PERU CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Galapagos Islands, South America’s Most famous national park.     South America’s best Amazon park: Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve.     Machu Picchu, South America’s most dramatic cultural site.

The “PERU CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS TOUR” has been specially developed for visitors to Ecuador to enable them to make an all-in-one fascinating Nature and Culture Experience of the most famous highlights of South America. This fantastic module will take you to 4 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:

1. Old town Lima;
2. Historical Cusco;
3. Peru’s Sacred Valley;
4. Machu Picchu.

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Day 1: Lima arrival
1. Transfer from the airport to your hotel, 1-2 blocks away from the sea-side Parque del Amor Park. Located in the up-scale Miraflores neighborhood, where paragliders take off from the coastal cliff, right in front of the Marriott hotel;
2. Depending on your arrival time, we like to take you to the Plaza de las Armas in the late afternoon, when on sunny days, the Palace and the Cathedral are at their best;
3. Dinner may be taken in the center, so that you may walk back to the Plaza at night to enjoy the buildings in the splendor of their nocturnal illumination;
4. Return to your hotel near the beach to spend the night.

Day 2: Old town Lima
1. Morning walk along the highlights of old town Lima with its gorgeous colonial churches, palaces, manors and streets;
2. Lunch somewhere in old town Lima;
3. Visit of one of the Huacas - pre-colonial piramids;
4. Visit of the Larco Museum with a fantastic Pre-Colombian collection - debatably the best in the country;
5. Barranco neighborhood (great place to have dinner) with countless taverns and restaurants and an evening-stroll along the pedestrian street descending to the sea;
6. Return to your hotel near the beach to spend the night.

Less known, but more interestingly See fine pre-colonial art in world-renowned museums. Stroll down to the coast along a romantic restaurant-clad alley. Shaped is the Huaco Mateo Salado Pyramid.

Day 3: Flight to Cusco
1. Transfer to the airport on your way to Cusco and from there to your hotel;
2. Stay in one of our favorite lovely colonial mansion boutique hotels with a central patio (may not always be available) in old town Cusco, 2 blocks away from the Plaza de las Armas;
3. Depending on departure time, a morning excursion in Lima or afternoon excursion in Cusco;
4. Suggested: Take an evening stroll in beautifully illuminated Cusco and walk into any restaurant to have dinner;
5. Spend the night at your boutique hotel.

The famous Compañía de Jesus Church in Cusco. The renowned morterless Inca stone walls. Girls in native dresses in Cusco.

Day 4: Cusco
1. Exploration of Historical Cusco. With its combined Inca and colonial cultures, Cusco requires a full day's visit.
2. In the morning a guided walk, and;
3. In the afternoon for wandering around and soaking up centuries of culture and losing yourself in one of the Indian art markets;
4. Spend the night at your boutique hotel.
Day 5: Sacred Valley

1. A full day's excursion in taxi or van to explore the Sacred Valley;
2. In the late afternoon you will be dropped off at the train station of Ollantaytambo, from where a quality train takes you further down into the Sacred Valley until you reach the end station Aguas Calientes, a small town stuck between the river and the steep mountain on which Machu Picchu is built;
3. You will stay at a hotel in the main (pedestrian) street, where you will be surrounded by countless pleasant restaurants;
4. If you like, upon arrival, you can take a 10-minutes walk to the hot springs and take a soaking in one of the volcanic baths and/or have a massage before dinner.

Day 6: Machu Picchu

1. Early in the morning, take the bus up the mountain to Machu Picchu World Heritage Site (±20 minutes), before the crowd gets there;
2. A guided excursion through Machu Picchu's sacred citadel;
3. Pending availability, hike Huayna Picchu Mountain, towering over the actual site of Machu Picchu. Only a limited number of tickets per day are sold and availability is not guaranteed;
4. Return to Aguas Calientes by bus;
5. Take the late afternoon train back to Ollantaytambo, where a transportation is waiting for you to take you back to Cusco.
The train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu.

Bus stop at the Machu Picchu entrance.

Breath-taking views of Machu Picchu as it lies surrounded by mountains.

**Day 7: Return flight to Lima**

Airport transfer for your flight Cusco - Lima from where you can board your international flight, or continue on your Manu or Peru National Parks Tour module;

Upon return to Lima, hotel and airport transfers can be requested additionally (not included in the price).

The solar clock or calendar, Inti Huataná.

The Temple of the Condor.

Overview over Machu Picchu.

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PERU CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS  
7 DAYS: $1149

PERU CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS  
6 DAYS: $1099

**INCLUDED**

- Minimum 2 passengers;
- All land transportation (but flights excluded);
- All hotels;
- Transportation;
- An English speaking guide;
- All entry fees.