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Lima, Sacred Valley, Cusco

The Lost City of the Incas

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Day 1

Canada-Peru-Lima

Peru is endowed with both natural and man-made attractions. The country offers charming Andean highland towns with colonial architecture, remote Amazonian jungle lodges, soaring snow capped mountains, volcanoes, a 3,220km (2,000-mile) coastline, and of course, Machu Picchu.



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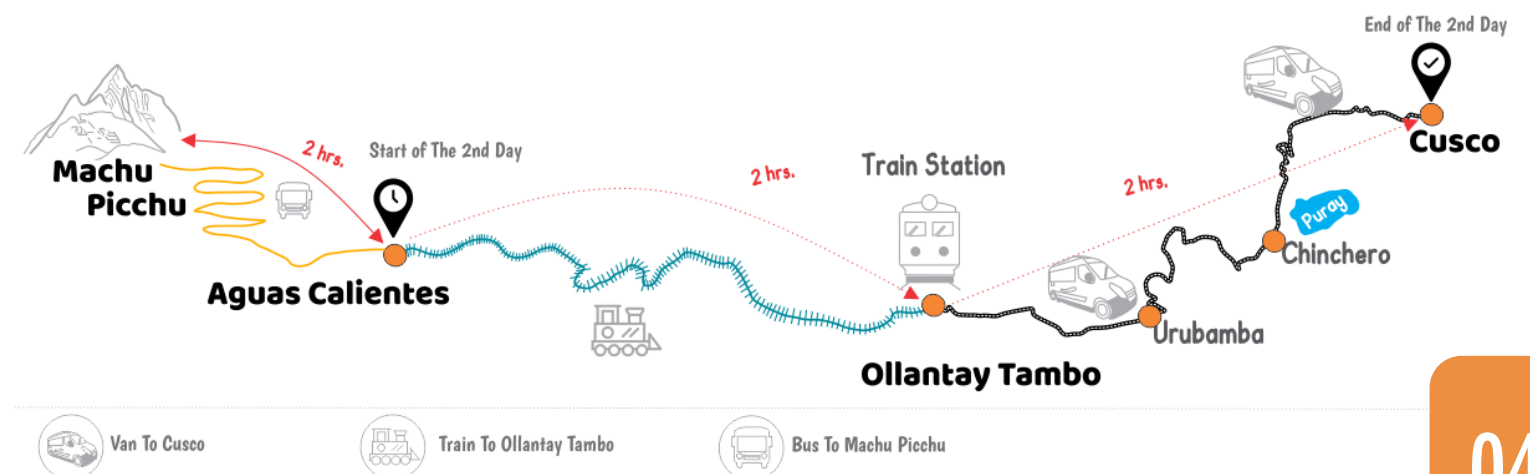
Lima-Cusco

Today you will be taken to the station by private vehicle to board the bus for the scenic drive to Cusco. Whilst this is a full day of driving, there are plenty of stops along the way to stretch your legs and to appreciate some of the history that this route, The Route of the Sun, holds. Your first stop is the archaeological site of Pukara which dates back to approximately the first century. The small museum here has items of the lithic Pukara culture. You drive over La Raya Pass where there is a

stunning view across to the snow-capped mountains and over a beautiful old chapel, standing alone in the middle of the Andean plateau before a stop for lunch in the picturesque Sicuani.

Jump back on the bus and whilst your journey takes you onwards, your next stop takes you further back in time. Built in the fifteenth century, Raqchi is considered by historians to be one of the

most audacious Inca constructions. Chapel of the Americas thanks to its intricately painted ceilings and other murals. You will arrive in Cusco in the early evening and you will then be taken to your hotel by private vehicle. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Cusco was the capital of the Inca Empire and traces of its past can be found around nearly every corner. From old Incan walkways to beautiful well preserved colonial architecture, Cusco has a varied history that is evident at a glance.



Day³

Sacred Valley

You will meet your guide and group this morning for your full day excursion through the Sacred Valley. Here the Incas lived, farmed and enjoyed the natural wealth of this verdant region. Visit the colourful and vibrant arts and crafts market in Pisac. The nearby Inca site has a citadel, turrets, military fortresses and astronomical observatories. The largest Inca cemetery in South America is also located here.

You will continue onto the town of



Ollantaytambo, which has many houses built on the bases of the old Inca town with local people maintaining their ancestral customs. The complexity of these Inca constructions incorporated into the contemporary town is considered by many to be one of the most important living museums in the world. Above the town, the military fortress that protected this area of the valley prevails strategically between two mountains. The Inca Empire was the largest empire in per Columbian America.

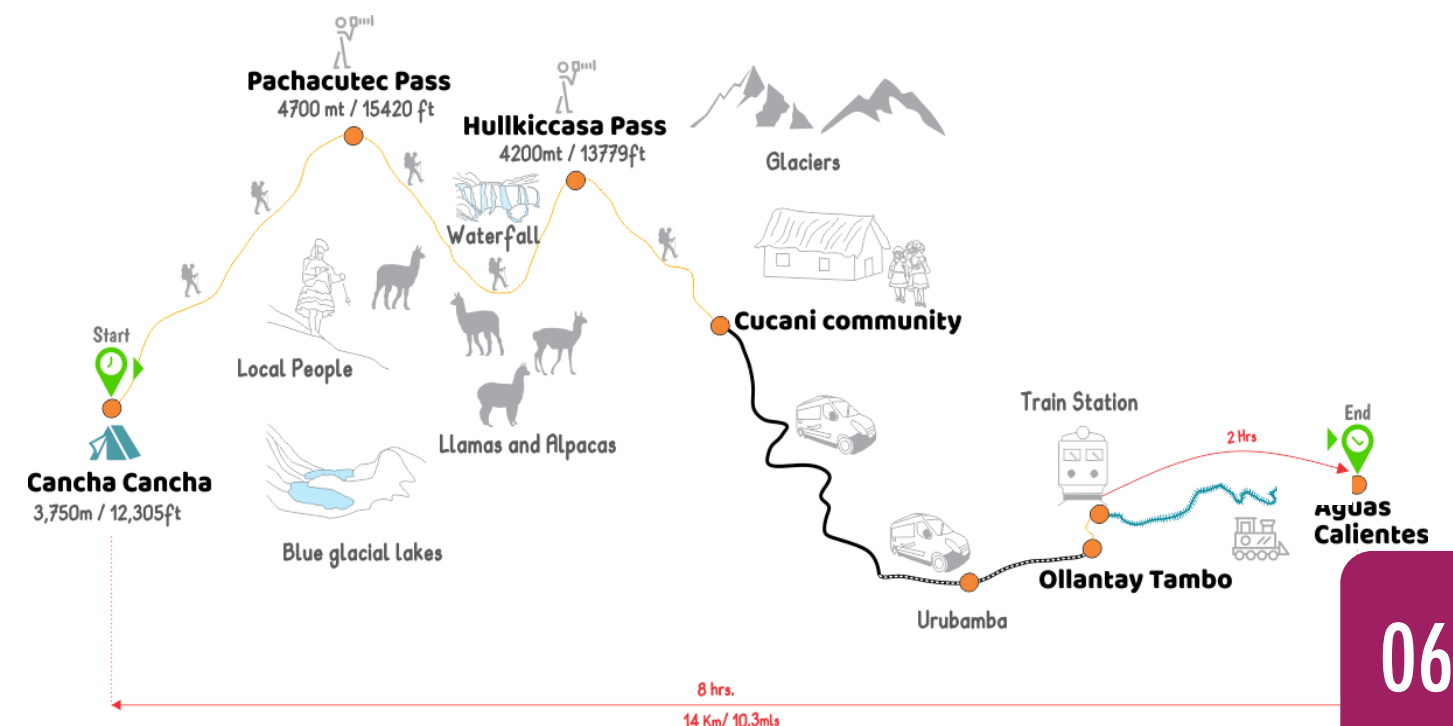
The Inca civilization arose from the highlands of Peru sometime in the early 13th century. From 1438 to 1533, the Incas used a variety of methods, from conquest to peaceful assimilation, to incorporate a large portion of western South America, centered on the Andean mountain ranges, including, besides Peru, large parts of modern Ecuador, western and south central Bolivia, northwest Argentina, north and central Chile, and southern Colombia into a state comparable to the historical empires of Eurasia.

Machu Picchu

This morning you will catch the IncaRail train, just a short walk from your hotel, to Aguas Calientes - the gateway to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival your private guide will be there to meet you and take you on the shuttle bus up to the archaeological complex. Soak up the atmosphere as our guide brings the site to life with tales of Machu Picchu in its heyday. Later, there will be enough time to explore it at your own pace.

As you will have return IncaRail train tickets, you can make your own way down to Aguas Calientes in time for your transfer back to Cusco where you will be taken back to your hotel.

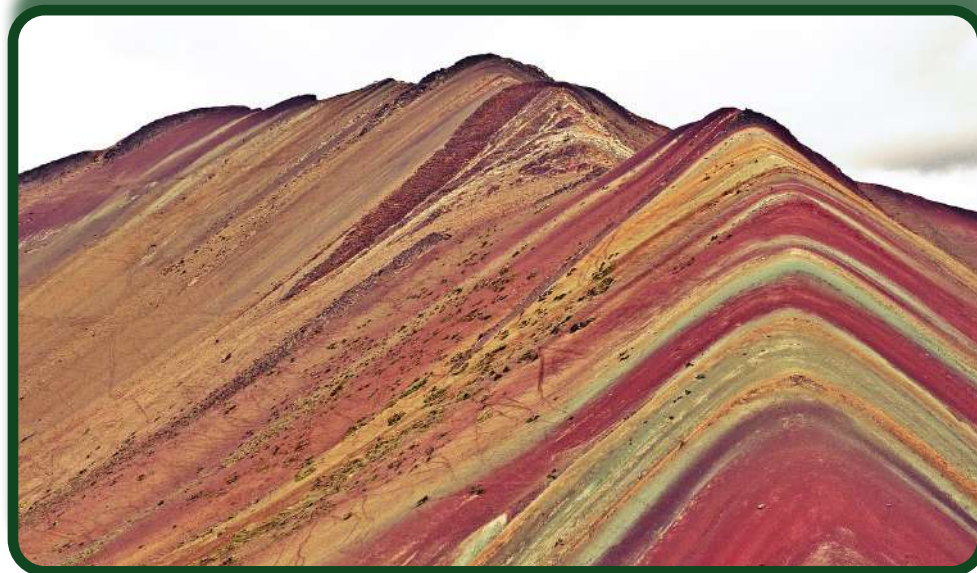
Sacred Valley Trail



Day 5

Cusco-Pisac Town

This morning is an early start as you depart for the famous “Cruz del Condor” viewpoint. You will arrive with enough time to get majestic pictures of the canyon (weather permitting) and hopefully, the flight of the Condors. At the pre-scheduled time, your guide will take you for a short walk (approximately 1 hour) near the canyon. On the way back to Chivay, you will visit the traditional village of Pinchollo and the “Antahuilque viewpoint”, where wonderful 1,500 year old terraces, constructed by the pre-Inca Collaguas, can



be observed. You also will make a stop at the look-out point of “Choquetico” with its hanging tombs, “Tumbas Colgantes”. You will continue with a visit to Maca, an Andean community that experienced an earthquake in November of 1991 and the village of Yanque with the most beautiful church in the valley. After lunch you will begin your journey to Puno - the gateway to the highest navigable lake

in the world, Lake Titicaca. Puno stands at an impressive 3,800 metres above sea level. According to legend, it was on this lake that the Sun God commanded his children, Mama Ocllo and Manco Cápac, to give birth to the Inca civilisation



Day 6

Pisac-Aguas Calientes

This morning is free at your leisure to explore a little at your own pace or hole up in one of the pretty cafes and just soak up the atmosphere - the choice is yours. This afternoon you will join a group to explore the churches and cathedral around the charming Plaza de Armas. Your next stop will be the complex of Koricancha which contained the Temple of the Sun, the most sacred site in the Inca religion. It was the centrepiece of a vast astronomical observatory. Little remains of it today except for sections of



its stone walls which hint at the sites once massive size. The Christian monastery of Santo Domingo was built on top of the complex, no doubt to signify that one religion had been replaced by another. Afterwards, you will drive to the nearby ruins of Sacsayhuaman which reveal the Incas extraordinary architecture. Like all Inca constructions, the stones fit together perfectly without mortar and it would be hard to fit a single sheet of paper even between the biggest.



Day 7

Cusco-lima-Canada

Welcome to Lima on the last day again and the start of your adventure! You will be transferred from the airport to your hotel and have the remainder of the day free to relax and start exploring. Lima was founded by the Spanish Conquistador Francisco Pizarro in 1535 after he eradicated the Incas and made the city his capital. It has many beautiful colonial buildings and some of the best museums in South America including the Gold Museum, Museum of

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- Visit the impressive man made islands on Lake Titcaca
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- Soak up the colonial charm of the Sacred Valley and Cusco
- Take a scenic Train ride to Machu Picchu
- 7days and 6 nights guided tour

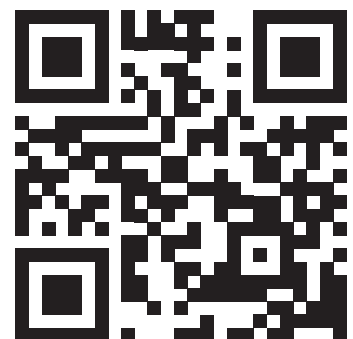
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About Incas:

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Day 1: Canada - Lima

Depart from your chosen gateway to Lima. On arrival at Lima international Airport you will be met and transferred to the hotel at the airport.

Day 2: Lima - Cusco - Sacred Valley

Fly to Cusco. Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to Urubamba in the Sacred Valley. Enjoy the remainder of the day acclimatizing to the altitude.

Day 3: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu - Cusco

This morning travel on the Expedition train through the sacred Urubamba Valley to the "Lost City of the Incas" Machu Picchu. From Aguas Calientes a shuttle service will take you to the ruins for your guide.

Day 4: Cusco - Puno

Enjoy a tour of the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere, Cusco and its nearby ruins. The tour starts at Santo Domingo Convent, then continues to the Main Square, site of the Cathedral and the La Compañía Church. Later we visit the imposing Sacsayhuaman Fortress, just one example of the military Inca architecture in the area. Finally, the tour heads to the nearby archaeological sites of Qenko, PucaPucara and Tambomachay.

The tourist coach trip to Puno takes most of the day stopping at various sites including; Racchi also named the Temple of the God Wiracocha, La Raya the highest pass on the route and Pucara the most important and oldest ceremonial site. Lunch will be served at a restaurant en-route. Also you will enjoy spicy cuisines on the best restaurant in Puno.

Day 5: Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titicaca

Boat excursion to the Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titicaca. This full day excursion will take

You to the highest navigable lake in the world to the floating islands of the Uros Indians, manmade islands by tying totora reeds. Continuing to Taquile where a native community of about 400 families still lives with the traditions.

Day 6: Puno - Lima

Today you will be transferred to the airport at Juliaca for a flight back to Lima. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or perhaps take an optional tour to explore the capital city of Peru. Overnight in Lima

Day 7: Lima - Canada

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Lima International Airport for your return flight back to Canada. Today arrive back at home. End of our services

