Peru

Peru consists of three distinct regions: the coastal desert strip, the snow-capped Andean mountains at the heart of the ancient Inca civilisation, and in stark contrast, the green, humid eastern slopes that descend into the lush tropical plains of the Amazon basin.

Culture

In the mountain people preserve their Quechua identity with ancient beliefs and traditional way of life. Bustling markets abound, where locals dress in their traditional hand-woven articles to maintain their heritage, selling their produce and colourful weavings..

Fauna and Flora

There are three distinct regions, each boasts delights for the



Photographs and information: web veloso.com/peru



traveller. The Nazca Lines, Chanchan and Ballestas Islands in the arid Pacific coast, the Andean mountains with snow covered peaks, rivers, magical lakes, and deep valleys where condors soar, and thirdly to the impenetrable Amazon rainforest with a dense tree canopy and giant bromeliads.

History

The land of the Incas, famed for its magnificent Machu Picchu, is a living testament to the once great empire whose golden treasures continue to be unearthed each day. One can see ancient ruins shrouded in mist and mystery dotted throughout the country, whilst on the coast unknown peoples have etched large images and mysterious lines in the desert which can only be fully appreciated from the air.

Elsewhere, Inca foundations blend with stunning colonial mansions and many churches show a fascinating mix of pagan and Christian beliefs.

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LIMA web veloso.com/lima

Lima, 'The City of Kings' was the administrative centre of the Spanish Empire in South America, and retains its historic Colonial architecture. The bustling, modern area of Miraflores is filled with shops, hotels and world-class restaurants offering a variety of innovative fusion cuisines. The city is home to the ruins of Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Inca pyramid, as well as museums exhibiting artefacts from over 2000 years of Peruvian civilisation.



Plaza de Armas & Inca Gold artifacts



Art Market in Parque Kennedy



Peruvian fusion cuisine, 16 dish tater menu at Astrid y Gaston restaurant

LIMA HOTELS







HOTEL 'B' Deluxe Boutique A superbly renovated family house in the bohemian area of Barranco, Arts Hotel 'B' is a fusion of high-ceilinged historical elegance and modern cultural sophistication. The rooms are spacious and elegant with modern amenities, some with balconies overlooking the boulevard or the square. The restaurant offers excellent modern Peruvian cuisine,

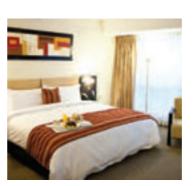
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM COLLECTION First

providing the highest levels of service.

Stylish Casa Andina Private Collection is located in the heart of Miraflores, close to many excellent restaurants. The 148 rooms are furnished in the modern European style, with modern amenities and private facilities. There is a bar, restaurant, swimming pool and adjoining sandwich cafe for light snacks.

MIRAFLORES PARK Deluxe

The oceanfront location of the Belmond Miraflores Park, hidden in a quiet corner of the city, is second to none. The ample rooms are luxuriously decorated in the European style with kingsize beds and marble bathrooms. The rooftop breakfast area and swimming pool offer magnificent views of the ocean, while the restaurant offers excellent international cuisine.



Activities & Excursions

Historical City Tour of Lima, including Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, Presidential Palace, and Convent of San Fransisco.
Larco Herrera Museum, with its galleries showing 3000 years of civilisation throughout Peru, located in an 18th Century Mansion.
Pachacamac and Huaca Pucllana archaeological sites, Pre-Inca temples and pyramids within the city of Lima.
Modern Lima, visit the bustling oceanfront area of Miraflores and the area of Barranco with its art museums.
Culinary tour of Lima, discover some of the finest cuisine from internationally acclaimed chefs and their restaurants.





Additional Hotels: Casa Andina Classic, Atemporal, Sheraton, Dazzler, Marriott, Country Club, El Tambo, Libertador

ALLPA Tourist

This small contemporary hotel is located in the heart of Miraflores, with plenty of access to local conveniences such as restaurants and shops. The rooms are comfortable, spacious and modern although simple in character, and all with modern amenities such as WiFi, air-conditioning and private facilities. There is also a bar and restaurant serving international and Peruvian cuisine..

ANTIGUA MIRAFLORES Tourist

Centrally located in Miraflores, Antigua Miraflores has the character of a colonial mansion. There is a central courtyard and fountain, and the hotel is decorated with antique furniture, original artwork and antique chandeliers. All rooms have modern amenities and private facilities, and the restaurant serves delicous local cuisine and international dishes.

PRICES FROM	4 days • 3 nights
LIMA	
Miraflores Park	£636
Hotel 'B'	£522
Casa Andina Premium	£291
Antigua Miraflores	£234
Allpa	£177

Prices are per person including transfers to/from Lima Airport and your hotel with Englishspeaking guide, accommodation in standard room, tax, service charge and breakfast.



Nazca Lines: aerial view of the huge image of a hummingbird drawn on the ground

NAZCA LINES (web) veloso.com/nazca

2 days • 1 night

Day 1 Early morning drive to Ica and continue to Nazca for your flight over the legendary Nazca Lines, an unexplained, intricate collection of immense drawings in the desert. Return to Ica for the night.

Day 2 An early start to drive to Paracas to take a boat out to the Ballestas Islands, a hive of bird and sea lion activity. Return to Lima, stopping en route for lunch.(B)

PRICES FROM

NAZCA LINES	
2 days • 1 night	£658
3 days • 2 nights	£1,126
COLCA CANYON	
2 days • 1 night	£586
3 days • 2 nights	£724
Trujllo/Chan Chán	£162
MANCORA - DCO HOTEL	£574

Prices per person sharing a room for double occupancy and including regular transport to/from Lima, Arequipa, Trujillo or Piura airports, English speaking guide, accommodation, excursions listed, breakfast. Flight over the Nazca Lines included.

3 days • 2 nights

Day 1 Depart from Lima on a coastal drive to Paracas, stopping at a vantage point or 'mirador' to view the sea lions. Overnight in Paracas. (B)

Day 2 A morning boat trip out from Paracas to the Ballestas Islands, which swarm with a variety of seabirds and sea lions playing. Continue on to the oasis at Ica and then to Nazca for 1 night. (B)

Day 3 Early morning flight over the spectacular Nazca Lines. Return to Lima.



Boat trip to the Ballestas Islands sealion colony

Trujillo/Chan Chán web veloso.com/trujillo

2 days • 1 night

Day 1 Transfer from Trujillo Airport to the hotel. Afternoon visit to Chan Chán, the world's largest adobe city and ancient capital of the pre-Inca Chimú empire. Continue to Huanchaco Bay to see the local fishermen skillfully braving the waves in their unique, reed boats, known as caballitos. Return to our hotel via El Dragón ruins from the Mochica empire (800-100 BC) and the nearby museum.(B)

Day 2 Transfer to Trujillo airport. (B)



Chan Chan



COLCA CANYON Web veloso.com/colca 2 days • 1 night

Day 1 Early departure from Arequipa to the Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest canyons, covered with pre-Inca terraces still farmed to this day. A scenic route through the high mountains and valley, stopping at local villages, and the town of Chivay. Stay for 1 or 2 nights.(B)

Day 2 Visit local villages and the Cruz del Condor, a spectacular vantage point over the canyon where condors are frequently seen gliding by. Return to Arequipa or spend another night. (B)

3 days • 2 nights

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Day 2 Visit local villages and the Cruz del Condor, a spectacular vantage point over the canyon where condors are frequently seen gliding by.(B)

Day 3 Private journeys can continue to Puno, on the shore of Lake Titicaca. (B)



Belmond Las Casitas Hotel in the Colca Canyon

MANCORA BEACH

web veloso.com/mancora 4 days • 3 nights

Days 1-4 On arrival at Piura airport you will be met and taken to your hotel. Mancora beach has several small resort hotels and tropical weather is normally warm and sunny. DCO Suites & Spa is one of the best hotels, located right in front of the beach. Modern, cosy rooms and stylish decoration allbeit with a small pool and small amount of space.KiChic and Arennas Mancora hotels are also very good. Please enquire or refer to the website link above. Transfer to the airport. (B)





ANCIENT PERU



The essential tour of Peru, steeped in ancient history and culture. Our journey leads us to the Lost City of the Incas, high in the lush sub-tropical Andean mountains, where imposing ruins occupy seemingly impregnable positions on craggy outcrops. We sail the highest navigable lake in the world, where rafts and houses are still built out of lake reeds, and gain an insight into the mysteries that still envelop this land.

Day 1 Departure flight to Lima, arriving in the evening. As in all our tours, you will be met by your guide to be taken to your hotel. Stay in Lima for one night. (*B*)

Days 2-3 Fly to Juliaca, and transfer to **Puno**, on the shore of Lake Titicaca, where we stay for two nights. We take a boat out to the floating **Uros Islands**, where local people have constructed their islands, houses and rafts entirely of reeds growing on the lake shore. Continue by boat onto the main lake to visit the rocky **Taquile Island**, to see the locals' colourful costume, woven by men with wool spun by women and admire the spectacular scenery. (*B*) **Days 4-6** Full day train journey to **Cusco, aboard the luxury Titicaca Train.** (See page 102) A beautiful journey, passing towering Andean mountains, hot springs, and remote villages. Breakfast, lunch and tea are served onboard as you watch the mountain scenery go by. On arrival we transfer to the Urubamba Valley for three nights. We spend 2 full days in the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** (See page 104-105). We visit **Pisac and Chinchero markets, Maras**, the Inca village of **Ollantaytambo** and **Pisac ruins. Day 6** free to explore further. (*B,L*)

Day 7 Transfer to the railway station to board the Vistadome train (See page

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departure every Sunday

	Tourist				First	
PUCARA Tour	1 Single			1 Single		ng Together
<u>FOCARA Tour</u>	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£3282	£2496	£2815	£4022	£2898	£3457
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£3469	£2683	£2996	£4509	£3433	£3928
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<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer triple rooms, suites and De Luxe Hotels. 106). A trip affording stunning views of the countryside and culminating in the majestic **Machu Picchu**. Our local guide leads us around this incredible site, the citadel of the Incas which was so well hidden that the Spanish did not find it. Clouds of mist shroud the tips of the surrounding mountains, and far below the Urubamba River threads its way on into the jungle. Overnight in a hotel at Aguas Calientes in the valley below (*B,L*)

Days 8-10 Morning free to explore Machu Picchu, and return by Vistadome train to Cusco, staying for 3 nights. Morning at leisure in this fascinating city, once the capital of the Inca Empire, before the conquistadors pillaged its treasures. Solid Inca foundations still remain, supporting ornate churches and buildings. Our local guide will take us round the attractive historical centre and on to the ruins surrounding Cusco, including the massive Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán. Following day is at leisure to explore the city and soak up the unique atmosphere. (B)



The Pucara Tour 10 night itinerary:

Lima - 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno - 2 night "Sacred Valley" - 3 nights Machu Picchu - 1 night Cusco - 3 night Lima - Connection

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Lake Titicaca, Days 2,3

Day 11 Afternoon flight to Lima, assistance at the airport and overnight flight home, arriving on Day 12. (*B*)

<u>**OR**</u> visit the Amazon rainforest, Trujillo, Mancora, Nazca Lines in the facing page.

<u>The Pucara Tour</u> departures throughout the year - 12 days INCLUDING: 10 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides & meals as shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details.



INCA HEARTLAND & Remote Colca Canyon

The Chivay Tour 14 night itinerary:

Lima - 2 nights Arequipa - 2 night Colca Canyon - 2 nights Puno, Lake Titicaca - 2 nights Sacred Valley - 2 nights Machu Picchu - 1 night Cusco - 3 nights

web veloso.com/chivay

A comprehensive tour of the Peruvian Andes, taking you to the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, framed by the stunning mountain scenery, steeped in tradition and history. Stay in the remote Colca Canyon where locals still harvest the terraces, take a wonderful train journey through the Andes with spectacular views of Lake Titicaca and distant snow-covered peaks, and experience life in the "Sacred Valley of the Incas".

Day 1 Departure flight to Lima arriving the same day in the evening, and staying for 2 nights. (*B*)

Day 2 Afternoon tour of the Lima including the Presidential Palace, Plaza San Martín and the Larco Herrera



Museum, with a fabulous collection of ancient artefacts from all over Peru. *(B)*

Days 3-4 Morning departure for your flight to Arequipa, staying for two nights. Following day tour of the magnificent colonial 'White City', the Cathedral and Santa Catalina Convent. (*B*)

Days 5-6 Travel to the Colca Canyon, viewing stunning mountain scenery and stopping at small villages. We spend two nights at our country lodge, with a full day guided excursion in the valley. Catch sight of farming terraces and the condors rising from the deep canyon at Cruz del Condor. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

Days 7-8 Scenic full day journey by road, up the Andean mountains, staying for two nights at our hotel in Puno overlooking Lake Titicaca. Full day excursion by boat to the floating reed islands of Uros, and the mountainous island of Taquile, to visit the houses of locals and understand their way of life. Enjoy a traditional lunch with stunning views over the lake. Return to Puno. (*B*,*L*)

Day 9 Full day journey on the luxury **Tticaca Train**, (See page 102) across the altiplano to Cusco. A wonderful scenic journey with breakfast, lunch and tea, served as the Andes mountain landscape passes by. On arrival transfer to the in Sacred Valley for 2 nights. (*B*,*L*)

Day 10 Full day excursion in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.(See pages 104) Visit the local market at Chinchero, pre-Inca salt ponds at Maras, and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo and Pisac. (*B,L*)

Day 11 Transfer to the railway station to board the Vistadome train (See page 106) for the jouney along the Urubamba river, then bus up to Machu Picchu, guided tour of the site and lunch. Free time to explore this unique archaeological site and overnight in the valley. (*B*,*L*)

Day 12 Morning free to return to Machu Picchu and explore further, and afternoon return to **Cusco** by bus and Vistadome train, arriving in the evening and staying for three nights in the city. (*B*)

Days 13-14 Morning tour of Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire. Visit the magnificent Spanish Cathedral, Plaza de Armas, Koricancha (the Temple of the Sun). Outside the city, visit the majestic fortresses at Sacsayhuaman, where giant blocks of stone fit together seamlessly. Next day at leisure to explore the museums, markets and backstreets and enjoy the unique atmosphere. (*B*)

Day 15 Afternoon flight to Lima connecting with your direct non-stop flight home, arriving Day 16.

<u>The Chivay Tour</u> departures throughout the year – 16 days, INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), all transfers and excursions with English-speaking guide, all transport and meals as shown on the itinerary. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

Maras salt pools, Day 10







INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU

Rambling in the stunning Andean countryside, we follow Inca footsteps to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Explore the delights of Peru's Andean mountain landscapes, Inca culture, and colonial heritage, passing remote villages and ancient quinoa terraces. We use hotels as a base for our daily treks, and camp for three nights on the Inca Trail, accompanied by luggage porters and cooks, trekking to Machu Picchu, allowing us to enjoy the beauty of this land.



Lima - 2 night Arequipa - 1 night Colca Canyon - 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno - 2 nights Sacred Valley - 3 nights Inca Trail to Machu Picchu - 3 nights Cusco - 2 nights

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Lima

- Sacred Cu
 - Puno
 - Arequipa BOLIV

Days **1-2** Departure flight to Lima, arriving in the evening and staying for 2 nights. Tour the grand colonial squares in the centre, the bohemian Barranco district and the Larco Herrera Museum. *(B)*

Day 3 Fly to Arequipa, built from white volcanic rock at the foot of a towering snow-capped volcano. Afternoon visit of the city Cathedral and Santa Catalina Convent. *(B)*

Days 4-5 Scenic drive to the Colca Canyon, passing majestic volcanoes and the stunning mountain landscapes on a desert plateaux. We drive to the Cruz del Condor and walk along the top of the canyon, condors soaring above. Next day we walk past the extensive Inca terracing and through the villages of Chivay, Maca, Yanque, where local ladies dress in their traditional embroidered dresses and hats. Continue overland to Lake Titicaca, along Andean mountains scenery, staying in Puno for 2 nights on the lake shore (*B,L*)

Day 6 Visit Lake Titicaca. Boat trip to observe the Uros Islands made of Tortola reeds and see how people used to live. (*B*)

Days 7-9 Full day journey on the luxury **Titicaca Train**, (See page 102) high across the Andean mountains to Cusco. Sit by the window and have breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea as the landscape unfolds. On arrival transfer to the 'Sacred Valley of the Incas' for three nights (See page 104-5). Full day tour to **Chinchero** market, past the salt ponds of **Maras**, walking down to the Urubamba river for lunch. Visit **Ollantaytambo** and **Pisac Inca ruins** for sunset. (*B*)

CHIVAY Tour

CHASQUI Tour

25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec

22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec

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22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec

Inca Trail, Days 10–12

Days 10-12 Morning start on the ancient Inca Trail trek (Description on page 107) through cloud forests and jungle, past old Inca ruins and running streams, both up and down imposing valleys, before, on the morning of the fourth day, arriving at the awe inspiring sanctuary of Machu Picchu itself for a tour of the site. We spend three nights camping, including all meals, guide, cook and porters to carry the tents, your luggage and equipment. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

1 Single

Fravellei

£5885

£6073

£7108

£7296

First

Double

£4132

£4320

£4525

£4713

Travelling Together

Own Room

£4827

£5015

£5131

£5319

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES

Tourist

Double

£3382

£3570

£3396

£3588

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1 Single Traveller

£4878

£5066

£4950

£5138

Travelling Together

Own Room

£3736

£3924

£3899

£4087

Days 13-14 After the Machu Picchu tour, we take the **Vistadome Train** back (See page 106) to Cusco for two nights. Next day we tour of the city, including the Cathedral, Plaza de Armas and the main archaeological sites such as the fortress and religious site of **Sacsayhuamán**. (B)

Day 15 Time to explore and stroll. Afternoon flight to Lima to connect with the overnight flight, arriving **Day 16**. (*B*)

<u>The Chasqui Tour</u> departures throughout the year, 16 days INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation, all flights (1 overnight), all transfers and excursions with expert guides, transport and meals (B,L,D) as shown on the itinerary. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Inca heritage, culture and traditions, Days 7-15



LUXURY LAKE TITICACA, ANDES & AMAZON

The Cordillera Real Tour

14 night itinerary:

Lima - 2 nights Amazon Rainforest - 2 nights "Sacred Valley of the Incas"- 3 nights Machu Picchu - 1 night Cusco - 2 nights Lake Titicaca - 3 nights Lima - 1 night

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Luxury hotels and lodges to experience Peru in style. Lake Titicaca has a serene tranquility with isolated farming communities preserving their traditional way of life. We visit the exuberant rainforest, the citadel of the Incas and the stunning mountain scenery of the Andes.

Days 1-2 Depart on the daytime flight to Lima. On arrival your guide and transport will meet you to take you to the Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel. Experience Lima's excellent restaurants and Peruvian Oriental fusion cuisine. Next day you have a tour of Lima's colonial history, architectural heritage and the Larco Herrera Museum. (*B*)

Days 3-4 Morning flight to the Amazon Rainforest. Stay two nights at the Reserva Amazonica Jungle Lodge. (See pages 111). Daily excursions with your naturalist guide to explore the forest and the exuberant vegetation. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

Day 5 Return to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Transfer by road down into the stunning Urubamba Valley, called the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stay at the Sol y Luna luxury hotel for three nights with excellent bedrooms, French Peruvian cuisine, outdoor pool and lush gardens. (See page 105). (*B*)

Days 6-7 A full day excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas where we visit the Inca village of Ollantaytambo, the salt pools at Maras, Chincero, Moray and Pisac market and ruins. The following day is at leisure so you choose what you feel like doing. (*B*)

Day 8 Journey on the Vistadome train from Ollantaytambo following the Urubamba River, culminating in the awesome Machu Picchu. After a guided tour you are free to explore the site. Overnight at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu hotel, in the village of Aguas Calientes and surrounded by lush sub-tropical vegetation. (See pages 106-7). (*B,L,D*)

Days 9-10 Morning at leisure and n the afternoon take the train to Cusco staying for two nights at La Casona, a converted colonial boutique Hotel. Guided tour of the city and the main ruins in the surrounding area, including the vast site of Sacsayhuamán. (*B*)



Urubamba river valley, "Sacred Valley of the Incas"

Days 11-13 Transfer to the railway station for the Titicana Explorer luxury train (See page 102), an unforgettable journey to Lake Titicaca, travelling across the Andean altiplano striking mountain scenery, pass small villages, remote farms and stations. Transfer to luxury Titilaka Lodge (See page 101) for three nights on a secluded and tranquil peninsula on the shore of Lake Titicaca. Two full days for excursions on the lake, visit local communities, relax and admire the landscape. (B,L,D)

Days 14-15 Transfer to Juliaca to fly to Lima for one night at the **Belmond** Miraflores Park Hotel. Time at leisure to enjoy the city and take the overnight flight back home, arriving on Day 16. (*B*)



<u>The Cordillera Real Tour</u> PRICE ON p.107 - departs Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. Returning overnight, arriving on Saturday, Monday or Thursday - 16 days INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers and excursions with English-speaking guides, transport and meals as shown (L,D)

Traditional earth dyes, Day 6



FIRST - Price for **First** below is for 4 star hotels equivalent, staying at these hotels: Casa Andina Premium, El Mapi at Machu Picchu and Refugio Amazonas.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES

	First				Deluxe	
	1 Single Travelling Together		1 Single Travelling T		ng Together	
CORDILLERA REAL Tour	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£5363	£3982	£5290	£8195	£5754	£6998
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£5551	£4170	£5478	£8383	£5928	£7192
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LAKE TITICACA

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High in the Andean Altiplano (high plain), the huge and imposing lake has a serene, timeless and remote landscape, guarded by even higher snow covered peaks. Birthplace of the Incas, the local Quechua and Aymara people still live a traditional way of life, fishing in the lake and farming quinoa, cereals and potatoes on ancient terraces along its shore. Experience major festivals, Candelaria, Pachamama, Mother Earth, El Gran Poder and Easter.

Puno, Uros & Taquile Islands

Puno is a base for excursions on the lake and is located the crossroads of travel to La Paz in Bolivia, down the Andes towards the Colca Canyon and Arequipa and along the Andes to Cusco, by road or luxury train. The Uros Islands and houses float out on the lake and are made of tortola reeds, providing a life for local people

Taquile is an isolated rocky island with a unique society of communal subsistance farming. It offers home stay community tourism with a local family to experience their way of life. Local people are known for their fine handwoven textiles and clothing with men knitting, and women spin wool coloured with natural earth dyes.

La Estancia Eco Lodge overlooking Lake Tticaca



Titilaka Lodge, Lakeshore Deluxe Boutique

Experience Titilaka Lodge, a luxury refuge with huge windows for superb lake view suites, intimate fireside dining, wraparound terraces, and heated pool, on a secluded private peninsula. Isolated, with a serene setting on the lake shore, graced with dramatic dawns and spectacular sunsets, excellent guides and friendly staff. This all-inclusive 18-suite lodge includes, full board, bar and a choice of daily a-la-carte guides excursions and activities to explore. Try the nature trails, colonial heritage and archeology, the nearby man-made floating islands of the Uros people and visit small local villages, a market where people barter their produce, a weaver family, while enjoying a countryside picnic. (B,L,D)

Bedroom overlooking the lake





View of Lake Titicaca and Puno from El Calvario hill

Continue your Journey into Bolivia

Copacabana, named after the patron saint of Bolivia, is located on the shore of the Lake Titicaca. Home to a 16th Century shrine, the city is dominated by the Calvario hill, rising above the water. At the top, after a tough climb, pilgrims are rewarded with a fabulous view of the lake and a line of stone crosses.

Pre-Inca, Inca and colonial influences have blended over centuries and made people introverted and fiercely proud of their identity, best seen during the numerous religious festivals. Hotel Rosario del Lago is the best in town with a modern yet simple decor, comfortable rooms with private facilities and overlooking the lake.

Sun Island, La Estancia Lodge Tourist

An isolated island on Lake Titicaca, with no cars or roads, only mule tracks, and a few villages living on subsistance farming. There are some Incas ruins, steep climbs and old agricultural terraces to explore with wonderful views of the lake, it feels like another world. La Estancia Eco-Lodge offers an insight into local life. It was built to combine modern comfort with the traditional

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architectural style of the local Aymaras. It consists of stand alone cottages with private facilities, built over restored pre-Inca terraces, blending with the landscape at the top of the island and with a magnificent view of the lake. The rooms are welcoming and there is a central unit with a restaurant and bar

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Titilaka Lodge living room and bar. Restaurant is on the left, at the front, also overlookink the lake.



Picnic lunch overlooking Lake Titicaca



PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights TITILAKA LODGE

£1,454

Price is per person sharing a standard room for double occupancy, including transfers tol/from Puno, accommodation, tax, service, all excursions with English-speaking guide and full board.

Cusco

Until the arrival of the Conquistadores in 1532, Cusco was the centre of the Inca Empire and is the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. The Inca legacy in the hub of the empire is widely visible. Many of the city streets are to this day lined with Inca-built stone walls and crowded with the Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas. Throughout the city we can see how Inca and Catholic cultures have fused together, shown in their symbols, architecture and beliefs.

Inti Raymi Festival

On **June 24** and a few days either side, the huge Inca 'Sun Festival' is held to celebrate the winter solstice. Local people, in brightly-coloured garb, perform dances & rituals, whilst visitors and locals alike view the celebration from the massive ruins of Sacsayhuamán. A festive atmosphere depicting a bygone era.



Wonderful train journey between Lake Titicaca and Cusco

CUSCO HOTELS (Web) veloso.com/cusco



Meals served on the train journey along the Andes, between Cusco and Lake Titicaca

Deluxe Lake Titicaca Train Journey between Cusco & Puno on the Lake web veloso.com/trains

Early morning start to board the luxurious train, decorated in the style of the Pullman cars of the 1920s, for the spectacular trip between Cusco and Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. If starting from historic Cusco, the train climbs gradually through the Andes – this first part of the journey is dominated by the magnificent peaks that tower over the deep valley of the Huatanay River. The journey is broken by a scenic stop at La Raya Pass (3,450 metres), the highest point on the route. Once over the pass the high mountains give way to desolate altiplano, dotted with herds of vicuña and alpaca. Lunch and afternoon tea are served at your table by the window, so you can watch the Andean landscapes unfold without interruption. The glass-walled observation car offers unparalleled opportunities to view the full splendour of the scenery. This exceptional full day trip departs Cusco at 08:00, arriving in Puno at 18:30.









COSTA DEL SOL PICOAGA First

The hotel Picoaga occupies an original Colonial mansion built for a Spanish nobleman, shown in its stonework arches and large courtyard. Located just 2 minutes from the main square, it is the ideal base from which to explore the city. The 70 rooms are well decorated, comfortable and modern, all with private facilities.

MONASTERIO Deluxe

Built on ancient Inca foundations, and only three blocks from Cusco's Plaza de Armas, this beautifully restored colonial monastery has arched galleries, two elegant colonial courtyards and a historic feel. The superb baroque gold-leaf altar remains in the original chapel, now used as a conference room. All guestrooms are luxuriously decorated and the hotel has a bar, café and a restaurant which features opera recitals several times a week during dinner.

CASA SAN BLAS Tourist Boutique This small boutique hotel, located in the artisan quarter of San Blas, is full of Peruvian style. Built on Inca masonry, the hotel is decorated with traditional Peruvian art and textiles, which give it its local character. Each of the rooms is comfortably and simply designed, and has a private bathroom. There is also a roof terrace with excellent views.





Additional Hotels: Casa Andina Standard, Aranwa , Palacio Nazarenas, Casa Cartagena, Libertador, Marriott, Encantada Boutique, El Mercado de Tunqui



LA CASONA Deluxe The hotel has a unique mix of culture and tradition. Carefully restored to retain its historical heritage, La Casona offers modern luxury without sacrificing Peruvian authenticity. The eleven suites surround a sumptuous courtyard, while contemporary amenities and furnishings provide a comfort and exclusivity enjoyed by residents in centuries past.

MAYTAQ WASIN Tourist

Situated in the heart of the Incan empire, only a few steps away from the main plaza, Maytaq Wasin is contemporary in design, boasts high ceilings and plenty of natural light. There is a shaded terrace with views of the hill and chic common areas with modern decor. The hotel is 150 metres from the Inca Museum and steps away from the main Plaza de Armas. Rooms have cable TV, modern private bathrooms with shower.

4 days • 3 nights
£648
£591
£267
£192
£159

Prices are per person including transfers to/from Cusco Airport or Cusco railway station and your hotel with English-speaking guide, accommodation in standard room, tax, service charge and breakfast.

CITADEL OF THE INCAS

High on the mountainside, protected by jungle and the deep canyon of the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was the Incas' stronghold, a defence against the colonial invaders. Our tour takes you to discover the colonial heritage of Lima and Cusco, the Inca archaeology and the magnificent stone architecture of their Andean civilisation. Today we see the descendants of the Incas going about their daily lives, farming their terraces and trading at the local markets, while our expert guides take you behind the scenes to become acquainted with their rich ancestry.



Inca masonry at Sacsayhuaman, Day 3

Day 1 Departure flight to Lima arriving in the evening, and overnight at your hotel. (*B*)

Day 2 Morning tour of Lima, with its Colonial-era Plaza de Armas main square, and extensive collection of ancient artefacts at the Larco Herrera museum. (*B*)

Days 3-4 Morning flight to Cusco with stunning views of the Andes, and transfer to your hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Afternoon free to relax, explore the local village. Next day tour the ancient

sites around the valley, visiting Chinchero, Moray and the salt pans at Maras before lunch at a restaurant on the river bank. Afternoon to explore the Inca site at Ollantaytambo and journey to Pisac visit the market and sunset at the ruins above the valley. (*B*,*L*)

Day 5 Set off in the morning on the scenic Vistadome train (See page 106) journey to Aguas Calientes, taking the bus up the mountainside to reach the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu. Guided

INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES						
Tourist First De Luxe						
MACHU PICCHU Tour	Travelling Together		Travelling Together		Travelling Together	
MACHO FICCHO Tour	Double	Own Room	Double	Own Room	Double	Own Room
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£2382	£2651	£2574	£2998	£3230	£4316
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£2570	£2839	£2762	£3196	£3418	£4494

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FLIGHTS departing from London and UK Airports, Internal Flights and Taxes, are included. UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: $\pounds1589$ in High Season / $\pounds1826$ in Low Season; Premium Economy Seat : $\pounds459$

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/mptour

<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer triple rooms, suites and De Luxe Hotels. tour of the archaeological site providing an insight into Machu Picchu's history, and its discovery by Hiram Bingham in 1911. After lunch the is time to explore this mystical site further on your own before returning to the Sacred Valley in the evening by train. (B,L)

Days 6-7 Transport to Cusco and check into your hotel for two nights. Afternoon free to explore, relax and enjoy the atmosphere of this unique city. Next day, morning guided tour of Cusco including the ornate colonial-era Cathedral, the main square (Plaza de Armas) and the church of Santo Domingo, built on the Inca stone walls of the Temple of the Sun, where one can appreciate the syncretism of Inca and Catholic symbols and beliefs. Continue to the archaeological sites of Sacsayhuamán, Qenqo, Puka Pukara and Tambomachay on the hills surrounding Cusco. (*B*)

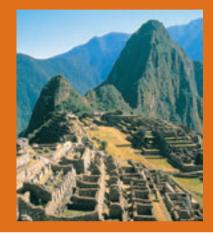
Day 8 Afternoon flight to Lima and connect with the overnight flight home, arriving the following day, Day 9. (*B*)



The Machu Picchu Tour

7 night itinerary: Lima – 2 nights Sacred Valley - 3 nights Machu Picchu – Full Day Tour Cusco – 2 nights

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The Machu Picchu Tour Departures throughout the year. INCLUDING: 9 days travel, 7 nights accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight) and taxes payable in London, all transfers to/from the airports and railway station and excursions with English-speaking guides, all transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Traditional life in the mountains, Days 3-4







The Sacred Valley of The Incas



Maras, pre-Inca salt pool

Sacred Valley Excursion

Early start from your hotel for a long day starting with the colourful and authentic market of Chinchero where people from the surrounding communities congregate to trade their goods, mostly agricultural produce, not only trading in money, but also barter. The day continues to Maras pre-Inca salt pans and we walk down the ravine to the Urubamba River for lunch by the river. The car drives round while you walk to meet you at the restaurant; or you can stay in the car if you prefer not to walk. We then visit Ollantaytambo fortress, the archaeological complex believed to have been a gigantic agricultural, administrative, social, religious and military centre. Late in the afternoon we reach Pisac, a small colonial village built by Viceroy Francisco de Toledo where there is a tourist market with weavings and handicrafts. We drive up the mountain above the town to visit Pisac ruins, affording superb views of the surrounding countryside and sunset. Evening return to the hotel. (L)

The Urubamba Valley, known as The Sacred Valley of the Incas, was at the heart of their empire. Surrounded by a dramatic landscape of steep mountains and snow covered peaks, it is located east of the Inca capital of Cusco and leading to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Since ancient times, the fertile lands, ancient terraces and the waters of the Urubamba river have been used to grow the staple diet of quinoa, potatoes, cereals and to breed livestock. The people still speak the native Quechua language and conserve ancient customs and ancestral rites.

Willoq & Patacancha Excursion

A visit to the village of Willoq, high in the Patacancha Valley, is a journey into the past, a visit to the descendants of the Incas. According to historians, the people of Willoq with their traditional red ponchos and shawls are the direct descendants of the last rulers of imperial Cusco, and remain today one of the Andean communities least affected by Western influence. The Willog community is also well known for its weavers and the quality of the textiles; still a product of patience, knowledge and the skilled weaver. The primitive backstrap loom, unaltered for centuries, is still used to weave even the finest textiles. (L)

Mountain landscape

Pumamarca Hike Excursion

We start in Ollantaytambo walking slowly uphill to the quarry of Kachiqhata. Gigantic stones of pink granite were partially shaped in the quarry and then slid down the hill, before being dragged across the river and over the fields. Once across the field, the stones were dragged up a 1,200 ft ramp to the Sun Temple site at Ollantaytambo. Along the route we will admire the magnificent landscape of the Urubamba Valley below. We will see many enormous unfinished stones from the quarry, left behind in the fields, before returning along the trail back down to the valley. (L)



Casona de la Ronda hotel in the Sacred Valley

Horseriding Excursion

Horse riding is an excellent way to explore the countryside and the Quechua communities of the Urubamba valley, while becoming familiar with the Peruvian Paso horses. The Paso horse is a symbol of Peruvian tradition. We will ride using the original Peruvian Paso riding gear - handmade saddles and tack while dressed in poncho and sombrero.

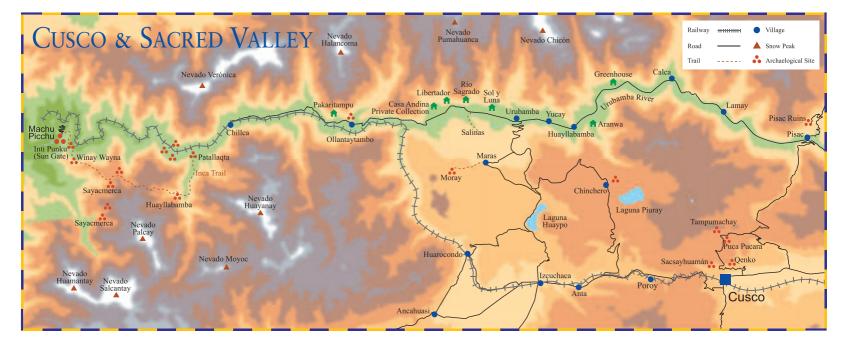
Additional Excursions:

- Ceramics and textile workshop
- Peruvian home cooking
- Pachamama Ceremony
- Pre-Hispanic Music
- Bird watching excursions
- Mountain Biking
- Rafting Urubamba River
- Walking & Trekking

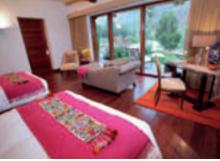
Remote village life







Bedroom at Belmond Rio Sagrado



Indoor pool at Rio Sagrado









SACRED VALLEY HOTELS

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BELMOND RIO SAGRADO Deluxe Located on the river bank, surrounded by mountains and near the town of Urubamba, Belmond Rio Sagrado Hotel, Villas & Spa offers 13 Deluxe rooms and 8 Junior Suites all with one king or two queen size beds, fine peruvian cotton bedding, private facilities and exterior terrace. The hotel's design reflects a mix of traditional Peruvian colours and patterns with European minimalist luxury, capturing the local style for a wonderful deluxe experience. Rio Sagrado's setting also makes it a great location to explore the Sacred Valley at a relaxed pace. The hotel also offers an open air swimming pool, a covered jaccuzi and two-story riverfront villas for up to eight guests.

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM First

Located in the heart of the Sacred Valley and only 15min from Ollantaytambo, the hotel buildings are low rise set around a large lawn area with gardens. The hotel offers a spa and gym, restaurant, bar, room service, telescope to view the night sky and internet access. Each of the 85 rooms is equipped with private facilities, heating, bath or Jacuzzi and safe deposit box. Service can be prone to delays when large groups are staying.

PAKARITAMPU Tourist

Overlooking the Ollantaytambo ruins and surrounded by wonderful gardens with a variety of local plants and flowers. Within walking distance of the railway station and town for a choice of restaurants and shops. Each of the 37 rooms features its own private bathroom facilities. There is a cosy living room with open fire, a reading room, restaurant and bar.

SOL Y LUNA Deluxe An ideal location for walks in the country side with a stunning setting in the valley surrounded by snow-capped mountain ranges, the Sol y Luna reflects the ambience of Andean culture. The adobe bungalows are decorated in rustic style and are set in beautifully landscaped gardens. Each room has private facilities and a terrace. A unique combination of eco-tourism, adventure, sport and culture with a variety of outdoor activities on offer including hikes and treks to explore the local way of life farming Inca terraces, horse riding on paso horses, mountain biking and river rafting. The hotel also has a spa and jacuzzi to unwind.

EXPLORA VALLE SAGRADO Deluxe

Part of the Explora group of lodges the Valle Sagrado lodge offers all you would expect of a luxury hotel with a design inspired by the local environment and culture. Located in a secluded hacienda and ancient corn plantation, amidst the mountains that were once the centre of the Inca Empire, it includes all meals and a complete program of in-depth walks and excursions to explore the whole area.

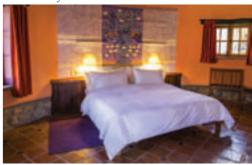
Pakaritampu hotel

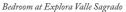


Sol y Luna pool, gardens and sitting room



Bedroom at Sol y Luna







PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

SACRED VALLEY	
Explora Valle Sagrado	£1,288
Belmond Rio Sagrado	£854
Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba	£772
Sol y Luna	£658
Pakaritampu	£451
Sonesta Posada del Inca	£424
Casa Andina Premium	£412
Casona de Yucay	£398

All prices are per person including transfers to/from Cusco, accommodation in a standard room with breakfast, one full day guided excursion in the Sacred Valley, tax and service.



TRAIN JOURNEYS TO MACHU PICCHU Hiram Bingham Deluxe

2 days • 1 night

Day 1 The Hiram Bingham train is modelled on the Pullman cars of the 1920s and is the most luxurious train journey in Peru. It will leave from Poroy station at 09.00. Brunch, wine and refreshments are served on board whilst you enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Urubamba Valley unfolding before you through the large windows. Following arrival at Machu Picchu at 12.30, you check-in to your hotel Sanctuary Lodge. In the afternoon you have a guided tour of the archaeological site, at a time when most visitors are having lunch or starting to leave. In the afternoon tea and cakes

Dinner onboard the Hiram Bingham train



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are served at your hotel. Sanctuary Lodge is the only hotel in close proximity to the ruins, and offering twenty-nine wellappointed rooms and two suites. The service is impeccable and the food excellent. (B,L,D)

Day 2 Full day to explore Machu Picchu on your own and absorb the atmosphere. Board the train at 18.00 for the return journey to Cusco, where you will be served a gourmet three course dinner along with wine and pisco sour cocktails, while Peruvian musicians perform traditional songs in the bar.

Vistadome First

Surrounded entirely by glass and wagons with large panoramic windows the Vistadome train offers incomparable scenic views and numerous opportunities to capture amazing pictures on your journey to Machu Picchu. The Vistadome has two stations of departure to Machu Picchu: Cusco (Poroy) and the Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo) and the journey time is approximately 3 1/2 hours. The Vistadome also has air-conditioning and heating, leather seats that provide comfort and relaxation during the entire trip. Breakfast and refreshements are served on board.



The train journey along the Urubamba river

Expedition Tourist

The Expedition is a comfortable service with four passenger seats located in front of each other with space for storage on racks placed above the seats. This train journey also offers panoramic windows, air-conditioning and heating, and Andean music that creates a cheerful atmosphere. Expedition service departs from two stations: Cusco (Poroy) and the Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo) and the journey time is approximately 3 1/2 hours. Vistadome and Expedition trains have different departure times and arrival times. We can combine these train journeys to suit your budget and time you wish to spend in Machu Picchu.



Carriage on the First Class Inca Rail train



Interior of Vistadome train carriage

PRICES FROM	2 days • 1 night
HIRAM BINGHAM	
Belmond Sanctuary Lodge	£1,600
Inkaterra Machu Picchu	£1,278
VISTADOME	
Sumaq	£766
El Mapi	£491
EXPEDITION	
Casa Andina Standard	£453
All prices are per person inclu tickets from Cusco to Aguas C tickets from Aguas Calientes t Ruins on the first day, guided	ding return train Calientes, return bus o Machu Picchu tour of the

tickets from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu Ruins on the first day, guided tour of the archaeological site with English-speaking guide, first day entrance fee, lunch and dinner first day, breakfast, accommodation, tax & service.

MACHU PICCHU HOTELS (web) veloso.com/machupicchu

SANCTUARY LODGE Deluxe

main gate to Machu Picchu and overlooks

the Urubamba valley below, offering 29

well-appointed rooms and two suites. A

INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU

Located just outside the town of Aguas

Calientes, the spacious rooms are set in

in tropical gardens, linked by winding

and they offer complimentary guided

nature walks in the grounds. Separeted

Located by the train station, the hotel is modern, functional but bland, useful for an overnight stay. The standard rooms have

no windows but others look out over the

station or behind to the Urubamba river.

CASA ANDINA Tourist

bungalow style amongst dense vegetation

paths. There is a restaurant and bar, a spa,

from the town by the lush foliage, the hotel has an atmosphere of nature and peace.

Belmond owned hotel, the service is

impeccable and the food excellent.

Accommodation includes room,

PUEBLO HOTEL Deluxe

breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The hotel is located just outside the



Sanctuary Lodge roon



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo ro



Casa Andina Hotel room

INCA TRAIL web veloso.com/incatrail

Trek up and down from sierra to cloud, sub-tropical forests, in an unforgettable experience passing dramatic mountain landscapes. Silent, secluded Inca ruins, surrounded by stunning scenery on this ancient trail. Culminating with sun rise at Intipunku, the sun gate overlooking Machu Picchu. The trail is rugged and steep in places, crossing a pass of 4,200m, trekking at this altitude can be tough requiring acclimatisation and fitness.

4 days • 3 nights

Spend three nights camping on the trail, arriving at Machu Picchu early morning of the fourth day for a magnificent view from Sun Gate. Includes a guided tour of the archealogocial site, returning to Cusco by Vistadome train in the afternoon. For more time at the site, please enquire to stay at Machu Picchu for 1 night.

Private Inca Trail

A first class version of the Group Inca Trail offering greater levels of comfort, where there are no latrines toilets are provided. Meals are eaten at a table in the mess tent, and sleeping tents come complete with foam mattresses. Designed for those who wish to experience the trail in the greatest comfort possible for this remote area.

PRICES FROM

INCA TRAIL - GROUP	
4 days • 3 nights	£737
INCA TRAIL - PRIVATE	
4 days • 3 nights	£1054
SALKANTAY - PRIVATE	
5 days • 4 nights	£988
WEAVER'S TRAIL - PRIVA	TE
4 days • 3 nights	£882
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Prices per person including transport by local bus to/from Lima, English-speaking guide accommodation, excursions and breakfast

Group Inca Trail

Walk the Inca trail, accompanied by an expert local guide. Porters and cooks, enable you to enjoy the trail without the burden of rucksacks and camping gear. Tents are provided, set up and packed away for you, allowing more time for the walk. You need only to carry your daypack with essentials for a day's walk. Groups are made up of other travellers.

SUMAQ LODGE First

Located in Aguas Calientes, the hotel offers its guests 60 ample and luxurious rooms in three categories, superior deluxe, junior suites & Sumag Suites all equipped with thermal heating, wifi, mini bar, safety box, mp3 player and cable TV.

EL MAPI First

A smart and contemporary hotel, located in the heart of Aguas Calientes. El Mapi hotel is located just a few steps from the main square and the train station offering its guests the opportunity to explore the picturesque Andean town of Aguas Calientes. All 48 rooms are equipped with modern amenities and comforts. The hotel has a bar and cafe with wifi.



El Mapi breakfas

SALKANTAY TRAIL

Trek through high forest, canyons and towering mountains in the Vilcabamba range, with the Salkantay peak in the background to subtropical valleys and plantations to Machu Picchu. Three nights camping and one in a simple hotel.

Day 1 - Departure to Mollepata where we start climbing pass the Humantay glacier to camp at Soraypampa.

Day 2 - Tough trek and spectacular scenery to the Wayraq pass.

Day 3 - Descend to warmer, more humid tropical vegetation.

Day 4 - Trek to the road to drive to Santa Teresa for a swim in the warm river. Drive to the station and board the train to Aguas Calientes.

Day 5 - Guided tour and free time at Machu Picchu, before return to Cusco by train.

WEAVERS' TRAIL

Trek through dramatic high Andean scenery and visit communities rarely seen by outsiders, seeing few tourists on the way. Peruvian weaving draws on a legacy of knowledge and skill using the original backstrap loom, unaltered for centuries to produce the finest textiles from llama wool.

Day 1 - Departure by road to Calca and trek to the weaving village of Wacawasi camp. Day 2 - Trek up to the High Andes and camp.

Day 3 - Trek to Ipsayqocha pass, a landscape dotted with herds of llamas and continue to village Patacancha, and onto Ollantaytambo. Board the late train to Machu Picchu. Day 4 - Guided tour of Machu Picchu, return to Cusco by the afternoon train.





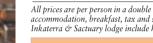
El Mapi bedroom below and Sumaq Lodge above

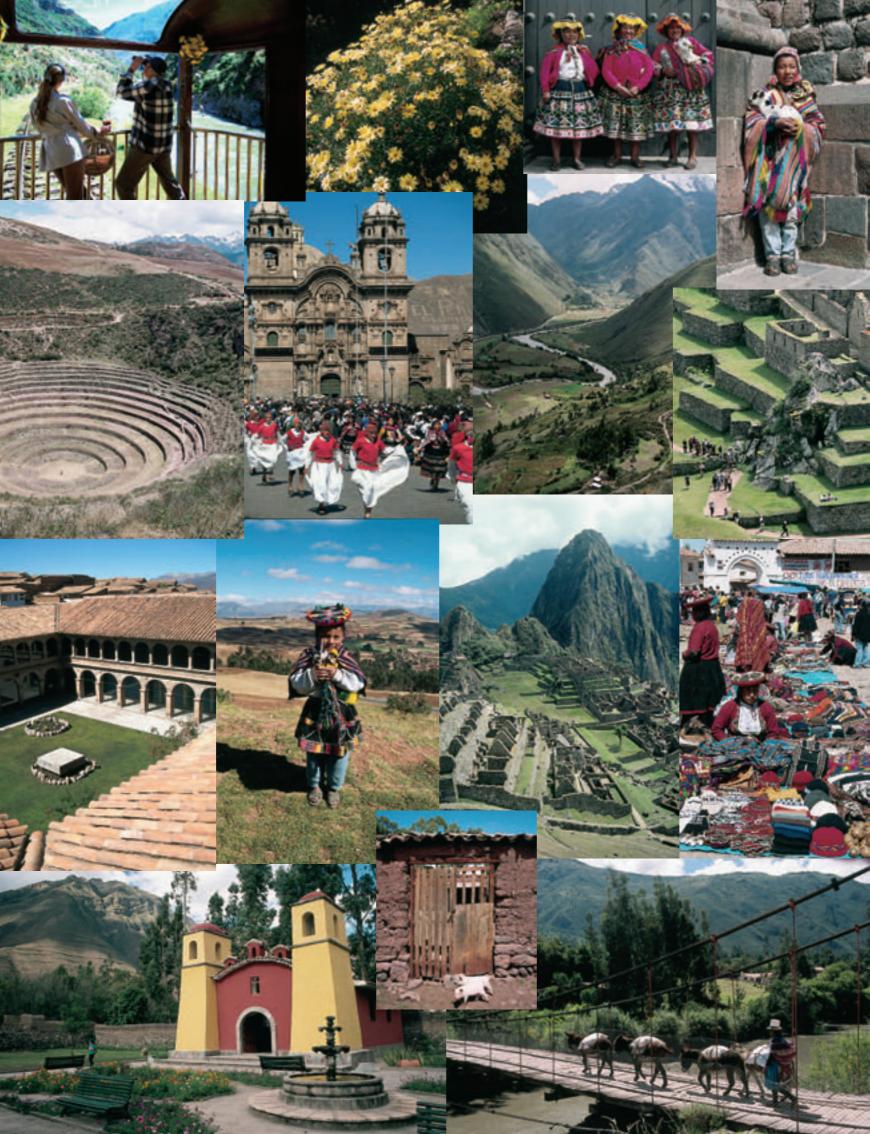


PRICES FROM	1 night
MACHU PICCHU	
Belmond Sanctuary Lodge	£618
Inkaterra Machu Picchu	£472
Sumaq Lodge	£204
El Mapi	£82
Casa Andina Standard	£59

All prices are per person in a double room including accommodation, breakfast, tax and service charge. Inkaterra & Sactuary lodge include half board.

Additional Hotels: La Cabana, Inti Inn, Rupa Wasi Eco Lodge





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Delfin III Deluxe

Delfin III - was custom built in 2015 to explore the Peruvian Amazon. The ship has 22 luxury suites and it's larger size allows for more public space to enjoy including indoor and outdoor lounges, swimming pool, dining room, bar, massage services, exercise room and a boutique. Expert Naturalist Guides take you on daily excursions exploring the rainforest and local communities. **Special Offer -** FREE cabin upgrade.



Delphin III



Cattleya Journey First

Cattleya Journey offers cruises from Iquitos along the tributaries of the Amazon river, into the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, a pristine tract of untouched rainforest: a fascinating journey and adventure for four or five days. There are four comfortable, wood panelled cabins with large panoramic windows for expansive views of the river and forest, air conditioning and private facilities. There are two naturalist guides and two zodiacs for daily excursions into the forest. There is a sitting room and a dining room, a sundeck with bar for a cool drink after excursions or for viewing the forest lansdcape.





Prices are per person including transfers to/from the Airport, accommodation in Standard cabin for Double Occupancy, tax, all daily excursions with English-speaking naturalist guide and full board. Flights to Iquitos are extra.

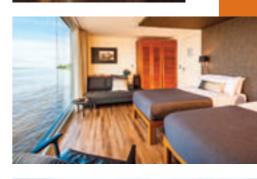


The M/V Aria is the most luxurious river boat in the Amazon region. Aria is 147 ft long with 16 luxury suites with floor-toceiling windows and air-conditioning. The top deck has a jacuzzi, indoor lounge and bar, and outdoor observation deck. The dining room serves world-class Peruvian cuisine with a focus on local ingredients. Naturalist guides accompany small groups of no more than 8 guests into remote parts of the Peruvian rainforest and Pacaya Samiria Reserve. You will have the opportunity to see many animal species, including the endangered pink Amazon dolphin, black cayman and three toed sloth. As you explore these pristine wilderness areas you will also encounter local people living in villages within the jungle.

Delfin I & II

DELFIN I - Deluxe - The Delfin I, is a small, exclusive river vessel, for only 8 passengers, to cruise the Amazon Basin. She has four master suites all with large private wooden decks, floor to ceiling windows, minibar & air-conditioning, private facilities, hair dryer and amenities. Two of the cabins are located on the main deck with private jacuzzis. The guides provide daily excursions ashore and a personalised service. The public areas include an open terrace with large sofas, big ceiling fans, a reference library and bar.

DELFIN II - First - She has fourteen large guest suites, some with 180° panoramic windows and with large windows. All cabins have air-conditioning and private facilities. It has a dining room, sun deck, observation deck and bar. Expert guides provide daily excursions ashore.



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Delfin II



Delfin I

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AMAZON LODGES

web veloso.com/amazonperu Tambopata Research Centre



Bedrooms overlook the forest

6 days • 5 nights

Day 1 On arrival at Puerto Maldonado airport and join a 1 hour bus journey to the river, followed by 2.5 hours by boat to the lodge Tambopata Research Center. Gradually we leave behind all traces of human habitation to enter the National Reserve with 700,000 hectares of pristine rainforest and no other lodge. The Lodge is spacious with social area, bar and buffet service and large rooms with beds, linen and blanket, private bathroom and an open window facing the forest. Afternoon guided hike along the river lowlands (L,D)

Tambopata Research Centre was built for tourism, research purposes and to protect the nearby macaw clay-lick, currently the world's largest, featured in National Geographic Magazine. Here, deep in the 700,000 hectares of the reserve, several species of macaws and parrots congregate to lick the minerals off a 500m long cliffside on the Tambopata riverbank. The forest surrounding the centre has three types of terraced floodplain, terra firma, bamboo forest and palm swamps. There are 25 kilometres of trails under the

Day 2 Early visit to the world's largest

macaw clay-lick, a flurry of noisy activity as

15 varieties of macaw and parrot congregate

in large numbers to socialise and ingest the

sandy clay on the cliff. After breakfast we

explore a small pond with a platform in the

middle to observe waterfowl. After dinner,

scientists provide a lecture on the local flora,

fauna and the macaw clay-lick. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Every morning is different at the

five kilometer terra firme forest trail. After

macaw clay-lick. After breakfast we take the



Tambopata Rainforest

dense canopy of primary rainforest in which numerous species of mammals, and over 480 species of birds have been recorded. The lodge has four wooden buildings on stilts, connected by a walkway and covered with a thatched

lunch we explore an oxbow lake with swamps, aguaje palms and fruit eating mammals and more birdwatching. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Early walk to the clay-lick. Trek along a creek trail admiring the dense vegetation and sunset on the river (B,L,D)

Day 5-6 Today we explore the Terra Firme Master Hike, birdwatching and stepping over leaf-cutting ants and, perhaps the amazing army ants. (B,L,D) In the morning return to the airport.

Optional adventure:

7 days • 6 nights includes sea kayaking down the river and 1 night camping.

by a boat trip and short walk to the

roof. There are 13 double rooms with beds covered by mosquito netting, a kitchen, a large dining area with a meeting room and separate toilets, and showers.

PRICES FROM

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTRE				
4 days • 3 nights	£762			
5 days • 4 nights	£941			
6 days • 5 nights	£1145			
7 days • 6 nights	£1497			

Prices per person sharing a standard double room including transfers to/from Puerto Maldonado Airport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide, and all meals full board. Drinks are extra



Flocks congregate at dawn at the macaw clay-lick

PRICES FROM POSADA AMAZONAS

3 days • 2 nights	£398
4 days • 3 nights	£555
Refugio Amazonas	
3 days • 2 nights	£448
4 days • 3 nights	£696

including transfers to/from Puerto Maldonado Airport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide, and all meals full board. Drinks are extra.

Posada Amazonas

Set on the banks of the Tambopata River, the rustic lodge is owned jointly by a Peruvian ecotourism company and the Ese'eja native community of Tambopata, allowing interaction with the local people. Bedrooms are spacious and comfortable, although basic, and bathrooms are all en suite with hot water. Native guides and naturalists are always on hand to answer your questions about the rainforest ecosystem or the local community.

Refugio Amazonas 4 days • 3 nights

Located deep in a private reserve, the lodge has a wonderful character with 32 rooms with private facilities and large sitting area, restaurant, bar and science activities.



3 days • 2 nights

Day 1 On arrival at Puerto Maldonado Airport, transfer to the Tambopata River for a 45 minute boat trip to the lodge. Afternoon visit to a small subsistence agriculture farm, led by a community member, and evening introductory talk on the Ese'eja Ecotourism Project (B,L,D)

Day 2-3 At dawn witness the parrots' morning rush on the clay-lick, followed

Day 1 On arrival at Puerto Maldonado

Airport, transfer to the Tambopata River

for a 3 hour boat trip to the lodge. Evening

excursion to search for caimans. (B,L,D)

Days 2-4 At dawn we canoe around

the lake to observe the wildlife, such as

giant otters and turtles. Daily morning

nearby lake. Canoe around the lake to observe the wildlife, such as giant otters, turtles, horned screamers, flycatchers, bat falcons and hoatzin. Lunch and walk to a 30 metre high tower, to observe the forest canopy and nearby nest of a remarkable harpy eagle (sightings depend entirely on the breeding cycle). Following morning return to the airport.(B,L,D)

guide. Witness the parrots' morning rush

dinner trek to observe the wildlife at night

surrounded by huge trees and darkness.

Final day transfer to the airport. (B,L,D)

on the clay-lick and walk to the canopy tower to observe the canopy birds. After

and afternoon walks on the numerous nature trails accompanied by our expert

Prices per person sharing a standard double room

Tambopata Lodge 4 days • 3 nights

Days 1-3 On arrival at the airport in Puerto Maldonado, transfer to a motorised dugout canoe for a journey to the lodge. Libertador Tambopata is situated on the banks of the Tambopata River in the Tambopata National Reserve, a protected area located in the southeastern region of Madre de Dios. The lodge has 59 wooden cabins with thatched roofs, each with private bathroom and screens to protect from insects. There is no electricity - lamps and candles are used at night. We can see caimans, otters and many species of birds in the area. Guided daily walks are lead by specialist guides. Evening excursions are taken by canoe, when we will go to spot caimans, their eyes gleaming in our torchlight. Early breakfast and return to Puerto Maldonado on Day 4. (*B,L,D*)



Excursion by canoe in the forest



Room at Tambopata Lodge



Individual bungalows with thatched roof in the style of local contruction

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PRICES FROM	
TAMBOPATA LODGE	
3 days • 2 nights	£315
4 days • 3 nights	£419
Reserva Amazonica	
3 days • 2 nights	£465
4 days • 3 nights	£610

Prices per person sharing a standard double room including transfers to/from Puerto Maldonado Airport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide, and all meals full board. Drinks are extra.

Additional Amazon Lodges : Sandoval Lodge, Hacienda Concepción. Amazon Cruises on page 109

Reserva Amazonica 4 days • 3 nights This lu

The Reserva Amazonica sits on the river bank amid a 40-square-mile private ecological reserve. Located in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest, adjacent to Tambopata National Reserve, the lodge operates scientific tourism based on sustainable use of the Amazon rainforest. The wildlife in the area is remarkable, from giant and colourful macaws, to toucans, parrots, tapirs, tamarind monkeys, owls, southern amazon red squirrels, as well as a large variety of monkeys. Reserva Amazonica also holds the world record for ant species in a single place (362 species).

This luxury lodge offers spacious facilities and well-equipped private cabins, guaranteeing guests an authentic, safe and comfortable stay in the rainforest, combining cosy accommodations with warm hospitality, a dedication to conservation and the opportunity to discover magnificent naturally camouflaged wildlife in the jungle. The lodge boasts 30 private cabañas and 3 suites built with local materials in native style. Service areas are located in a two-story wooden pavilion with a cathedral ceiling, housing the dining room, bar, the main lounge and a mezzanine overlooking the rainforest, where visitors can relax while

contemplating the unique scenery. Each day and evening there are excursions on offer, both along the river tributaries and along the paths in the forest. Night excursions are also possible. As well as viewing the native wildlife, guests also learn about the medicinal properties of the plants endemic to the area and about life in the Amazon. There are also evening presentations given by the expert guides.

All meals are included (drinks are extra), as are excursions (additional ones may be charged locally). Please note that guests can take a maximum of 10kg to the lodge, the rest can be left at the lodge's office in Puerto Maldonado.



Canopy walk in the forest



Room at Reserva Amazonica



View of the river bank

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From the comfort of our river boat, we explore the pristine, primary rainforest to observe the flora and fauna, visit some of the people who live along the river and appreciate the exuberance of vegetation in the Amazon rainforest. Explore the mountain civilisations of the Andes with a visit to Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas, culminating in the magnificent archaeological site of Machu Picchu.



Excursions in the Amazon Rainforest, Days 3 to 8



Days 1-2 Departure flight to Lima, arriving the same day in the evening and staying for two nights. Next day take a tour of the old city, with its colonial architecture, Presidential Palace and Main Square. Visit the Larco-Herrera Museum with its extensive collection of artefacts from the civilisations of ancient Peru. (*B*)

Day 3 Transfer to the airport for a flight to **Iquitos**, an area in the **Amazon Basin** only accessible by air. Transfer to pier to board the **Delphin III**, a luxury river boat, and embark on a 4 night journey exploring the rainforest along the river, on daily excursions with expert naturalist guides. (Please refer to page 109 for the ship's description). Excellent accommodation with air conditioning, private facilities, bar, daily guided excursions and full board. (*B,D*) **Days 4-5** Today the cruise takes us along the Marañón River. As you sail to the **Pacaya Samiria National Reserve** you witness the ever-changing panorama of jungle life along the river banks. On land you may see Macaws, Sloths, Monkeys and the legendary Pink River Dolphins. Explore the **Zapote lake** and fish for piranhas using traditional Amazonian techniques. Early morning bird-watching excursion in the forest, followed by a boat trip to look for Giant Water Lillies. Learn about conservation projects at a private reserve, with picnic lunches within the forest clearing. (*B,L,D*)

Day 6 In the morning we hike along trails, learning about the medicinal use of plants and looking for the famous Poison Dart frog. The hanging bridges walkway

will also give a spectacular perspective on the jungle from above, and the wildlife activity in the forest canopy. Learn about the ancient cultures and beliefs of the Amazonian peoples in a recreation of a Shamanic Ceremony. Evening tour to see sunset over the Amazon and listen to the nighttime chorus of wildlife and insects, looking for caimans, tarantulas, snakes and anakondas. Time permitting we visit a local Amazon village to learn about the native culture of the forest. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

Days 7-8 Disembark and transfer to the airport in Iquitos for the flight back to Lima. On arrival transfer to your hotel for 1 night to enjoy the city delights.. Opportunity to enjoy the wonderful restaurants offering delicious Peruvian fusion cuisine. Next day, fly to Cusco and transfer to your hotel in the **Urubamba Valley**, staying for three nights and 2 full days of sightseeing. (*B*)



Excursions with Naturalist Guides



NTAINS OF THE INCAS



Guided tour of Machu Picchu, Day 11

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departs Fridays

		Tourist			First		
PACAYA Tour	1 Single			1 Single		ng Together	
PACATA Tour	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room	
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£7452	£5311	£6939	£8023	£5587	£7458	
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£7623	£5498	£7126	£8210	£5774	£7645	

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<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer triple rooms, suites and **De Luxe Hotels**. **Days 9-10** Two days of excursions in the **Sacred Valley of the Incas**, (See page 104-105) visiting the Inca village of **Ollantaytambo** with its hillside fortress, **Pisac** ruins and the colourful market where local farmers trade their produce and shops offer local weavings in soft alpaca wool. Next day visit the local market and weavers collective at **Chinchero**, the concentric circular Inca crop laboratory at **Moray** and the ancient salt ponds at **Maras**, with a walk down into the valley. (*B*,*L*)

Days 11-12 Departure on the Vistadome train journey (See page 106) along the shore of the Urubamba River, leading to Aguas Calientes. Bus to the awesome site of Machu Picchu, dubbed the Lost City of the Incas when it was rediscovered in 1911. Guided tour of the archaeological site, a city of aqueducts with crystal clear waters, of liturgical fountains and walkways once home to priests, craftsmen, peasants and servants. Lunch and time to explore. Overnight at a hotel in town. Morning free to explore the town. Return on the Vistadome train to **Cusco**, staying for 3 nights. (*B*)

Days 13-14 Cusco was the hub of the Inca Empire, and the streets are still lined with Inca-built stone walls and many people maintain their Quechua-speaking culture. Visit the Spanish-era Cathedral, the main square (Plaza de Armas), and Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), and Inca temple upon which Spanish church was later built. Continue to the nearby Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán, where huge pieces of stone fit together with such precision that no cement is required. (*B*)

Day 15 Afternoon flight to Lima connecting with your return flght home, arriving on Day 16. (*B*)

The Pacaya Tour 14 night itinerary:

Lima – 2 nights Amazon Cruise – 4 nights Lima – 1 night "Sacred Valley" – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 3 nights Lima - Connection

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The Pacaya Tour

Departures throughout the year, 16 days, INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), all transfers to/from airports and railway stations, excursions with English-speaking guide, transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.



Main square with Cusco Cathedral and garden to sit and absorb the atmosphere, Days 13-15

INCAS & CONQUISTADORES The Quechua Tour: Peru & Bolivia



17 night itinerary:

Lima - 2 nights • La Paz - 3 nights • Sucre - 4 nights Potosí - Day Trip • Sun Island/ Lake Titicaca – 1 night Puno/ Lake Titicaca - 1 night • "Sacred Valley" - 2 nights Machu Picchu - 1 night • Cusco - 3 nights

Travel back in time to the land where the mighty Incas once held sway. Tradition, music and culture envelop us as we walk through local markets, explore the majestic ruins of Machu Picchu, climb aboard local trains which take us through landscapes ranging from lush subtropical areas to the wind-swept altiplano.

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Local life in the Andean Mountains, Days 8-18

Days 1-2 Depart Saturday on the flight to Lima arriving in the evening. The following morning you take a guided tour of Lima, including the grand colonial squares in the centre, the Presidential Palace and Larco Herrera Museum. (*B*)

Days 3-5 Flight to La Paz and spend the afternoon resting to acclimatise to the high altitude. Next day take a guided tour of the city in the afternoon exploring the maze of bustling streets, visit the colourful witches' market and the Moon Valley. Day 5 we take a tour outside the city to visit the magnificent pre-Inca ruins at Tiahuanaco, and marvel at the ornate stonework. (*B*)

Days 6-7 Today we fly to Sucre, staying for four nights. Sucre's importance in the history of Bolivia has left a rich legacy of colonial buildings, many of which are still decorated in their traditional white plaster imparting a grand atmosphere. Tour of Sucre heritage and history. (*B*)

Day 8 Full day visit to Potosí. Towering over the city, the Cerro Rico is an imposing mountain whose stores of precious metals are still being mined. We visit the central square, convent and the old Mint. (*B*,*L*)

Day 9 Visit Tarabuco's colourful Sunday street market where local Aymara people come to barter and trade in a vibrant and authentic display, where may people still wear their traditional costumes. (*B*)

Day 10 Early flight to La Paz and drive to the charming village of **Copacabana**, overlooking **Lake Titicaca**, framed by snow covered peaks. We take a boat to **Sun Island**, and walk along trails and terraces to the Ecolodge, staying overnight. Explore the trails with majestic views. (*B*)

Day 11 Morning to explore **Sun Island** and journey to **Puno** on the lake shore (*B*)

Day 12 Depart on the Andean Explorer luxury train, (See page 102) travelling across the Andean landscape of mountains, farms and small towns. Transfer to the Sacred Valley (See page 104-105). (B,L) **Day 13** A full day excursion on the so called **Sacred Valley of the Incas**, driving through the Urubamba river valley, visiting the ruins of **Ollantaytambo**, **Pisac**, small villages in the countryside, the ancient Inca terraces, **Maras**, and the local market. (*B*,*L*)

Days 14-15 A stunning rail journey (See page 106) along the Urubamba River. We roll along on a glorious trip with fantastic view of the river bank, culminating in the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu staying for one night. Next morning free to explore: optional walk to Sun Gate or take the tough climb to Huayna Picchu. Return to Cusco by Vistadome train (*B,L*)

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	1 Single					ng Together
QUECHUA Tour	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
1 Jan - 30 June, 6 Sept-15 Dec	£6488	£4486	£5212	£7316	£4942	£5998
1 July - 5 Sept, 16 Dec - 31 Dec	£6716	£4718	£5442	£7548	£5174	£6246

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Days 16-18

Morning or afternoon tour of **Cusco**, the Cathedral, Qorikancha Temple of the Sun and the **Sacsayhuamán** archaeological sites. Time free to relax, explore on your own, walk to the main square, sit in the garden and watch the world go by. Next day, morning free and afternoon flight to Lima to connect with your overnight flight home arriving on **Day 19**. (*B*)

The Quechua Tour departs Saturday, returns Wednesday INCLUDING 19 days, 17 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

CROSS CONTINENT AND

The Viracocha Tour: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru

21 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night Buenos Aires – 3 nights Santa Cruz – 1 night • Sucre – 3 nights La Paz – 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Sun Island – 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Sacred Valley of the Incas – 2 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night Optional Extensions: Amazon – 2 or more nights Inca Trail – 3 nights web veloso.com/viracocha



The Statue of Christ the Redeemer offers superb views of Rio de Janeiro, Day 1-3

Travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we gain an insight into very distinct cultures and their histories, from the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires to the Andean villages and mighty ruins of Inca times. Stunning scenery surrounds us as we go from subtropical climes to landlocked Bolivia and life at the heart of the Andean mountains.

Days 1-3 Depart on Friday on a daytime non-stop flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Transfer to a hotel in the cosmopolitan beach area of Copacabana. Next day we visit the statue of **Christ the Redeemer**, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city, lagoon and beaches, and we visit the historic Royal Palace and Cathedral. (*B*)

The Iguassu waterfallss, Days 4-5



Day 4 Fly to Foz do Iguassu to visit the spectacular waterfalls which are made of numerous smaller falls along a span of 2,470m. We visit the Brazilian side for a panoramic view, then we transfer to the Argentinian side, for a perpective from above and walks along the trails. Spend one night at our hotel overlooking the falls. *(B)*

Days 5-7 Fly to Buenos Aires and we visit this city, dubbed the 'Paris of South America'. We pass through the colourful quarter of La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and the main square with the Presidential Palace, finishing at the elegant Parque de Recoleta with its smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or watch a tango show in bohemian San Telmo. (*B*)

Day 8 Fly to **Santa Cruz** in Bolivia and stay overnight at leisure and sightseeing. (B)

Day 9 Fly to Sucre, an attractive, temperate city, with numerous museums and where buildings retain their colonial charm, preserving the traditional white façades. Afternoon tour of the city. (*B*)

Day 10 Full day excursion to Tarabuco market, where locals, dressed in their unique costumes, sit behind pyramids of coca leaves and fruit, whilst others sell their traditional woven goods. (*B*,*L*)

Day 11 Our day begins with a journey to **Potosí.** Towering over the city, **Cerro Rico** is an imposing mountain whose wealth of precious metals, have been mined in poor conditions since colonial times, leading to a "devil worhip". Afternoon visit of the city, old Spanish **Mint** and return to Sucre. (*B*)

Days 12-13 Transfer to Sucre airport and fly to La Paz, the world's highest capital city (3,636m). Stay for 2 nights. A bustling city settled in a large basin, where adobe houses cling precariously to the sheer sides. Our tour of the city follows a maze of streets and alleyways, leading us to the witches' market, where indigenous ladies sell colourful potions to cure all ills. (*B*) Day 14 Journey to Lake Titicaca, cross the straits of Tiquina and drive along the lake shore with the snow-capped mountains in the background. Visit the village of Copacabana, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre and Calvario hill high above the lake. Afternoon boat trip to Sun Island, hike to our hotel with a panoramic view of the lake. Time to walk and explore, relax and admire Lake Titicaca. Overnight. (B,L)

Day 15 Morning on Sun Island to walk and explore. In the afternoon continue to **Puno**, staying at our lakeside hotel. (*B*,*L*)

Day 16 Full day Titicaca luxury train journey (See page 102) to Cusco, crossing stunning Andean landscapes. We sit at a table by the window, where lunch and afternoon tea are served, to catch glimpses of small villages and isolated stations, where local people wait to sell their wares. From Cusco transfer to the Urubamba Valley, the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", (See pages 104-105) for two nights. (*B,L*)

Day 17 Full day excursion on the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We drive through the beautiful valley, visiting the ruins of Ollantaytambo, a massive temple fortress, spend time at Chinchero and Pisac markets, where local people buy and sell their wares,

BOLIVIAN HEARTLAND



Enjoy spectacular views of the valley at sunset from **Pisac** ruins. (*B*,*L*)

Days 18-19 Transfer to the train station for a stunning Vistadome journey along the **Urubamba River**. (See page 106) A journey with fantastic views, culminating in the breath-taking **Machu Picchu**, stay 1 night. Guided tour of the archaeological site. Afternoon free to explore. Next day afternoon return to Cusco by Vistadome train, staying for two nights. (*B,L*)

Day 20 Full day to explore **Cusco** including a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Visit the mighty Inca fortress and religious site of **Sacsayhuamán**, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons, fit together with incredible perfection. (*B*)

Days 21-22 Fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel in the elegant quarter of Miraflores. Afternoon tour, visiting the grand colonial squares and the Larco Herrera Museum, which houses fascinating artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca times. Next morning at leisure. Afternoon departure on your direct flight home, overnight, arriving on Day 23.



Wonderful, full day train journey along the Andes with gourmet meals, Day 16

Suggested Extensions : Galapagos Islands and <u>The Inca Trail</u>

Days 18-20 An unforgettable walk along the ancient Inca Trail to **Machu Picchu**, passing remote ruins shrouded in mist, and remarkable scenery. Three nights camping, arrive at Machu Picchu for sunrise, tour the site and return to Cusco by train and bus on **Day 21** for two nights. Inca Trail description on page 107. (*B,L,D*)

Days 22-24 As Days 20 to 22 of main itinerary arriving back on Day 25. (*B*)

The Amazon

Days 21-23 Fly Cusco to the Amazon to experience the rainforest, staying at a Refugio Amazonas lodge for two nights (B,L,D) as shown on pages 110 - 111. Accompanied at all times by our guides, we walk and canoe in the dense, vibrant rainforest. Fly to Lima, stay one night, city tour and flight home arriving Day 25. *(B)*

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Street Life outside Cusco, Peru, Day 17

Visit Santa Cruz, Sucre, Potosi, La Paz, Sun Island,, Bolivian heartland, Days 8-14

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VIRACOCHA Tour	1 Single Travelling Together		1 Single	Travelling Together		
VIRACOCITA Tour	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
Rest of the year	£7852	£5369	£6298	£9965	£6514	£7984
1 July - 12 Aug, 9 Dec - 31 Dec	£8140	£5657	£6596	£10253	£6796	£8272
VIRACOCHA Tour with Inca Trail	+£1635	+£694	+£725	+£626	+£435	+£334
VIRACOCHA Tour with Amazon	+£841	+£675	+£790	+£514	+£418	+£615
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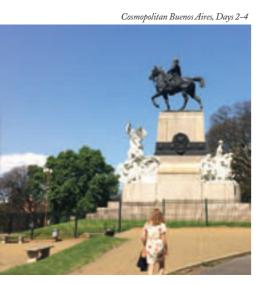
The Shaman Tour: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru

31 night itinerary:

Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Iguazú – 2 nights Rio de Janeiro – 4 nights Salvador – 3 nights Brasília – 1 night • Manaus – 1 night Amazon Cruise – 4 nights Lima – 2 nights • La Paz – 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Puno – 2 nights Sacred Valley of the Incas – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 3 nights

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Coast to coast, across the Amazon, on a grand tour where the rythms of Tango, Axé and Andean pipes are as diverse and fascinating as the landscapes and as the people. Follow a wide-ranging journey with an Amazon cruise and insights into life in small villages, vibrant cosmopolitan cities, colonial heritage and the majestic citadel of the Incas.



Days 1-4 Depart on an evening flight for **Buenos Aires** arriving the following day. On arrival, transfer to our hotel and spend the day at leisure. Next day we take a full tour of the city including Recoleta with its European architecture, trendy shops and street cafes. We visit the Presidential Palace, Cathedral and go to La Boca, to see the brightly decorated houses in the famous 'Caminito'. Explore at leisure or even dance the Tango. (*B*)

Day 5-6 Today we fly up to Puerto Iguazú, visiting the Argentinian side of the awe-inspiring **Iguazú Falls**, surrounded by tropical rainforest. Stay two nights at our hotel overlooking the waterfalls with one full day to walk the three main trails and take a boat trip for a close view of the waterfalls. (*B*)



Colonial architecture and culture of Salvador, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Days 11-13

Days 7-10 Spend the morning exploring the Brazilian side for a panoramic view and relaxing at the falls and take an afternoon flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. (See pages 44-47) The following day we tour Rio's famous landmarks, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, on **Corcovado mountain**, granting fabulous views of the city and Guanabara Bay. We pass through the lush forest of **Tijuca**, with its tropical trees, waterfalls and pleasant shade. We visit **Santa Teresa** hill and the old centre of Rio. Spend two days exploring Rio at leisure. (*B*)

Days 11-13 Flight to Salvador da Bahía (Page 52), a city of superb colonial architecture, where Catholicism, Orixa deities and Candomblé live side by side. African influences are reflected in the exotic cuisine and the unique drumming rhythms of Axé music, Carnival and Capoeira. Spend the afternoon visiting the city, including its markets, churches and colourful Pelourinho district. You have the following day free to explore. (*B*) **Day 14** Morning flight to the capital, **Brasília**, an ultra-modern city, set out in the form of a primed bow and arrow, with the 'super-blocks' spanning out in large arches. We spend the afternoon visiting the centre with the Palacio de Alvorada and Metropolitan Cathedral (*B*)

Day 15 We fly today to **Manaus**, booming in the 19th Century with the rubber barons. Our morning tour of **Manaus** includes a visit to the grandiose Opera House, built during a period of great wealth and the fascinating market with tropical fish, fruit and plants. (*B*)

Days 16-19 Fly deeper into the heart of the **Amazon**, at **Tabatinga** and short drive to **Leticia**. Fascinating insight into this isolated fishing port bustling with trade between **Peru**, **Colombia and Brazil**. Board our **private river boat** for the **Amazon river 4 night cruise** to **Iquitos** with comfortable cabins, all meals and excursions included. The ship has a local

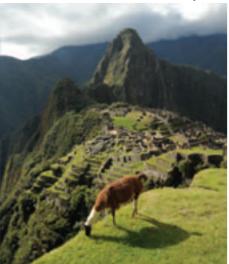
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design built in wood for river navigation. Cabins with private facilities, a lounge and dining room and an observation deck with a bar for cool drinks at sunset after the day's excursions. Each day the guides will take you on excursions to observe the exuberance of the **rainforest**, the wildlife and witness how life is developing in the villages and farmsteads stranded along the remote riverbanks. (*B*,*L*,*D*)

Days 20-21 Disembark, explore Iquitos and transfer to the airport, bound for Lima. Following morning we take a tour







of Lima visiting the Larco Herrera museum and the main Plaza with its grand colonial squares, and colonial buildings decorated with intricate balconies. (*B*)

Days 22-23 Transfer to the airport and fly to **La Paz**, the capital of Bolivia, perched high in the Andean mountains. A bustling city settled in a large basin, with an amazing network of cable cars for public transportation over the city. A maze of streets, colonial squares, witches' markets selling assortments of colourful potions, and little shops full of wonderful weavings and tapestries. (*B*)

Days 24-25 We journey to Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. En route we visit Copacabana, with its magnificent colonial church and black Jesus, and a boat trip to Sun Island. The scenery is stunning with Inca terracing still being worked by the locals, and the snowcapped cordillera stretches out into the background. Arrive in Puno, staying for 2 nights. Next day we take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca, to visit the floating Uros Islands and remote Taquile Island. (*B*)

Day 26-28 Full day on the stunning luxury **Titicaca train journey** (See page 102) Sit at a table by the window with meals served as you cross the Andean altiplano, pass towering mountain, small villages and homesteads. On arrival in Cusco we transfer to the **Urubamba Valley** for three nights. (*B*,*L*)

Day 27-28 Full day excursion visit of the Urubamba Valley, Sacred Valley of the Incas (See pages 104-105), affording stunning views of the fertile plains and Inca terracing. We visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo scaling the hill above a charming Inca village, which show us some of the most impressive examples of Inca masonry. Continue to Chinchero, Maras salt pans and Pisac market with local produce, alpaca woollen weavings and handicrafts. Time allowing we will drive up to visit Pisac ruins and a great view of the Urubamba Valley at sunset. Next day at leisure to explore. (B)

Days 29 Our day begins with a spectacular Vistadome Tain journey

(See page 106), along the Urubamba River and culminating with **Machu Picchu**. Once at the ruins, we have a guided tour and the afternoon free. Overnight in the valley below.(*B*,*L*)

Days 30-32 Next morning to explore and train journey to Cusco for 3 nights. Tour of Cusco with a fascinating blend of Inca and colonial heritage, the Cathedral and nearby Inca archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman and Kenko. Day at leisure to explore further or sit on the main square and watch the world go by. (*B*)

Day 33 Flight to Lima connecting with your return flight home, arriving the following day, Day 34. (*B*)

Life on an Amazon settlement, Days 16-19



<u>The Shaman Tour</u> departures Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays throughout the year, INCLUDING: 34 days, 31 nights' accommodation with breakfast (B) and the meals (L,D) listed on the itinerary, all flights (2 overnight), all transfers tolfrom the airports, railway stations, piers and the excursions described on the itineary with our English-speaking guides, all transport and our service throughout, as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

Rio de Janeiro, Days 7-10



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	Deluxe, First & Tourist Cruise Charter (Mixed)						
	1 Single	Travelling Together					
	Traveller	Sharing Double Room	Own Room/Cabin				
SHAMAN Tour	£32548	£17442	£22696				

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FLIGHTS are included, departing from London and UK Regional Airports, all Internal Flights and Taxes UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1984 in High Season / £2152 in Low Season; Premium Economy add : £568

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/shaman

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LAKES, ANDEAN PEAKS AND

The Osorno Tour: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru

22 night itinerary:

Rio – 3 nights • Iguazú – 1 night Buenos Aires – 3 nights • Bariloche – 2 nights Puerto Varas – 1 night • Santiago – 2 nights La Paz – 3 nights • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco – 2 nights • Lima – 1 night web veloso.com/osorno

Cutting a swathe across South America, our Osorno Tour covers a wide range of interests and landscapes. Beautiful cities, untamed mountains and volcanoes punctuate our route, and numerous ruins lie dotted around Cusco as evidence of the ancient Inca Empire. Enjoy an unforgettable experience heightened by the diverse cultures of these five distinct countries.





Days 1-3 Departure on Thursday on your flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening, transfer to our hotel for three nights. (See pages 44-47). Visit the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer perched on Corcovado mountain. The views extend to tropical islands, the bay with its beautiful beaches and the city surrounded by lush green forest. A wide choice of optional Lake District, Days 8 – 10

excursions are available for the following day, including a tropical islands cruise, a scenic mountain bus ride inland to the colonial city of Petropolis. (*B*)

Day 4 Today we fly to **Iguassu**, visit the Brazilian side of the Falls for a panoramic view, (See page 58), then cross the border to the Argentinian side to explore. (*B*)

'The Devil's Throat' at Iguazú Falls, Day 4-5

Days 5-7 Excursion to walk the trails around the crashing **Iguazú waterfalls**, surrounded by tropical forest, where birds abound, including toucans and the bright caciques. Afternoon flight to **Buenos Aires** for three nights. Our full day city tour includes the Cathedral, Presidential Palace, centre stage to numerous historic events as well as economic and political protests. Continue to La Boca, birthplace of the tango, and to Recoleta, an elegant park with restaurants and street cafés. *(B)*

Days 8-9 Fly to the Argentinian Lake District, **Bariloche** staying on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, surrounded by snow-covered peaks, pine forests and green valleys. Full day tour of scenic lakes, mountains and walks along the trails. (*B*)

Day 10 A glorious full day journey to Chile by bus and boat, across Andean

lakes and mountains covered in forest. We take a sequence of buses and boats across the mountains. Stunning scenery of deep blue lakes reflecting the mountains and lush forests towering around us. forests. Overnight in Puerto Varas. (B,L)

Days 11-12 Transfer to Puerto Montt and fly to **Santiago**, staying for 2 nights. Afternoon tour of the city, visiting the 'Plaza de Armas' main square, the Presidential Palace, and taking the funicular railway up the **San Cristóbal mountain**, affording extensive views of the city below and the snow-capped Andes stretching into the distance. Following day at leisure or take optional excursions to the Santa Rita vineyards, the coastal resort of Viña del Mar, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Valparaiso or ramble in the mountains at the Cañon del Maipo. (*B*)

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Days 13-15 Early morning flight to La Paz and transfer to our hotel for 3 nights. Spend the afternoon relaxing to avoid *soroche* (altitude sickness). Next day, our tour of La Paz uses the amazing cable cars with an aerial view of the city, to visit the colonial quarter, the fascinating witches' market, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the mazes of narrow streets full of market stalls and shops selling jumpers and local handicrafts. Visit the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre land-formations. (*B*)



Copacabana Beach, Rio, Days 1

Day 16 A scenic road takes us to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. We skirt the lake, catching glimpses of the locals working their terraces with the help of oxen, and stop for lunch at the charming lakeshore village of **Copacabana**. Visit the church of Our Lady of Copacabana, Patron Saint of Bolivia and take a boat trip to **Sun Island** before crossing the border into Peru and continuing to **Puno** where we spend one night at a hotel by the lake. (*B,L*)

Day 17 An early morning start on the luxury Andean Ttiticaca train to Cusco (See page 102) We sit at a table by the window with meals served as the route takes us through beautiful Andean landscapes, of cloudcovered mountains, past fields of grazing cattle, hot springs and small villages. Little stations crop up in the middle of the altiplano, where local people wait to sell local food and handicrafts. On arrival, transfer Santiag to our hotel for 2 nights. (B,L)

Day 18 On our trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the road winds down into the Urubamba Valley, offering fabulous views of the Inca terracing and the fertile plains below. We visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo and Pisac, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry, and stop at Pisac's Sunday market, a colourful affair, where villagers come from miles around to barter and sell food, weavings and handicraft. (B,L)

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM

	Tourist			First			
OSORNO Tour	1 Single	ngle Travelling Together		1 Single	Travelling Together		
<u>OSORNO Tour</u>	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room	
Rest of the year	£7690	£5286	£6251	£10274	£6662	£8357	
1 July - 12 Aug, 9 Dec - 31 Dec	£7977	£5573	£6538	£10561	£6949	£8644	

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Inca Stonework at Sacsayhuamán, Day 21

Day 19 Our day begins with a stunning Vistadome train journey (See page 106), along Urubamba River bank, and

culminating in the spectacular Machu Picchu where we stay for

AzIL Rio de and time to walk to Sun Gate, climb Huayna Picchu and explore the site. (*B,L*)

Days 20-21 Morning at leisure at Machu Picchu before returning to Cusco by train, staying for 2 nights. Our time spent in Cusco includes a tour of this marvellous city and ruins in the surrounding area. Beautiful colonial buildings rest upon Inca foundations unchanged over the centuries. Outside the city lies the mighty fortress and religious site, Sacsayhuamán, an astounding megalithic structure, whose massive stones, weighing over 100 tons each and covering a large area, fit together with typical Inca masonry precision. (B)

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Days 22-23 In the morning we fly to Lima, where we stay for 1 night. In the afternoon we take a tour of the city, visiting the grand colonial Plaza de Armas, the Presidential Palace and the Anthropological Museum, housing fine collections of artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca cultures. Next day, return home on the direct overnight flight, arriving the following Day 24 (Saturday). (B) The Osorno Tour departs Thursday, returns Saturday INCLUDING: 24 days, 22 nights' accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals (L,D) as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

Work on Lake Titicaca, Day 16



GALAPAGOS AND ANDEAN

The Encantada Tour: Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil

17 night itinerary:

Quito – 3 nights • Galapagos – 7 nights Lima – 2 nights • Cusco – 3 nights Machu Picchu – 1 night • Cusco – 1 night Continuing to LAKE TITICACA & LA PAZ 22 night itinerary: Cusco – 1 night • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Sun Island – 1 night • La Paz – 2 nights Continuing to BRAZIL 25 night itinerary: Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights This itinerary can be reversed with Galapagos at the end

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Basking marine iguanas cling to the rocky shores of a Pacific archipelago that is home to an immense variety of wildlife species, many of them endemic. Continuing to the mountain kingdom of the Incas, high in the Andes, we visit their imperial capital of Cusco and the remote citadel of Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu Days 16–17





etting to know the Galapagos wildlife, Days 4–10

Days 1-3 Daytime flight to Quito on Tuesday (First) or Saturday (Tourist) depending on the Galapagos cruise yacht chosen. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel staying for 3 nights. Situated between two ranges of the snowcapped Andes, Quito's setting is beautiful. The next morning we take a tour of the modern and colonial quarters including La Compañía Church with its ornate façade and a visit to the Archaeological Museum, housing a fascinating collection of pre-Colombian ceramics and gold. Excursion to Otavalo market where local people trade produce, weavings and we admire the mountain countryside. (B)

Days 4-10 Cruise the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin observed the wildlife that would lead him to his theory of evolution. Spend 7 nights cruising the archipelago on the M/Y Beluga (First) or M/Y Samba (Tourist) with daily morning and afternoon guided walks to admire the tame wildlife endemic in each island. Basking marine and land iguanas, red and blue footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises, and friendly sea lions abound. Please refer to pages 128 -137 for details of yachts available. (*B,L,D*) **Days 11-12** Flight back to the mainland connecting with a flight to Lima staying for 2 nights. The following day we explore **Lima**, visiting the main squares, surrounded by grand colonial buildings, the Anthropological Museum with its fascinating array of textiles, pottery and mummies spanning from 1400 BC to Hispanic time, and the **Larco Herrera Museum**, with a lovely garden, cafe and a large collection of randomly arranged treasures including Inca gold artifacts. *(B)*

Day 13 Continue with a flight to Cusco staying for 3 nights. On arrival you are met and have the afternoon free to acclimatise to altitude or walk to the main square to absorb the local atmosphere. (*B*)

Day 14 A fascinating, half day excursion of **Cusco** and the ruins surrounding the city. Within Cusco, the evidence of Inca culture is visible in the Cathedral, churches and numerous buildings erected on solid Inca stonework foundations. Outside the city stands the fortress of **Sacsayhuamán**, whose stones weigh over 100 tons and are fitted together with Inca precision. (*B*)

CULTURE

Day 15 A scenic, full day trip to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, affording great views of the valleys and Inca terracing. Stop at the Maras salt pans, on to Pisac market, a colourful show of local foods and weavings, and visit Pisac ruins, remains of some of the finest examples of Inca masonry. Continue to the village of Ollantaytambo, with its ancient irrigation system, still in good working order, and with the ancient Inca temple fortress towering above. (B,L)

Day 16 Set off by Vistadome train on a glorious journey trundling along the course of the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. (See page 106) Bus up to the mountain to the magnificent Machu Picchu ruins. Guided tour of the archaeological site explaining its history. Afternoon free to explore at leisure. Overnight. (B,L)

Day 17 Early morning offers an excellent opportunity to go back for a quiet stroll around Machu Picchu, a walk along the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate, or a strenuous climb to Huayna Picchu, the rocky escarpment overlooking the ruins. Afternoon return to Cusco, by Vistadome train and transfer to your hotel. (B)



Day 18 Afternoon flight to Lima, and connect with an evening flight arriving home on Monday Day 19.

The Encantada Tour departs Thursday, returning Monday (First) or Saturday returning Wednesday (Tourist) INCLUDING: 19 days, 17 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Extensions: Lake Titicaca & Bolivia

Days 18-19 One day free in Cusco to explore. Full day on the luxury Andean Titicaca train to Lake Titicaca (See page 102). A memorable journey with stunning landscapes and seats at a table by the window where breakfast, lunch and tea are served as you watch towering Andean mountains, hot springs and solitary villages and homesteads, pass by. On arrival on the shores of Lake Titicaca, we stay in Puno for 1 night. (B,L)

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM

	Tourist				First	
	1 Single		ng Together	1 Single		g Together
	Traveller	Double	Own Room	Traveller	Double	Own Room
		Occupancy	& Cabin		Occupancy	& Cabin
ENCANTADA Tour	£9351	£6998	£8782	£11536	£8098	£10931
Add LAKE TITICACA & BOLIVIA	£10996	£7998	£9335	£13532	£9305	£11852
Add LAKE, BOLIVIA & BRAZIL	£11794	£8568	£10368	£14420	£9980	£12466

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Day 20 This morning we take a boat trip on the lake to visit the people living on the floating Uros Islands, which together with huts and rafts, are built out of the reeds prevalent in the area. Depart Puno in the afternoon on a scenic road skirting the lake shore and framed by mountains and valleys with snow covered peaks and the lake in the background. Local farmers work old Inca terraces planting potatoes, quinoa and cereals. Enter Bolivia arriving at the charming village of Copacabana, Bolivia's main pilgrimage centre. Continue by boat to Sun Island, trek and overnight at our simple lodge overlooking the lake. (B,L)

Day 21 Time in the morning to explore Sun Island before taking a boat back to Copacabana. From Copacabana our journey continues along the lake shores to Paz where we stay for 2 nights. (B)

Day 22 Morning tour on the unique cable cars above La Paz, with amazing views and freshair. Visit the colonial quarter, the fascinating witches' market, where weird and wonderful potions are sold, and the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by wind and rain to create a surreal lunar landscape. (B)

Day 23 Flight to Lima connecting with the overnight flight home arriving on Day 24 Saturday. (B)

NOTE: Opportunity to see more of Bolivia including the historic city of Sucre, Tarabuco market and the ancient mining town of Potosí. Please enquire.

The Encantada Tour & Bolivia

INCLUDING 24 days, 22 nights accommodation & breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and excursions with our English-speaking guides, entrance fees, services of our representatives throughout, all transport and meals as per the itinerary shown.

Lake Titicaca, Bolivia & Brazil Day 23 From Bolivia fly on to Rio de Janeiro, via Sao Paulo, staying for 3 nights in the cosmopolitan beach areas of **Copacabana** or Ipanema. (B)

Day 24 Morning excursion to Brazil's famous landmark, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views of the city in a unique setting of granite peaks, lagoon, beaches and the sea. Afternoon free to explore Rio de Janeiro. (B)

Days 25-26 Afternoon visit to Rio's Botanical Gardens. Following day flight home arriving on Day 27 Tuesday. (B)

NOTE: Stay on longer in Rio de Janeiro and see pages 44 - 47 for optional excursions, visits to colonial Parati (page 48) or stay at a tropical beach resort on the coast. (pages 49-50)

The Encantada Tour & Bolivia & Brazil INCLUDING 27 days, 25 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight) and same services as shown for the Encantada Tour.

The beautiful setting of Rio De Janeiro, Day 23



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The Libertador Tour: Peru & Galapagos

16 night itinerary:

Lima – 2 nights • Lake Titicaca/Puno – 1 night Cusco – 3 nights • Machu Picchu – 1 night Cusco - 1 night • Quito - 1 night Galapagos Islands Cruise - 7 nights This itinerary can be arranged with Galapagos at the start

Combine Inca Culture and Andean mountain landscapes with the friendly wildlife of the Galapagos Islands for a fascinating journey into the land of the Incas, Conquistadores and seafaring explorers.

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Days 1-2 Your day of departure depends on the Galapagos Cruise chosen. Departure on an daytime flight to Lima. Tour to explore Lima visiting the main squares with grand colonial buildings, the anthropological museum with its fascinating array of textiles, pottery and mummies spanning from 1400 BC to Hispanic time, and the Larco Herrera Museum, where a large, important collection of treasures is housed. (B)

Urubamba River, Sacred Valley of the Incas. Day 5



Day 3 Morning flight to Juliaca where you will be taken to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. In the afternoon we take a boat trip on the lake to see the way of life on the floating Uros Islands, which together with huts and rafts, are built of reeds growing along the lake shore. (B)

Day **4** Early departure from Puno to Cusco on a memorable journey through the Andean altiplano. By road on a coach (Tourist) along the same route or on (First/Deluxe) the Andean Titicaca train. (See page 102). We have seats at a table by the window where breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea is served, as towering peaks, valleys, hot springs and solitary villages pass by. There is an open panoramic carriage for freshair and photography. Arrive in Cusco in the evening and transfer to your hotel staying for 3 nights with two full days to explore. (B,L)

Day 5 A scenic, full day visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, affording great views of the valleys and Inca terracing. We stop at the Maras salt ponds, on to Pisac market, a colourful show of local foods and weavings, and visit Pisac ruins,



Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu high above the Urubamba river valley, Day 7

with some of the finest examples of Inca masonry and a magnificent view over the valley. Continue to the Inca village of Ollantaytambo, with its ancient irrigation system, still in good working order, and the temple fortress towering above. (B,L)

Day 6 A fascinating, morning or afternoon, excursion to visit Cusco and the surrounding archaeological sites. Within Cusco, the evidence of Inca culture and buildings is still apparent with the Cathedral, churches and

numerous buildings resting on solid Inca stonework foundations. Outside the city we visit Kenko and the mighty fortress of Sacsayhuamán, whose stones weigh over 100 tons and are fitted together with astonishing Inca precision. (B)

Day 7 Journey to Machu Picchu on the Vistadome train, (See page 106) a glorious journey with superb views of the mountain landscapes, small villages and trundling along the Urubamba River valley to Aguas Calientes.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM								
LIBERTADOR Tour	Tourist	First	First	Deluxe				
Galapagos Yachts included :	Cachalote	Beluga	Legend	Evolution				
Tour departs on :	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday				

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1 Jan - 30 June, 18 Aug - 14 Dec	£6598	£7998	£7399	£10675				
1 July - 17 Aug, 15 Dec - 31 Dec	£6780	£8216	£7581	£10857				
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ARGENTINA



Exploring the Galapagos Islands Snorkeling with payful sea lions

Galapagos Expedition Yachts for the Libertador Tour. More Yachts and durations available on pages 130-137.

CACHALOTE Tourist

Please select one of

the yachts shown

here or refer to pages

130-137 for a wide

selection of cruise yachts,

styles and durations. (B,L,D)

Day 17 Desembark, transfer to

the airport and flight to Guayaquil to

connect with your overnight flight home,

arriving the following day, Day 18

The Libertador Tour: please refer to

price panel or contact us for complete

have chosen. INCLUDING 16 nights accommodation & breakfast (B) plus all

meals on the cruise (B,L,D), all flights

(1 overnight), taxes, all transfers and

excursions with our English-speaking

representatives throughout, all transport

Selecting the Legend or Evolution ships

Please see pages 190-193 for further details

Stay on in the Galapagos at the Finch Bay

Hotel just outside Puerto Ayora, with

comfortable rooms, a pool and a small

beach where you can unwind, sunbathe

to page 137 for further information.

and take walks along the shore. Please refer

guides, entrance fees, services of our

and meals as per the itinerary shown.

includes one extra night in Quito.

Galapagos Beach extension

itinerary with the Galapagos yacht you



LEGEND First



BELUGA First



EVOLUTION Deluxe



From here we take a bus up to the magnificent **Machu Picchu**. Our local guide will show us the ruins explaining the history of the site. We stay in the valley for 1 night. (*B*,*L*)

Day 8 Early morning offers an excellent opportunity for a quiet stroll around Machu Picchu, a walk along the Inca Trail to **Sun Gate**, or a strenuous climb to **Huayna Picchu**, the rocky escarpment overlooking the ruins. In the afternoon return to Cusco, by train and bus, staying for 1 night. (*B*)

Day 9 Early flight to Lima, connecting with a flight to Quito staying for one night. Situated between two ranges of the snow-capped Andes, **Quito's** setting and temperate climate is beautiful. (*B*)

Days 10-16 Flight to the Galapagos and transfer to your selected yacht to cruise the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin observed the wildlife that would lead him to his theory of evolution. You have a 7 night Galapagos Cruise with daily morning and afternoon guided walks to admire the tame wildlife endemic in each islands. Basking marine and land iguanas, red and blue footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises, and friendly sea lions abound.

Marine Iguanas sunbathing, Galapagos Islands, getting close to wildlife, Days 10-16

of what is included.



7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/cachalote

Cachalote is a tourist class, schooner rigged motor sailor. She accommodates a maximum 16 passengers in 7 cabins with upper and lower berths, air-conditioning, private facilities with hot shower. There is an indoor lounge, dining room and bar and outdoor deck space. The Naturalist guide leads excursions ashore. Itinerary and images on page 136 and our website.

7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/legend

She accommodates up to 100 passengers in 57 spacious cabins, most with exterior portholes or windows. There are 5 Naturalist guides who will take you ashore every day. There is a sun deck with a bar and pool, an observation area, lounge and bar. Description, images, deck plan, cabins and itineraries on page 134 and our website link above

7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/beluga

She is a spacious and comfortable first class yacht with a maximum of 16 passengers in 8 double cabins with private bathroom, portholes or windows. There ia ample deck with seating and a lounge with panoramic windows and 2 large tables for dining. Description of the cabins and itineraries on page 136 and website.

7 night Itinerary web veloso.com/evolution

The Evolution has a 1920s style first class motor yacht with modern comforts for 32 passengers in 16 well-appointed spacious cabins with private facilities. She has a cruise director plus 2 naturslist guides for daily excursions ashore. There is a large outside deck with lounge chairs for sunbathing and unwinding. Images and itineraries on page 135

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INCAS & REMOTE ANDEAN LAN

The Laguna Tour: Chile, Bolivia, Peru

21 night itinerary:

Santiago de Chile - 1 night San Pedro de Atacama - 2 nights Laguna Colorada (Desierto Siloli) - 1 night San Pedro de Quemez - 1 night Uyuni (Colchani) - 1 night Potosí - 1 night Sucre - 3 nights • La Paz - 2 nights Lake Titicaca/Sun Island - 1 night Lake Titicaca/Puno - 1 night Cusco - 3 nights • Lima - 1 night. web veloso.com/laguna

Travel through mountain landscapes of

roaring geysers, thermal springs, brilliantly intense desert vistas, multi-coloured lakes with Andean flamingos and immense, white salt flats. View ancient markets of farm produce and weavings in the depths of South America, passing Lake Titicaca, to culminate with mountainsides covered in lush, dense forest and the ancient, 'forgotten' city of the Incas, Machu Picchu.

The Mint at Potosi, Days 8-9



Days 1-2 Depart Friday on an overnight flight to Santiago de Chile. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon we visit this beautiful city, situated in a wide plain with the snow-capped Andes stretching alongside. It has extensive parks and gardens, a bustling centre with treelined avenues and the Cerro San Cristóbal, a hilltop reached by funicular railway, which affords superb views of the city and surrounding landscape. (*B*)

Day 3-4 Our day begins with a morning flight to Calama, and a drive past the snow-capped Andes to **San Pedro de Atacama**. We visit the Valley of the Moon,

Uyuni Salt Flats from Isla Pescado, Day 7

an incredible landscape of colourful sculpted rock formations. We continue to Pucara de Quitor as the sun settles into the Pacific Ocean, lighting up the Andes mountains stretching north and south, over the desert, as far as the eye can see. Very early morning departure to visit the **Tatio Geysers** and in the afternoon walk to the Museum with artefacts from hundreds of years of Atacameño culture. Overnight in San Pedro. *(B)*

Day 5 A very early morning start, crossing the Bolivian border and commencing our journey by stepping back in time, through this majestic scenery of iridescent coloured rocks, desert, lagoons with flocks of flamingos and stunning quality of light for photography. Visit Laguna Verde, Laguna Blanca, Volcan Llicancabur, the desert of Salvador Dalí, the geyser field of Sol de Mañana and Laguna Colorada. Arrive at the desert of Siloli and overnight at Hotel del Desierto (private facilities, no heating). The scenery is stunning, the altitude tiring, the nights freezing and the mountain track bumpy, in a five day (Days 5-8) expedition suitable for hardy, well-prepared explorers.(B,L,D) Day 6 Continue through this incredible mountain scenery to the Arbol de Piedra, Laguna Honda, Laguna Hedionda and Laguna Canapa. Overnight in San Pedro de Quemez at the Hotel de Piedra (The hotel rooms have private facilities, but there is no heating). (B,L,D)

Day 7 Today we visit the immense and stunning Uyuni Salt Flats; a seemingly endless, flat, expanse of white salt, a desolate and overwhelming sight. In the middle is Isla Pescado, an island mountain of rock formation covered in tall cacti and providing all round panoramic views of the vast salt flats. Continue to the villages of Colchani and Uyuni to overnight in a hotel with heating and private facilities (B,L)

Day 8 We continue deeper into Bolivia passing Uyuni continuing to Potosí. Towering over the city, the Cerro Rico is an imposing, colourful mountain whose stores of precious metals, although mostly depleted, are still being mined. Taking gifts of coca leaves, cigarettes and dynamite for the mine workers, we are guided to the entrance of the tunnels. *(B)*



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Modern and colonial heritage in Sucre, architecture, churches, museums, people and lifestyle, Days 8–11

Day 9 Visit the Casa de la Moneda, the old mint, which presents a historical overview of Potosí. Continue to **Sucre**, the official capital, staying for 3 nights. An attractive, temperate city, where buildings retain their colonial charm, preserving the traditional white façades. *(B)*

Days 10-11 Full day excursion to

Tarabuco's all-encompassing market, a colourful affair, where locals, some dressed in their typical weavings, sit behind pyramids of coca leaves, fruits and vegetables, whilst others sell all manner of domestic utensils and their traditional woven fabrics. (*B*,*L*) Full day tour of Sucre, and its museums and churches. (*B*)

Days 12-13 Our day begins Santiago with a flight to La Paz. Spend the afternoon visiting this bustling city, settled in a large basin and spilling out onto the altiplano. Stunning views and wonderful public cable cars above the maze of streets to visit the witches' market, where local ladies sell potions to cure all ills, past colourful handicraft markets and on to the colonial quarter, Tiahuanaco Museum, containing some fine examples of the arts and crafts of this ancient culture. The following day we tour the Moon Valley, an area of sandstone, sculpted by rain and wind to resemble a lunar landscape. (*B*)

Day 14 From La Paz, we journey to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake and take a boat across the Strait of Tiquina. We travel along the shore with the immense lake forming a magnificent backdrop to the Andean landscape with its isolated farms and villages, and ARGENTIN glimpsing people working the ancient terraces, arriving at Copacabana and continuing by boat to Sun Island. We walk up to our hotel, a beautifully serene spot on a hill overlooking the lake with the snowcapped mountains of the Cordillera Real in the background. (B)

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<u>TAILOR-MADE SERVICE</u>: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer Triple Rooms, Suites and Deluxe Hotels. *Day* 15 Morning walk to explore the Inca terracing, villages and lake shore of Sun Island. Afternoon return to **Copacabana**, visiting the Cathedral, home of the Virgin of Candelaria, patron saint of Bolivia. Continue to Puno for 1 night on the Peruvian side of lake Titicaca. *(B,L)*

Day 16 Early start for a luxury railway journey on the Andean Titicaca Train. (See page 102). We have seats at a table by the window as the train travels across the Andean altiplano, with view of towering mountains, small farms and villages. (*B,L*)

Day 17 A full day excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We wind our way through the valley, stopping at vantage points which afford us stunning views of villages below and ancient Inca terracing, still farmed today. Our trip takes us to the formidable Ollantaytambo, complete with its intricate irrigation system and Inca baths; we continue to the ruins of Pisac, high above the valley and with fine examples of Inca stonemasonry. (*B*,*L*)

Day 18 Tour with one of our expert local guides around historic **Cusco**, capital of the Inca empire. Many of the colonial buildings rest on solid Inca foundations, which have proven to be impervious to the earthquakes that have befallen this city. Outside the city we visit a variety of ruins, including the imposing fortress-like **Sacsayhuamán**, whose huge stones are locked together with Inca precision. *(B)*

Day 19 An early morning start for **Machu Picchu**. The **Vistadome train** (See page 106) journeys along the mountains and valleys following the course of the Urubamba River. A memorable trip, with beautiful views, culminating in the great Lost City of the Incas. Guided tour, time to explore and 0vernight in the valley. (*B*,*L*) *Days* 20-21 Return to Cusco the following afternoon to stay for 2 nights, allowing for one full day at leisure. (*B*)

Days 22-23 A morning flight to Lima. On arrival transfer to our hotel in the elegant and cosmopolitan quarter of Miraflores. Afternoon tour of Lima, including the grand colonial centre, the Presidential Palace in the main plaza, and the Anthropological and the Larco Herrera Museums, both of which house fascinating artefacts from pre-Inca and Inca times. Depart for home on Day 23, arriving the following day, Day 24 (Sunday). (B)

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Traditional wear at Pisac market, Day 17



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Days 1-3 Depart on a daytime, direct flight to Rio de Janeiro. (See pages 44-47) On arrival transfer to your hotel for three nights. Full day tour visiting the statue of Christ the Redeemer, perched on Corcovado mountain, granting fabulous views over Rio, the lagoon, the bay and the beaches. We visit the old centre, dating to Rio's time as the capital of the

> Portuguese Empire with its Royal heritage, museums and colonial architecture. One day free to explore Rio. (*B*)

Days 4-5 Flight to the huge Iguassu Waterfalls. (See page 58). Guided tour of the Brazilian side with a short walk before crossing the border to stay overnight. In the morning visit the Argentinean side of the falls: there are numerous cascades and three long walks for a view from the top, from below and over the deepest point known as the 'Devil's Throat'. Transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires. (B)

Days 5-7 Stay for three nights in **Buenos Aires**, known as 'The Paris of

South America' for its European style architecture and love of Arts, music and dance. We visit the colourful district of La Boca, the main square with the 'Casa Rosada' and Presidential Palace, the bohemian district of Palermo, and the elegant Parque de Recoleta with smart bars and street cafés. Time at leisure to explore or see a Tango Show. (*B*)

Days 8-9 Afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima, staying for two nights. The tour of Lima will show us the delights of this colonial capital, its main squares, the Presidential Palace and ornate churches. We also visit the Larco Herrera Museum, housing fine collections of pre-Colombian artefacts. (*B*)

Days 10-11 Fly to Juliaca and transfer to Puno,(See page 101) on the shore of the magical Lake Titicaca, with its air of serene tranquillity, framed by snowcovered peaks. We stay for two nights, with a full day excursion on the lake, visiting the floating islands of Uros, and the isolated rocky island of Taquile, where locals preserve their ancient customs. (*B,L*)

Days 12-14 Morning departure on the luxurious **Andean Titicaca train journey**, (See page 102) with meals served passing Andean landscapes of remote farms, towering mountains, and tiny villages.

Life in a remote village in the mountains, Day 13

On arrival in Cusco, transfer and stay for three nights. Full day tour of the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** passing small villages, hillside terraced fields and exploring the Inca ruins of **Ollantaytambo**. We visit the colourful markets at **Pisac** and **Chinchero**. *(B,L)* Half day tour of **Cusco** including the Colonial-era Cathedral, 'Qorikancha' Temple of the Sun, and the mighty Inca fortress of **Sacsayhuamán**. *(B)*

Day 15 Depart on the Vistadome train along the scenic Urubamba Valley, leading us to the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu. Guided tour of the archaeological site, learning about this most famous of ruins. (See page 106). Overnight. (*B,L*)

Cosmopolitan city life by the sea, Days 1–3, 5–7

Days 16-18 Morning at leisure and afternoon return to Cusco by Vistadome Train, staying for two more nights with a full day at leisure for optional excursions. Day 18 fly to Lima, connecting with your overnight flight home, arriving Day 19. (*B*)

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