

MACHU PICCHU TOURS

Classic Peru & the Altiplano: 10-Day Private Tour from Paracas to Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

10 days / 9 nights Max. 10 people Lima

On request

OVERVIEW

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A private 10-day Peru vacation for US travelers: Lima, Paracas & Huacachina, Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu by panoramic train, Palccoyo and Lake Titicaca.

This program is designed for travelers from the United States who want to see the whole of Peru in one well-paced trip: the Pacific coast and the Ica desert, imperial Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu and the high plains of Lake Titicaca. Everything is private, with 4-star and superior hotels and a route built around altitude acclimatization.

Lima is an easy flight from the US, with non-stop service from Miami, Houston, Atlanta, New York and Los Angeles. Peru is on Eastern Time for most of the year, so jet lag is minimal, and US citizens don't need a visa for tourism. We meet you at the airport and handle the rest: private vehicles, trains, entrance tickets, guides and reservations.

The itinerary climbs gradually: coast first, then Cusco with a free afternoon to adjust, a night in the lower and warmer Sacred Valley, and the Altiplano at the end. You finish in Juliaca and fly to Lima to connect with your flight home.

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	DIFFICULTY
10 days / 9 nights	Max. 10 people	Moderate
STARTS IN	MAX. ALTITUDE	DEPARTURES
Lima	4,900 m (Palccoyo)	Daily Departures

Places visited

Lima & Miraflores · Ballestas Islands · Huacachina Oasis · Cusco · Sacsayhuamán · Sacred Valley · Machu Picchu · Palccoyo · Route of the Sun · Lake Titicaca







Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival in Lima & welcome cocktail

Private airport meet-and-greet and a first evening by the Pacific.

VIP welcome: We meet you in the arrivals hall at Jorge Chávez International Airport and drive you privately to your 4-star or superior hotel in Miraflores or Barranco.

Tailored activity: Depending on your arrival time, an easy walk along the Miraflores clifftop boardwalk or Larcomar to stretch your legs after the flight.

Signature experience: Welcome cocktail with a handcrafted pisco sour and seafood bites overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Lima

DAY 02

Ballestas Islands, Paracas Reserve & Huacachina Oasis

Marine wildlife in the morning, desert dunes in the afternoon.

Morning: Early private drive down the coast to Paracas. Speedboat ride to the Ballestas Islands to see sea lions, seabirds and the mysterious Candelabra geoglyph.

Afternoon: Continue to the Huacachina Oasis in Ica for a dune-buggy ride and sandboarding, or a relaxed walk around the lagoon if you prefer.

Return: Drive back to Lima in the evening.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Lima

DAY 03

Flight to Cusco & acclimatization

Arrive in the Inca capital (11,150 ft) with the afternoon free to rest.

Morning: Transfer to Lima airport and flight to Cusco. Meet-and-greet and transfer to your hotel.

Afternoon: Free time to rest — the best way to adjust to the Andean altitude.

Optional: If you feel up to it, a guided walk around the Plaza de Armas for a first look at the city.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Cusco

DAY 04

Monumental Cusco: Sacsayhuamán, Q'enqo & Qorikancha

Massive Inca walls and the most iconic streets of the old town.

Morning: Guided visit to the megalithic fortress of Sacsayhuamán and the carved-rock shrine of Q'enqo above the city.

Afternoon: The Temple of the Sun (Qorikancha) and a walk through the San Blas neighborhood, Hatun Rumiyoc street and the famous Twelve-Angled Stone.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Cusco

DAY 05

Sacred Valley: animal sanctuary, textiles & Inkarri Museum

Head down into the valley to sleep lower and meet its living culture.

Morning: Private drive into the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit a rescue and conservation center to meet llamas, alpacas and Andean condors.

Textiles & museum: Live demonstration of alpaca spinning and natural dyeing, followed by the Inkarri Museum, which traces Peru's pre-Inca cultures (Caral, Paracas, Moche, Wari and more) up to the Incas.

Lunch: Country-style regional lunch in the Sacred Valley.

Afternoon: Check in to your valley hotel and rest.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in the Sacred Valley

DAY 06

Machu Picchu by panoramic train

Vistadome or Observatory 360° train and a private guided tour of the citadel.

Morning: Transfer to the station and board the panoramic train (Vistadome or Observatory 360°) along the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. Shuttle bus up to the citadel.

Private guided tour: Explore the main sectors of the Historic Sanctuary: the Temple of the Sun, Intihuatana, the Sacred Plaza and the agricultural terraces.

Afternoon: Lunch in Aguas Calientes, panoramic train back and private transfer to Cusco.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Cusco

DAY 07

Palccoyo Rainbow Mountains

A quieter, gentler alternative to Vinicunca.

Full day: Private excursion to the Palccoyo range. An easy-paced walk among multicolored peaks, a stone forest and high-altitude communities — with far fewer visitors than Vinicunca.

Lunch: Gourmet box lunch or country-style lunch along the way.

Afternoon: Return to Cusco to rest before heading to the Altiplano.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Cusco

DAY 08

Route of the Sun: Cusco to Puno

A scenic road day with stops worth the journey.

Morning & afternoon: Private service or luxury tourist bus with guided stops: the Andahuaylillas church (the "Sistine Chapel of the Americas"), the Temple of Wiracocha at Raqchi, La Raya Pass (14,222 ft) and the Pucará Stone Museum.

Lunch: Regional buffet lunch in Sicuani.

Evening: Arrive in Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Puno

DAY 09

Lake Titicaca: Uros & Taquile Islands

Private cruise on the world's highest navigable lake.

Morning: Private speedboat to the floating Uros Islands, built entirely of totora reeds, then on to Taquile Island, whose textile art is recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Lunch: Traditional lunch prepared by the Taquile community with views over the lake.

Afternoon: Boat back to Puno and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight: 4-star or superior hotel in Puno

DAY 10

Juliaca to Lima & flight home

End of the trip with a connection to your international flight.

Morning: Private transfer to Inca Manco Cápac Airport in Juliaca (about 50 minutes) with check-in assistance.

Domestic flight: Non-stop flight from Juliaca to Lima.

Afternoon / evening: Connect in Lima with your flight back to the United States.

Included

+ Private airport–hotel–airport transfers in Lima, Cusco and Puno/Juliaca
+ 9 nights in 4-star or superior hotels with breakfast
+ Domestic flights Lima–Cusco and Juliaca–Lima (economy)
+ Welcome cocktail with pisco sour and seafood bites
+ Private Paracas excursion: Ballestas Islands boat, Huacachina dune buggy and sandboarding
+ Private English-speaking professional guide on all visits

+ Entrance fees: Sacsayhuamán, Q'enqo, Qorikancha, Inkarri Museum, animal sanctuary, Machu Picchu, Palccoyo and Route of the Sun sites
+ Round-trip Vistadome or Observatory 360° panoramic train
+ Round-trip shuttle bus to Machu Picchu
+ Route of the Sun Cusco–Puno by private service or luxury tourist bus
+ Private speedboat to Uros and Taquile
+ Lunches on days 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
+ 24/7 WhatsApp support throughout the trip

Not included

- International flights from the US
- Dinners and meals not listed
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain tickets
- Personal expenses and drinks

What to pack

Passport valid for at least 6 months

Layers: warm on the coast, cold in Puno and Palccoyo

Warm jacket and beanie for the Altiplano

Comfortable walking shoes

Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat

Rain jacket from November to March

Reusable water bottle

Some cash in soles for markets and tips

No plug adapter needed for US devices (types A and C are used)

Prices per person

Option	per person
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Prices in US dollars per person. Subject to availability; confirm your date before booking. Free cancellation up to 10 days before.

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