

THE WONDERS OF PERU

June 30- July 13, 2019

Cuzco • Machu Picchu • Sacred Valley •
Temple of the Sun • Amazon basin Rainforest •
Saqsayhuaman • Lake Titicaca • Floating Islands of the Uros Indians •
Lima • Ollantaytambo • Pisac • Andahuayllas • Temple of the Sun •
Raqchi • Wiracocha Temple * Day Inca Trail

This is a unique tour. Frankly, there is nothing like it offered in the State of Utah. In addition to visits to expected sites, such as Cuzco and Machu Picchu, our tour will take us off-the-beaten track to immerse ourselves in the world of the Inca Empire. We visit historic and cultural sites, temples and native Indian markets that see few outsiders. We visit UNESCO World heritage sites; we navigate one of the tributaries of the Amazon. Overnight in a jungle lodge nestled deep in the Tambopata - Candamo Biosphere Reserve where over 1,000 species of birds, 300 species of trees, endangered animal and plant species could be found. Manu and Candamo are the largest protected area in Peru, with endless tropical forests, rainforest, cloud forests, and rivers brimming with life; all of this make the Peruvian rain forest a "Living Garden of Eden".



We journey to Puno and stop at the church of San Pedro Apostol called the Sistine Chapel of South America for its paintings that cover the ceilings, then on to Raqchi where the Temple of Wiracocha is located; a site rarely seen by foreign visitors. Wiracocha is "God the Creator" as well as the name of one of the Inca Emperors. Wiracocha was the white deity to the Incas. We continue driving to Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, where the reed-made floating islands of the Uros Indians are located.

No tour to the empire of the Incas would be complete without a visit to Cuzco and Machu Picchu. Cuzco, nestled high in the Andes Mountains and a UNESCO World heritage site, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. Cuzco still retains its indigenous and colonial charm and architecture. UNESCO declared Machu Picchu one of the wonders of the world. New restrictions made by UNESCO and the government of Peru makes it now more restricted in visiting the citadel. The extra night in Machu Picchu, allows our group, time to climb the Wayna Picchu peak, or hike to the Gate of the Sun. This has never been offered before in our tours. Reservations to hike to the top of the Wayna Picchu must be made well in advance. Both, the one day Inca trail and Wayna Picchu are optionals and for a few dollars you have access to them, provided there availability.

This is no ordinary tour. This is an adventure for travelers who want to see, feel, and experience the Inca nation, its people and heritage. While staying in first class comfort and accommodations, you will journey in what can only be described as daily *National Geographic* type experiences with expert bilingual guides and most meals included. This is a life changing experience that do not often come our way. Please join Carlos on this amazing trip!



Our Host Carlos Fida: I am a native of Argentina where I held teaching positions at the University of Patagonia and at the Military Academy. I have lectured for university groups on the rich history of pre-Colombian and modern Latin American history. I immigrated to the United States, and after working for five years in the travel industry, I earned my Certified Travel Agent degree in 1985. Since then, I have devoted 40 years of my life as a highly qualified specialist in Latin American travel. Travel and Leisure Magazine has awarded me a recognition as a top specialist in travel to Latin America starting in 2006. I have also been nominated as the number one specialist by the Latin American Tour Association.

Itinerary:

June 30: Lima

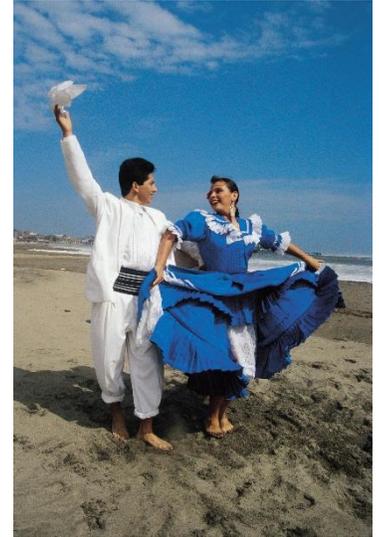
We depart Los Angeles at 9:40 P.M. and will arrive the following day in Lima, Peru.

July 01: Lima

Arrive in Lima at 8:00 A.M. Transfer to our hotel. Afternoon tour of the City of Kings, as Lima is called. We set out to discover the exciting sites and history of Lima, Peru's capital city. We see Plaza de Armas, the core and center of the city, surrounded by the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Metropolitan Cathedral where the tomb of Conquistador Pizarro is found, the archbishop's residence and the San Francisco Convent. **(B)**

July 02: Lima - Puerto Maldonado -Lake Sandoval Lodge

This morning we transfer to the Lima Airport for a short flight to Puerto Maldonado, gateway to the Amazon and Candamo Biosphere. Puerto Maldonado is the rainforest capital of Peru. We travel by boat down the Madre de Dios River to the Sandoval Lake lodge; a rustic but comfortable jungle lodge in the primeval forest. The diversity of wildlife is due to its location at the confluence of the lowland Amazon forest and three other ecosystems. This area is home to at least 13 endangered animals, including the jaguar, giant otter, ocelot, harpy eagle, and giant armadillo. Sailing on Lake Sandoval will transport us into a pristine forest surrounded by palm trees. After dinner we enjoy a night walk with local native guides to observe some of the animals that inhabit the jungle. Overnight in our Amazon jungle lodge. This really is right out of *National Geographic!* **(B, BXL, D)**



July 03: Lake Sandoval Lodge

Our excursion today takes us to a lake where we board a canoe or catamaran and explore the area for wildlife in the water, on land, in the trees, and in the sky; including the elusive Hoatzin, a rare tropical bird found in the mangroves, waters and forests in the Amazon. We also go spotting for caimans, macaws and other endemic species that inhabit the Amazon rainforest at night. Overnight in our Amazon jungle lodge. Talk about spectacular sunsets! **(B, L, D)**

July 04: Lake Sandoval Lodge

This morning a boat ride takes us to a macaw palm tree lick, similar to what you have seen on "Animal Planet". Parrots, macaws and other birds gather to eat sawdust which contains sodium, calcium, potassium and other minerals that help them to digest the berries and fruits the birds eat during the early morning hours. Overnight at the Amazon jungle lodge. There is no other lake as beautiful as

Lake Sandoval in the whole region. To see the sunset over the tall palm trees and the reflection on the waters of the calm lake is an unforgettable experience. This is simply a spectacular day! **(B, L, D)**

July 05: Cuzco

We bid farewell to the Amazon basin, its flora and fauna. We navigate the Madre de Dios River and return to Puerto Maldonado, pick up our larger luggage that we left in the Lake Sandoval lodge office, and transfer to the airport for our flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival check-in at our hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure and explore downtown Cuzco. **(B)**

July 06: Cuzco - Machu Picchu

Today we experience the highlight of any journey to Peru: Machu Picchu, the Lost Citadel of the Incas. We take the morning train to Aguas Calientes, a wonderful and charming village at the base of the Machu Picchu Mountain. Buses are waiting to take us to the top of the mountain to enter Machu Picchu; perched high atop the Andes Mountains. An expert guide will introduce us to the history of the city and its mysterious abandonment. **We are offering a hike to Wayna Picchu, the peak that serves as a backdrop to the citadel. To hike to the top of Wayna Picchu requires an additional cost of \$39.00 per person; and must be booked well in advance. It is a moderate climb that takes approximately one hour to get to the top.** **(B, L)**



July 07: Machu Picchu

This morning we re-enter the citadel of the Incas to do some further exploration and sightsee the ancient complex built by the Incas. Afternoon transfer by train to Ollantaytambo and by bus to our hotel located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. **(B)**

July 08: Sacred Valley - Cuzco

Our visit to the “Sacred Valley”, will connect us to the glorious past of the Ollantaytambo fortress, an area packed with Inca sites, colonial towns, and isolated weaving villages. Ollantaytambo, a former Inca administrative center and gateway to the Antisuyo (the Amazon corner of the Inca Empire), sits at the northern end of the Sacred Valley. At the time of the Spanish invasion and conquest of Peru, Ollantaytambo served as the last stronghold for the Inca resistance against the conquerors. We continue to the quaint village of Chinchero and its famous native market, a world renowned market famous for handmade textiles, articles in gold and silver, handicrafts, and ceramics. Overnight in Cuzco. **(B, L)**



July 09: Cuzco

Today we explore the former capital of the Inca Empire. The Qoricancha or Temple of the Sun is the place where the Incas congregated to worship the Sun, their god. The early chronicles tells us that the walls of the Temple were covered with gold. The gardens and courtyards contained magnificent reproductions of animals made of solid gold. Outside of the city is the colossal structure of the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman. The Incas shaped enormous stones and fitted them together with incredible precision. We will walk where the Incas walked, and admire their talent in building majestic buildings still intact, except for the destruction caused by the

Spanish Conquistadors. The 17th Century Cathedral is not just another cathedral, but a monument to faith and skilled labor. The walls are covered with artwork of the Cuzco School of Painting. Altar pieces in gold and silver adorn the largest religious building in the city of Cuzco. There is so much history as the syncretism of two religions mix; Christian and pagan. **(B)**

July 10: Cuzco - Puno

Today we drive through the Valley of Cuzco to the Andean village of Andahuaylillas and visit San Pedro Apóstol church. The small church is often called the “Sistine Chapel of South America”. The chapel’s ceilings and walls are painted in bright colors and the altar is covered in gold, making this little church an architectural jewel and a UNESCO monument. Precious work of art adorn the different chapels of San Pedro Apostol. The church dates to 1570. As we continue our journey we explore native villages lost in time, where little has changed since colonial days. After visiting Raqchi and the Temple of Wiracocha, the white god of the Incas we arrive in Puno, a city near Lake Titicaca. The drive takes us over high mountains passing La Raya at an altitude of 14,271 feet. This journey is a step-back-in-time to a world that few ever see due to its remoteness. (B)



July 11: Puno – Lake Titicaca

This is a day to enjoy a navigation across the placid waters of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. The islands of the Uros Indians are made of reed and are floating on the shallow waters of the lake. The friendly locals receive visitors and do a demonstration of how the islands are built. They sell handicraft made by their women and children. This is a unique opportunity to interact with a different group of natives who speak Aymara and Spanish. (B)

July 12: Juliaca - Lima

This morning we transfer to the Juliaca Airport for our flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima we will have a few hours at the hotel to rest and prepare for the early morning flight to Los Angeles. (B)

June July 13: Los Angeles

Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) at 9:00 A.M. and connect to flights to our home city.



RESERVATION INFORMATION

Meals: B breakfast, L lunch, **BXL** Box lunch, D dinner

Gratuities: Driver and guide gratuities are included.

Land and Air* Package Price:

Based on double occupancy, per person: \$ 4,620.48

*Airfare from Los Angeles

There is a discount of \$100.00 per passengers if booked by April 15, 2019



RESERVATION INFORMATION CONTINUED

Rates include all taxes and fuel surcharges current as of January 2019. Taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change.

DEPOSIT:

\$ 500.00 per person

FINAL PAYMENT:

Final payment for land and air is due by **March 15, 2019**.

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Land and air package

Dates	Amount
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