Peru: Cusco

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Breakfast at your hotel

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour in Cusco today.

Highlights of Cusco



Enjoy the beauty and attractiveness of San Blas neighborhood, one of the most picturesque communities in Cusco. It is characterized by its narrow and steep streets that zigzag among old colonial houses constructed with walls of Inca stone.



Excursion of Cusco City, San Blas Neighborhood and Pre-Columbian Art Museum



Visit the pre-Columbian Art Museum, a showcase of approximately 450 archeological selected pieces. The collection was taken from the storage rooms of the Larco Herrera Museum in Lima. On display are ceramics, metal works, jewelry and other artifacts from the Nasca, Moche, Huari, Chimú, Chancay, and Inca

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cultures. In addition to this, paintings from the famous Cusco School of Art and wooden sculptures are exhibited. Pieces are carefully chosen and well displayed.

Aftet the tour you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Lunch & Dinner are on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cusco.

Day 12 Peru: Cusco - Lima

Breakfast at your hotel

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Lima. You will receive assistance with your departure flight.

Departure from the Cusco International Airport "Tnte. Alejandro Velasco Astete" to Lima City.

Upon your arrival at Lima airport our Guest Services Representative will be waiting in the arrivals area. You will be escorted through the airport. After collecting your luggage walk through the doors and look for a sign with your name. Your private English-speaking driver will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be met by the concierge with a welcome and VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

Lunch is on your own today.

After lunch, You have a choice fo a Driving or a Biking tour in Miraflores and Barrancoo.

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Discover the local gems in Limas neighborhoods at a leisurely 2 wheeled pace. Start with Barranco, the artsy, bohemian neighborhood of Lima, with its mecca of mansions, bars, restaurants and parks. Follow "Ia costa verde" to Chorrillos with its old fishing pier, beaches, and promenade and the historic Morro Solar hill. Conclude the tour by passing through the vibrant district of Miraflores, with its amazing cliff edge sidewalks and parks overlooking the ocean. The tour includes a snack in a traditional old bar or café.

Aftet the tour you will return to the hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day until your dinner tonight.

Dinner & Entertainment: In the evening, the concierge will arrange for taxis for your special dinner/show. After dinner the restaurant will arrange Taxi for your return to the hotel.

You will have a dinner show in the restaurant selected.



Dinner in Dama Juana Restaurant - with Show

La Dama Juana is a tribute to Peru and its people, its abounding culture, arts, cuisine and architecture.

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Our premises offer comfort for our guests, in harmony with a delightful ambiance.

Each of our ambiences in the restaurant gives the sense of our hospitality and foster an unforgettable experience.

La Dama Juana is an excellent chance to experience some of Peru's greatest wonders.

After the show, you will meet your private English-speaking driver outside of the restaurant for your transfer back to the hotel.

Overnight in Lima

Day 13 Peru: Cusco - Lima

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby for your transfer to the airport to meet your international flight to the SU and forward to Home.

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548

Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!