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DAY 1

Destination

Meals included

Accommodation

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to Peru! With indigenous cultures dating back millennia, Peru is a fascinating land of Amazonian rainforests, diverse wildlife and soaring mountains. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 2 pm at your hotel in Lima, where you'll meet your tour leader and travel group. Afterwards, jump on public transport and head downtown for a guided walking tour of the city's historical centre to take in the colonial mansions, palaces and churches that line the streets. Following this, you'll have the rest of the afternoon and evening to do as you please. You might want to visit the Museum of the Inquisition to learn about the Spanish colonialism in Peru. Otherwise, perhaps wander around the city until night falls, then embark on an optional Lima Bites and Sights Tour with Urban Adventures, taking you to the bohemian Barranco district to sample the best local street food and Pisco cocktails. For more information, visit urbanadventures.com/destination/lima-tours.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Lima - Leader-led walking tour

Optional Activities Lima - Museum of the Inquisition - Free Lima - Archaeological Museum - PEN15 Lima - Private Lima: Home Cooked Tour Urban Adventure (price from) - USD83 Lima Coast Biking Tour - Urban Adventures - USD52 Lima - Lima Discovery - Urban Adventures - USD37 Lima - Night Bites & Sights - Urban Adventures - USD68 Lima - Guided tour of San Francisco Monastery including The Catacombs - PEN20

Meals Included There are no meals included on this day.

Special Information It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place. If you can't arrange a flight that will have you arrive in time for today's welcome meeting, you may wish to arrive a day early so you're able to attend. We'll be happy to book additional accommodation for you (subject to availability).

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DAY 2

Destination	Amazon Jungle
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Rise and shine for your journey into the wilds of the Peruvian Amazon. Take an early morning transfer to Lima airport, then board a three-hour flight to the frontier town of Puerto Maldonado. Upon your arrival, lodge staff will take you to their office in town. Pack a small duffle bag with clothing and other items needed for two days in the jungle, stow the rest of your luggage and then travel by private vehicle to the water. Here, board a motorised canoe and cruise deep into the jungle. The journey to your eco-lodge in the Madre de Dios region will take around three hours, and you'll be given a packed lunch on the way. Arrive and settle in to your thatched-roof lodge before a short orientation walk of the immediate area and a briefing. Spend the evening getting acquainted with the sights and smells of the jungle and fall asleep to the sounds of nature.

Accommodation Jungle Lodge (1 night)

Included Activities Amazon Jungle - Jungle activities

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information ACCOMMODATION: We stay at two different lodges in the same area. The activities may vary slightly according to which lodge you are at. Depending on which lodge you are staying at, the included night excursion may be on the night of Day 1 or Day 2. As both of our lodges are in the same area of the jungle, you will see the same wildlife and your overall jungle experience will be the same in either lodge.

HEALTH/PHYSICAL: On Day 3 there is an 11-km jungle walk. At times the paths can get quite muddy and some people can find the trek a little exhausting, but the adventure is well worth it! Along the way there will be regular stops and you'll encounter magnificent fauna and flora in their natural habitat.

DAY 3

Destination	Amazon Jungle
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Get ready for an unforgettable day exploring the depths of the jungle! Set out on a half-day trek guided by local experts

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on the area's flora and fauna. Learn from your guides about the medicinal and practical uses for some of the plants that grow here, which indigenous people have been studying and using for thousands of years. On your walk, keep an eye out for rainbow coloured macaws and butterflies, and listen for the barking call of the peccaries and chattering of monkeys that call the jungle home. This part of the Amazon is also known to house capybaras, giant otters and jabirus, so keep your eyes peeled for these exotic creatures. Return to the lodge for lunch and some free time to relax. Once the sun goes down, venture out on a night walk in search of some of the jungle's nocturnal inhabitants.

Accommodation Jungle Lodge (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 4

Destination Amazon Jungle [Boat] Puerto Maldonado ✈️ Cusco

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Leave behind the natural wonders of the Amazon for the man-made wonders of Cusco today. Return to Puerto Maldonado to collect your luggage, then take a short 35-minute flight to the lofty city. If Lima is Peru's head, then Cusco is definitely the country's heart. Once you've spent some time acclimatising to the altitude of 3450 metres, head out on an orientation walk with your leader. See wonders of the ancient, colonial and contemporary variety on this stroll, including the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), the San Pedro Market, the 12 Angled Stone, Regocijo Square and San Blas Square. This tour will also include the most significant temple in the ancient Inca empire – Qoricancha. Despite being covered with a Baroque facade in the 17th century by the Spanish, the original Inca masonry has been uncovered in some areas. Wrap up your tour at the ChocoMuseo where you can sample hot chocolate made from local beans. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Maybe head out for dinner with your fellow travellers – your leader can recommend some good places to grab a meal. If you're feeling adventurous, why not try one of the many establishments serving up cuy, which you might know by the English name of guinea pig. Or perhaps head to Cafe Daria, a central pizzeria which also provides vocational training for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Cusco - Orientation Walk Cusco - Chocolate Museum Visit & Hot Chocolate

Meals Included Breakfast

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DAY 5

Destination Cusco 🚌 Sacred Valley 🚌 Ollantaytambo

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation N/A

Hop on a private bus in the morning and travel through the lush terraces of the Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo, one of the few places where the Inca defeated the Spanish. On the way, stop at a village and enjoy lunch and conversation in a community that still practices many Inca traditions. Why not head to the archaeological park that lies to the left side of the main square? If you're feeling energetic you can climb to the top of the squared terraces and gaze down over the valley. Just remember, if you have chosen to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu you will begin your trek tomorrow, so don't push yourself. Tonight, perhaps enjoy a quinoa and alpaca stew at one of the many local restaurants.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Sacred Valley - Community visit & lunch

Optional Activities Ollantaytambo - Archeological site - PEN70

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch

DAY 6

Destination Inca Trail or Quarry Trail or Train Option

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Depending on the travel arrangements you made before the trip, during the next four days you'll be doing one of the following: hiking the Classic Inca Trail, hiking the Inca Quarry Trail or staying in Cusco for another two days before taking the train to Aguas Calientes. While away from Cusco, the bulk of your luggage will be stored at your hotel. If you're hiking the Inca Trail or the Inca Quarry Trail, the evening before you leave Cusco you'll receive a small duffle bag to carry your clothes in during the trek (5 kg maximum).

Your team of porters will carry these bags for you, together with the food and equipment for the trail. Please note that you won't have access to these items until the end of each day, as the porters will always be ahead of the group. If you're travelling to Aguas Calientes by train, you'll be able to leave most of your luggage at the hotel in Cusco and only travel with the necessary items during the excursion by train.

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Route 1 Classic Inca Trail: Today travel by minivan to the 82 kilometre marker and meet your crew of local porters, cook and guide. The first day includes uphill trekking to the campsite, which is at 3100 metres above sea level. On the way you'll see the Inca sites of Ollantaytambo, Huillca Raccay and Llactapata, as well as incredible views of snow-capped Veronica Peak. In the evening, unwind at the campsite with a nourishing meal.

Route 2 Inca Quarry Trail: Make an early start today and drive to Choquequilla, a small ceremonial place where Inca worshipped the moon. Drive to the starting point of the trek, Rafq'a, and meet the horsemen who join us on the hike. After an hour's walk, reach the small community of Socma. Carry on to the Perolnyoc cascade lookout, an opportunity to stop for photos and a food break. Continue to the campsite, which is 3700 metres above sea level. You should reach the campsite around lunchtime. After lunch, set off to explore the Q'orimarca archaeological site, which once served as a checkpoint to the Inca.

Route 3 Train: After spending the night in the Ollantaytambo, leave around 9.30 am and take a short drive to the town of Pisac. Pisac is well known for its market. Here you'll have the opportunity to shop for souvenirs and perhaps try some local empanadas. Arrive back into Cusco in the afternoon, where your leader will take you to San Pedro Market in order to buy some things for a picnic tomorrow.

Accommodation Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information The Classic Inca Trail is within the abilities of most fit people, but be prepared – it's 45 km long and often steep. Each day generally consists of seven hours of walking (uphill and downhill), with snacks and lunch stops. Trekking usually begins at 7 am (except the fourth morning) and you reach the campsite around 5 pm. Accommodation on the trek is camping (three nights). Double tents (twin-share) and foam camping mats are provided. Porters will set up the tents while the cook prepares meals.

The Inca Quarry Trail is also within the abilities of most reasonably fit people. It's 26 km long, the highest pass 4450 m above sea level. Throughout the trek, horses will carry your gear and camping equipment. The first two nights are spent camping and the third night at a simple hotel. Double tents (twin-share) and foam camping mats are provided. Porters will set up the tents while the cook prepares meals.

Lunch and dinner today are included for Inca or Inca Quarry Trail trekkers only.

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DAY 7

Destination	Inca Trail or Quarry Trail or Train Option
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Route 1 Classic Inca Trail: This is the most challenging day of the trek as you ascend a long steep path (approximately five hours) to reach the highest point of the trail. Colloquially known as 'Dead Woman's Pass', Warmiwansca sits at a height of 4200 metres above sea level, providing amazing views of the valley below. The group will then descend to the campsite in the Pacaymayo Valley at 3650 metres.

Route 2 Inca Quarry Trail: This is the most challenging and rewarding day of the hike. A three-hour walk takes us to the top of the first pass of Puccaqaqa (approximately 4370 metres high). After enjoying picturesque views of the valley, it's a short walk before stopping for lunch. Afterwards, make the two-hour hike to Kuychicassa, the highest pass of the trek at 4450 metres. From here, descend to the sacred site the Inca called Intipunku (Sun Gate), with views of the Nevado Veronica mountain. Head to the campsite, only a stone's throw away at Choquetacarpo.

Route 3 Train: Today, take a taxi to Tambomachay, an archaeological site just outside of Cusco. From here you'll take a short downhill walk (between one and three hours) back to Cusco. On the way, stop to admire some of the archaeological sites, including Puka Pukara, Qinqu Quenqo and Saksaywaman. Arrive back in Cusco in the afternoon and enjoy some free time to go shopping, or perhaps visit Merida, Mendivil and Olave art galleries and workshops. Your tour leader will be able to give you some suggestions or point you in the right direction.

Accommodation Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information MEALS: Included lunch and dinner on this day is for people trekking the Inca or Quarry Trail only.

DAY 8

Destination	Inca Trail or Quarry Trail or Train Option
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Route 1 Classic Inca Trail: Start the day with a climb through the Pacaymayo Valley to Runkuracay pass (3980 metres). Enjoy views of the snow-capped mountain of Cordillera Vilcabamba before descending for around two to three hours to

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the ruins of Sayacmarca. Continue over the trail's third pass to the ruins of Phuyupatamarca (3850 metres), also known as 'Town Above the Clouds'. Start the two-hour descent down the Inca steps to the final night's campsite by the Winay Wayna archaeological site.

Route 2 Inca Quarry Trail: Today's hike will all be downhill. The first stop is the incomplete Kachiqata quarry, where the Inca were intercepted by the Spanish. Around midday, come to the end of the trek. Explore the cobbled streets of Ollantaytambo before taking the short train journey to Aguas Calientes. This is where you'll meet up with the travellers in your group who didn't hike. Visiting the natural hot springs in town is a soothing way to spend the late afternoon. Spend the night in a comfortable hotel before tomorrow's visit to Machu Picchu.

Route 3 Train: After a drive to Ollantaytambo (about one-and-a-half hours), catch a train through the winding Urubamba Valley to Aguas Calientes (another one-and-a-half hours). The city is nestled in the cloud forest at the foot of Machu Picchu. For those who want a sneak peak, there is time to visit Machu Picchu independently before a guided tour tomorrow. Otherwise, you can while away the afternoon in the natural hot springs at Aguas Calientes.

Accommodation Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities Machu Picchu - Entrance and guided tour

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information MEALS: Included lunch and dinner on this day is for people trekking the Inca or Quarry Trail only.

DAY 9

Destination	Machu Picchu 🚆 Ollantaytambo 🚆 Cusco
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Route 1 Inca Trail: This is the final and most spectacular leg of the trek to Machu Picchu. The day starts before dawn with breakfast at 4 am. Say farewell to the porters as they descend to the train station and then begin hiking by 4.30 am. Once the final checkpoint opens at 5 am, begin the final leg of the trek. The walk to Intipunku (the Sun Gate) takes around two-and-a-half hours. Weather permitting, enjoy unforgettable views over the 'Lost City of the Inca' as you enter Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate.

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Route 2 Inca Quarry Trail: Depending on weather conditions, take a bus at 5.30 am this morning along the winding road to Machu Picchu. The journey takes around 30 minutes. At Machu Picchu, join up with the travellers in your group who hiked the Classic Inca Trail. If skies are clear, enjoy a spectacular views over the ancient city from Intipunku (the Sun Gate), before going on a guided walk around the ruins.

Route 3 Train: Take an early bus up to Machu Picchu at 5.30 am. The city was built around AD1440 as a country retreat for Inca nobility, but there's evidence that the land had been a sacred Inca site for much longer. Take a guided tour around the ruins of temples, palaces and living quarters, and enjoy free time afterwards to wander around on your own before the group returns to Cusco.

For all 3 options: After taking advantage of the seemingly endless photo opportunities, it's time to return to Cusco for a well-deserved shower and a Pisco sour. Your evening is then free for the last night of your adventure.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

Special Information REGULATIONS: According to Machu Picchu visiting regulations, all visitors must follow a pre-determined route within the site. This route must be followed in one direction only and once the guided visit commences exiting and re-entering the site is not permitted. Once the guided visit concludes, visitors must exit the site and personal exploration of Machu Picchu is not permitted.

SAFETY: Due to Intrepid's internal safety policy, our leaders are specifically prohibited from recommending or assisting with booking trips to the mountaintop ruins of Wayna Picchu.

DAY 10

Destination	Cusco
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy free time to relax, shop and explore more of Cusco's sights. Perhaps rest your weary legs at a cafe on Plaza de Armas or head to the San Pedro Market where you can find vegetables, meats, local cheeses, chocolates, herbal medicines and many local handicrafts. It's a great place to purchase some souvenirs or pick up ingredients for a picnic lunch. The market is also a place where many locals (and daring travellers) go to eat 'mystery soups'. Some may be just chicken; however, the most popular among the locals usually contain frog or offal. For those who can't get enough active

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adventure, why not try mountain biking in the hills that surround Cusco? If you've fallen in love with the Peru's national beverage, the Pisco sour, consider joining an Urban Adventure where you will learn to craft your own, a souvenir you can impress people with for years to come. Find out more at urbanadventures.com/cusco-tour-cusco-pisco-making, or ask your leader for details.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities Cusco - Full Boleto Turistico Pass (access to 16 archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) - PEN135 Cusco - City tour - USD15 Cusco - Half Boleto Turistico Pass (access to selected archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) - PEN75 Cusco - Coricancha Temple entrance fee - PEN15 Cusco - Cathedral Entrance Fee - PEN25 Sacred Valley - Via Ferrata & Zipline - PEN265 Sacred Valley - Mountain Biking - USD120 Cusco - Pisco Making - Urban Adventures - USD51 Cusco - Stand Up Paddle Boarding - USD75 Cusco - Totem painting workshop - USD59 Rainbow Mountain Hike - USD97

Meals Included Breakfast

Special Information RAINBOW MOUNTAIN: Before your trip comes to an end, why not pay a visit to Instagram's most popular mountain - Rainbow mountain (or Vinicunca in Quechua, the local language). This activity involves climbing up to more than 5000 meters above sea level in one day, which can lead to life threatening altitude sickness. As such, our tour leaders are only able to assist you booking this activity at the end of your stay in Cusco (when you will be better acclimatised) and on our own operated departures where we have full control over the safety aspects of this activity (such as transport, oxygen, emergency horses, adequate first aid kits and experienced guides). The price indicated for is indicative only and the final price will depend on the total number of travellers taking this activity. Ultimately the price can range from as little as \$56 (with 16 travellers) to \$216 for 2 travellers. A minimum of 2 travellers is required to operate this activity. Your tour leader can assist with booking this on the ground.

DAY 11

Destination	Cusco 🚗 Puno
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Bid farewell to Cusco and travel by public transport through the dramatic scenery of the high altiplano to Puno. Located on the shores of vast and serene Lake Titicaca. At an altitude of 3800 metres, Lake Titicaca is the world's highest navigable lake. Along the way there will be stops to drop off and pick up passengers, which may affect travel times slightly, but the journey should take around six hours. The long drive is worth it for the first glimpse of immense Lake Titicaca, whose seemingly endless waters stretch into the horizon. Puno is a melting pot of indigenous Aymara and

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Quechuan culture and traditional Andean customs, and it wears its traditions on its sleeve. If you're lucky, your trip will coincide with one of the many cultural festivals here. Perhaps ask your leader where you can get the best grilled trout tonight, a local specialty.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities Puno - Sillustani archaeological site - USD10

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 12

Destination	Puno [Boat] Lake Titicaca
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Embark on a tour of the lake by slow motor boat, stopping at the floating Uros Islands. Built by the Uros people to protect themselves from encroaching Inca forces hundreds of years ago, the islands are constructed from many layers of totora reeds that grow in the shallows of the lake. Feel the bizarre sponginess of the island underfoot and learn a little about the history of the communities that called them home. Then, get a closer look at contemporary life on the shores of the lake with a homestay in a local community. Help your host family with their daily activities, try out a few words in Quechua (most importantly 'solpayki' or thank you!) and perhaps join a local soccer game and make some friends on the makeshift pitch.

Accommodation Homestay (1 night)

Included Activities Lake Titicaca - Boat tour & Homestay

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information ACCOMMODATION: Your homestay tonight is a mud brick house. Rooms have beds and many blankets, and there are shared drop-toilets but no showers.

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DAY 13

Destination Lake Titicaca [Boat] Puno

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

This morning after breakfast you'll board the motor boat again and cruise to Taquile Island (approximately 1 hour), which is known for the intricate, hand-knitted textiles the locals produce. Here, knitting is strictly a male domain, and women do the spinning. It's a great place to pick up some high quality, locally knitted goods. An approximately one-hour uphill trek brings you to the main area of the island, where you can shop for handicrafts and observe the symbolic clothing items worn by the local folk. After the visit, descend about 500 steps to the boat. Return to Puno, a journey that will take around three hours. Once back in Puno, perhaps gather a crew and find a local watering hole to enjoy a drink or two. By now you've probably had your fair share of Pisco sours, so maybe try a chilcano. While it also features a Pisco base, the cocktail is completed with ginger beer instead of egg whites.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

Special Information Puno is the hometown of Kusimayo, a terrific local organisation supported by The Intrepid Foundation that works towards improving the living condition of children and adults affected by poverty and malnutrition in this part of the world.

Check out this short video to learn more about the project: vimeo.com/154422813 Visit The Intrepid Foundation's website if you'd like to learn more about how you can support this cause: theintrepidfoundation.org/projects/kusimayo

DAY 14

Destination Puno  La Paz

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Trade the still waters and quiet villages of Lake Titicaca for the bustling highland city of La Paz. Travel by comfortable local bus to Desaguadero and cross the border into Bolivia. At the border you will say goodbye to your Peruvian leader and a Bolivian leader will take over for the last portion of your tour. After border formalities at the Peruvian migration office, cross the bridge to Bolivia, submit your passport at the Bolivian migration office, then board the bus again. Continue to La Paz, stopping en route for another document check. The journey to La Paz takes about 5 hours (don't forget that Bolivia's timezone is 1-2 hours ahead of Peru). Discover the colonial architecture and browse the markets on a

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walking tour, taking in the vibrant expressions of indigenous culture. According to a 2012 census, just over 40 percent of Bolivia's adult population are of indigenous origin, but discrimination stymied overt expressions of indigenous heritage until very recently. Aymara women wearing the traditional, distinctive bowler hat and long, layered skirts, for example, were banned from many public buildings until 2006. Over the last decade, grassroots activism and a shifting political landscape has created space for various indigenous cultures to live openly. After the walking tour, why not head to the Witches' Market in search of folkloric remedies, potions and totems – it's a great place to pick up a last-minute souvenir.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities La Paz - Tiwanaku Archeological site (Shared service) - USD30

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 15

Destination	La Paz
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Kamisaki! At around 3600 metres, you'll feel like you're on top of the world in La Paz. Although Sucre is the official capital of Bolivia, La Paz is the centre of industry – the country's brain. Despite the abundance of colonial architecture, La Paz's indigenous roots run deep, and the atmosphere in the market-filled streets is both modern and traditional. After a 6 pm welcome meeting, enjoy an orientation walk with your leader and get to know the winding streets and pokey alleys. After the meeting, maybe head out into the city, situated in the middle of a vast volcanic crater. Breathe the 'thin' air, marvel at the vistas of buildings clinging to the canyonsides, and explore the lively streets like Calle Jaen.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities La Paz - Orientation Walk

Optional Activities La Paz - Food With Altitude Urban Adventure - USD57 La Paz - To 3,600 Metres, and Beyond Urban Adventure - USD41 La Paz - Coca Museum - BOB15 La Paz - Visit to the 'Witches Market' - Free La Paz City Tour & Moon Valley - USD40 La Paz - Tiwanaku Archeological site (Shared service) - USD30

Meals Included There are no meals included on this day.

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Destination La Paz 🚗 Uyuni

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

This morning, leave La Paz behind and travel by private vehicle to Uyuni – the gateway to Bolivia’s acclaimed salt flats. You’ll head off around 8.30 am this morning and will arrive late in the afternoon, so be sure to have a book or some podcasts ready, and some snacks on hand. Along your way, stop for some lunch with your group. Arriving in Uyuni feels a bit like you’ve reached the end of the road, which in many ways is true. This remote small town sits on the edge of the high altiplano – a wilderness that extends for hundreds of kilometres towards the border with Argentina and Chile. Once arrived, check in and relax into your hotel in Uyuni town. Although basic, your accommodation for tonight is clean and comfortable, and may be the last time you’ll have a hot shower for a few days!

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

DAY 17

Destination Uyuni 🚗 Salar de Uyuni

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Uyuni is the starting point of your 4WD excursion into Salar de Uyuni and the Andean Desert. This morning you will stop by the Train Cemetery, three kilometres outside of Uyuni Town, connected to it by the old train tracks, and see where families of abandoned locomotives rust slowly in the sun. Continue on to the town of Colchani, which produces salt the old-fashioned way, before heading into the salt flats. Endless skies meet endless white plains, and it’s a pretty hypnotic sight – don’t forget to snap loads of photos! Stop by an intriguing salt hotel and drive to an island of cacti that rises like a jagged reef in the desert. Known as Isla Inca Wasi, or Fish Island, this fossil-strewn outcrop was once the top of an ancient volcano, and you’ll have the chance to go on an optional hike here. After a big day of driving, head south to a small village and your homestay-style accommodation. Settle in and enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation Dormitory (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information Accommodation in the desert is very basic. Shower facilities if any can be unreliable and cold, as the pipes often freeze in the winter months. Toilet facilities are simple, and the multi-share accommodation is dormitory style. Electricity is generated by solar panels and generators, so there won’t be enough power to charge electronic

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devices. The desert is at high altitude and can experience extremely cold weather, particularly at night, so it's important to pack warm clothing and base layers.

Please be aware that from December to March, there's a risk of the salt lake being flooded. If this is the case, the itinerary will be adapted to accommodate this, and this may include omitting the Inca Wasi visit from today.

DAY 18

Destination	Salar de Uyuni 🚗 Laguna Colorada
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, continue driving through the incredible landscapes of the Andean Desert, with another day deep in the wilderness. Pass by Chiguana Salt Lake, the still-active Ollague Volcano, and other small lakes of different colours – perhaps with a flamboyance of flamingos standing nearby! Continue on to the Siloli Desert, which is known for its mountain of seven colours, Arbol de Piedra (Stone Tree) rock formation, and some pretty epic vistas. You'll also get the chance to venture into an Andean wildlife reserve (Reserva de Eduardo Avaroa) and hike around the Laguna Colorada (Red Lake), keeping an eye out for llamas, flamingos, vicunas, and foxes along the way. Once all the sightseeing is over for another day, retire to your dormitory accommodation in a local Huayllajara community for a well-earned rest and included dinner.

Accommodation Dormitory (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information Despite all the delights, this trip can be tough going. There will be long travel days in 4WDs on dusty washboard tracks, freezing temperatures, basic toilet facilities and multi-share accommodation. However, without a doubt, this amazing journey will be one of the main highlights of your trip to South America.

DAY 19

Destination	Laguna Colorada - Uyuni
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Leave your lodge nice and early to try and catch the sunrise over the surrounding geysers. These bubbling fumaroles are especially active in the morning, thanks to the cold air. Continue to a local hot spring for a quick dip, then to Laguna

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Verde to take some pictures of the water's striking green hues. Afterwards, pass through more barren desert landscapes, some of which are frequently compared to Salvador Dali's paintings. Onwards to Capina Lake, Valle de Rocas (Rock Valley) and the San Cristobal mining town. You'll arrive back in Uyuni around 5 pm to spend the night at your leisure – after the last few days in the Bolivian wild, this could be the right time to find a comfy local restaurant for an optional dinner and drinks with your travel crew.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Salt flats - Visit to 'Fish Island/Inca Wasi' Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve - Altiplano tour including Laguna Colorada & Laguna Verde

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch

DAY 20

Destination	Uyuni 🚌 Potosi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Today, say goodbye to Uyuni, and catch a local bus for about 4 hours along the scenic route to Potosi, where you'll arrive in the early afternoon. Potosi has had a turbulent past, centred mostly around its mining successes and failures. Once the predominant supplier of silver to colonial-era Spain, Potosi briefly celebrated life as one of the richest cities in the world. Explore the architectural remnants of this period of industry on a leader-led orientation walk, then the afternoon and evening are yours. Perhaps visit the Santa Teresa Convent Museum to observe the art and treasures on display inside the convent's original walls or the National Mint Museum.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch

Special Information Visiting the Potosi Mines can be a thrilling yet a dangerous experience. We at Intrepid have partnered with a local operator to offer travellers what we have assessed to be a safer and rewarding option for this visit. This tour involves visiting the miner's market, a minerals distillery as well as entering the first 150-200 meters into the Grito de Piedra mine. We believe this experience offers a great understanding of the socio, cultural and economic

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importance of the mine to Potosi and the region while avoiding the risks associated with entering deeper sections of the mine. This activity is not for the faint hearted or those that suffer claustrophobia. Your group leader is strictly prohibited from recommending or assisting travellers to book other mine tours.

DAY 21

Destination	Potosi  Sucre
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After a lazy morning to explore Potosi, take a local bus early in the afternoon and arrive in Sucre after approximately 4 hours, disembarking in the temperate valley city. Bolivia's official capital, Sucre was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1991 and has retained the flavour of its colonial heritage in its churches, museums and ancient mansions. Most of the town's colonial buildings have been whitewashed, earning it the nickname the 'White City'. On arrival, you'll have plenty of free time to explore the city and get your bearings.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities Potosi - National Mint of Bolivia - BOB48 Potosi - Santa Teresa Convent Museum - BOB33 Potosi - Cerro Rico mine tour - BOB150

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 22

Destination	Sucre
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Take a few days to explore Bolivia's capital. After an orientation walk, compare shoe sizes with a dinosaur at Cal Orcko, where 68 million-year-old footprints have been discovered. This is the largest collection of dinosaur footprints in the world, over 12,000 of them! Then, you might like to visit the Museo de la Recoleta, a 400-year-old convent on top of the hill that provides great views over the city and is home to a fascinating collection of sculptures and paintings. Or maybe head to the Plaza 25 de Mayo to rub shoulders with Sucre's affluent residents and investigate the extravagant interior of the Senora de la Merced.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

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Included Activities Sucre - Dinosaur Footprints Sucre - Orientation Walk

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 23

Destination	Sucre
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, set out for an included hike along the ancient Pre-Incan path known as the Chataquilla trek. The trek is relatively easy being that it is mostly downhill. On the way down enjoy the stunning views of the Andes and the valleys. In the afternoon, perhaps head up to Recoleta, an old convent on top of the hill, giving some great views of the city. Adrenaline junkies might also like to take to the surrounding peaks for some excellent mountain biking options or perhaps give hang gliding a shot. Most of today and tomorrow are free to take up some additional optional activities in and around town, so it's up to you what you'd like to do and see! Bolivian dance show, or textile museum, anyone?

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Sucre - Chataquilla Pre-Inca trek

Optional Activities Sucre - Casa de la Libertad - BOB21

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 24

Destination	Sucre ✈️ La Paz
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is a free day to explore Sucre before catching a late flight to La Paz.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

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Optional Activities Sucre - Bolivian Dance Show - BOB100 Sucre - Museum of Textiles - BOB22

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 25

Destination	La Paz
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is the final day of your tour and there are no activities planned, so you are free to leave at any time. With so much to see and do, you might want to spend an extra day or two checking out the city. We'll be happy to organise additional accommodation for you (subject to availability).

Meals Included Breakfast

Special Information Departure Tax – Please note you will be required to pay an airport departure tax, today which is approximately BOB 11.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Small, personal group experience – no more than 16 people
 Experienced Tour Leader throughout
 Accommodation: Camping (with basic facilities) (3 nights), Dormitory (2 nights), Homestay (1 night), Hotel (17 nights), Jungle Lodge (2 nights)
 23 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners
 Transport: Plane, Canoe, Boat, 4x4, Private vehicle, Taxi, Public bus
 Choose to hike the Classic Inca Trail, Quarry Trail or stay behind in Cusco, Explore Lima, Stay two nights at an Eco Jungle Lodge in the Peruvian Amazon and Witness the Andean way of life in a homestay in Lake Titicaca and Prepare for the adventure of your lifetime in Uyuni's salt plain

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HOTEL LIST

Hotel (17 nights), Jungle Lodge (2 nights), Camping (with basic facilities) (3 nights), Dormitory (2 nights), Homestay (1 night)

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
 Personal Expenses
 Travel Insurance
 Optional activities

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OPTIONAL TOURS

Lima - Museum of the Inquisition (Day1) - Free
 Lima - Archaeological Museum (Day 1) - PEN15
 Lima - Private Lima: Home Cooked Tour Urban Adventure (price from) (Day 1) - USD83
 Lima Coast Biking Tour - Urban Adventures (Day 1) - USD52
 Lima - Lima Discovery - Urban Adventures (Day 1) - USD37
 Lima - Night Bites & Sights - Urban Adventures (Day 1) - USD68
 Lima - Guided tour of San Francisco Monastery including The Catacombs (Day 1) - PEN20
 Ollantaytambo - Archeological site (Day 5) - PEN70
 Cusco - Full Boleto Turistico Pass (access to 16 archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) (Day 19) - PEN135
 Cusco - City tour (Day 19) - USD15
 Cusco - Half Boleto Turistico Pass (access to selected archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) (Day 10) - PEN75
 Cusco - Coricancha Temple entrance fee (Day 10) - PEN15
 Cusco - Cathedral Entrance Fee (Day 10) - PEN25
 Sacred Valley - Via Ferrata & Zipline (Day 10) - PEN265
 Sacred Valley - Mountain Biking (Day 10) - USD120
 Cusco - Pisco Making - Urban Adventures (Day 10) - USD51
 Cusco - Stand Up Paddle Boarding (Day 10) - USD75
 Cusco - Totem painting workshop (Day 10) - USD59
 Rainbow Mountain Hike (Day 10) - USD97
 Puno - Sillustani archaeological site (Day 11) - USD10
 La Paz - Tiwanaku Archeological site (Shared service) (Day 15) - USD30
 La Paz - To 3,600 Metres, and Beyond Urban Adventure (Day 15) - USD41
 La Paz - Food With Altitude Urban Adventure (Day 15) - USD57
 Potosi - National Mint of Bolivia (Day 21) - BOB48
 Potosi - Santa Teresa Convent Museum (Day 21) - BOB33
 Potosi - Cerro Rico mine tour (Day 21) - BOB150
 Sucre - Casa de la Libertad (Day 23) - BOB21
 Sucre - Bolivian Dance Show (Day 24) - BOB100
 Sucre - Museum of Textiles (Day 24) - BOB22

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Travellers

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This trip is designed for shared accommodation and doesn't involve a compulsory single supplement. Single travellers share with people of the same gender in accommodation ranging from twin to multishare. This only applies to accommodation during the tour - pre-trip and post-trip accommodation will be booked on a single room basis.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available for this trip for an extra AUD \$985 in addition to the single person price. The Single Supplement excludes accommodation on Day 2, Day 3 (Amazon Jungle), Day 12 (Late Titicaca, Homestay), Day 17 & Day 18 (Salar de Uyuni & The desert) where you will be in shared accommodation.

Triple Share
On Request

Children

Children must be 15 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times.

Inca Trail Permits:

Inca Trail permits are sold on request basis only. Once deposit is paid and passport details provided, Intrepid will endeavour to secure a permit for you.

If Inca Trail permits are unavailable by the time you book, you can opt to hike the Inca Quarry Trail instead.

The Inca Trail closes in February to allow cleaning and restoration works. If the trek portion of your trip starts in February you will be automatically booked to hike the Inca Quarry Trail. <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/machu-picchu-peru/quarry-trail>

Should you choose not to hike at all, please let us know in writing at the time of booking so alternative arrangements can be made. Without this prior warning, local fees may apply.

Passport Information Required

Full passport details are required at the time of booking in order to purchase Entrance fees to important sites such as Machu Picchu. Delays to provide this information may result in booking fees or changes to your itinerary.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$200 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1250 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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