



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

# Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley 2020

9 days from \$6,495

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 train with 1920s-era styling to visit the “Lost City of the Incas”

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 of 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, located in the city’s exclusive residential district of Miraflores. 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, as your chef deftly demonstrates and you assist in the preparation of various Peruvian dishes. After lunch, discover Peru’s capital, visiting the Plaza Mayor, birthplace of the city, and the beautiful Cathedral, built in the 16th century. Next, tour Casa Aliaga, Lima’s oldest colonial mansion. Built in 1535 by a conquistador, it has been home to 17 generations of his descendants ever since. Note the graceful wood and marble staircase, the family chapel and the Golden Salon with its incredible golden mirrors and view the upper gallery, home to some important paintings from the Cusco School. Afterward, visit the Larco Museum, with its impressive array of pre-Columbian artifacts, and enjoy a welcome dinner at the site.



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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. Stop for lunch in the central square before proceeding to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. 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 perhaps take the opportunity to feed these iconic animals. Continue to your relaxing accommodation — a charming Andean-style casita set amid gardens of flowers. Enjoy time at leisure before dining 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. This local school provides education, nutrition, medical care and hope to underprivileged children in the Sacred Valley. Later, visit a remote village seemingly frozen in time. Experience complete cultural immersion as you delve into agricultural methods that locals have used for centuries to support themselves in this challenging Andean mountain environment. Eat lunch locally before returning to your hotel. Spend your afternoon at leisure, perhaps taking advantage of the superb amenities of your accommodations. Dine tonight at the restaurant on site.

Sol y Luna | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 5 MACHU PICCHU | BINGHAM'S STUNNING FIND

Prepare for your visit to Machu Picchu with a private, interactive lecture from a renowned scholar and certified expert on the Incan ruins. Next, explore Ollantaytambo, a fortress of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes and the site of the Incas' greatest victory over the invading Spanish. Then, journey deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu on board the PeruRail Sacred Valley, a train inspired by the elegance of the 1920s, gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Arrive to begin an overnight stay at the only hotel located on site at Machu Picchu. Overlooking the Urubamba River and discovered in 1911 by American historian Hiram Bingham, 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. Walk the ruins alongside your expert guide, and then continue on your own. You may view the Temple of the Sun or Intihuatana, a ritual stone that may have been an astronomical calendar. As you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this majestic citadel, set some 8,000 feet above sea level.

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, an experience some consider the spiritual highlight of the journey. You may also opt for a hike to Inti Punku (the Sun Gate), entry point to the ruins from the Inca Trail, or a trek up to Huayna Picchu, the high mountain that forms the backbone of the ruins and boasts spectacular views. After your explorations, bid adieu to this "Lost City of the Incas" and board the Vistadome train back to Ollantaytambo. Continue to Cusco where you check in to your hotel, once a 16th-century monastery. The Belmond Hotel Monasterio is a national monument that offers a delightful retreat from the bustle of Cusco, while set just off the city square. You may wish to view the art hung in its gilded chapel or sit beneath the 300-year-old cedar in its courtyard.

Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 7 CUSCO | DESIGN YOUR DAY

Discover Cusco on a city tour this morning 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. Listen as a local expert explains how the historic clashes between the Incas and the Spanish played a role in forming today's Peruvian culture. Later, visit the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. Composed of colossal 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 imposing fortress, which witnessed the greatest battle between the Spanish and the Incas, overlooks the red-tiled roofs of Cusco. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities:

**Visit the San Blas Neighborhood**, an art district where styles are handed down through generations of artisans.

**Stroll San Pedro Market**, tasting the local flavors of Cusco at this vibrant open-air venue.

**Join a Photographer in Cusco**, who helps you capture authentic images of the city's architecture and people. Tonight, enjoy an Andean music presentation by a regional expert on the subject, and learn the history and stories of his handmade instruments. Afterward, gather for a farewell dinner at the elegant MAP Café, where the chef gathers local ingredients for use in innovative recipes that remain true to Peru's culinary traditions.

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, Lunch

### DAY 9 DEPART LIMA

If you opted to overnight, enjoy breakfast before departing on your international flight.

# Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jan 17 - Jan 25, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,495	\$495	Available
Feb 14 - Feb 22, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,495	\$495	Available
Feb 28 - Mar 07, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,495	\$495	Available
Mar 06 - Mar 14, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,495	\$495	Call for Availability
Mar 20 - Mar 28, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,495	\$495	Available
Apr 03 - Apr 11, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Call for Availability
Apr 11 - Apr 19, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Apr 17 - Apr 25, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Apr 25 - May 03, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Call for Availability
May 08 - May 16, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
May 15 - May 23, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
May 29 - Jun 06, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Jun 12 - Jun 20, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Jun 19 - Jun 27, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Jun 26 - Jul 04, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Jul 10 - Jul 18, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Jul 17 - Jul 25, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Aug 14 - Aug 22, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Aug 21 - Aug 29, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Aug 28 - Sep 05, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Sep 04 - Sep 12, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Sep 12 - Sep 20, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Sep 18 - Sep 26, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Oct 02 - Oct 10, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Oct 10 - Oct 18, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Oct 16 - Oct 24, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Oct 24 - Nov 01, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Nov 06 - Nov 14, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Nov 20 - Nov 28, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Dec 04 - Dec 12, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available
Dec 11 - Dec 19, 2020	\$6,795	\$2,695	\$495	Available

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$495

Lima/Cusco; 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](#).

