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#### DAY 1 'GOODBYE CANADA, HOLA PERU!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Fly to Lima where you'll meet your Group Guru and fellow travellers. Our luxury coach transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Lima.

#### DAY 2 - COLONIAL LIMA

Late morning tour of the colonial center, including Plaza de Armas and the Renaissance-era Cathedral. Then, discover the fascinating underground catacombs of San Francisco Monastery. In the afternoon, head to the trendy seaside districts of San Isidro and Miraflores. Back at your hotel, raise your first Pisco sour toast at our welcome cocktail. Salud! Overnight in Lima. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3 - COOKING CLASS & CALLAO

In your late morning cooking class, create and sample authentic Peruvian dishes. After lunch, visit La Punta and old Callao, known for its emerging street art scene. Then, explore La Arenilla beach and its display of migrating birds before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Lima. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4 · LIMA & AREQUIPA (FLIGHT)

Morning flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival, take time to adjust to the mildly increased elevation before wandering into the peaceful Santa Catalina Convent, the largest colonial monastery in Peru. Overnight in Arequipa. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 5 - EXPLORING AREQUIPA**

Guided tour of gorgeous colonial-era Arequipa, including Plaza de Armas, the Basilica Cathedral and Yanahuara viewpoint. In the afternoon, feel free to continue exploring Arequipa on your own, or join us for a visit of Mundo Alpaca, a petting zoo and educational center detailing the rich tradition of the region's alpaca and vicuña wool trades. Overnight in Arequipa. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6 • INCA MUMMIES & SCENIC COLCA VALLEY** (160 KM) Explore Arequipa by foot, and pop into the Museo Santuarios Andinos, home to the well-preserved frozen body of a young "Ice Maiden" offered to the Inca gods in the 15th century, a story that still mesmerizes to this day. Afternoon roadtrip to our next destination, Colca Valley, for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7 CONDORS, HANGING TOMBS & SPA

Gaze in awe at the vastness of Colca Canyon from Cruz del Condor viewpoint and admire the majestic flight of the giant Andean condor. Encounter pre-Incan agricultural terraces on your way to see the hanging tombs of Pinchollo and Maca. Tour the baroque church in the lively village of Yanque before enjoying a dip in La Calera's thermal waters. Overnight in Colca. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 8 - PUNO (450 KM)**

Rest and let the memories of Colca settle on your scenic drive to Puno. Along the way, visit the necropolis of Sillustani and its chullpas, the tower-shaped tombs of the Aymara elite. Arrive in the afternoon and settle into your hotel in Puno, Peru's lovable folkloric capital. Overnight in Puno. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 9 - LAKE TITICACA & FLOATING ISLANDS

Lift anchor at Puno's port and explore Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable body of water. Up-close encounter with the fascinating Uros tribe, who work and live on floating reed "islands". Sail to the island of Taquile for lunch with sweeping views, and learn about the island's knitting men and their exquisite wool pieces. In nearby Llachon, you can still hear native Quechuan being spoken by colourfully clad locals. Overnight in Puno. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10 - ANDEAN JOURNEY TO CUSCO (389 KM)

Take in breathtaking views as we cross the La Raya mountain range on our way to Cusco. Stretch your legs and tour the ruins of Pukara, the Raqchi Inca site, as well as Andahuaylillas, whose golden ornaments earned it the name "Andean Sistine Chapel". Arrive in the Inca empire's original capital. Overnight in Cusco. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11 OLLANTAYTAMBO & THE SACRED VALLEY (144 KM)

Enjoy the scenic route to the Sacred Valley. In addition to having the best-preserved ruins in Peru, Ollantaytambo village is a quaint, cobblestone street outpost in the heart of the Sacred Valley. Overnight in neighbouring Urubamba before our highly anticipated adventure. (B,L,D)

## DAY 12 MACHU PICCHU (110 KM)

Morning train ride to Aguas Calientes, home base for our adventure's crown jewel. Nothing prepares you for your first gaze of Machu Picchu. Perched high in the Andes, the Incan Citadel offers a glimpse of this people's structural genius. Guided site tour followed by free time to explore and appreciate this mystical world wonder. Overnight in Urubamba. (B,L,D)

## DAY 13 ' URUBAMBA VALLEY, SACSAYHUAMÀN & CUSCO

Excursion in the Urubamba valley, where we will explore Inca ruins in Pisac and visit the historically significant citadel of Sacsayhuamàn. Continue to Cusco and discover its impressive cathedral and labyrinthic streets. Overnight in Cusco. (B,L,D)

## DAY 14 · CUSCO TO LIMA (FLIGHT)

Before our afternoon flight to Lima, take the morning to meander around colonial Cusco and perhaps pick up that baby alpaca wool scarf you were eyeing the night before. Overnight in Lima. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 15 & 16 ' DISCOVER LIMA & HOME SWEET HOME

Guided tour of the Larco archaeology museum, followed by time to explore Lima. Memorable farewell dinner accompanied by authentic folk music. Still in awe, say goodbye to your fellow travellers who opted out of our included group flights and make your way to the airport to embark on your evening flight(s) from Lima to Canada, arriving the next day. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. What a truly amazing experience! (B,L,D)



# THIS TOUR INCLUDES



#### **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

- International flights with Air Canada or Air Transat and 2 domestic flights
- 14 nights in first class hotels (or the best available in that city)
- 1 train transfer
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage porterage throughout



#### **FOOD & DRINK**

- All 42 meals, including: 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 14 dinners
- Folkloric farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Peruvian cooking class (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Pisco sour tasting
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



#### **UNIQUE MOMENTS**

- Walk through history while exploring the mystical and ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu
- Explore Lake Titicaca and meet the Uros tribes that call their man-made floating islands home
- Stand at 3,700 metres above sea level and admire the majestic flight of the giant Andean condor

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