



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley 2019

8 days from \$6,395

Limited to 18 guests

Journey through Peru from Lima to Cusco, interacting with the people of the Sacred Valley and experiencing their culture, music and cuisine, and explore magnificent Machu Picchu, where you stay at the only hotel on site.

A&K Advantages

Travel by PeruRail Sacred Valley, an elegant new train with 1920s-era styling, and stay at the only hotel on site at Machu Picchu, enjoying extra time to explore the colossal "Lost City"

Enjoy a private lecture on Machu Picchu with a renowned scholar in Incan history before discovering the magnificent ruins for yourself in the company of a local expert guide

Mingle with the farmers and children of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and gain an intimate understanding of their centuries-old customs during a private visit to their village

Visit historic sites in colorful Cusco during your stay at a luxurious hotel that was once a 16th-century monastery

Sample Peruvian cuisine at a Chef's Table experience to better understand its cultural impact on Peru and the world

Discover Peru's rich musical traditions during a captivating private performance by an expert in Andean music

Choose from year-round departures on this popular journey, enjoying insider-access opportunities made possible by A&K's small-group size and longtime local presence

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima this evening and transfer to your hotel. Founded in 1535 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro, this "City of Kings" is a mélange of colonial structures, pre-Columbian sites and modern conveniences.

Belmond Miraflores Park

DAY 2 LIMA | COLONIAL SPLENDOR & INSPIRING ARTIFACTS

After a welcome briefing, enjoy an interactive Chef's Table culinary experience where your chef deftly demonstrates and you assist in the preparation of a variety of Peruvian dishes. After lunch, explore Peru's capital, visiting the Plaza Mayor, which is the birthplace of the city of Lima, and the beautiful Cathedral, built in the 16th century. Next, visit Casa Aliaga, Lima's oldest colonial mansion. Built in 1535 by the illustrious Spanish conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga, this incredible relic of colonial splendor has been home to 17 generations of his descendants ever since. Note the grace of the wood and marble staircase leading up to a fine entrance patio. View its beautiful rooms; the family chapel; the Golden Salon with incredible golden mirrors; and a beautiful upper gallery, which is home to some important paintings from the Cusco School. Spend time exploring the Larco Museum, one of the city's best museums for pre-Columbian artifacts. Then, enjoy a welcome dinner at the on-site restaurant.

Belmond Miraflores Park | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 SACRED VALLEY | CUSCO & CAMELIDS

This morning, fly to Cusco, located more than 11,000 feet above sea level. Enjoy lunch in the central square before proceeding to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, where an ancient way of life lives on. En route, visit Awana Kancha, a center where South American camelids, such as llamas and alpacas, are bred. Learn about the valuable fibers created from their coats, and feed these iconic animals. Continue and check in to your relaxing accommodations — a charming Andean-style casita set amid gardens of flowers. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure and dine at your hotel restaurant.

Sol y Luna | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 SACRED VALLEY | LIKE A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

When school is in session, visit the Kuychi Center to meet the underprivileged children at Niños del Arco Iris (Children of the Rainbow), a project supported by A&K Philanthropy. Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas with a visit to a remote village seemingly frozen in time. Experience complete cultural immersion as you delve into the ancient agricultural methods they have used for centuries to support themselves in this challenging Andean mountain environment. Enjoy lunch locally before returning to your lodge. Spend your afternoon at leisure, enjoying the amenities of your accommodations and dine tonight at the restaurant on site.

Sol y Luna | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 MACHU PICCHU | BINGHAM'S STUNNING DISCOVERY

Prepare for your visit to Machu Picchu with a private, interactive lecture from a renowned scholar and certified expert on the Incan ruins. Briefly visit Ollantaytambo Fortress, a formidable structure of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes — and the site of the Incas' greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Next, journey deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu on board the PeruRail Sacred Valley, a train inspired by the elegance of the 1920s, which is reflected in both its Dining and Observatory Bar Cars, gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Arrive to begin a thrilling overnight stay at the only hotel located on site at Machu Picchu, exploring the breathtaking Incan city from sunrise to sunset. Overlooking the Urubamba River and discovered in a hidden tangle of trees atop a mountain by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, Machu Picchu forever holds the secret of its passing — its Incan inhabitants left no written records of its purpose. Built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca empire, it was most likely the estate of an emperor. Curiously, excavations here have revealed skeletons, artifacts and woolen clothing, but no gold. Tour the ruins with your expert guide, and then enjoy exploring on your own. You may view the Temple of the Sun or Intihuatana, a ritual stone that may have been an astronomical clock or calendar. As you wander, sense the majesty of the age-old stone walls and picture life as it might have been for the leaders, warriors, priests and craftsman who once inhabited this Incan citadel some 8,000 feet above sea level. Tonight, rest easy in your accommodations, designed to echo the soaring natural surroundings.

Belmond Sanctuary Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO | WALKING THE SPECTACULAR RUINS

Rise with the sun to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive, for an experience some consider the spiritual highlight of the journey. You may opt for a hike to Inti Punku (Sun Gate), the entry point to the ruins from the Inca Trail, or trek up to Huayna Picchu, the high mountain that forms the backbone of the ruins, to enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding area. After your explorations, bid adieu to this 'Lost City of the Incas' and board the Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo. Continue to Cusco where you check in to your hotel, once a 16th-century monastery.

Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 CUSCO | THE IMMENSE STONE MARVEL OF SACSAYHUAMAN

Discover Cusco on a city tour that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple, a Dominican church built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building. Later, explore the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. Compiled of massive stones, the largest of which may weigh as much as 200 tons, the walls were cut and placed together with incredible precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. This ancient fortress, which witnessed the greatest battle between the Spanish and the Incas, overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco. Visit San Pedro market, and then spend your afternoon at leisure. This evening, enjoy an Andean music presentation by a regional expert on the subject, to learn the history and stories of a wide array of handmade musical instruments. Afterward, gather for a farewell dinner at the elegant MAP Café.

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Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 DEPART LIMA

Spend a morning at your leisure, sleeping in, visiting shops or simply relaxing, before flying back to Lima, where you are assisted with your international flight and depart.

Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom) | Meals: Breakfast

Extensions



Post-Tour Extension: Bolivia

5 days from \$2,795
Single Supplement from \$795
Internal air from \$785
✈ Cusco/La Paz/Uyuni/La Paz

DAY 1

Fly from Cusco, Peru, to La Paz, Bolivia. Upon arrival, explore the city, viewing the San Francisco Church, the Witches' Market and area museums. Proceed to the Plaza Murillo, and onward to a replica of the Temple of Tiwanaku. See the eerie landscapes of the Valley of the Moon, before checking in to your hotel.

Atix Hotel

DAYS 2-3

Fly to Uyuni and set out for the vast salt flats. See locals processing salt and visit Isla del Pescado or Incahuasi Island to look at the indigenous giant cacti, birds and vizcachas. The next day, view Tunupa Volcano, visit the Chantani Museum and the cave of the Coquesa Mummies. In Chantani, also visit an Aymara local family, for an experience rich in Bolivian culture.

Hotel De Sal Luna Salada | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 4-5

Fly to La Paz, and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. The next day, after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Atix Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Dec 13 - Dec 20, 2019	\$6,395	\$2,495	\$495	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [post-tour extension](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$495

Lima/Cusco/Lima

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 9:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: airport assistance in Lima upon return from Cusco on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).