

Peru Safari

11 Nights

DAY 1: Arrival to the capital city of Lima and transfer to the Tour Hotel. **Hotel Manhattan INN**

Look for a sign with your name on it or Hotel Manhattan Inn

If you'd like to arrive earlier, please let us know so we can give you recommendations.

DAY 2: LIMA / CITY TOUR –After **breakfast (included)**, at 9am we will start our City Tour visiting the most important places of the capital of Peru, such as The Main Square, the Cathedral, the Archbishop, the Government Palace, the City Hall of Lima, the Railway station and the monumental Convent of San Francisco, where we will see its cloisters, catacombs and the religious museum. Afternoon Transfer to the airport for our flight to Arequipa (early evening arrival). **Lunch is included**. Overnight in Arequipa at Posada del Monasterio). Free for dinner



DAY 3: SALINAS AND AGUADA BLANCA RESERVE

We'll have a full day visit to the Salinas and Agua Blanca reserve. April is the tail end of the rainy season and with luck, we'll still see many flamingos). During the rainy season, this reserve is home to thousands of flamingos (3 species). Besides flamingos, there is a large variety of birds and other animal life, especially wild Vicuñas. Misti and other volcanoes tower above this pristine and tranquil reserve. **Box Lunch is included.** Remainder of the day free to explore Arequipa on your own. Overnight in Arequipa at Posada del Monasterio). Free for dinner



DAY 4: AREQUIPA / COLCA CANYON

7:30am we'll start our visit with the Santa Catalina Convent and the Main Square. From there we will head to Chivay. Along the way we'll see the beautiful towns of Yura, Vischachani, Sibayo and the Volcanos Chachani and Misti. We'll also see the temple of La Pulpera, the Uyu Uyu ruins and drive through the Pampas Cañahuas Reserve. Evening free. **Lunch is included.** Overnight in Chivay at **Pozo del Cielo.** Free for dinner

*We are trying to squeeze in as much as possible, so we might not get to see all if we are short on time.



DAY 5: CRUZ DEL CONDOR / PUNO

After an early breakfast, we will go to the Condor's Cross at Colca Canyon and see the spectacular flight of the majestic Condors. From there we'll take our bus to Puno. **Box Lunch is included.** Early evening arrival to Puno. Overnight in Puno at **Sonesta Posada del Inca.** Free for dinner.



DAY 6: TOUR TO UROS & TAQUILE ISLANDS

After breakfast, 7:30am transfer to the pier to take our boat to the floating islands of Uros. In Uros, we will learn about the modus vivendi of these native Quechan communities. We will continue the route towards Taquile Island, inhabited also by native Quechuas who have developed a weaving technic which stands out by its great cultural wealth, emphasizing its textile art. **Lunch is included** in typical rural house. Afternoon return to the hotel. **Overnight in Puno.** Free for dinner.



DAY 7: PUNO – CUSCO

After breakfast, 8am we'll take our bus to Cusco. We will stop at important spots during the trip, including Pukara, La Raya, Raqchi and Andahuaylillas. **Lunch is included** at Sicuani in route. Overnight in Cusco at **Hotel SA Dorado**. Free for dinner.



DAY 8: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

Today is a Full and exciting day!! After breakfast we will have a full day excursion to the “Sacred Valley of the Incas”. We’ll have many surprises, including seeing the Incan agricultural center Moray and an easy hike through the Salt mines Salinas de Maras. After having lunch **(included)** in a local countryside restaurant, we will visit the Inca Fortress and Citadel of Ollantaytambo, built to guard the entrance to this part of the Valley. Afternoon train to Aguas Calientes, which winds down a narrow gorge. Overnight in this charming lush Outpost town” at hotel **Tierra Viva**. Overnight in Aguas Calientes. Free for dinner



Salinas de Maras



Ollantaytambo

DAY 9: TOUR TO MACHUPICCHU

Today is a long and exciting day!! After an early breakfast, (05:30) we will take a shared bus for @25-minutes up the winding road, to “The Lost City of the Incas”. Once we get there, we will tour The Historical Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Sun Clock, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds. After the tour, we will have time to stroll around the archaeological site at our leisure or optional and time allowing, will hike up Huayna Picchu Mountain (optional- it’s 1h30 steep hike up, 850ft above Machu Picchu). We will return by bus back down to Aguas Calientes. Late afternoon we’ll take the train back to Cusco and transfer back to our hotel. **Lunch is included.** Arrival & Overnight in Cusco. Free for dinner. Evening Briefing about the visit to Vinicunca (Rainbow Mountains).



Machu Picchu



DAY 10: CUSCO CITY TOUR

Full day Cusco city tour, we will be taken on a guided sightseeing tour visiting the Main Square, the Cathedral and the Temple of the Sun or Koricancha. Then, we'll visit Inca sites in the surrounding areas of Cusco, including Kenko, Tambomachay (the Inca baths), Puca Pucara and the impressive Fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Return to the hotel. Free for Dinner. Overnight in Cusco. **Lunch Not included** Evening Briefing about the visit to Vinicunca (Rainbow Mountains).



DAY 11: CUSCO / TOUR TO VINICUNCA (optional- if not explore Cusco on your own- lunch Not included). Very early (5am), we are going to leave Cusco by car, the estimated travel time is 3 hours, during which we will pass through traditional villages and see some amazing views of the Andes. We will begin the hike from Chillca, at 3,700 m/12,139 ft elevation. From here, it will be @3 hour, uphill hike to reach the famous Rainbow Mountain. Along the way, you will enjoy amazing views of the Andes, glacial peaks, red mountains, rocky hills and we'll see llamas and alpacas grazing along the valley. Once we arrive at the top of Rainbow Mountain, you will have enough time to absorb the majesty of these mountains that surround this area. You will also see amazing views of the valleys and Ausangate Glacier Peak in front of you. After soaking in the views, we will begin our descent with a 2 hour, downhill hike. Return to Cusco. **Breakfast, lunch & Farewell Dinner** included. Celebration in Cusco. Overnight in Cusco.



VINICUNCA- Rainbow Mountains



Ausangate Glacier Peak

DAY 12: CUSCO / LIMA

After breakfast, transfer to Cusco's airport for our flight back to Lima (airfare NOT included) and our connecting international flight.

Ask me about the 4 day Amazon Jungle extension starting from Cusco, if interested.

END OF OUR PERU SAFARI

Tour Includes:

- All ground transportation (Private bus, Boat excursion and Train)
- English speaking guides
- All Transfers during the tour
- All Entrance fees
- Lodging in double rooms in unique hotels with breakfast (April 24th)
- All Lunches (except for 1 in Cusco)
- Farewell Dinner
- Activities of mentioned itinerary
- All local taxes

Tour Does Not Include:

Anything not mentioned in the above itinerary

Domestic flights \$180-\$200

International flight to and from Lima

Meals Not detailed in Itinerary

Personal spending or Tips for guides and drivers

Excess baggage charges

Any additional hotel nights due to any flight cancellations

Water, snacks etc...