

PERU, MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA DISCOVERY



WITH MERIDIAN GUIDED TRAVEL

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3, 2026





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10 DAYS October 25 - November 3, 2026

Uncover the wonders of Machu Picchu, Cusco, and the Sacred Valley, then journey by scenic PeruRail to the legendary Lake Titicaca. Explore floating islands, ancient ruins, and breathtaking Andean landscapes.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- > Explore historic plazas, colonial architecture, and world-class cuisine in Lima. See Plaza Mayor, San Francisco Monastery, and Larco Museum
- > Discover Pisac's ancient terraces, Ollantaytambo's fortress, and the Maras Salt Mines while soaking in the breathtaking Andean scenery of the Sacred Valley.
- > Uncover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, a breathtaking ancient citadel nestled in the Andes. Wander through temples, terraces, and hidden trails, with stunning views at every turn.
- > Once the heart of the Inca Empire, Cusco is a city of ancient temples, colonial plazas, and vibrant markets, surrounded by the breathtaking Andes.
- > Travel from Cusco to Puno in style, crossing the Andean highlands on a luxury train. Enjoy stunning landscapes, cultural insights, and gourmet dining on this unforgettable rail adventure.
- > Lake Titicaca is home to the floating Uros Islands and Taquile Island, where ancient traditions, breathtaking landscapes, and rich culture thrive at the world's highest navigable lake.





DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Arrive in Lima, Peru's vibrant capital. Meet your guide and transfer to your hotel in Miraflores. Spend the evening at leisure.
Overnight: Lima

DAY 2: EXPLORING LIMA

Enjoy a full-day exploration of Lima's history and gastronomy. Visit the Plaza Mayor, San Francisco Monastery & Catacombs, and the Larco Museum. Participate in a Peruvian culinary experience, learning to make ceviche and pisco sours.
Overnight: Lima (B,D)

DAY 3: SACRED VALLEY

Fly from Lima to Cusco and transfer directly to the Sacred Valley to adjust to the altitude. Visit the Pisac Market & Ruins, an ancient Inca site with stunning terraces. Explore the Ollantaytambo Fortress, a key Inca archaeological complex.
Overnight: Sacred Valley (B,D)

DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY - MARAS & MORAY

Tour the Maras Salt Mines, a breathtaking patchwork of salt pans, and explore the Moray agricultural terraces, believed to be an Incan agricultural laboratory.
Overnight: Sacred Valley (B,D)

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO MACHU PICCHU

Board the Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes, enjoying panoramic views. Ascend to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Explore the citadel with a guide, including temples, terraces, and observatories.
Overnight: Aguas Calientes (B,D)

DAY 6: MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

Perhaps return for a second visit to Machu Picchu at sunrise. Walk through serene trails and lesser-explored sections of the site. In the afternoon, take the Vistadome train back to Cusco, where you'll have time to explore the historic city.
Overnight: Cusco (B,D)

DAY 7: CUSCO

Discover Cusco's rich history with visits to Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), Sacsayhuamán Fortress, and the San Blas neighborhood. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring Cusco at your own pace.
Overnight: Cusco (B)

DAY 8: PERURAIL ANDEAN EXPLORER TO LAKE TITICACA

Embark on a scenic PeruRail train journey from Cusco to Puno, passing through the stunning Andean highlands. Relax in the comfortable train compartments while taking in breathtaking landscapes. Arrive in Puno in the evening and check in to a lakeside hotel.
Overnight: Puno/Lake Titicaca (B,D)

DAY 9: LAKE TITICACA – UROS & TAQUILE ISLAND

Take a boat tour across Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. Visit the Uros Floating Islands, where local communities maintain their traditional reed lifestyle. Continue to Taquile Island, known for its intricate weaving traditions and spectacular lake views. Return to Puno for the night.
Overnight: Puno/Lake Titicaca (B,D)

DAY 10: DEPART FOR HOME

Bid farewell as you start your journey home with wonderful memories of your Peru & Machu Picchu Discovery. (B)



ACCOMMODATIONS

- (2) Lima/Inside Lima Miraflores or similar
- (2) Sacred Valley/Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay or similar
- (1) Machu Picchu/Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo or similar
- (2) Cusco/Novotel Cusco or similar
- (2) Puno/Casa Andina or similar

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Air (LAX)*
- *Alternate gateways available. Contact MGT for pricing from your gateway
- 9 Nights Accommodations & Baggage Handling
- Inter-tour Flights
- Breakfast Daily and Select Dinners
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Deluxe Transportation

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Protection (Highly Recommended)
- Gratuities for Tour Staff & Drivers

TRIP PRICING

\$6,499 per person/double occupancy

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Deposit due (\$500) with Reservation Form to secure space.
- Final Payment is due 120 days before departure
- **Single Supplement: +\$1,350**
- **OWN AIR Reduction: \$1,000 per person**

**Airfare option must be selected at time of booking*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- Travel Protection is not included and HIGHLY ENCOURAGED
 - The Airfare is group economy class airfare. Upgrades are limited within the group flight schedule.
 - Optional hikes are subject to change and based on weather, trail conditions, and local guidance.
 - Tour Manager, Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.
 - Airline checked luggage fees are not included and will apply at time of check-in
- Please Note:** When traveling outside the United States, a passport is required for U.S. citizens & some countries require a visa. Valid traveler documentation is the responsibility of each passenger.



GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

What is the group size for this tour? This tour is designed for a group ranging from 15 to 28 travelers, ensuring a comfortable and engaging experience.

About the Elevation in Peru: The tour is planned to allow time for acclimatization, starting at lower altitudes like the Sacred Valley before visiting higher places like Cusco or Lake Titicaca. Guides often provide advice on staying hydrated, moving slowly, and may offer local remedies like coca tea. It's recommended to arrive well-rested, avoid heavy meals and alcohol on the first day, and consult a doctor about altitude medication if concerned.

WEATHER

What is the weather like in October? In October, Peru enjoys a mix of mild spring weather along the coast, and cool and mostly dry days in the Andes. It's the tail end of the dry season in popular areas like Cusco and Machu Picchu, with sunny mornings and occasional light afternoon showers. Crowds are lighter, landscapes begin to turn greener, and temperatures are generally pleasant, making it a great time to visit.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Where will we stay? Comfortable modern hotels (3-4 star). We stay multiple nights in key locations to reduce frequent hotel changes.

Are meals included? The tour includes daily breakfasts, and select dinners. Other meals will be at your own expense, allowing you to explore local cuisine.

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated? Yes! We can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other dietary needs with advance notice.

TRANSPORTATION & ACTIVITIES

How will we get around? Travel is in a comfortable, climate controlled coach with large windows for scenic viewing.

What is the physical activity level of this tour? This is a moderate activity tour. Expect to walk on uneven terrain and gravel trails. Some optional hikes are included, but alternatives are available for those who prefer lighter activity.

MONEY & EXPENSES

What currency is used in Peru? The currency used in Peru is the Peruvian sol, often just called the sol. However, credit cards are also accepted at hotels and restaurants.

SAFETY & TRAVEL PROTECTION

Is Peru safe? Yes! Peru is generally safe for travelers, especially in popular tourist areas like Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu, and the Sacred Valley.

Do I need travel insurance? Travel insurance is highly recommended.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 150 days before departure. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel.

If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

- Up to 150 days/Full Refund
- 149-120 days/Deposit Amount is retained
- 119-90 days/70% of total trip price is refunded
- 89-45 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
- Less than 45 days/No Refund

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