

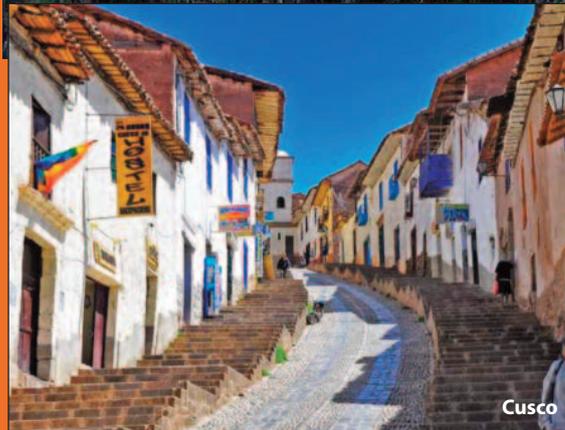
Peru – Incas to Islands Rail & Sail Explorer



Machu Picchu



Lake Titicaca



Cusco



Sacred Valley



Join us for a holiday adventure in 'the richest country in the world' - that's how Peruvians describe their homeland because they believe you can experience more unforgettable moments here than anywhere else. Peru claims the diversity and authenticity of its culture, nature, people and food contain the essence of life. Enjoy a visit to the world famous **Lost City of the Incas**, the highest lake in the world - **Lake Titicaca**, travel through the Sacred Valley to the world famous **Machu Picchu**, take a train ride through the Andes with lunch on board, and visit the **Ballestas Islands** - the Galapagos of Peru, rich in nature and stunning scenery.

Day 1: UK to Lima

Depart from Heathrow Airport and fly to Lima. Flights from other airports may be possible, please call to discuss. Flight supplement may apply. On arrival in Lima you will be met at the airport and escorted to your hotel.

Day 2: Lima - Paracas

This morning we transfer by bus to Paracas, a small seaside town bustling with life and gateway for the Ballestas Islands. The afternoon is free to enjoy the town and relax. (Breakfast included).

Day 3: Ballestas Islands

This morning we board a boat and head out toward the Ballestas Islands where we will enjoy close-up views of sea lions as they swim near the boat or sun themselves on shore. Watch hundreds of marine bird species including the Guanay Cormorant, Peruvian pelicans and with some luck even one of the famous Humboldt penguins. We return to the main land and visit the Paracas National Reserve is the only nature reserve, the Peruvian coast and considered one of the world's strangest and richest ecosystems by UNESCO. As you enter the National Reserve you will have the chance to take pictures of the stunning natural rock formations like the 'cathedral' and the 'friars', sculpted by the wind and sea. A number of lookouts along the coast are ideal locations for landscape shots of the Paracas Peninsula and the Pacific Ocean. (Breakfast included)

Day 4: Paracas – Arequipa

This morning we travel by bus to Lima airport for our flight to Arequipa (flight time approx 1½ hours) where we check into our hotel. Free time in Arequipa (Breakfast included)

Day 5: Arequipa

Half day city tour of Arequipa visiting the

extraordinary Santa Catalina Convent. This cloister, built in the 16th century, is a huge construction which once served as a town within itself housing 450 nuns. Traditionally, the oldest daughters of Arequipa's aristocratic families entered the convent in their early teens and spent their lives there, cloistered away. The convent complex has been beautifully refurbished, bringing the past vividly alive once more. After the visit of the convent you will head to the Yanahuara lookout point for a magnificent view of the Misti Volcano and the city. (Breakfast included)

Day 6: Arequipa - Colca

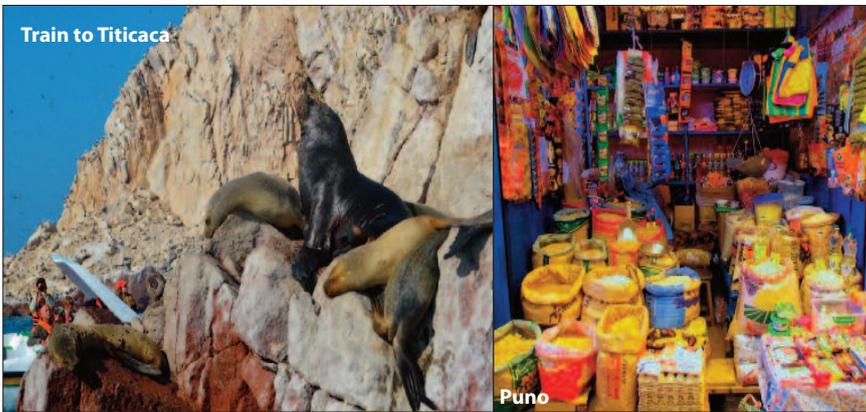
This morning we leave Arequipa and head towards Colca. On your way we pass Pampa de Arrieros, Pampa Cañahuas (where we find the Vicuna National Reserve of Aguada Blanca), Mismi, Misti and Chachani volcanoes and the glaciers of Ampato, Sabancaya and Hualca Hualca which provide picturesque panoramic views as we enter the Colca Valley. We make a stop at Chivay, the most important town in the Colca Valley, before continuing to your hotel in Colca. (Breakfast and dinner included)

Day 7: Colca – Puno

After breakfast drive to the observation point 'Mirador Cruz del Condor', one of the deepest parts of the canyon where you will find the perfect spot to look down 1,200 m (3,937 ft) into the canyon. It's here that the legendary condor can be seen rising and circling on the morning thermals, silhouetted against the magnificent backdrop of the mountain scenery. Afterwards continue our trip across Altiplano landscapes to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. (Breakfast included).

Day 8: Lake Titicaca

Today's excursion starts with a visit to the floating reed Islands of the Uros people who



Puno

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have been living in the lake for hundreds of years. From here we head to Taquile island, the indigenous community of Taquile has conserved across the centuries many of the customs of the old lake population, such as a communitarian life where everything is shared. The deep earthy red colour of the soil contrasts magnificently against the deep blue of Lake Titicaca with the stunning backdrop of the snowcapped Cordillera Real, on the far side makes this a perfect island to visit. (Breakfast and lunch included)

Day 9: Scenic Train through the Andes

We transfer to the rail station for a spectacular rail journey today beginning in Puno and travelling north to Cusco. This train journey cuts across the formidable Peruvian Altiplano. The first half of the full day journey is through the rolling Andean Plains, where vicuña and alpaca can be seen. The afternoon is dominated by the magnificent Andean mountains which tower over the deep valleys of the meandering Huatanay River. A gourmet lunch will be served on board one of the four dining cars. Traditional dances and music will be presented during the journey to make the special experience complete. Transfer to your hotel in Cusco. (Breakfast and lunch included)

Day 10: Cusco

This morning is at Leisure in Cusco. In the afternoon we have a tour to include the beautiful Koricancha Temple, the Cathedral and the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, a most remarkable Inca building the amphitheater of Kenko. This is followed by a visit to Puca Pucara, a strategically located 'red fortress', that dominates the entire area, before visiting Tambomachay, with its two distinctive aqueducts that to this day continue to provide clean water to the area. (Breakfast included)

Day 11: Cusco – The Sacred Valley

This morning travel to the Písaq market in the Sacred Valley. Originally a place where people from remote communities used to barter their products, Písaq has evolved to one of

South America's most famous souvenir markets. This afternoon we visit the fortress of Ollantaytambo which houses the impressive Temple of the Sun, formed of six gigantic monoliths, and the Terrace of the Ten Niches. (Breakfast and lunch included).

Day 12: Sacred Valley

This morning we transfer to Ollanta train station for the Expedition train ride taking us through the Sacred Valley of the Incas up to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival a small coach takes you up the steep roads to the entrance of the citadel. For centuries Machu Picchu remained undiscovered by Peru's Spanish and was eventually found in 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. During a guided tour experience the uniqueness of the location and the genius that went into its construction, making this Inca site one of the seven new wonders of the world. Return by train from Aguas Calientes to Ollanta (or Poroy) train station for the transfer to the hotel. (Breakfast included)

Day 13: Cusco to Lima

This morning we transfer to Cusco Airport for our flight to Lima. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. This afternoon we have a sightseeing tour of Lima exploring Miraflores and San Isidro, the modern districts of Lima and its historic center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. (Breakfast included).

Day 14: to UK

Transfer to Lima airport for your return flight to the UK.

Day 15: UK

Arrival in the UK

Travel advice hotels list and information

No Visa required for UK Citizens

DATES - PRICES - CODES

2019

7 July	£3899	Tour PR7
1 Sept	£3899	Tour PR9
6 Oct	£3799	Tour PR10
3 Nov	£3699	Tour PR11

2020

8 March	£3699	Tour PR3
12 April	£3899	Tour PR4
3 May	£3799	Tour PR5
7 June	£3899	Tour PR6
6 September	£3999	Tour PR9
4 October	£3899	Tour PR10
8 November	£3799	Tour PR11

DEPOSIT: £700pp

INCLUDED:

- Escort/guides in Peru as per the itinerary
- Return Flights from Heathrow
Flights from other airports may be possible, please call to discuss.
Flight supplement may apply
- 13 nights accommodation in 3-star tourist hotels sharing a twin or double bedded room - upgrades available as stated.
- 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- All excursions as stated
- Trains, boats & internal flights as listed
- All transfers abroad
- ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:**
- Single room supplement from £320pp
- Upgrade to 3 star superior hotels at £210pp
- Upgrade to 4 star superior hotels at £280pp

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