

Peru Private Tour & Amazon River Cruise

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive, and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

Cusco and Machu Picchu are certainly among the most fascinating natural wonders of the world. Despite the excessive tourism to the locale of Machu Picchu, we suggest spending time in nearby Sacred Valley, where you may enjoy a more culturally compelling experience with a private hiking guide to show you the [many interesting trails you may travel](#). No Machu Picchu luxury travel experience is complete without a ride aboard the Hiram Bingham Train, an overnight stay at Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (on the actual grounds of Machu Picchu!), and a visit to the lovely boutique hotel, Belmond Hotel Monasterio, in Cusco.

A four-night luxury cruise on the Amazon River is a must-do on a tour of Peru! This is a very unique experience in a remote and other-worldly place!

Best Travel Time: [Spring](#) [Summer](#) [Fall](#) [Winter](#)

PERU

Temperature Range

Highs: Low 80's

Lows: High 60's

Area

1.28 Million SQ KM

496,225 SQ MILES

Population

32 Million

Language

Spanish

Capital

Lima

Currency

Nuevo Sol

Day 1

Fly to Lima

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Lima

Upon arrival in Lima, you will be privately transferred to the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel

Though certainly not a deluxe property, we feel the 192-room Wyndham Costa del Sol is the highest quality Lima airport hotel among limited choices and is convenient for a brief overnight rest before connecting to Cusco the following day.

Accommodations: Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel

Day 3

Fly Lima/Cusco + Private Transfer to Sacred Valley

Following breakfast, you will be assisted with check-in for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival in Cusco, you will be privately transferred to the Limo Restaurant, overlooking the lively Plaza de Armas, for tapas. Thereafter, you will be on your way to the Sacred Valley with the option to visit to Awanakancha, where you may spot South American camelids, and the Museo Inkariy along the way. Once checked in at the Tambo del Inka, Valle Sagrado, the balance of your evening will be free for you to relax.

Tambo del Inka, Valle Sagrado

Along with the Explora Valle Sagrado, Tambo Del Inka is one of our favorite luxury properties in the Sacred Valley. A more contemporary, modern style, the 128-room Tambo del Inka consists of striking low-rise pavilions with world-class fronts overlooking the Urubamba River. Though the spacious rooms reflect a leading-edge design (high ceilings and stone floors), we especially like the Inca fabrics and the bathrooms' double granite vanities are always nice. There are terrific amenities for families staying here, including an indoor/outdoor heated pool, a nice spa, and a small fitness center. The hotel's Hawa-fusion restaurant offers tasty seafood and outstanding local produce. Another plus while staying at the Tambo del Inka is its own private railway station for catching the Hiram Bingham Train to Machu Picchu!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Tambo del Inka, Valle Sagrado

Day 4

Chincho, Ollantaytambo & Salinas de Maras Private Tour

Following breakfast, you will journey to the Urubamba Valley and Chincho. Chincho is known as the mythical birthplace of the rainbow. Here you will meet an expert Peruvian weaver, to learn about this native art form. Following lunch, you will explore the massive and terraced fortress of Ollantaytambo, ending your day at the Maras Salt Mines, which date back to Incan times.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Tambo del Inka, Valle Sagrado

Day 5

Train to Machu Picchu + Macchu Picchu Hiking

Today you will board the luxury Hiram Bingham Train to Machu Picchu, an elevation of 7,972 feet! Following your arrival and check-in at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, you will be able to stroll the ruins with your private guide in the late afternoon, void of any crowds! You may find our visitor guide to this amazing site [here](#).

Belmond Sanctuary Lodge

The 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge is the only hotel adjacent to the ruins, a location that grants special access to this other-worldly place. Based on its management by the Belmond Group, the service and overall dining options here are of the highest quality. Though the rooms are relatively small, they are newly refurbished with the usual luxury amenities you would expect from a Belmond Property. The fundamental and priceless benefit of staying at this property is having exclusive and direct access to the adjacent Machu Picchu ruins.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Belmond Sanctuary Lodge

Day 6

Machu Picchu Hiking + Train to Cusco

This morning, you will have the opportunity to take your choice of hike through Machu Picchu with your private guide. The Sun Gate Trail is a steady incline and hike many explorers choose to be able to view the high agricultural terraces. For a more challenging hike, you may choose the Huayna Picchu, tackling narrow

staircases and steep lanes for an incomparable sight of this civilization. In the late afternoon, you will board the Hiram Bingham Train back to Cusco, where you will be assisted to check-in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio.

Belmond Hotel Monasterio

Housed within a converted 16th-century monastery, this 126-room, luxury property is our favorite 5-star hotel in Cusco. A short walk from the Plaza de Armas, the rooms are somewhat small (even the deluxe category), with the Spanish-style furnishings and overall aesthetics being most impressive. We love the Monasterio's public areas and general design featuring terracotta floors, antique furniture, original paintings from the Cusqueña School of Art, and museum-quality artifacts. The property has the feel of a Cusco art museum within the confines of a luxury hotel. We enjoy dining in the hotel's courtyard Illariy Restaurant and nearby Deli Monasterio. Cocoa tea upon arrival is routinely recommended in order to better acclimate.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Belmond Hotel Monasterio

Day 7

Cusco Private Tour

Today, you will take a private tour of Cusco, including the City's Cathedral, considered the most beautiful churches in the Americas, and 16th-century Santo Domingo. You may also walk amidst the incredible Indian military structure, Saqsaywaman, as well as the Qenko shrine, devoted to Mother Earth.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Belmond Hotel Monasterio

Day 8

Fly Cusco/Lake Titicaca

Following breakfast, you will be privately transferred to the airport for your onward flight. Upon arrival in Lake Titicaca, you will be privately transferred to Titilaka lodge, where the remainder of your day will be free to enjoy at your leisure.

Titilaka

At an altitude of approximately 12,500 feet, the 5-star, luxury Titilaka lodge possesses a truly otherworldly locale, set on a remote shore of Lake Titicaca (one of the highest and deepest bodies of water in the world!) and blends smart, modern design with Andean culture. Notwithstanding the property's somewhat bland red-brick exterior, the aesthetics and clean, contemporary design of the 18 large, loft-like rooms is impressive. All rooms include frontal views of Lake Titicaca, heated slatted-wood floors (nice for chilly nights), rainfall showers, and floor-to-ceiling windows throughout. Think Mies Van der Rohe meets Lake Titicaca! The open-plan dining area is an ideal place to meet your fellow global travelers and the dining is described as "light Peruvian dishes". Other amenities include a small massage room, library, and a game room with cable TV and Wi-Fi.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Titilaka

Day 9

Lake Titicaca & Uros Islands Private Tour

In the morning, your guide will take you by car and boat to visit the legendary Uros Floating Islands, located near the protected Titicaca National Reserve. Here you will meet one of the traditional families that inhabit these unique islands.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Titilaka

Day 10

Fly Lake Titicaca/Lima + Lima Private Tour

Upon arrival in Lima, you will be privately transferred to Hotel B. After check-in and lunch, you will proceed on a short, half-day private tour, including the Plaza Mayor; Lima's historic cathedral, the Plaza San Martin, and more! For an educational and amusing addition, you may wish to stop at the Museo Larco.

Hotel B

Located in the artsy, Bohemian, Barranco district of Lima, Hotel B is perhaps our favorite luxury, boutique hotel in all of Peru. The property was originally built as a seaside retreat for the president of Peru, Augusto Leguía, in the 1920s. Noted French architect Claude Sahut was commissioned to design the original building, completed in 1914. With only 17 suites/rooms, the early 20th-century style rooms include high-ceilings, big windows with balconies, and the usual luxury amenities. Though the majority of the 17 suites are in the original building, the newly-built annex suites are also very nice, with no real downgrade in quality. The restoration of Hotel B is considered to have been the new standard for historic restoration in Lima. The hotel's Oscar Velarde restaurant is a can't-miss experience, as is the property's cozy, funky bar. In addition to being surrounded by many art galleries and studios, Hotel B has its own art collection and is linked directly with the Lucia de la Puente Gallery. Lucia is also one of the hotel's investors.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Hotel B

Day 11

Fly Lima/Iquitos + Board Amazon River Cruise

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Iquitos, the gateway to the Amazon and the Amazon River. Here, you will be transferred to board the M/V ARIA Vessel for an immersive, four-night river exploration.

M/V ARIA Amazon River Vessel

We love the M/V Aria and consider the three or four-night Amazon River Cruise to be a highlight of our Peru Private Tour itinerary. Originally launched in 2011 and completely refurbished in 2015, the luxury, 16-cabin M/V ARIA river vessel provides a high-touch, fun Amazon River expedition experience. Custom built by noted Peruvian architect Jordi Puig, the ARIA includes 16 air-conditioned cabins (250 sq. feet each), all featuring updated bathrooms and showers, floor-to-ceiling windows, and 24/7 hot water access. The vessel is limited to 32 guests, in addition to 24 crew members, including a paramedic and four naturalist guides. Other features include an indoor bar, spacious dining room, observation deck, a small workout area (treadmill and stationary bike), and Peruvian 5-star cuisine. We feel the Peruvian dining experience onboard the ARIA is among the

highest standards anywhere in the country. Using the ARIA's expedition skills to explore the Amazon tributaries, you will have ample opportunities to fish for Piranha! Also of note is the ample peacock bass fishing available during the September and October season! Please note, the ARIA's eight-passenger skiffs use Mercury 60 HP Marine Outboard engines, operating at ultra-low emission levels for minimum disruption to wildlife. It is important to note that the ARIA does not have internet access, though guests sometimes are able to connect via roaming data on their devices.

M/V Nera Amazon River Vessel

Launching in August 2020, the new, 20-suite Aqua Nera will operate alongside the ARIA Amazon. A redesigned interior from the award-winning architect, Noor Design, draws inspiration from the Amazon's mystical, blackwater lagoons. The Aqua Nera will also feature comprehensive amenities including an indoor lounge and bar, as well as a river-facing plunge pool and gym. Onboard dining remains overseen by the renowned Peruvian chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. Congrats to our friends at Aqua!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: M/V ARIA Amazon River Vessel

Day 12 - 14

Amazon River Cruise

Aboard the ARIA, you will experience the Amazon's unique flora, fauna, primates, amphibians, and marine life on your journey. In addition, you'll have a chance to visit island river communities for a holistic Amazonian immersion.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: M/V ARIA Amazon River Vessel

Day 15

Disembark + Fly Iquitos/Home

Following breakfast and one last excursion, you will be transferred to the airport to board your onward flight home.

Meals: Breakfast