

# EXPLORING PERU # 15

## 15 Days / 14 Nights

**Lima, Amazon Adventure near Iquitos, Puno, Cusco, Maras Salt Pools and Authentic Quechua Village, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Fortress, Machu Picchu**

### Day-by-Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 – Saturday - Lima - Arrival

Arrival in Lima, the "City of Kings" famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture, extraordinary museums and cuisine. Lima is internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its cuisine is considered among the most diverse and exquisite in the world on par with French cuisine. Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and in registering.



#### Day 2 – Sunday - Lima City Tour and Larco Museum - Iquitos (B)

Tour of Modern and Colonial Lima including the world famous Larco Museum - This half-day tour visits both the colonial and modern sections of Lima. Colonial sites include the lovely Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, San Francisco Church and the exquisite Torre Tagle Palace modern day seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In modern Lima, drive along the exclusive residential areas of Miraflores and San Isidro.



Continue to the Larco Museum, founded in 1926, it displays remarkable chronological galleries providing an excellent overview on 3000 years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Located in a unique viceregal mansion of the 18th century built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The Larco Museum also features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and the famous erotic archaeological collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions.



#### Flight to Iquitos, on the Amazon River

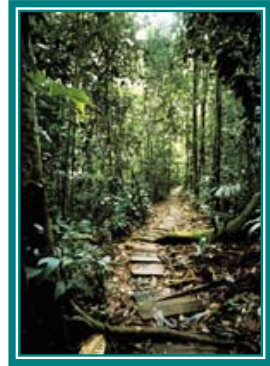
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iquitos on the shores of the legendary Amazon River. This region is covered by dense vegetation and by primary and secondary jungle with low hills and slightly rolling landscape, crisscrossed by the many rivers of the Amazon River basin, which is born at the confluence of the Marañon and Ucayali Rivers.



**Day 3 – Monday - Iquitos / Ceiba Tops (B,L,D)**

Transfer to the Explorama dock. Twenty-five mile journey down the Amazon River to Ceiba Tops where private rooms with air conditioning and hot water provide all of the comforts of home. Afternoon hike in the beautiful primary rainforest reserve surrounding Ceiba Tops which includes many huge trees festooned with epiphytes. After dinner there may be local flute or guitar music at the El Toucan Bar or the guides are always ready to relate some of the many legends of the Amazon forest.

Lunch, Dinner Overnight Ceiba Tops.



**Day 4 – Tuesday - Ceiba Tops (B,L,D)**

Morning boat ride, spotting for dolphins, to visit a small village of Yagua Indians where your guide will explain the Yagua Indian culture and how it was affected by the arrival of Europeans and the passing of time. There will also be an opportunity to see some of the local crafts and for a demonstration of the blowgun which some of the Yagua elders still use for hunting. Afternoon walking excursion to the neighboring town of Indiana stopping along the way to see the immense Ceiba tree for which the lodge is named. Originally a Franciscan mission, Indiana has grown into a large river community with its own market, high school and small hospital.. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Overnight Ceiba Tops.



**Day 5 – Wednesday - Ceiba Tops / Iquitos / Lima / Juliaca (B)**

Early morning departure by boat from Ceiba Tops to Iquitos followed by transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima and then take your connecting flight to Juliaca. Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering.

\* Due to the ever-changing nature of the rainforest, day-by-day activities may vary due to local conditions.



**Day 6 – Thursday – Puno (B)**

You'll sing the praises of this fascinating city tour! Puno has been deemed the "folkloric capital of South America" because of its colorful folklore and music.



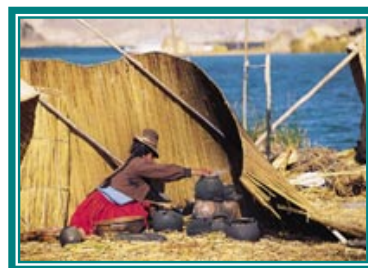
### **Puno - Sillustani Burial Towers**

Excursion to Sillustani Burial Towers This complex stands on the shore of Lake Umayo and is famous for its chullpas, large circular fortified burial towers for the chiefs and important people of the early villages of the Collao plateau. Some are 12 meters high (39 feet), and remarkable for their shape, thinner at the base and wider at the top. These ancient and impressive tombs from the pre-Inca period were built from a mixture of stone and adobe.



### **Day 7 – Friday - Puno – Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titikaka (B,L)**

Boat excursion to Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titikaka. This full day excursion will take you to the highest navigable lake in the world to the floating islands of the Uros Indians, man-made islands by tying totora reeds. The Uros considered themselves Lords of the Lake; they hunt wild birds and maintain traditional fishing methods. The men have developed an extraordinary skill in weaving reeds; producing houses, boats and handicrafts, and the women are expert knitters.



Continuing to Taquile where a native community of about 400 families still lives with the traditions and high principals of the Incas. Taquile is a very important site on Lake Titikaka for its archeological remains, the sacred and ceremonial sites, the festive activities and their rituals. Taquile is characterized by its friendly inhabitants, who maintain their customs and traditional clothing. They distinguish themselves by their detailed, fine, and colorful textiles with symmetrical decorations and symbols that reflect their way of life and Andean beliefs. Lunch is included.



### **Day 8 – Saturday - Puno to Cusco (B,L)**

Bus journey through the Peruvian Andes from Puno to Cusco - Today one of South America's most extraordinary overland trips takes you by coach to Cusco passing through striking highland scenery and picturesque Andean villages. Brief stops at Raqchi to see the remains of the remarkable temple of Viracocha, considered by the historians an important Inca construction, and at the town of Andahuaylillas, a showcase of the colonial art in Peru, sometimes called "the Sistine Chapel of America". Lunch is included.



### **Day 9 – Sunday - Cusco City Tour and Nearby Ruins (B)**

Tour of Cusco and Nearby Ruins – Visitors are caught up in the excitement of touring the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, a delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture. The tour visits important landmarks such as Cusco's Cathedral, Plaza de Armas and Koricancha "The Temple of the Sun". This tour of the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere also includes the nearby ruins of Kenko, Puca-Pucara, Tambomachay as well as the Sacsayhuaman fortress, an imposing example of Inca military architecture.

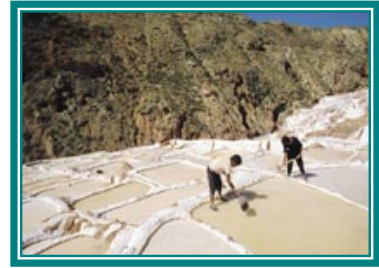


**Day 10 – Monday - Cusco – Moray, Maras and Quechuas (B,L)**

Moray, Maras Salt Pools and Authentic Quechua Village – Pass through unspoiled and picturesque Andean communities on your way to the Incan agricultural experimental center of Moray, famous for its sunken amphitheater, made up of four circular terraces, which appear to fade away into the earth like an artificial crater. The site was apparently an Inca agricultural research station filled with fertile earth and watered by complex irrigation systems, designed for experimenting with crops at various altitudes (some of which run down to depths of 100 meters).



Continue to the impressive Maras salt pools formed by water emerging from a lake inside a mountain in the Urubamba Valley. An amazing view of evaporating ponds for the extraction of salt. Learn about ancestral techniques, which are still used, in agricultural, irrigation and salt-recollection tasks, as well as in Andean festivals and rites. After lunch, visit an authentic Quechua Village to feel the way of life of the Inca's ancestors. The Inca himself was a noble Quechua. They live off the land and are always wearing their colorful ponchos, see Quechua children scamper about while women are weaving their family's clothes. A meaningful experience! Lunch is included.



**Day 11 – Tuesday - Pisac Market and Ollantaytambo**

**Archaeological Complex (B,L)** Full Day Excursion to the Pisac Indian Market and the Ollantaytambo Fortress - Morning departure for a drive through the fertile countryside of the Urubamba Valley to the colonial village of Pisac where an Indian Market takes place Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Other days you will tour the religious nucleus and archaeological site of Pisac. During your visit to the bustling marketplace you will have the opportunity to bargain with the natives for many different types of Peruvian handicrafts and jewelry.



Continue to the Ollantaytambo archaeological complex, the Incas built it as a fort that included a temple, agricultural terraces, and an urban area. There are two distinct sectors: The religious and worship zone, and the residential area. Ollantaytambo was an important administrative center with probable military functions if one considers the walls and towers. There are also traces of ancient roads and aqueducts. The town of Ollantaytambo is called a "Living Inca Town" since the inhabitants maintain very old practices and customs. Lunch is at a beautiful country estate on the shores of the Urubamba River.



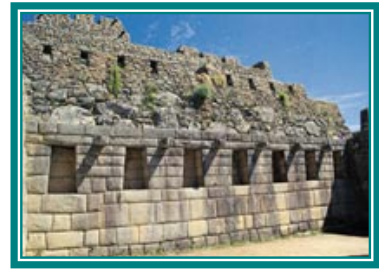
**Day 12 – Wednesday - Machu Picchu with overnight stay (B,L)**

Morning train ride through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Perched 8,200 feet above the valley, it was hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungles for 400 years until discovered by Hiram Bingham of Yale University in 1911. Archaeologists believe that the Inca "Virgins of the Sun" took refuge from the Spanish Conquistadors here. Guided tour of the ruins upon arrival. Lunch is at the Orient Express' Sanctuary Lodge located just a few steps from the Inca citadel.



**Day 13 – Thursday - Machu Picchu Free Day. Return train ride (B)**

Free morning to enjoy one of the most incredible sights on earth, the sanctuary of Machu Picchu. Take as much time as you need to study these magnificent ruins, hike the steep stone-paved trail of Huayna Picchu, the pyramid-shape mountain above Machu Picchu for a breathtaking view of the site, or stroll to the Inca Bridge a secret entrance used by the Inca's army or walk toward the Inca Trail to find the historic Intipunku or Sun Gate. Afternoon return train ride.



**Day 14 – Friday - Cusco – Free Day (B)**

Wandering through this lovely city, exploring the astonishing narrow streets of this tile roof colonial town will be your unforgettable experience. You will find something astounding at every turn. Great buys are the traditional Peruvian handicrafts, alpaca-wool sweaters and rugs, ponchos, pottery, gold and silver jewelry, leather goods, etc. Because there are such a variety of products, we strongly suggest that when you like any particular item, you should buy it - you may not find the same item in other store. Many visitors to Cusco return home wishing they had a free day to discover this imperial city on their own, a free day in Cusco is a MUST!



**Day 15 – Saturday – Cusco – Lima – Home (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your departure to Lima and your connecting international flight. Arrive home full of great memories of the rich tradition of Colonial Lima and the mystical Land of the Incas.



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**Tour includes:**

- All airport transfers listed in the itinerary
- Baggage handling at airports and at hotels
- All tours and excursions indicated in the itinerary
- All entrance fees and transfers needed to operate tours and excursions
- All train tickets, bus tickets and boat services needed to operate tours and excursions
- Excursion to Machu Picchu is aboard the Vistadome Train.
- Lunch in the excursion to Machu Picchu: Lunch at Sanctuary Lodge
- Service of a bilingual licensed tour guide for all tours and excursions
- All meals indicated in the itinerary. B for breakfast, L for lunch. D for dinner
- Hotel accommodation and hotel service charge
- Hotel taxes are exempt for foreigners visiting Peru
- When domestic airfare within Peru is specified as included: Airfare includes all queues, security fee, fuel surcharges and 18% Peruvian sales tax.

**Not included:**

- Extra expenses in case of modifying the itinerary due to flight cancellation, strikes or blocking of roads and train tracks by demonstrators or political activists. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- When staying overnight in Machu Picchu, the entrance fee for the 2nd day in Machu Picchu is not included. This can be added to the itinerary upon request
- Expenses such as beverages on meals, tips, laundry, phone calls and other personal expenses are not included
- When a cruise to the Galapagos Islands is part of the itinerary, the Galapagos National Park Tax is not included. It is payable upon arrival at the Galapagos Islands
- Airport departure taxes are not included: Approximate cost is US \$31.00 for international flight, and US \$7.40 for each domestic flight

**Cancellation Penalties for FIT's**

- The cancellation penalty is 100% when services are cancelled within 30 days of arrival.
- When the deadline to cancel without penalties is longer than 30 days, Fiesta Tours Peru will notify you upon confirmation of services.
- Amazon river cruises and Galapagos island cruises are not refundable when services are cancelled within 90 days of arrival. When deadline changes, clients will be notified.

**General Conditions for Groups**

- Rooming list is due 50 days prior to arrival <sup>(1)</sup>.
- Payment is due 50 days prior to arrival.
- An updated number of rooms to be needed is recommended 90 days prior to arrival.
- Hotels' cancellation penalty will be provided upon confirmation.
- Transfers and tours have a 100% cancellation penalty for services cancelled within 30 days of arrival.
- Airfares have a 100% cancellation penalty for flights cancelled within 35 days of departure.
- Inka Terra Hotels requires a 20% non-refundable deposit 95 days prior to arrival. They reserve the right to request a 20% non-refundable deposit at any given moment. Final rooming list is due 65 days prior to arrival.

<sup>(1)</sup> The following hotels will require the final rooming list 65 days prior to arrival: Belmond Hotels, J.W. Marriott and Gran Hotel Faraona. V-Apr-15-2014

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## Hotels used in Tour Packages: For Exploring Peru Series – 2015

| City             | Tourist                                    | Tourist Superior  | First Class   | First Class Superior                            | Deluxe   | Luxury   |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Lima             | Tambo # 1 or Los Girasoles                 | Casa Andina Classic Miraflores Centro or Tambo # 2  | Casa Andina Select Miraflores or Jose Antonio                   | Melia Lima o Dazzler or Four Points by Sheraton | Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores or El Pardo              | Westin Lima Hotel & Convention Center or Country Club Lima |
| Cusco            | Samay or San Agustin Internacional         | Eco Inn or San Agustin El Dorado or Terra Andina Hotel (STD) or Casa Andina Classic Cusco | Terra Andina Hotel (Sup) or Sonesta Hotel Cusco or Jose Antonio | Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco or Novotel | Palacio del Inka A Luxury Collection Hotel                         | Belmond Monasterio   |
| Valle Sagrado    | Inkallpa Valle Sagrado or Agustos Urubamba | Villa Urubamba or San Agustin Monasterio de la Recoleta                                   | Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay                                  | Casa Andina Private Collection Valle Sagrado    | Sol y Luna (casita sup) or Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness   | Tambo del Inka A Luxury Collection or Belmond Rio Sagrado  |
| Aguas Calientes  | Hatun Samay Machu Picchu                   | El Mapi or Casa Andina Classic Machu Picchu   | El Mapi or Casa Andina Classic Machu Picchu                     | Casa del Sol Machu Picchu Boutique Hotel        | Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo or Sumaq                             | Belmond Sanctuary Lodge                                    |
| Arequipa         | Casa Andina Classic Arequipa               | Tierra Viva Arequipa Plaza  | El Cabildo  | Sonesta Posadas del Inca Arequipa               | Libertador Arequipa  | Libertador Arequipa  |
| Colca            | Eco Inn Valle del Colca                    | Casa Andina Classic Colca   | Colca Lodge or Aranwa Pueblito Encantado                        | Colca Lodge or Aranwa Pueblito Encantado        | Colca Lodge or Aranwa Pueblito Encantado                           | Casitas del Colca  |
| Puno             | La Hacienda Plaza de Armas                 | Eco Inn Puno  | Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno                                   | Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno                   | Casa Andina Private Collection Puno                                | Libertador Lago Titicaca                                   |
| Trujillo         | Posada del Rey                             | Costa del Sol Trujillo  | Costa del Sol Trujillo  | Libertador Trujillo                             | Libertador Trujillo  | Casa Andina Private Collection Trujillo                    |
| Chiclayo         | Los Portales de Chiclayo                   | Los Portales de Chiclayo  | Costa del Sol Chiclayo  | Casa Andina Select Chiclayo                     | Casa Andina Select Chiclayo  | Casa Andina Select Chiclayo                                |
| Ica              | Las Dunas                                  | Las Dunas   | Las Dunas   | Las Dunas                                       | Las Dunas  | Las Dunas  |
| Paracas          | San Agustin Paracas                        | San Agustin Paracas   | La Hacienda Bahia Paracas                                       | La Hacienda Bahia Paracas                       | DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Paracas or Aranwa Paracas Resort & Spa | Hotel Paracas A Luxury Collection Resort                   |
| Nazca            | Casa Andina Classic Nazca                  | Majoro  | Majoro  | Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc                            | Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc   | Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc                                       |
| Iquitos          | Ceiba Tops                                 | Ceiba Tops  | Ceiba Tops  | Ceiba Tops                                      | Ceiba Tops   | Ceiba Tops   |
| Puerto Maldonado | Posada Amazonas                            | Posada Amazonas   | La Hacienda Concepcion  | La Hacienda Concepcion                          | Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica  | Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica                                |



## Exploring Peru Series - 2015

Prices per person in US\$ - Airfare not included

| Exploring Peru<br>Tour Number | Hotel Category       | Dbl    | Tpl    | Sgl    | Single Alone<br>Surcharge |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| # 15                          | Luxury               | \$5318 | \$5991 | \$8236 | \$899                     |
| # 15                          | Deluxe               | \$4200 | \$4076 | \$6031 | \$899                     |
| # 15                          | First Class Superior | \$3427 | \$3322 | \$4538 | \$899                     |
| # 15                          | First Class          | \$3206 | \$3124 | \$4174 | \$899                     |
| # 15                          | Tourist Superior     | \$2935 | \$2895 | \$3666 | \$899                     |
| # 15                          | Tourist              | \$2814 | \$2731 | \$3320 | \$899                     |