

Adventure Awaits 15D/14N

Trip Summary

Activity	Duration	Meals	Hotel Options
Cusco Free Day	All Day	-	La Encantada, Andean Wings, El Balcon
Huchuy Qosqo Hike	Full Day	B, L, D	La Encantada, Andean Wings, El Balcon
River Rafting x 3 Days	Full Day	B, L, D B, L	Camping, La Encantada, Andean Wings, El Balcon - Cusco
Fly Fishing - Inticocha	Full Day	B, L	El Abergue, Ollantaytambo
Short Inca Trail x 2D	Full Day	B, L, D B, L	Hatun Inti Classic, Aida's House
Mountain Biking	Full Day	B, L	Aida's House
Fly Fishing - Pacharcocha	Full Day	B, L, D	Camping
Lares Trek x 3 Day	Full Day	B, L, D B, L	Camping, La Encantada, Andean Wings, El Balcon last night Cusco
Transfer to Airport			

Day 1: Cusco

Fly Lima to Cusco

Transfer from the airport to your hotel. Flight across the Andes to Cusco. You are going to take a spectacular flight across the Andes to Cusco set at 11,200 ft where we will be waiting for you to take you to your hotel.

Our trip starts in Cuzco. At noon Your guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you out to lunch in a tasty local restaurant. After a great meal, we will have a pleasant walk around this amazing ancient city, first able going up to Sacsayhuamán fortress, overlooking the main Plaza and Cuzco City. Sacsayhuamán, with its huge impressive walls is going to amaze us, as we learn about the Incas and what they were capable of. This Inca site was the place where the Incas made their final stand against the Spanish conquistadores in 1536. Then, we take a walk down, back to Cusco city through the colourful Cusco street markets.

Walking around the city of Cusco, if the time permits we will visit the San Pedro market and experience the exotic fruits which can be blended into a huge variety of juices, local andean vegetables and explore the ins and outs of this bustling market.

Meals: L.

Day 2: Huchuy Qosqo Hike.

Today we are going to have an early departure from Cusco, driving up for about 1.5 hours along the outskirts of Cusco.

The hike begins in the small village of Siwas at 3800 masl (12600 ft). First we will go up to the highest point of the day, to reach it we walk slowly and steady for 1 hour and 30 minutes along this not to difficult ascent to the 4060 masl (13 480 ft). If the weather permits in the Southeast we can see far in the distance the massive mountain of Ausangate, one of the three most sacred mountains around Cusco.

After we take some pictures and enjoy the views from the top we start the two hours walk down to Huchuy Qosqo. After few minutes of hike we join the principal Inca Trail, passing through the picturesque village of Puka Marka. This place is just the entrance to an impressive section of a ravine. The way crosses this section along a well paved Inca Trail and nice small bridges crisscrossing the creek that flows down to the Sacred Valley.

After the section of the bridges we continue walking and enjoying awesome views of agricultural terraces, some examples of the local fauna like dears or endemic species of birds. There is a good point nearby Huchuy Qosqo from where we can take a break to see below us the Sacred Valley and also the village of Lamay, right next to the Wilcamayu river, the most sacred and important river for the Inca people. Few more minutes walking from this lookout and finally we reach our principal destination of the day: HUCHUY QOSQO!!!

We are going to have plenty of time to have our packed lunch and then wander around the Inca Site, getting a great lesson to learn more about these amazing people who were able to build such unique and complex places around the Andes of Perú. Huchuy Qosqo shows us a cultural example of agricultural engineering with irrigation channels and terraces. Then, with the arrival of the Spaniards the site was changed and now it shows a big water reservoir built with the stones previously used by the locals to have this place for their Inca Ruler Wiracocha in the early 15th century.

In the afternoon we leave Huchuy Qosqo and descend for about two ours towards the Village of Lamay, which is the place where we meet our transportation that is going to bring us back to our hotel in Cusco.

Meals: B, L.

Hiking time: Around 8 Hrs

Altitude range: 4,060m-2,800m

Degree of difficulty: Hard - Moderate

Meals Included: Box Lunch

Day 3: River Rafting: Black Canyon/Rocoto Bridge-Apurimac River

We will pick you up at your hotel at 8:45 am. A spectacular ride follows, through grassy open sierra down into the Apurimac river canyon at 2,200 masl. (7300 ft), we stop in at a sandy beach at "Rocoto". Our English speaking professional river guides will provide you with all the proper equipment and give you a safety briefing.

Once in the water we will enjoy class III rapids, along the way we will encounter the bases of ancient Inca bridges, and admire the beauty of the waterfalls.

Meals: L, D.

Day 4: River Rafting: Encountering Santo Tomás River

Early morning wake up call with a fresh fruit salad breakfast with oats and yogurt, coffee, tea, granola. A walk near the camp to admire the flora. We pack our gear and start the float, today we can run more class III plus rapids and have time to explore a creek, then we pass these magnificent rock formations called "The Black Canyon".

Afterwards a tributary river, the Santo Tomás, brings more water into the river and we will encounter several class IV rapids. A very good healthy lunch will be served and later on the float we will see some hanging bridges, also there are some good chances of close encounters with the local fauna, such as the torrent duck, foxes, Andean gull and the magnificent condor. We camp on a sandy beach underneath the stars of the southern hemisphere, see the Milky Way and the southern cross.

Meals: B, L, D.

Day 5: River Rafting: Huallpachaca Bridge-Cusco:

Another delicious breakfast and into the water day we have the most intense class IV rapids. Such as "Trinchera", "El Encuentro", "The other right". We will have more time to explore the waterfalls and the creeks. Finally we arrive to Puente Walpachaca around noon for a four-hour drive back to Cusco.

Meals: B, L.

Day 6: Fly Fishing Inticocha-Pampallacta

Inti Cocha is one of the 13 lakes that form part of the indigenous Pampallacta community. It is located in the highlands of the Sacred Valley, 2 hours from the imperial city of Cusco and one hour from the town of Urubamba. The local community is very welcoming and this distinctly Andean landscape is truly the most impressive, with all lakes located over 4000 masl (13,500 ft.) In this particular lake, fishing is very exciting and fun because of the abundance of rainbow trout. The size of trout ranges from 25 to 50 cm (10 to 12 inches) and there is great potential to catch larger trout.

Pick up from your accommodation at 7:00 AM and depart Cusco, heading to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will pass through the beautiful, historic town of Pisac, an important archeological site in the Sacred Valley, and continue driving 40 minutes more to our departure point. Upon arrival, we will start a short, easy walk of 20 minutes walk through the mountains to get to the best spot for fishing. We will arrive at Inti Cocha lake around 9:00 AM and will immediately assemble all the required equipment. We tailor our fishing programs to our clients' requirements, and for this trip we will be fishing from the shore around the lake looking for trout. You will have the opportunity to fish all morning in this stunning environment.

At 12:00 pm we will take a break, have lunch and in the afternoon, we will continue to fish around the shore of the lake until 2:30 pm. At around 3:00 pm we will return after another journey through the wonderful Sacred Valley of the Incas, arriving around 6:00 PM to El Albergue de Ollantaytambo Hotel to overnight.

Meals: B, L.

DAY 7: Short Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

Early in the morning we will take the train to Km 104, where the short Inca Trail starts. By train we see how the valley turns into a canyon and the scenery begins to alter as the cloud forests appear on our approach to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary. We will disembark the train at Km 104 and start the hike along a challenging uphill path. This trek is short but hard, manageable but no 'walk in the park'.

This ancient Inca Trail takes us uphill all the way to the magnificent archeological complex of Wiñay Wayna (2732 m / 8964 ft) where there are many steep steps to climb to reach the upper part of the Archaeological Site. With a fabulous sense of peace far from the crowds, this will be the perfect spot to enjoy our delicious boxed lunch, with superb views of the massive green mountains and native orchids.

Then the trail becomes gentler from here and continues all the way to the Sun Gate we are arriving to Machu Picchu through its real entrance. It is from here that we will have our first glimpse of the City. We then cross the site to take the bus down to Aguas Calientes town, where will check in to our Hotel to rest and relax, in anticipation of a full day visit tomorrow.

Meals: B, L, D.

DAY 8: Machu Picchu Excursion

Today as it gets light, we will catch the first bus up to Machu Picchu, to enjoy the ruins at a quieter time of day when there are less people. It is a 25 minutes bus ride to the sanctuary of Machu Picchu (2400 m). Our guide will lead us in our exploration and discovery of the many curious corners within the enigmatic Citadel of Machu Picchu. The guided tour will have an average duration of 2 hours.

Afterwards, you will still have some time to visit other places that you did not see with your guide. For example, heading west from the the centre of Machu Picchu, the Inca bridge is a 30 minute / 2 Km or so walk along a narrow path. If you feel like an uphill challenge, you have the option to

climb the infamous mountain of Huayna Picchu. It is important to know that to climb this mountain, you need to buy a separate ticket in advance.

Please confirm that you want to make this climb at the time of making your booking with us. There are only 2 entrance times: 7 or 10 in the morning. The trail consists of many steep narrow steps (not recommended for people who suffer vertigo), the height of the mountain is 2700m (8858 ft) and the climb is 300m (984 ft).

At the end of our visit we will take the bus down to Aguas Calientes for lunch and then board the train to Ollantaytambo. On arrival we will be met by our private transport to go to our charming hotel in Calca (Aida's House).

Meals: B, L, D.

Day 9: Mountain Bike

In the morning, we leave from our Hotel at the Aida's House in Calca Village to drive up to the high plateau of Anta. This full day experience begins at Cruz Pata, a community located nearby the lagoon of Piuray that belongs to the town of Chinchero. We will start pedaling along an old dirt road (trail) that will help us get used to the bikes.

We will go to the archaeological site of Moray where travelers can optionally visit this area known for being a former agricultural laboratory used to experiment with varieties of native potatoes having the possibility of submitting them to different ecological coors, each coor representing a separate climate. The road linking Maras and Moray is a "single track" which is excellent for practicing "Cross country" with ups and downs that makes this experience exciting. We will be able to see unique views of the Vilcanota Mountain Range like the Chicon, the Pumahuanca and the Wakay Willca mountains. The Maras village is an agricultural town whose inhabitants are mainly engaged in the extraction of salt.

After a rest and a picnic lunch in the nearby town of Maras we will continue our cycling experience along the paths leading down to the salt mines. It is up to the passengers and their experience level to decide whether we descend to Pichingoto in the Sacred Valley. Then, we return back to Aida's House to have a nice break.

Meals: B, Picnic Lunch, D.

Day 10: Fly Fishing Pacharcocha

Pachar Cocha is a lake that forms part of the indigenous Chumpe community. It is located in the highlands of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, 2 hours from the imperial city of Cusco, 1 hour from the town of Urubamba and at 4160 masl. (13,800 ft). For better fishing in Pachar Cocha, we always use our fishing rafts. The size of trout ranges from 25 to 50 cm (10 to 12 inches) but trophy Andean rainbow trout of 2-3 kg are very common.

Pick up from your accommodation at 8:00 am and depart Calca, heading to the the charming Pacharcocha driving about 40 minutes. Upon arrival, will immediately assemble all the equipment required for the trip. We will have the opportunity to fish all morning in this stunning environment. At 12:00 pm we will take a break, have lunch and in the afternoon continue fishing in the lake until

2:30 pm. At around 3:00 pm we will go by car driving about two hours to the Lares Hot Springs, where we have our first campsite of the trek that we begin the next day.

Meals: B, BL, D.

Day 11: Lares Trek. Hot Springs to Cuncani

Today we have a nice morning to enjoy the hot baths just before we get ready for the hike. From here unfolds a small track, used by local children and community members. We pass through hand tilled fields and crops of quinoa and potato, amongst quaint stone houses. After a gradual climb of a few hours we will stop for a delicious lunch, before continuing on to the community of Cuncani, our camp for the evening. The night will be cold but charming.

Meals: B, L, D.

Day 12: Cuncani, Paso de Pumahuanca, Paccha

If the day is clear, we will wake up to the imposing view of Colque Cruz, a majestic mountain capped by a glacier, which provides water to the community. We follow the path next to an icy stream that will take us towards the pass. The ascent is challenging. We will have some hours of demanding but rewarding uphill, on rocky trails passing through incredible landscapes punctuated by high altitude lagoons. As we get closer to the pass, the trail becomes steeper and rockier.

On reaching the summit at 4600 masl (15200 ft) a stunning view of the Pampas of Anta awaits us, followed by a descent that will be most agreeable after such a long climb. The way down is steep but beautiful, crossing a small forest of 'Polylepis', the endemic and endangered trees of the high Andes. Just after the forest and with an incredible view of the valley below we will stop for lunch. After which the drop continues until we reach our camp, a tranquil paradise, surrounded by trees and crossed by a small river.

Meals: B, L, D.

Day 13: Paccha, Piscigranja, Ollantaytambo

This morning will be our last on the trail and after breakfast there will be a chance to take photos with our muleteers, cooks and field staff, all those who made this trip possible. From here the walk becomes easier down to the piscigranja (fish farm). We will feel the climate changing, becoming warmer and more alive, with more variety in vegetation as hummingbirds accompany us on our journey. After a few short hours we will meet our private transportation that will take us to Cusco.

Meals: B, L.

Day 14: Flight Cusco to Lima.

In the morning After a wonder filled 15 days it's time to say goodbye and until next time. We will arrange your transfer from hotel to airport Flight Cusco-Lima.

Fly Cusco to Lima

SERVICES INCLUDED:

Private car for all of the transfers and tours.

Private bilingual guides for all excursions.

Professional bilingual rafting guides (02 plus a safety kayak).

Complete gear required for the rafting trip.

Camping equipment for the rafting trip.

Mountain bike Guide.

Complete gear required for the mountain biking (bikes, helmets, gloves).

Complete gear required for the Lares trek (inflatable mattresses, tents, sleeping liner and pillows).

First Aid kit and oxygen bottle.

Kitchen tent & dining tent with camp table and chairs.

Drinking water in our private transportation and in every camping place.

Chef for the Lares Trek

Mules for the Lares trek to transport the gear and food.

Saddle horse in case of an emergency.

Hotel El Albergue de Ollantaytambo 1 Night

Hotel Hatun Inti Classic in Aguas Calientes 1 Night

Over Night at Aida's House in Calca (Sacred Valley) 2 Nights

Fly fishing Guide.

Meals indicated in the itinerary.

Train tickets between Machupicchu and Ollantaytambo.

Entrances and permissions for the hike to Machupicchu.

Entrances for Machupicchu and all the other sites we visit in Cusco, Sacred Valley and around.

Bus ticket to go down to Aguas Calientes the day when we finish the KM 104 hike to Machupicchu.

Round trip bus ticket to Machu Picchu from Aguas Calientes the day when we visit Machupicchu.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

Meal not mentioned in the itinerary.

International and domestic flights.

Accommodation in Cusco.

Tips for guides and field staff.