

Peru – Machu Picchu Family



Trip Summary

From the rapids of the Urubamba to the mystical mountains of Machu Picchu, the Land of the Inca begs to be explored. Visit the historic center of Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its various colonial style buildings. Walk around Incan ruins thousands of years old as you try to solve the mysteries of this lost civilization's expert craftsmanship. Visit and bargain with the locals at the colorful street markets as you practice your Español. View the expansive Machu Picchu site from perhaps the most famous entrance, the "Sun Gate." Learn how salt is made as you gaze at the beautiful evaporating salt pools in Maras. Wherever your adventure takes you in Peru, you're sure to have an amazing experience.

Itinerary

Day 1: Lima

Arrive in Lima, the "City of Kings," and the cultural hub of Peru • You'll be met at the airport and transferred to Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores • Enjoy dinner on your own • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (No meals)*

Day 2: Lima

After a free morning at your hotel, your guide will pick you up for lunch in "Larco Mar" – a sightseeing point by the sea • After, tour the historic center of Lima, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 • Visit San Martín Square, the Main Square, Government Palace, Basilica Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, and City Hall Palace, and stroll streets lined with colonial mansions and Moorish-style balconies • Proceed to San Francisco Church, a masterpiece of Colonial architecture, then enjoy the magic circuit water show, a wonderful collection of 13 ornamental fountains with music, lights, and laser effects • Return to your hotel around 9:00 pm • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (B, L)*

Day 3: Cusco / Sacred Valley / Pisac

Morning flight to Cusco, the Inca Empire's capital and oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere • Transfer to the Sacred Valley • Visit Awanacancha, the llama project, where we will see different South American camelids, including llamas and alpacas • Shuttle to Pisac and shop an impressive display of handmade textiles and crafts at a local Indian market • Take an optional visit to a mysterious Inca settlement, then enjoy lunch at Cuchara de Palo • Check into the tranquil Casa Andina Private Collection Valle, your home for the next three nights • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Valle (B, L)*

Day 4: Urubamba River / Ollantaytambo

After breakfast, your guide will transfer you 20 minutes to a private river put-in located in Pachar for your rafting adventure. After practicing on the flat parts of the river, you will start your journey, admiring the spectacular mountain views, farms, and archaeological remains along the way • You'll end your rafting trip with "El Resbaladero" (The Slide), a class 3 rapid that includes waves and small whirlpools • Enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant located on the riverside and proceed on foot to Ollantaytambo, one of the last remaining Inca cities. Return to your hotel after a day full of adventure • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Valle (B, L)*



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Day 5: Moray / Maras Inca Salt Mine

Transfer to Cruzpata on Mara's plateau, where you'll begin your mountain biking adventure complete with views of impressive Andean peaks, cactus plants, and Andean villagers going about their daily lives • Optional visit to the Inca experimental agricultural terraces of Moray • Picnic lunch • Proceed to Maras via dirt road and stop to visit the ancient salt pools and mines known as the "Salinas de Maras" where the locals collect salt in an artisanal way • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Valle (B, L)*

Day 6: Ollantaytambo / Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu

Early morning pickup and transfer to Ollantaytambo train station, where you'll jump on a train en route to Machu Picchu • Arrive at Aguas Calientes and enjoy a delicious lunch buffet in the Hotel Sanctuary Lodge • A bus will take you up the final stretch of the trail to the main entrance of Machu Picchu • Take a fascinating guided tour of "The Lost City of the Incas" and learn more about Inca culture and traditions • Head back down to Aguas Calientes for a well-deserved rest in your hotel • Dinner this evening is with your guide • *Overnight Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Machu Picchu / Cusco

Today you have a full day to explore Machu Picchu's mountaintop ruins with a private guide • You will also have the option to partake in the many guided excursions the hotel offers • Lunch at Café Inkaterra • Afternoon transfer back to Cusco • Dinner at your hotel • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco (B, L)*

Day 8: Cusco

This morning, visit San Pedro Market, just two blocks off the main square, one of the oldest and most traditional markets in Cusco • Next, visit the Choco Museum where you will get to make your own chocolate – yum! • After lunch, continue to the Inca museum, with its collection of Inca mummies, ceramics, textiles, vases, jewelry, architectural models, and an interesting collection (reputed to be the world's largest) of Inca drinking vessels (Keros) carved out of wood • On the last stop of the day – The Sacsayhuaman Ruins – we'll head up to Rodadero Hill where the children can play around on the smooth rocks • Return to your hotel and enjoy your last evening in Cusco • *Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco (B, L)*

Day 9: Cusco / Lima

Return flight to Lima • With guide assistance, connect with your international flight home • (B)

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures and Apumayo Expediciones.*

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Activities

Hiking – 1 to 2-mile city walks and ruins tours

Mountain Biking – 15 miles on dirt, moderately difficult

Whitewater rafting – Class II and III rapids, no experience necessary

Discovery – Crowned by the towering Andes and tucked between the Amazon and the Pacific, Peru offers a captivating mix of adventure, nature and history. Embedded in every active traveler's Top Ten List is the great city of the clouds, Machu Picchu. Our route takes us there from bustling Lima, to the cobblestone streets of Cusco, from ruin to ruin across the Sacred Valley, and by train and breathtaking footpath over the Inca Trail. Catch a glimpse of the Andean Condor, a vulture with the largest wingspan of any land bird – 10.5 feet! Discover the colorful street markets, friendly people, and strong local culture of Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca empire. Photograph the myriad of salt pans in Maras as the sun reflects off the water's surface, slowly evaporating and leaving salt in its wake. Delight in the traditional Peruvian dish of Pachamanca: lamb, mutton, pork, chicken or guinea pig, marinated in spices and baked with the aid of hot stones in an earthen oven known as a *huatia*. Did you know that Machu Picchu is called "The Lost City" because when it was "rediscovered" by Yale explorer Hiram Bingham III in 1911, the jungle had literally swallowed the complex ruins? Even a knife blade can't be inserted between the precise mortarless joints of the stones used in the building of Machu Picchu, and many of these stones weighed more than 50 tons! Come explore Peru with the experts in adventure travel!

Your guides will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. Meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by the itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

Our Partner – Apumayo Expediciones

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with Apumayo Expediciones. This Peruvian company is known for delivering "tourism with a purpose" since 1995. Apumayo is based in the City of Cusco and specializes in adventure travel and non-conventional tourism. They combine tourism with cultural, educational and natural history. Apumayo Expediciones describes itself as a commercial venture with a strong environmental and social agenda, developing and supporting many projects such as river clean ups and supporting Andean community projects. Apumayo looks to host many of their adventure trips with help from the local communities of Peru and relates them with Inca culture and the daily life of the Andean people. Austin Adventures and Apumayo look forward to providing you with top notch customer service in some of Peru's most beautiful and inspiring places.



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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 & 2: Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

Strategically located in the heart of Miraflores, Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores provides all the facilities and services of a first-class hotel with a contemporary design and an unmistakable local style. Among their attributes is an exhibit of an exquisite contemporary art collection, along with valuable colonial antiques that decorate the rooms and common areas. With a pool, fitness center, sauna and restaurant onsite, this is the perfect place to relax upon your arrival into Lima.

Nights 3 – 5: Casa Andina Private Collection Valle Sagrado

Casa Andina Private Collection Valle Sagrado looks like a mountain retreat, with fabulous views of the Andes from each room. This is a cozy hotel featuring a resort-inspired design with rustic touches. The Andean cottages allow visitors to enjoy the peace and energy of the Valley while enjoying views of the Andes. The Alma Restaurant offers great cuisine after a day spent exploring the Sacred Valley.

Night 6: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

The Pueblo Hotel's private 12-acre cloud forest inside the Machu Picchu Sanctuary offers a scattering of cottages, streams, gushing waterfalls, gardens and wild forest. Discover the world's largest private collection of indigenous orchids, which is open to the public. What could be more enchanting than the vibrant Waqanki, and the legend of a lovesick Inca princess whose sadness was transformed into colorful teardrop petals?

Nights 7 & 8: Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco

Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco is located in a beautiful sixteenth century mansion. Its majestic colonial patios invite you to live an authentic Cusco experience in a space full of beauty and history. Your hotel is just four blocks away from Cusco's "Plaza de Armas" (Main Square), an ideal spot to explore the charms of the Imperial City.

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Arrival and Departures

An Austin Adventures/Apumayo representative will meet you upon arrival at the Lima airport. Upon clearing customs, transportation to Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores in Lima's Miraflores District will be provided. On Day 9 you will be transferred from the Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco to the Cusco airport according to your morning or afternoon flight schedule. You will be met upon your arrival in Lima and assistance will be provided to the international departures terminal of the Lima airport. Please confirm with your airline provider if the Peruvian airport departure and tourist tax is included in your ticket. If not, this departure tax must be paid in U.S. dollars or Peruvian Nuevos Soles, as credit cards are not accepted.

Trip Price

Starting at \$3,698 + internal air
Single Supplement: \$780
Children: Starting at \$3,398

Trip Length

9 days/8 nights

2021 Dates

June 19 – 27, 2021
Aug 7 – Aug 15, 2021

Host City

Lima, Peru
Airport code: LIM

Reservations & Availability

800.575.1540

*A rich tapestry of history, mystery,
culture and natural beauty*

The toughest part is going home.SM



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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Fully trained, bilingual professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt & luggage tags.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, & local partner & expert gratuities.
- Entrance fees to attractions in Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Inca Trail, & Machu Picchu.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Flights from Lima – Cusco – Lima (approximately \$500 per person, depending on availability).
- Guide gratuities.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Meals as not included in itinerary.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Minimum Age

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (six years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.