

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO PERU – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

April 17 – 22, 2014 Itinerary Outline

APR 17 : QUITO, ECUADOR - LIMA, PERU

- Flight from Quito to Lima
- Greet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel
- Overnight in Lima

APR 18 : LIMA - CUZCO (B)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport and assistance
- Flight to Cuzco
- Greet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel
- Visit to Regional Cuzco Hospital
- PM Cuzco city tour:
 1. Koricancha or Temple of Sun
 2. Cathedral
 3. San Blas
 4. Sacsayhuaman
- Overnight in Cuzco

APR 19 : CUZCO – URUBAMBA - MACHU PICCHU (B, L, D)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Full day Urubamba Sacred Valley:
 1. Chinchero
 2. Maras
 3. Ollantaytambo
- Lunch at local restaurant
- PM VISTADOME train to Machu Picchu
- Dinner and overnight in Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes)

APR 20 : MACHU PICCHU - CUZCO (B, L)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Guided tour Machu Picchu
- Lunch at SANCTUARY LODGE
- PM Vistadome train to Cuzco
- Greet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel
- Overnight in Cuzco

APR 21 : CUZCO – LIMA (B, L)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport and assistance
- Flight to Lima
- Greet upon arrival and transfer into the city
- Lunch at ROSA NAUTICA
- PM Lima city tour:
 1. Cathedral
 2. Convento de San Francisco
- Transfer to the airport
- Overnight flight back to Toronto

APR 22 : TORONTO

- Arrival in Toronto

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner
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Detailed Itinerary

APR 17 : QUITO - Lima

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- Overnight in Lima

APR 18 : LIMA - CUZCO (B)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport and assistance
- Flight to Cuzco
- Greet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel
- **Visit to Regional Cuzco Hospital**
- **PM Cuzco city tour:** Cuzco was the capital of the Inca Empire. According to the legend, the city was built by Inca Pachacuti, who transformed Cuzco from a sleepy city-state into the vast empire of Tahuantinsuyu. The first Spaniards arrived in 1533, and undertook the construction of a new city on the foundations of the old Inca city, replacing temples with churches and palaces with mansions for the conquerors.
 1. **Koricancha or Temple of Sun:** As Cuzco was the center of the Tahuantinsuyo (Inca Empire), this is one of the most important of Inca temples. Originally a temple of the Killki culture, its walls served as the foundation for the construction of the Convento de Santo Domingo
 2. **Cathedral:** The first Cuzco Cathedral was built in 1539 at the *Suntur Wasi* Inca site; in 1560, the construction of a new cathedral on the *Kiswir Kancha* lot, palace of *Inca Wiracocha*, was ordered. The actual Cathedral was finished in 1664, a century after.
 3. **San Blas:** San Blas was a settlement for "Mitimaes" (ancient craftsman of the Inca period) with the special command to teach. The group will also visit the San Blas church and its famous pulpit, carved by the best wood sculptors of the region. Its balcony contains eight human busts that represent the Catholicism heretics.
 4. **Sacsayhuaman:** The best known Inca ruin nearby Cuzco is the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, likely a religious construction for cosmology veneration and investigation (although some investigators believe it had a military function). The construction is herculean given the size of the megaliths, some of which weight between 90 and 128 tons.
- Overnight in Cuzco



APR 19 : CUZCO – URUBAMBA – MACHU PICCHU (B, L, D)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- **Full day Urubamba Sacred Valley:**
 1. **Chincho:** Chincho's population is composed of twelve indigenous communities that maintain the ayllu system, even though it does not correspond anymore to the organization system in force before the Spanish conquest..
 2. **Maras:** Maras is recognized because of the salt mines, exploited since Inca times. The mines are made up by approximately 3,000 small pools, and the work consists in filling them with salt water until the water evaporates and the salt remains.
 3. **Ollantaytambo Fortress:** It was also an important administrative center with probable military functions if one considers the walls and towers. There are also traces of ancient roads and aqueducts.
- Lunch at local restaurant included
- **VISTADOME** train to Machu Picchu
- Dinner and overnight in Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes)

OLLANTANTAYTAMBO



APR 20 : MACHU PICCHU - CUZCO (B, L)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- **Guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel** The ruins of Machu Picchu, rediscovered in 1911 by Yale archaeologist Hiram Bingham, are one of the most beautiful and enigmatic ancient sites in the world. While the Inca people certainly used the Andean mountain top, erecting many hundreds of stone structures from the early 1400's, legends and myths indicate that Machu Picchu (meaning 'Old Peak' in the Quechua language) was revered as a sacred place from a far earlier time. Whatever its origins, the Inca turned the site into a small (5 square miles) but extraordinary city. Invisible from below and completely self-contained, surrounded by agricultural terraces sufficient to feed the population, and watered by natural springs, Machu Picchu seems to have been utilized by the Inca as a secret ceremonial city. Two thousand feet above the rumbling Urubamba River, the cloud shrouded ruins have palaces, baths, temples, storage rooms and some 150 houses, all in a remarkable state of preservation. These structures, carved from the gray granite of the mountain top are wonders of both architectural and aesthetic genius. Many of the building blocks weigh 50 tons or more yet are so precisely sculpted and fitted together with such exactitude that the mortar-less joints will not permit the insertion of even a thin knife blade. Little is known of the social or religious use of the site during Inca times.
- Lunch at **SANCTUARY LODGE** included
- PM Vistadome train to Cuzco
- Greet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel
- Overnight in Cuzco

MACHU PICCHU



APR 21 : CUZCO – LIMA (B, L)

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport and assistance
- Flight to Lima
- Greet upon arrival and transfer into the city
- Lunch at **ROSA NAUTICA** included

• **PM Lima city tour:**

1. **Cathedral:** It is placed where the first Church of Lima was. The interior is austere, although it shelters real historic jewels like the finely carved wooden pews of the Baltasar Noguera choir, different side altars, and the remains of Francisco Pizarro. In addition, you can visit the Museum of Religious Art that possesses an important collection of canvases, sculptures, chalices, and chasubles
2. **Convento de San Francisco:** is the Spanish name for Saint Francis Monastery located in Lima, Peru. The building is noted for its 17th century architecture, a high example of Spanish Neoclassicism. Catacombs are built under the monastery, and are said to connect to other catacombs beneath the cathedral and other churches.

- Transfer to the airport
- Overnight flight back to Toronto

APR 22 : LIMA - TORONTO

- Arrival in Toronto



CONVENTO DE SAN FRANCISCO

Inclusions

- International flight from Quito, Ecuador to Lima, Peru
- Internal flights in Peru as per detailed itinerary
- Private, modern, air conditioned transportation
- Accommodation in 4* properties as per detailed itinerary
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Comprehensive daily itineraries including privately escorted tours of local cultural sites and museums
- Visit to local medical facilities in Cuzco
- All admission fees (except those specifically noted above)
- Services of local English speaking cultural guides / tour escorts **
- Portage

Exclusions

- Beverages (both soft drinks and alcoholic beverages)
- Meals and services not mentioned
- All items of a personal nature such as telephone / internet usage, laundry services etc
- Domestic and international (airport taxes)
- Gratuities
- Travel insurance

** Note: this extension will not be escorted from Ecuador to Peru but you will receive the services (local representative, cultural guides / tour escorts) of our local tour operator partner in Peru upon your arrival for the duration of this optional extension to Peru.

HOTELS & TRAINS

Lima	Casa Andina Select (4*)	www.casa-andina.com
Cuzco	Novotel Cuzco (4*)	www.novotel.com
Machu Picchu	Inkaterra (4*)	www.inkaterra.com
Train	Vistadome	www.perurail.com

(In the unlikely event that a property needs to be changed it will be substituted with one of a similar standard)

Please note our **point of differentiation** compared to other tours including Macchu Picchu – we travel by train to the town of Agias Calientes the night before your visit to the Macchu Picchu site (staying at the incredible Inkaterra Macchu Picchu Pueblo Sanctuary Hotel) so that you have access to the Macchu Picchu park the next day at dawn's first light to enjoy this awe inspiring archeological site in relative solitude for many hours before the daily train from Cuzco arrives with passengers late in the morning.



Inkaterra Lodge, Macchu Picchu



Casa Andina - Lima



Novotel - Cuzco