



Exploring the Best of Peru:

A Journey to Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, The Amazon, Lake Titicaca, & More!

Ideal For:

Solo Travelers, Couples, Small Groups

When to Go:

Year-Round

 **Nomad Hill**

Your Itinerary at a Glance

Date	Activities	City Hotel
Day 1	Welcome to Perú! + Day at Leisure	Lima Hotel B
Day 2	Culinary & Cultural Exploration of Lima	Lima Hotel B
Day 3	Fly: Lima > Cusco + The Sacred Valley	Sacred Valley Belmond Rio Sagrado
Day 4	Visit the Sanctuary of Huanca	Sacred Valley Belmond Rio Sagrado
Day 5	Day of Exploration @ Machu Picchu	Aguas Calientes Inkaterra Machu Picchu
Day 6	Day of Exploration @ Machu Picchu	Aguas Calientes Inkaterra Machu Picchu
Day 7	Depart Machu Picchu for Cusco	Cusco Belmond Palacio Nazarenas
Day 8	Discover Cusco Tour	Cusco Belmond Palacio Nazarenas
Day 9	Depart Cusco for Lake Titicaca	Puno Titilaka
Day 10	Day @ Your Leisure on Lake Titicaca	Puno Titilaka
Day 11	Day @ Your Leisure on Lake Titicaca	Puno Titilaka
Day 12	Depart Lake Titicaca for Lima / Iquitos	Iquitos Aria Cruise
Day 13	Day of Exploration on the Amazon River	Iquitos Aria Cruise
Day 14	Day of Exploration on the Amazon River	Iquitos Aria Cruise
Day 15	Depart the Amazon + Travel to Paracas	Paracas Libertador Paracas
Day 16	Ballestas Islands + Flight Over Nazca Lines	Paracas Libertador Paracas
Day 17	Say Goodbye to Perú!	None None

Welcome to Perú!

Peru is a country of astounding contrasts and treasures. Home to ancient cultures established in its three main areas—its desert coast, the high Andes Mountain range, and the Amazon rainforest—it offers an incredibly rich combination of cultural heritage, history, stunning nature, geography, scenery, living cultures, spirituality, and traditions and beliefs. Peru is as complex as its most intricate and exquisite weavings, a place of mythical beliefs where ancient pageants unwind to the tune of booming brass bands. Festivals mark ancient rites, the urban vanguard beams innovation, and nature brims with splendid diversity. Visitors pilgrimage to the glorious Inca citadel of Machu Picchu—and rightfully so—yet this incredible site is just a flash in Peru's 5000-year history. Lima's museums reveal in full detail the sophistication, skill and passion of these lost civilizations. Visit remote communities and see how old ways live on. Immerse yourself, and you will leave Peru a little closer to the past.

One existential question haunts all Peruvians: What to eat? Ceviche with slivers of fiery chili and corn, slow-simmered stews, velvety Amazonian chocolate – in the capital of Latin cooking, the choices dazzle. Great geographic and cultural diversity has brought ingredients ranging from highland tubers to tropical jungle fruits to a complex cuisine of Spanish, indigenous, African, and Asian influence. The truth is, fusion existed here long before it came with airs. Explore the bounty of food markets. Sample grilled anticuchos (beef skewers) on the street corners and splurge a little on exquisite novoandina (Peruvian nouvelle cuisine).

From downtown Lima to smack-dab nowhere, this vast country translates to paradise for the active traveler. Take this big place in small bites and don't rush. Delays happen. Festivals can swallow you whole for days. And that's when you realize: In Peru, the adventure usually lies in getting there. This special trip to Peru includes the 'must-sees,' the most important highlights in the visited cities.



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 | Welcome to Peru!

Upon your arrival in Lima, you will be met by a representative and immediately taken to Hotel B in Lima via private luxury transfer. The rest of the day at your leisure to relax or explore Lima.

Overnight: Hotel B | **Meals:** None

Day 2 | Culinary & Cultural Exploration of Lima

This morning, your guide will meet you at your hotel, and you will begin your exploration through Lima by visiting one of the city's most emblematic and picturesque markets. There, you can see, taste, and purchase the most popular ingredients used in Peruvian cuisine. In the hands of our culinary expert, you will taste fruits from the coast, mountains, and jungle such as chirimoya, paca, mango, passion fruit, aguaymanto, aguaje, and more. The market's variety of vegetables includes bell peppers, Porcon mushrooms, native varieties of potatoes, tubers, roots, organic vegetables, miniature vegetables, aromatic herbs, grains, and more. And don't forget the impressive seafood section, offering the likes of prawns, shrimp, octopus, scallops, and more. Next, head to La Picanteria, a new restaurant owned by famous chef Hector Solís from Fiesta restaurant. The restaurant reproduces the rustic and traditional atmosphere of a 'picanteri' and menus vary according to what's best in the market that day. Unless you request a private table, there are two communal tables where people sit, exactly as they did in a traditional picanteria. You'll have the chance to sample the *chicha de jora* and the amazing varieties they produce in this restaurant. It's all authentic, lovely, rustic, and at the same time designed by one of the best chefs in Peru.



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Day 2 | Culinary & Cultural Exploration of Lima (Continued)

After lunch, your guide and driver will meet you and take you to the Historical Center of Lima and the Plaza Mayor, where the Government Palace, City Hall, the Cathedral, and the Archbishop's Palace are located. Move along to the San Francisco Monastery and step inside Casa Aliaga, one of America's best-preserved colonial mansions. Located across from the Presidential Palace in colonial Lima, Casa Aliaga was built in 1535 by Don Jeronimo de Aliaga, a member of Pizarro's conquering forces. Seventeen generations later, Casa Aliaga is still inhabited by the Aliaga family, whose heirlooms include beautiful original furniture. You may have the chance to meet Gonzalo de Aliaga, current owner and resident of the house. Continue to the district of Pueblo Libre to visit the Larco Herrera Museum, housed in an 18th century colonial mansion. The museum holds the most extensive collection of pre-Columbian art in Peru, featuring many fine examples of textile work, one of which has a world record 398 threads per inch. Also in the museum are materials and tools used by ancient Peruvians to produce their ceramics and metal work, huaco pottery, gold and silver pieces with semiprecious stones and erotic art pieces.

Overnight: Hotel B | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3 | Fly: Lima > Cusco + Head into the Sacred Valley

Enjoy a private transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Airport assistance at the Lima Airport. Upon arrival in Cusco, you are welcomed by our representative and will be immediately transferred to the Sacred Valley via private luxury transfer.

Located at a lower elevation than Cusco, the Sacred Valley enjoys a mild climate and offers the visitor a chance to acclimatize to the region in a less physically demanding environment. Surrounded by varied and dramatic landscapes, it has become a prime tourist destination in Peru. En route, stop at the lovely Hacienda Sarapampa. Protected by its mountains and extraordinary climate, this valley is the cradle of one of the most exceptional corn varieties in the world, adapted to grow only within its geographical boundaries: The Giant White Corn. This corn has transformed the local economy over the last 100 years and is one of Peru's most unique ingredients and one of the Sacred Valley's top attractions for food connoisseurs. To make this experience truly special, you will start a private visit of the hacienda lead by one of its guides. You will learn how the Incas developed such unique corn variety, and how their ancestral techniques survive along with the modern production of corn. Afterwards you will enjoy a delicious tasting lunch in the garden of the farm. The menu will include both indigenous ingredients and influences from Colonial times.

After a long day, check in at your hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight: Belmond Rio Sagrado | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 | Visit the Sanctuary of Huanca

Join your guide for the day as you visit the Sanctuary of Huanca. Every year on September 14, thousands of devotees from Cusco, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile go to the Sanctuary of Huanca to receive the blessing of the Lord. From Cusco, it takes about 4-6 hours of walking to get to "el Señor de Huanca." (Don't worry—You will be a luxury vehicle!)

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Day 4 | Visit the Sanctuary of Huanca (Continued)

In 1675, Diego Quispe, an Indian who escaped from the Yasos mine where he had suffered abuse, hid from his master in a cave. It is said that this place was illuminated by the presence of God. As soon as the priests of Our Lady of Mercy heard the story, an artist from the Cusquenian School went there to paint an image of the Lord in the place where it had been seen.

Overnight: Belmond Rio Sagrado | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 | Exploring Machu Picchu

In the morning, you will board your train to Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu. Enjoy a unique train ride on the Vistadome Train towards the marvelous Inca ruins of Machu Picchu. For many visitors to Peru, a visit to the Inca city of Machu Picchu is the long-anticipated highpoint of their trip. Shrouded by mist and surrounded by lush vegetation and steep escarpments, the sprawling Inca citadel of Machu Picchu is one icon that lives up to every expectation. Like the Mona Lisa, the pyramids and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, this icon has been seared into our collective consciousness, though nothing can diminish the thrill of being there. This awe-inspiring ancient city was never revealed to the conquering Spaniards and was virtually forgotten until the early part of the 20th century. In a spectacular location, it's the best-known archaeological site on the continent.

Upon arrival at the train station in the basecamp town of Aguas Calientes, you will board a shuttle for the climb up to the Citadel at Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Machu Picchu, which means 'Old Mountain,' is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the seven new wonders of the world. Once there, enjoy lunch at the restaurant of Sanctuary Lodge and then spend the rest of the afternoon visiting the Sacred Inca Citadel as you explore its main temples and hidden corners with your guide. Afterwards, check-in at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo.

Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 6 | Day to Explore Machu Picchu

Today you have a second opportunity to spend the day exploring Machu Picchu with your guide. You could also go to the Inca Bridge, an incredible stone structure that served as the entrance or exit to the city and that has a gap in the middle several meters long over which two large wooden planks were placed. Thus, the Incas would cut off the city for their own protection by just removing the planks. If you're feeling adventurous, hike up to the top of Huayna Picchu.

Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 | Depart Machu Picchu for Cusco

Spend the morning exploring Aguas Calientes or take one more trip to Machu Picchu. In the afternoon, board your train to Cusco, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: Belmond Palacio Nazarenas | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 8 | Discover Cusco Tour

This morning, discover Cusco's main attractions with your local expert guide. You start with the Santo Domingo Monastery and the legendary Korikancha (Temple of Gold), the most important Inca temple devoted to worshipping the Sun and whose walls used to be plated with sheets of gold. Continue on to the Cathedral at the Plaza de Armas, the Plaza de Regocijo, as well as the old town and its remarkable Inca walls. Next, head to the San Blas quarter where you can stroll through this quaint district and enjoy one of the finest views of the city. This quarter is home to the workshops and stores of the most renowned craftsmen in Cusco, including Mendivil, Merida, Rojas, and Palomino. You'll also visit its beautiful colonial church, which houses an impressive wood-carved pulpit.

Next, a unique, behind the scenes peek into the private collection of the famous Peruvian photographer Martin Chambi awaits. His legacy, the degree of detail with which he catalogued his photographic plates, the sensitivity and utter respect for indigenous people behind every image, and much more, makes the collection a heritage unto itself. Teo Allaín Chambi, his grandson, along with the rest of his family, are the guardians of his artwork. Newspaper articles, magazines, and books documenting the work of this incredible photographer have been maintained as a testimony to the early 1900s, when Machu Picchu was not even known to the world. Meeting Teo, with his warm personality, charismatic charm, and incredible story is an experience itself. After lunch, the afternoon is your to continue to explore Cusco with your guide or simply relax.

Overnight: Belmond Palacio Nazarenas | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 | Fly: Cusco > Puno / Lake Titicaca

In the morning, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Lima, and then your connecting flight to Puno. Upon arrival in Puno, you will be met and transferred to your fabulous hotel. Rest of the day is at your leisure at Lake Titicaca. Choose from a variety of a la carte activity options.

Overnight: Titilaka | **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



Detailed Itinerary

Days 10–11 | Days @ Your Leisure at Lake Titicaca

Choose from a wide variety of a la carte activities at Titilaka hotel including both cultural activities and physical adventures such as biking, hiking, and kayaking. See pages 17–21 for more info.

Overnight: Titilaka | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 | Fly: Puno > Lima + Board your Aria Amazon River Cruise

Today, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back to Lima. Upon your arrival, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Iquitos to board the Aria Amazon River Cruise. Your assistant will help you with the check-in procedure.

About the Aria Amazon

In 2015, the Aria Amazon, which first set sail in 2011, was completely refreshed with new upgrades from bed linens to state of the art lighting. The 45-meter (147-foot) long Aria was designed by the innovative Peruvian architect Jordi Puig. Extremely generous dining and lounging areas include an outdoor river facing Jacuzzi. Floor to ceiling windows face the Amazon River in the ship's 16 Design Suites, each measuring 23 square meters (250 square feet). Four suites can interconnect for families. Upgrades to the spa include new decor for enhanced relaxation.

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Day 12 | Fly: Puno > Lima + Board your Aria Amazon River Cruise (Continued)

This striking black hulled ship accommodates a maximum of 32 guests plus 26 crew including a paramedic and four English-speaking naturalist guides. Aqua Expeditions highly experienced river pilots and the most rigorous cruise ship standards ensure smooth travel and safety on the waters of the Peruvian Amazon. From the moment you step on board, enjoy the ARIA AMAZON's low-key luxury. Settle into your generously proportioned suite as you begin one of life's greatest adventures. Following a routine safety drill and introduction to our naturalist guides, we gather for innovative Amazonian cuisine created by our Executive Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, whose restaurant, Malabar, is the one of Lima's top ranked dining experiences. The ARIA AMAZON embarks this evening at 6pm.

Overnight: Aria Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13 | Day of Exploration on the Amazon River

Aboard our comfortable skiffs, we set sail from the Amazon River to the Yarapa River. Keep your binoculars ready to spot tropical songbirds, black collared hawks and sloths. We'll go fishing for Amazonia's notoriously ferocious piranhas while our naturalist guides share stories of Lake Moringo. As the sun sets, we head off on an evening's wildlife excursion with extraordinary stargazing on the black waters of Nauta Caño.

Overnight: Aria Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 | Day of Exploration on the Amazon River

Rise with the sun to explore a 'lost river' along the Marañon River. After breakfast, we will take a jungle walk, crossing suspended bridges and bushwhacking into the high ground forest. Later, swim, canoe or kayak in Yanayacu-Pucate River as we look for legendary pink river dolphins. Focus our hi-tech telescope on the night sky to identify the planets and constellations.

Overnight: Aria Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





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Day 15 | Disembark in Paracas + Fly: Iquitos > Lima + Transfer to Paracas

This morning, you will see one of the great spectacles of the Southern Hemisphere: the birth of the Amazon River. Here, at the junction of two major tributaries, the Ucayali and the Marañon form the greatest waterfall in the world—nature at its best. After breakfast, disembark and say goodbye to the Amazon! You will be transferred to the airport in Iquitos for your flight back to Lima. Guides will help with check in at the airport and stay with you until you have boarded your flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima, you will be met and begin your trip south to Paracas by private transportation, a 3.5-hour drive through the coastal desert. Arrival to Paracas and Libertador Paracas Hotel.

Overnight: Libertador Paracas | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Day 16 | Explore Paracas & the Ballestas Islands + The Nazca Lines

Your guide will meet you in the lobby of the hotel and assist you to the hotel's pier where you embark upon a 2-hour boat tour of the Ballestas Islands. Along the way, you can see the Candelabra, an enormous drawing on the side of one of the immense sand dunes that run along the coast. The Ballestas Islands are a collection of rocks that break the waves and the wind. Here you can observe a seal colony in their natural habitat. Then, visit the National Reserve of Paracas where you can see the flora and fauna of the area. Then, continue to Pisco airport to board a 1 hour-30 minutes flight over the Nazca lines, drawings that have mystified scientists since they were first discovered in the 1920s: huge geometric patterns, animal figures including a monkey, a spider, and an 'owl man', and thousands of perfectly straight lines are etched onto the desert's surface.

Overnight: Libertador Paracas | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 17 | Say Goodbye to Perú + End of Services

You will be transferred to the airport in Lima for your flight home. Enjoy assistance at the airport.

Overnight: None | **Meals:** Breakfast

Your Accommodations in Perú

Hotel B | Lima | Aposento Room (2 nights)

A place for contemporary explorers of life seeking the intrigues and mysteries of Peruvian culture, geography and nature, Hotel B caters to traditionalists looking for an authentic historic atmosphere and to shrewd urban explorers willing to immerse themselves in the city's contemporary social and cultural scene. On the second floor of the original mansion, under five meter ceilings and accessed off a private lounge, each of our four most spacious accommodations incorporates several distinctive features that may be a romantic balcony overlooking Saenz Peña Boulevard to the sea, facing the tree lined Calle San Martin or resting above the quiet calm of our intimate courtyard.



Belmond Rio Sagrada | Sacred Valley | Junior Suite Room (2 nights)

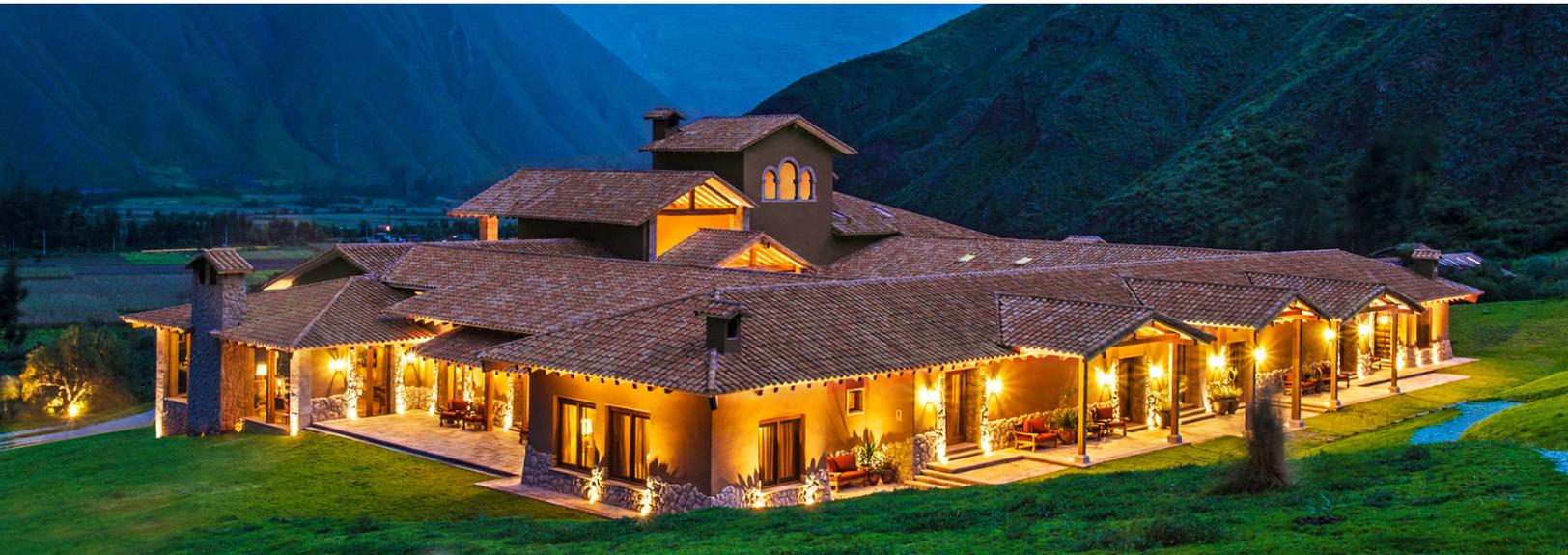
In the Sacred Valley of the Incas, among verdant fields and towering mountains, lies Belmond Hotel Rio Sagrada. Set on the banks of the rushing Urubamba River, this is one of the most serene hotels in Peru. It is built in natural materials to resemble an authentic Andean village. Situated at a lower altitude than nearby Cusco, the hotel provides the perfect environment in which to acclimatize, and is an ideal base to explore the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. So savor fresh produce in the restaurant, enjoy a local Sacred Valley massage or spend a few soothing minutes feeding the hotel's baby alpacas. Slip into the spirit of Peruvian life.



Your Accommodations in Perú

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo | Aguas Calientes | Junior Suite Room (2 nights)

Picture this: you travel by train into the green folds of the Peruvian Andes and arrive at what seems like a charming Andean village hidden in the mists of the cloud forest. To top it off, the greatest archaeological site in South America is perched among the peaks just above, and expert guides are eager to explore it with you. Welcome to Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo, the brainchild of an ecotourism company that has been blazing the trail for sustainable tourism for nearly 40 years. With 81 beautifully appointed casitas discreetly tucked among the trees, a glass-walled restaurant, and a wide range of excursions led by exceptional guides, the lodge is much more than a base for visiting the Machu Picchu Historical Sanctuary—it is a destination in itself.



Belmond Palacio Nazarenas | Cusco | Studio Suite Room (2 nights)

Set in a tranquil plaza behind Cusco's main square, this former palace and convent emerged from years of restoration to become one of the city's most exclusive hotels. Step past walls of Inca stones and into a cloistered courtyard with an ancient fountain at its heart. Then be surprised as contemporary Cusco comes to the fore: a fabulous spa, the city's first outdoor pool and stylish restaurants serving cutting-edge local cuisine. This intimate urban retreat has just 55 suites, each enriched with oxygen and with its own private bar where guests can create drinks accented with fresh ingredients grown at and around the hotel.



Your Accommodations in Perú

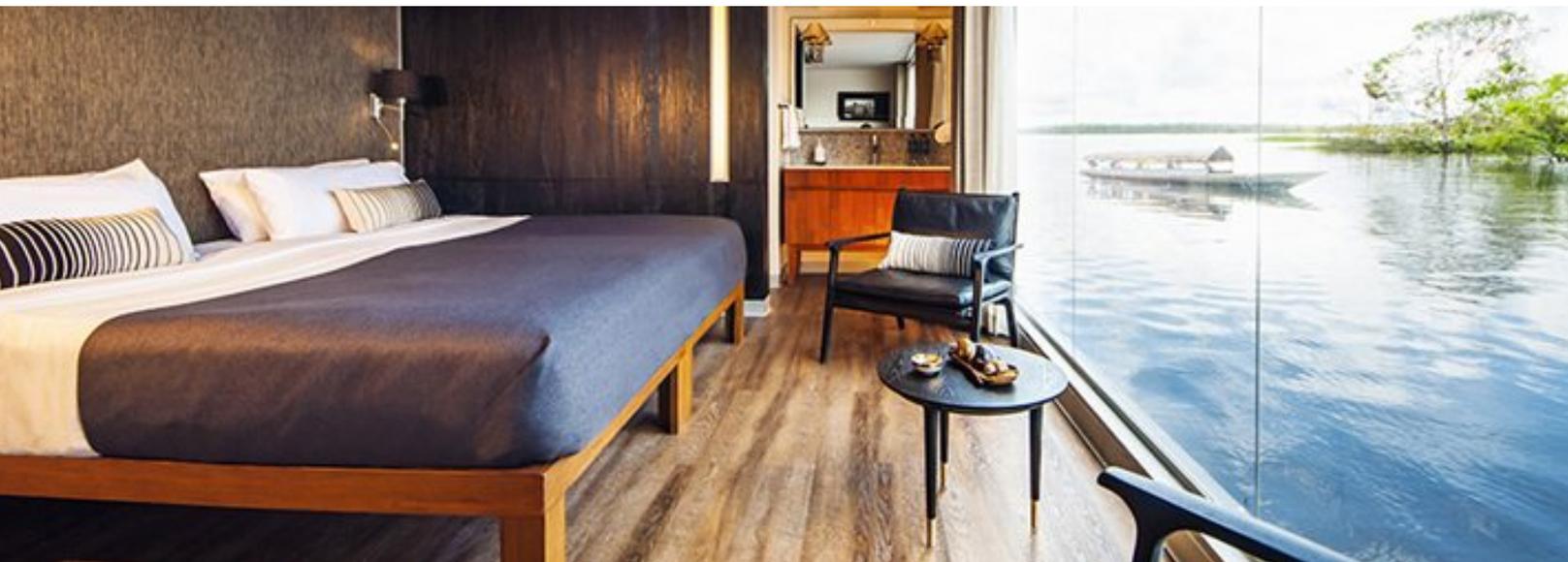
Titilaka | Puno | Dusk/Dawn Suite Room (3 nights)

The mere mention of Lake Titicaca is enough to conjure up a dramatic, mysterious world. At an altitude of more than 3 800 meters in the Andes, on the border between Peru and Bolivia, this cradle of Inca civilization is still home to one of the oldest communities in South America. Titilaka Lodge is tucked away in this unique landscape, totally off the beaten track on its own private peninsula, in a refurbished building. The rooms, each with a splendid lake view, are decorated in a contemporary style with touches of local heritage, in symbiosis with the luxuriant natural setting. Just outside the village of the same name, Titilaka offers a taste of the lake dwellers' traditions and way of life.



Aria Amazon River Cruise | Iquitos | Second Deck Cabin (3 nights)

In 2015, the Aria Amazon, which first set sail in 2011, was completely refreshed with new upgrades from bed linens to state of the art lighting. The 45 meter (147 foot) long Aria was designed by the innovative Peruvian architect Jordi Puig. Extremely generous dining and lounging areas include an outdoor river facing Jacuzzi. Floor to ceiling windows face the Amazon River in the ship's 16 Design Suites, each measuring 23 square meters (250 square feet). Four suites can interconnect for families. Upgrades to the spa include new decor for enhanced relaxation. This striking black hulled ship accommodates a maximum of 32 guests plus 26 crew including a paramedic and four English-speaking naturalist guides. Highly experienced river pilots and the most rigorous cruise ship standards ensure smooth travel and safety on the waters of the Peruvian Amazon.





Your Accommodations in Perú

Libertador Paracas | Paracas | Superior Room w/ Ocean View (2 nights)

Set in one of the most beautiful natural settings on the Peruvian coast, the Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort is part of the Starwood Hotels & Resorts group. The bay, once home to the Paracas culture, is a natural reserve lined with wild beaches and sheltering large populations of sea lions, Humboldt penguins and sea otters. From the hotel's private dock, boat excursions set out across the bay, offering a view of the ancient geoglyph, The Candelabra, before heading on to the Ballestas Islands home to numerous colonies of local birds and sea mammals. Beyond exploring the coast, T'ikariy, the official tour operator of the Libertador group, offers 4x4 trips, dinners in the middle of the desert and flights over the Nazca and Palpa Lines. Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort, is spread over nearly 35 hectares along the bay. It has 120 rooms, two pools, a lounge bar, three restaurants and a spa that offers every luxury imaginable. It also has meeting rooms that can host up to 500 people, a Kid's Club area, and spaces for reading and family activities. All this contributes to making the Hotel Paracas the very best choice for luxury accommodation along the Peruvian coast.

Inclusions

What Is Included

Lima

- Assistance upon arrival in Lima + Private luxury transfer to your hotel
- 2 nights @ Hotel B in Lima | Aposento Room
- Culinary experience in Lima led by a local food expert
- Visit to Colonial Lima and Larco Museum
- Private transfer to Lima for flight to Cusco + assistance at the airport
- Flight from Lima to Cusco

Sacred Valley

- Assistance upon arrival in Cusco + Private luxury transfer from Cusco to the Sacred Valley
- Visit to the Hacienda Sarapampa (lunch included) on the way to the Sacred Valley
- 2 nights @ Belmond Rio Sagrado in the Sacred Valley | Junior Suite Room
- Visit to the Sanctuary of Huanca in San Salvador (w/ private guide)
- Tickets on the Vistadome train from Ollanta Station > Machu Picchu / Aguas Calientes

Machu Picchu

- 2 nights @ Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo in Aguas Calientes | Junior Suite Room
- Full-day guided excursions with entrance fees to Machu Picchu
- Second entrance fee to Machu Picchu Citadel and Huaynapicchu
- Entrance to Machu Picchu Citadel and Machu Picchu Mountain
- Private services of a local expert guide throughout your visit to Machu Picchu
- Tickets on the Vistadome train from Machu Picchu > Poroy Station (Cusco)

Cusco

- Private luxury transfer from the train station to your hotel in Cusco
- 2 nights @ Belmond Palacio Nazarenas in Cusco | Studio Suite Room
- Private full-day walking tour of Cusco including a visit to the atelier of Martin Chambi
- Private luxury transfer from hotel to Cusco Airport for flight to Puno
- Flight from Cusco > Puno

Puno / Lake Titicaca

- Airport assistance upon arrival in Puno + transfer from airport to your hotel
- 3 nights @ Titilaka in Puno (Lake Titicaca) | Dusk/Dawn Suite Room
- Transfer from your hotel to the Airport in Puno for your flight to Iquitos / Lima
- Flights from Puno > Lima > Iquitos

Aria Amazon Cruise

- Assistance upon arrival in Iquitos + transfer to the Aria Amazon River Cruise
- 3 nights @ Aria Amazon River Cruise | Second Deck
- All activities and excursions aboard the Aria Amazon
- Transfers from the Aria Amazon to the airport in Iquitos + assistance at the airport
- Flight from Iquitos > Lima
- Airport assistance upon arrival in Lima + private luxury transfer to Paracas (3.5-hours)

Inclusions

Paracas

- 2 nights @ Libertador Paraca in Paracas
- Half-day Ballestas Island (semi-private services: Shared boat/private guide)
- Transfer to/from the flight over Nazca lines
- Flight Over the Nazca Lines (unescorted/shared)
- Private luxury transfer to the airport for your flight home

General

- All guided excursions described in the itinerary
- All entrances fees for the activities proposed
- Expert local English-speaking guides as mentioned above

What Is Not Included

- International air tickets
- Excess baggage charges
- Visa fees
- Alcoholic beverages + Snacks
- Laundry
- Phone calls, radio calls, or messages
- Other items of personal nature
- Tips & gratuities for guides and staff
- Travel insurance of any kind

Price

Prices vary depending on time of year, group size, length of the trip, accommodation preferences, and more. Please contact Nomad Hill to receive a customized quote.

Kayak Around the Hotel

Enjoy kayaking at 3800-meters above sea level where crisp skies mean increased visibility of the intense Titicaca landscape. Your guide will explain safety procedures for kayaking before heading out. Continue at your pace, to discover some of the coasts near Titilaka. If you choose to paddle silently through the reeds you can observe flora and fauna. Paddling towards the lake will get you great views of the hotel's remote location and private peninsula. Route options are available. Kayaks are open-type, not the usual close-type ones. Recommended to do in the mornings, afternoon availability due to weather can be limited.

- Duration: ¼ day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Kayaking, Birds, & Photos

Rowing on the Reeds

Take a paddle boat excursion through the totora reeds near the hotel. You will learn about the totora reeds, aquatic plants and how they are used by the locals for different purposes ranging from construction to food. Similar to landownership, the reed marshes are divided among the villagers, who every so often harvest them for various uses. The reeds offer a unique ecosystem for birds such as wrens, grebes, moorhens and egrets without the need of goggles. The solid wooden boat gets really close without interrupting the wildlife. For that purpose it is also recommended to get dressed in green, if possible.

- Duration: ¼ day
- Difficulty Level: I
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Rowboat, Birds, & Photos

Walking Along the Shores of Titicaca

A brisk walk past the hotel's peninsula and along the lake's shores is one of the more scenic and pleasant activities available. The lake's impressive size, diverse nature and pristine sights have long kept visitors to Titicaca in awe. Pass sandy beaches, thick reeds and lush marshes to reach a local community or countryside. Here you will be able to see their agrarian and fishing lifestyle as it is inherent in their customs and traditions.

- Duration: ¼ day
- Difficulty Level: I
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Walking, Birds, & Photos

Cycling Through the Fields of Plateria

This biking excursion will become one of your memorable bike rides. The fields of Plateria, the district where Titilaka is located, provide the perfect setting for active exploration. Follow country roads along the grand lake and diverse terrains, where you will observe the local villager's rural way of life. You will see them washing clothes, herding their animals and tending to their children. These are conditions for a great time outdoors; you set the pace, direction and the terrain conditions you want to bike through.

- Duration: 1/4 day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Mountain Biking & Landscape

Hike Up to Titilaka Arch

Admire a magnificent view of diverse terrains, pastel colors and dramatic geographic features from an ancient Incan arch or even further to Point Hilarata. To get here, you hike along a rural community path to the arch. This activity is an introduction to rural lifestyle that dominates most of the Peruvian altiplano. This is the ideal vantage point from which to find your location relative to the area. You will see the community lifestyle adjacent to the hotel and observe residents in their daily tasks while seeing the immensity of the landscape and its unique location. It is recommended to stock up on bottled water.

- Duration: ¼ day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon

The Aymara Sky and Constellations

The crystal clear night skies of Titilaka and the relatively thin atmosphere provide the perfect environment for stargazing and learning about ancient civilization's beliefs of the heavens up above. Bundle up and head out at night to Titilaka's observation platform. Your guide will describe the Andean constellations and celestial movements, especially Wawawara Hawira, the Milky Way. He will explain, for example, that the Incas' constellation was the Orion and that the Aymara people, native to the region, consider the Southern Cross as their stars. The oral traditions of Andean sky, passed on from father to son, explain the origin of the world and cosmic order. You will learn about the two skies, one for winter and one for summer, each with their own constellations, myths and ceremonies. You will also learn about the Inca calendar and the importance of the Chakana, the Andean Cross. The dry season of April to October is the best viewing time as the clouds and rain can make constellation-viewing impossible in other times.

- Duration: ¼ day
- Difficulty level: I
- Schedule: Afternoon
- Attractions: Photos, Local Community, Adventure & Landscape

Visit the Weaving Community of Copamaya

Understand the lifestyles of typical weavers on this excursion that combines a cultural visit with a brisk hike with no other travelers around. Copamaya is a lush and peaceful community surrounded by a picturesque rocky terrain. Pass diverse landscapes and active indigenous communities as you drive to the weaving hamlet. A light ascent on foot to a rocky mountain takes you to the remains of an Inca Trail, where polished stone seats were finely carved from large rocks. From this looking point, enjoy a panoramic view of the vast lake. Descend to appreciate the region's rural way of life when you meet Celedonio and his family. They are the traditional weavers of the community.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty Level: II
- Schedule: Afternoon
- Attractions: Local Community & Archaeological Site

Visit to Lampa—The Pink City of the Altiplano (On Route)

On your airport transfer, you will travel past the city of Juliaca and continue to Lampa which remains a jewel of colonial architecture, reflecting its historic role as center of culture, power and tradition during colonial times. Prominent Peruvian historians, artists and even national presidents grew up in there. Lampa, known as "The Pink City," is a picturesque colonial town built with pink stone. Its people proudly invite and welcome travelers to visit its unique church, casonas and plazas. The main church is characterized by its striking and original architecture, mysterious catacombs and a stunning unique authorized replica of the famous sculpture La Pieta by Michelangelo. Enjoy a picnic lunch en route.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: I
- Schedule: Morning & afternoon
- Attractions: Photos, Local Community, Colonial Architecture & Birds

Exploration of the Chullpas of Sillustani

On your airport transfer enjoy a guided excursion to Sillustani, a spectacular peninsula facing the Umayo lagoon and home to the area's best preserved remains. In addition to its unique geography, this site was a burial ground for the Pucara, Tiahuanaco and Ccolla pre-Inca cultures long before the Inca expansion (1000 B.C. – 1500 A.D.). The tower-like structures known as Chullpas, which symbolized life and birth, are ancient and impressive tombs for chiefs and other dignitaries. Later the site was inhabited by the Incas, who made their own version of these towers. The difference in periods and cultures is seen in the two types of chullpas- the rough, smaller pre-Inca towers, and the smooth, larger ones made by the Incas. The biggest tower took about 50 years to construct and holds rocks weighing anywhere from 2 to 6 tons. This is an impressive site that combines archaeology, history and an amazing landscape.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Archaeological Site & Photos

Appreciation of the Local Flora and Fauna of Chucuito Bay

Venture out of the lodge on a small motorboat with Titilaka's naturalist guides. An avid birdwatcher since childhood, your guide will be able to help you spot, identify and even communicate with the local birds. His expertise allows him to feign bird calls, which often prompt a response back from the birds themselves. Your expert aviary guide and Titilaka's proximity to the conservation and protection area of RAMSAR Convention on Wildlife mean that you will have a better opportunity to spot some of the 60 species of endemic birds that inhabit the area. Depending on the seasons, you may spot flamingoes, shorebirds, grebes and other aquatic birds.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Photos & Birds

Visit to the Uros Floating Islands

Your guides will take you by car and boat to visit the legendary islands of Uros and meet one of traditional families that live there. The Uros Floating Islands are located near the protected National Reserve of Titicaca. The people of Uros are a proud culture who due to persecution by other groups found refuge by living on manmade islands many years ago. They call themselves kot-suña or people of the lake who claim to have "black blood," as they are immune to the cold and consider themselves to be owners of the lake and its waters. Learn about their history, uses for totora reeds and customs after exploring one of these impressive islands. The site is a must for travelers to the area; thus expect to see many other visitors.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: I
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Photos, Boat & Local Community

Visit to the Authentic Taquile

Taquile Island is a living museum, a secluded island of weavers whose textiles have been hailed as heritage masterpieces by UNESCO. Part of the uniqueness of the island's culture comes from their traditional social structure which is reflected in their dress, traditions, and greetings. Depart from Titilaka's pier and travel by boat for about an hour to Taquile. You will be welcomed by the local weaver Juan and his family, who will teach you about their weavings and share anecdotes about the island they proudly call home. Juan will explain that though the Aymaras are the dominant culture in the region, Taquile has remained a Quechua stronghold. As you head back toward the lodge, look back and appreciate the stunning scenery: the umber soil contrasts against the intense blue hues of the lake and the sky, while the snowcapped mountains of the Cordillera Real frame the setting.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: II
- Schedule: Morning
- Attractions: Photos, Boat, Local Community, Birds & Archaeological Site

Mountain Biking Along the Altiplano

This active excursion, lets you bike along dirt roads on the plateau (altiplano) near the hotel at your own pace. You set the direction but we suggest passing through the nearby communities and other surrounding areas. If you wish to capture an impressive view, you may take a rest from cycling and hike up to Inca Anatawi, the remains of an ancient Inca Trail built on the edge of a rocky mountain. The ascent up the Inca Trail is challenging but the prize is the privileged view. Continue cycling around the area or return to Titilaka. Approximate length of trip is 28 km (17.4 miles).

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: III
- Schedule: Morning & Afternoon
- Attractions: Mountain Biking, Landscapes & Local Community

Visit to The Churches of Juli and Pomata

Visit the beautiful colonial churches of Juli and Pomata which during colonial times were centers of power and commerce between Cusco and the important mining city of Potosi. As the cities became the center of evangelization of the highland plateaus, various Catholic congregations built six opulent and immense churches in order to compete for the region's followers and prestige. Today the location of Juli and Pomata does not hold the same strategic value; you will reach rustic hamlets that boast churches of disproportionate size and grandeur, framed by a stunning backdrop of snow covered Bolivian Andes. With four 16th and 17th century churches Juli has been nicknamed "Little Rome of the Americas." Pomata is famous for its baroque church, constructed out of red pumice stone. The churches brag striking architecture, gold-leafed altars, remarkable paintings from the viceroyalty era and massive bells that still toll up to today. This is truly a unique experience as these recently renovated churches are rarely visited.

- Duration: ½ day
- Difficulty level: I
- Schedule: Morning
- Attractions: Photos & Architecture

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