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13 Day Peru Explorer Tour Lima, Paracas, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, & Lake Titicaca



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 13 DAY ITINERARY

This is a sample itinerary that can be customized for your particular preferences and desired destinations and inclusions.

Arrival Day: 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 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.

Enjoy a wonderful spa treatment while you are waiting for check-in or after check-in (depending on your arrival time). Relax and get pampered after a long flight.

Lunch is at leisure. You can enjoy a meal in one of the hotel restaurants or venture out to a local café for some authentic Peruvian fare.

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The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own as you settle in after a long flight.

Dinner at leisure in one of Lima's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Meet your private English speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel to transfer you to your selected restaurant. Then you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Day 1 Lima: Gastronomic Cooking Class-Lima with Celebrity Chef

Early Room Service Breakfast in your hotel.

Early Morning, Experience a half-day gastronomic tour and a master cooking class with the chef renowned chef Rodrigo Conroy. Rodrigo will share the culinary charm of Lima, a Mecca of fine restaurants. Hotel pick up by the chef himself and visit to Surquillo market. To learn where the Peruvian food comes from it is important to know about the ingredients and the best way to do it is by visiting one of the greatest places for excellent, fresh products.

Afterwards head to the chef's kitchen for a cooking class with the master himself and learn to prepare a variety of Peruvian dishes and cocktails.

This culinary experience includes a menu of seven dishes and two refreshing cocktails from Rodrigo's restaurant.

Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel.



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Day 2 Lima: Sightseeing in Lima and Private Shopping Experience

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private English speaking driver & guide in the lobby of your hotel.

Experience a half-day city sightseeing of Lima. Drive into the Historic Center of Lima to visit San Martin Square, the Aliaga House and the Main Square or "Plaza de Armas" where the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the Cathedral, and Town Hall are located.

Proceed to San Francisco Church, a masterpiece of Colonial architecture preserving the best examples of Colonial religious art in America.

Drive through the exclusive areas of San Isidro and the touristic district of Miraflores where you will enjoy magnificent panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and its beaches.



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After Lunch, meet your Professional Shopper at your hotel. Your guide will take you to the best shops and galleries in Lima, where you can find exclusives Peruvian crafts, souvenirs, jewels and art collections.

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.

Make a stop in Dédalo Staged in an old refurbished house in Barranco, a block away from the sea, it offers Peruvian non-traditional workmanship at its best. Finally, visit Larco Mar, a nice cliffside park with fountains for entertainment and open-air shopping of great samples of Peruvian alpaca textiles, art, handicrafts and books.



After the shopping tour you will be returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Lima's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Meet your private English speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel to transfer you to your selected restaurant. Then you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Day 3 Lima: Lima – Paracas – Desert Adventure – Dinner Under The Stars

Breakfast in your hotel.

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After breakfast, Check out of your hotel & Meet your Private English speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel. You will transfer to Paracas by private luxury car; the most leisurely way to transfer...

Check-in at your hotel and get settled. Relax in the hotel, have some lunch, or explore on your own.

17:00Hr: Meet your private English speaking driver and guide in the lobby of your hotel for your private evening desert experience and dinner.



It is claimed that Paracas is the most arid desert in the world; rain is quite infrequent, and its dunes create an incomparable image at evening or dawn. This region, where the winds blow from east to west, teems with history and culture, and the landscape will take your breath away.

Enjoy the action and adventure of crossing this desert in SUV's driven by experts who know the spectacular Paracas dunes. It all ends with a dinner under the stars in a choice location. Live this incredible experience where it's just you and nature.

You will be returned to your hotel after the dinner event is concluded.

Day 4 Paracas: Paracas Day at leisure

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you are at leisure to day to explore on your own, or just relax in your hotel.

Lunch at leisure in one of Paracas' restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Dinner at leisure in one of Paracas' restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 5 Lima: Lima Transition –Pre-Columbian Heritage Experience

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Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and you will meet your private English speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your transition flight to Lima.

Upon arrival in Lima, you will be met by your private English-speaking driver. After collecting your luggage walk through the doors and look for a sign with your name. You will be transferred to your hotel.

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

After you settle in, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide will meet you in the lobby of the hotel for your private Museum Tour.

Enjoy a half-day visit to the exceptional Larco Herrera Museum, founded in 1926. Browse the museum's display of 45,000 archaeological objects considered to be pre-Columbian art icons around the world. 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 as well one of the most famous erotic art collections.

Larco Herrera 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. At the end of the services you will be transported to your hotel

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After your tour you will be returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Limas' restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 6 Cusco City: Lima – Cusco City - Local Immersion into Peruvian Life

Breakfast in 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. Meet your flight to Cusco City.

Upon arrival in Cusco City, you will be met by your private English speaking driver. After collecting your luggage walk through the doors and look for a sign with your name. You will be transferred to your hotel at Sacred Valley.

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

After you have settled in, you will meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your Private home luncheon experience.

Lunch at Hacienda Huayocari, 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.

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



After your visit to the Hacienda, you will continue on with an Excursion to Pisac Ruins & Market (*Alternatives available: Chinchero, Pisac Ruins, Pisac Market or Maras & Moray*).

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 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.

Visit Pisac village and its traditional market. The small Main Square is filled wall-to-wall with stalls selling the full range of Peruvian handicrafts: alpaca sweaters and mittens, carved gourds or “*mates burilados*”, ceramics, felt hats, musical instruments, paintings, antiques, a huge variety of trinkets, and, most of all, weavings and jewelry.

Even if you are not buying, the café balconies overlooking the square offer you superb people-watching opportunities. Traditionally, people of the highlands come down to exchange their produce such as vegetables, weavings and pottery, for essentials such as salt, sugar and rice in a trade called “*trueque*”.

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You can also visit the church and a small interesting museum.



After the tours you will be returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Cusco City's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 7 Sacred Valley: Cusco City - Sacred Valley – Macchu Picchu

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your trip up to the highest point in Cusco City and your Biking Adventure.

This activity takes you to visit the highlands of the city of Cusco. You will be able to enjoy the countryside and view the historic city from above. The bikes will be tested, and you will have a short instruction and safety talk regarding the bike ride. Helmets and gloves must be worn at all times during the bike ride.

According to the level of experience of the bikers, you can choose a trip descending on a paved road or down hill on dirt roads and single tracks. These mountain bike descents can be personalized depending on the skills and experience of the guests.

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After the Mountain Biking Experience, you will enjoy Lunch in the Sacred Valley. In Wayra Restaurant's terrace, you will taste the delights of the Valley on the table. While you savor the delectable meal you will be entertained with the performance of the Peruvian step horse "Caballo de Paso" and the typical coast dance "Marinera" are combined.



After the tours you will be returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Cusco City's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 8 Sacred Valley: Excursion to Maras & Moray

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After breakfast meet your private English-speaking driver guide in the lobby of your hotel for your **Excursion to Maras & Moray** (*Alternatives available: Chinchero, Pisac Ruins, Pisac Market, Pisac Ruins & Market or Ollantaytambo*).

Enjoy a private guided excursion through the sites of Maras and Moray. En route, witness some of the best sites in the valley.

First, stop at the ancient salt mines, nearby the town of Maras, which can be seen from an old chapel just above. Second, visit the huge circular agricultural terraces at Moray built by the Incas in natural sinkholes on a limestone plateau overlooking the Urubamba Valley. It has been suggested that they have a cosmological meaning; however, the Incas are thought to have used them as a kind of crop-laboratory to determine the optimal conditions of each species.



Enjoy a gourmet outdoor lunch.



After lunch you will be returned to your hotel.

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You will check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Ollantaytambo Train Station. Departure from Ollantaytambo train station to Machu Picchu by the First Class train service of Inca Rail.

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.

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

Arrival in Aguas Calientes train station.



There will be a Reception at the train station by the hotel's representatives followed by a short walk and assistance to Inkaterra Machu Picchu.



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-

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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.

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 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Day 9 Sacred Valley: [Macchu Picchu - Cusco City](#)

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast meet your private English-speaking driver and guide in the lobby of your hotel for your trip up to Machu Picchu.

Huayna Picchu & Machu Picchu Citadel Excursion. (Options available: Machu Picchu, Apu Machu Picchu, Mandor Waterfalls or Putukusi Mountain).

Your experience will begin after a 30-minute bus ride to the mystical Machu Picchu Citadel. (8000 ft. – 2432 m.a.s.l.). Once there, climb the mystical Huayna Picchu Mountain in order to see the ruins at the top.

There are 2 entrance opportunities dependent on availability; 7am or 10am. We will select the 7am entrance time unless otherwise requested. This hike lasts approximately 2 hours at a slow pace. Then, explore the Machu Picchu citadel accompanied by a certified English-speaking guide.

Explore the enigmatic citadel of Machu Picchu accompanied with your guide. Your expert guide will lead you through the site, providing archaeological and historical information on key areas of interest, including Intihuatana (the Sun Dial), the Sacred Plaza and the Temple of the Sun. Afterwards take some leisure time before returning by bus to Aguas Calientes.

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After the excursion, enjoy lunch at *Tinkuy* Restaurant at the Sanctuary Lodge and afterwards take some leisure time before returning by bus to Aguas Calientes.



Departure at 17:50 hrs from Aguas Calientes train station to Poroy in Cusco by the Hiram Bingham train service.

The Hiram Bingham train is the most luxurious way to journey between Cusco and Machu Picchu. It is named after the explorer who discovered the fascinating remains of the Inca citadel, Machu Picchu on July 23rd 1911. The carriages are painted a distinctive blue and gold while interiors are luxurious, warm and inviting with elegant decoration in the style of the 1920's Pullman trains.

Cocktails and a gourmet dinner are served on the return to Cusco.

Arrival in Poroy train station in Cusco at 21:16 hrs

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Overnight at Inkaterra La Casona Hotel in a Suite Patio



Day 10 Cusco: Inkaterra - Cusco

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast meet your private English-speaking driver and guide in the lobby of your hotel for your experiences in this area today.

Visit the main ruins in the outskirts of the city. Sacsayhuaman, which in Quechua means “satisfied falcon”, is the most impressive ruin close to the city. It is a walled complex of religious and military significance. Thought to be a hunting lodge, Puca Pucará, which means “red fort” in Quechua, is a rock structure which looks pink in some lights. It is composed of several lower residential chambers, storerooms and an upper esplanade with great views.

Later visit Quenko, which means “zigzag” in Quechua, and consists of a large limestone structure riddled with niches, steps and carving, including zigzagging channels which gave the site its name. Finally, visit Tambomachay (Cavern Lodge), commonly referred to as the “Baños del Inca” or Inca baths. Tambomachay was an Incan site for ritual bathing. The excellent quality of the stonework suggests that its use was restricted to the higher nobility, who probably only used the baths on ceremonial occasions.

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Lunch "a la carte" at Incanto Restaurant, located a few meters of the Main Square on the architectonic vestiges of the old Hatun Kancha or Inka Yupanqui's palace. Welcoming and contemporary, its varied menu offers Italian food, pasta and specialties from the grill cooked with an original touch and using Peruvian ingredients.



Dinner at MAP Café restaurant, an area devoted to the best of Peruvian contemporary haute cuisine. Stands out for its integrative cuisine that combines the best of the Andes, getting modern preparations. Its infrastructure is a minimalist glass structure that complements the charming patio of the colonial house.

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Day 11 Cusco: Cusco – Juliaca – Puno (Lake Titicaca)

Breakfast in your hotel.

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

You will be met and Welcomed at *Juliaca* Airport by our Guest Services Representative and transfer by car to Titilaka. (*Approximate time of travel: 1 hour and 45 minutes*). Upon arrival at the hotel, proceed with your check in. Rest and enjoy the scenery as you acclimatize.



Enjoy sunset cocktails from the panoramic terraces overlooking the lake.

Dinner is served in the main dining room.

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After Dinner, you may luxuriate in your appointed suite or join other guests and interpreters to talk about your highlands experience.

Overnight at your luxurious lake-view suite at Titilaka.

Day 12 Lake Titicaca: Lake Titicaca

Breakfast in your hotel. After rising at the hour that suits you, enjoy breakfast in bed or in the lake-view dining room, with choices of a variety of fresh fruit, local cereals and products, or if you wish, join the morning excursion.



Excursion to Taquile Island. (*Alternatives available: Uros floating islands, Sillustani, Mountain biking to Inca Anatawi and Perka*).

Taquile is considered the most interesting island on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca, located in front of the *Chucuito* Peninsula. The *Taquile* people of *Quechua* origin, as opposed to the majority of region's locals who are of *Aymara* origin, live at 13,000 feet above sea level.

You may get to know their way of life and experiences. As formerly part of the Inca Empire, you may also see some archaeological remains in the island, such as stone quarters, doors, windows and pathways on the peak of its mountain, where you can also view the impressive panorama of Lake Titicaca and the snow covered mountains of *Cordillera Real*.

Due to the thermal effect of the lake on the weather which provides more oxygen to the atmosphere and warmer temperatures, the island offers a favorable micro-climate for agriculture, producing crops which don't normally grow at these altitudes.

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As you walk around the island, you will see local men knitting outdoors, one of the finest knitted handicrafts in Peru.

You will return to the hotel for lunch and siesta time.

After Lunch, Excursion to Socca beach. *(Alternatives available: Inca Anatawi, Rowing through the reeds, Bird watching and Titilaka arch).*

Travel east of the lodge-refuge, to visit the rustic town community of Socca, between wetlands and farms where you can appreciate the agricultural practices of the locals and know the customs. Enjoy the magnificent scenery around the highest navigable lake of the world; watch the idyllic sunset and the first stars coming out as night sets in. Upon your arrival to the hotel enjoy the intense sunset. Enjoy cocktails and dinner at the main restaurant.

Overnight at your luxurious lake-view suite at Titilaka

Day 13 Lake Titicaca: Lake Titicaca - Lima

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel. You will be transferred to Juliaca airport where you will be assisted by our Guest Services Representative prior to your flight to Lima.

Upon your arrival at Lima airport, our Guest Services Representative will be waiting in the arrivals area in order to assist you to connect with your International Flight and forward to Home.

End of Services.

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