

Machu Picchu & the Galápagos

Peru: Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu • Ecuador: Galápagos, Quito

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The Amazon Rain Forest of Peru
6 nights pre-trip from **\$1145**



DEPARTURE DATE: September 17, 2018

Itinerary Summary

Pre-trip extension: The Amazon Rain Forest of Peru

DAYS	DESTINATION
1-2	Fly to Lima, Peru
3-4	Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley
5-6	Machu Picchu
7-8	Cuzco
9-10	Fly to Quito
11-14	Fly to Galápagos • Cruise Galápagos
15	Fly to Quito
16	Quito • Return to U.S.

It's Included

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
 - All land transportation and 4 internal flights
 - Accommodations for 15 nights, including 4 or 3 nights aboard a privately chartered small ship in the Galápagos*
 - 36 meals—daily breakfast, 11 lunches, and 10 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
 - 20 small group activities, including Galápagos shore excursions, plus all park fees
 - Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Leader (1 in Peru, 1 in Ecuador)
 - Gratuities for local guides, drivers, ship-crew, and luggage porters
 - 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure—an average of \$350
- * Some departure dates feature a 3-night cruise and a 1-night hotel stay in the Galápagos

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Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S. • Arrive Lima, Peru

You depart from the U.S. and fly to Lima, Peru. An O.A.T. representative will greet you at the airport this evening and escort you to your hotel.

Jose Antonio Hotel or similar

DAY 2 • Explore Lima

After breakfast, we'll meet the fellow travelers who took our optional pre-trip extension to *The Amazon Rain Forest of Peru*. Then we set off to explore Lima. We visit the Monastery of San Francisco and venture below ground into the monastery's labyrinth of bone-lined catacombs.

B,D—Jose Antonio Hotel or similar

DAY 3 • Lima • Fly to Cuzco • Explore Chinchero

● **VERY ACTIVE DAY** (exploring Sacred Valley at an 11,000-foot altitude)

This morning, we fly to Cuzco, the center of the Incan world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then drive to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We'll visit the mountain weaving village of Chinchero, located at an elevation of 12,500 feet, where we'll explore the town and see a demonstration of traditional weaving. Afterwards, we check

in to our hotel in the Sacred Valley, at a lower elevation than Cuzco's 9,000 feet.

Please note: We will spend the next two days at elevations above 9,000 feet. We recommend staying hydrated and eating light while at high altitude.

B,L,D—San Agustin Urubamba Hotel or similar

DAY 4 • Sacred Valley • A Day in the Life of the Urubamba community

● **VERY ACTIVE DAY** (exploring Sacred Valley at an 11,000-foot altitude)

This morning, we'll share *A Day in the Life of the Urubamba community* in the Sacred Valley. We'll meet students and teachers at a local school (when in session). Donations



from Grand Circle Foundation—part of the *World Classroom* initiative—

have helped pay for classroom construction at the school. Then we'll visit Urubamba's market and pick up ingredients for the Home-Hosted Lunch we'll share as guests of a Sacred Valley family. We'll also sample locally brewed corn beer before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Please note: Today's activities take place at elevations above 9,000 feet. We recommend staying hydrated and eating light while at high altitude. Travelers may rest at the hotel if necessary.

B,L,D—San Agustin Urubamba Hotel or similar

Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ MODERATELY STRENUOUS



DAY 5 • Train ride through Urubamba Gorge • Ollantaytambo • First Visit to Machu Picchu

This morning, we discover the splendid Ollantaytambo ruins. Then, we'll travel by train to Machu Picchu, the legendary "Lost City of the Incas" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After arriving in town, we'll travel by bus to Machu Picchu. Here we see remnants of the Ritual Baths, Palace of the Princess, the Main Fountain, and the Sun and Condor temples. Later we arrive at our hotel in Aguas Calientes, which is conveniently located near the base of Machu Picchu, so we can explore the ruins long after tour groups have departed.

B,L,D—El Mapi Hotel or similar

DAY 6 • Explore Machu Picchu

We return to Machu Picchu in the morning, when the ruins are quiet and uncrowded. You can wander the sprawling ruins on your own, or, depending on which trails are open, choose between two hikes to the Inca Bridge or the Sun Gate. We then enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Aguas Calientes.

B,L—El Mapi Hotel or similar

DAY 7 • Transfer to Cuzco • Qoricancha Sun Temple

● **VERY ACTIVE DAY** (exploring Cuzco at elevations above 11,000 feet)

Today, we transfer to Cuzco where we'll discover the Qoricancha Sun Temple, the city's most important ceremonial structure during the Incan era. In the late afternoon, we return to our hotel.

Please note: Today's activities take place at elevations above 11,000 feet. We recommend staying hydrated and eating light while at high altitude. Travelers may rest at the hotel if necessary.

B, L—José Antonio Cuzco Hotel or similar

DAY 8 • Explore Sacsayhuaman & Kenko • Curandero Ceremony • Cuzco

● **VERY ACTIVE DAY** (exploring Cuzco at elevations above 11,000 feet)

This morning, we visit the Inca Museum, which contains relics from the Inca Empire. We then explore the massive Incan fortress of Sacsayhuaman, and visit the sacred ceremonial center of Kenko. Next, we observe the workings of a local *curandero*—a *mestizo* medicine man.

Afterwards, we arrive back at the hotel and the rest of your afternoon is free.

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B,D—José Antonio Cuzco Hotel or similar

DAY 9 • Fly to Quito, Ecuador

● **VERY ACTIVE DAY** (exploring Cuzco at elevations above 11,000 feet)

Early this morning, we fly to Lima for our connecting flight to Quito, Ecuador. We arrive in the afternoon and meet our Ecuadorian Trip Leader.

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DAY 10 • Discover Quito

We'll begin the day's discoveries at the Iñaquito market, a local market brimming with exotic fruits and spices. After, we'll explore Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll see the Plaza of Independence, pass the Presidential Palace, and conclude our walk at San Francisco Square. Later, we'll visit La Ronda street, and then the rest of your afternoon is free.

B,L—Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda or similar

DAY 11 • Fly from Quito to the Galápagos • Embark cruise

Early this morning, we fly from Quito via Guayaquil to the Galápagos—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our Trip Leader is a

Galápagos naturalist who helps us retrace Darwin's discoveries in our small group onboard our exclusive charter. We embark around noon and enjoy dinner onboard.

B,L,D—Galápagos small ship

DAY 12 • Cruise Galápagos Islands

No matter which island we call on, each of our cruising days will follow a similar pattern: After breakfast, a small motor dinghy brings us close to the islands for wet landings, during which we wade knee-deep through clear water. If time allows, we might swim near our boat. And as we sleep, we'll be cruising toward another adventure in the Galápagos.

B,L,D—Galápagos small ship

DAY 13 • Cruise Galápagos Islands

We may call on Santa Cruz and the enchanted Central Islands. In addition to lava lizards, marine iguanas, and sea lions, we can also look forward to seeing an amazing array of birds—blue-footed boobies and Darwin's finches.

B,L,D—Galápagos small ship

DAY 14 • Cruise Galápagos

We continue exploring the Galápagos. As we take in their striking seascapes, we can consider how they have impressed great American writers. Herman Melville blended knowledge of the islands, gained from his days as a sailor, with fiction in his 1854 novella *The Encantadas or Enchanted Isles*,

and Kurt Vonnegut's 1985 novel *Galápagos* drew inspiration from the author's own visit to the archipelago.

B,L,D—Galápagos small ship

DAY 15 • Fly Galápagos to Quito

After breakfast, we disembark and fly via Guayaquil to Quito. We enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

B,D—Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda or similar

DAY 16 • Quito • Sinamune Concert • Return to U.S.

This morning, we'll enjoy a special performance by the Sinamune Disabled Children's Orchestra (when in session), which is sponsored in part by donations from Grand Circle Foundation. Next, we'll visit the Inti Nan Museum, which sits directly on the equator. Enjoy a final afternoon at leisure to make your own discoveries in Quito.

This evening, transfer to the airport for our flight home.

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Discover ancient ruins & exotic wildlife ...

Machu Picchu, Peru

Never found by the Spanish conquistadors, Machu Picchu was known only to local people until Yale professor Hiram Bingham was led to the ruins in 1911 and described it for the world in his book *The Lost City of the Incas*. Our expert Trip Leader will give us an in-depth look at this ancient mountaintop site during our overnight visit, allowing us to enjoy an uncrowded experience and explore more of the site. In the heart of Machu Picchu's Sacred District, we'll discover the Intihuatana (a sundial-like megalith), the Temple of the Sun, and the Room of the Three Windows, and have the chance to explore some of the ruins' more than 172 excavated tombs—uncovering secrets of this mysterious civilization as we go.

The Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

Located 600 miles west of Ecuador's mainland, the Galápagos Archipelago encompasses eleven major islands and is home to a number of unique species. We'll cruise the islands aboard our privately chartered boat, exploring the diversity of the islands' flora and fauna that so inspired Charles Darwin during his visit here. Our expert Trip Leader—a certified Galápagos naturalist—will lead our small group of ashore each day for an excursion: perhaps we'll explore tidal pools on Santiago Island, witness the lava formations on Bartolome, and birdwatch on Española (Hood). Along the way, we'll have the chance to swim with sea lions and marine iguanas and see rare wildlife—such as the blue-footed, Nazca, and masked boobies—up close.

Quito, Ecuador

Founded in 1534, Quito is South America's oldest capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll explore the city's historic center—the best-preserved in Latin America—and witness some of the region's finest examples of Spanish Colonial architecture during a walking tour, culminating with a visit to the city's main square, the spectacular Plaza de la Independencia. At an elevation of 9,350 feet, this Ecuadorean capital is one of the highest capital cities in the world. Several Andean peaks, some of them perpetually snowcapped, are visible from the city on clear days.

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