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Wonders of South America - Peru & Ecuador
12 Days - 11 nights
Saturday or Sunday departures
Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Quito, Galapagos, Guayaquil
Adventure, Culture, History, Archeology, Wildlife, Ecotourism

# Day 1 - Sat or Sun: Lima

Welcome to Lima. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure to explore the city on your own.

# Day 2 – Mon or Tue: Lima

Today you will discover the history of Lima from the Pre-Columbian era to the present, starting in the historic downtown district. Your guide will take you to beautiful Plaza Mayor ("Main Square"), which is surrounded by the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, and City Hall. While strolling the old streets lined with colonial mansions and Moorish balconies, you will also visit a convent that is an icon of colonial architecture. Then head to the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores. San Isidro is an upscale residential and commercial neighborhood, which houses the Huaca Huallamarca a pyramid shaped pre-Hispanic sacred structure. Next visit trendy Miraflores with its chic shops, restaurants and casinos, and lovely boardwalk. At the end of the tour, return to your hotel. Afternoon at leisure to explore Lima on own. [B)]

### Day 3 – Tue or Wed: Lima, Cusco (Archaeological Ruins)

At agreed time, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Cusco. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. [B] Get ready to explore Cusco a UNESCO World Heritage Site! Start at the Koricancha temple, an ancient Incan palace and a place of worship for the Sun God, which in the past was fully covered in gold. Over its ruins, the Dominicans built a beautiful church that remains intact. Your next stop is the Plaza de Armas. Here you find the Catholic Cathedral and the picturesque Church of the Society of Jesus, among other colonial buildings. Continue your journey to the colonial church of San Cristóbal, a picture perfect site with panoramic views of the city. Proceed to the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, an Incan building known for its 30-foot tall walls made of hewn stone. This fortress that was built atop of a hill offers a scenic view of Cusco. Finish your tour with a visit to the archaeological complexes of Qenko, with its stone labyrinth and sacrificial alter, and Puca Pucara, a site of military ruins, an architectural marvel of rooms, waterways and aqueducts. [B]

## Day 4 - Wed or Thu: Cusco, Sacred Valley (Chinchero, Mayra & Ollantaytambo)

Start today's tour visiting the Inca's Balcony, a beautiful terrace with an impressive view of Chinchero, a lovely little town in the Sacred Valley that, according to the Incas, was the birthplace of the rainbow. A small community of indigenous people will greet you. Here you will learn the ancestral technique of dyeing wool to obtain the vivid colors you find throughout Peru. Afterwards visit Moray, an archeological site built on a series of terraces that is believed to be used by the Incas as an agricultural laboratory. The last attraction of your tour is Ollantaytambo: one of the most monumental architectural complexes of the ancient Inca Empire. Ollantaytambo is an Incan military, religious, and agricultural center that rests on a mountain peak. From this imposing site, one can look down and appreciate the amazingly narrow streets and canals that have remained untouched since the Incan times. [B/L]

# Day 5 - Thu or Fri: Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cusco

Your day starts with an early transfer to Ollanta train station where you board the train to the small city of Aguas Calientes, gateway to the Citadel of Machu Picchu. Disembark and board a bus headed for the amazing Machu Picchu archaeological site. Go back 500 years in time and immerse yourself in the history of the Incan civilization, provided by your expert guide. Learn why Machu Picchu was designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site and voted one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. Afterwards, you have free time to explore the site on your own; relax, or meditate. Later descend to Aguas Calientes and board your train back to Cusco or Sacred Valley where you be picked up and transferred to your hotel. [B/L]

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# Day 6 - Fri or Sat: Cusco, Lima, Quito

At agreed time transfer to the airport to board your flight to Lima with connection to Quito.

Welcome to Quito! Situated in a circle of mountainous peaks of the Andes, Quito has one of the most magnificent settings in the world. Its colonial old town was the first location in the world to be designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Altogether the city has to offer 86 churches and monasteries of the 16th and 17th century. Due to its beautiful churches and monasteries, Quito is known as the "Convent of America". This attractive city is located only 22 km (13,7 mi) away from the "Middle of the World", the Equatorial Line.

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. [B]

# Day 7 – Sat or Sun: Quito (Colonial City & Middle of the World)

Enjoy the eclectic architecture ranging from the modern quarters to varied colonial facades on churches and private residences decorated and balconies built along the last five centuries. See the gothic Basilica of the Heart of Jesus, the Independence Square developed during the past five centuries and flanked by the Presidential and the Archbishop's palaces dated back to XVII and XIX centuries. Walk through the charming colonial quarter towards the Metropolitan Cathedral with excellent samples of the Spanish renaissance. Visit the Jesuit temple, a perfect example of baroque art considered the jewel of the crown of the colonial architecture in Quito, then continue to the Plaza of San Francisco, which displays a rich sample of artistic and cultural heritage. Your tour end with a visit the "Middle of the world" monument situated at 0°0'0" latitude. [B]

# Days 8-10 – Sun-Tue or Mon-Wed: Quito, Galapagos (Cruise aboard of M/Y Coral I & II or M/V Galapagos Legend)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Baltra or San Cristobal to board your 3 night Galapagos Cruise

Enjoy a 3-night top quality cruise. Only a special few have the chance to travel through this paradise, sailing on a charming ship, with nautical interior decoration of wood and brass, featuring ample outer decks, sea-view cabins and suites, Jacuzzi, pool, bars and more. See prehistoric iguanas, giant tortoises, exotic birds, and plants, beautiful landscapes of volcanoes, lava cones and magma flows. Swim and snorkel at any time of the year in the warm clear waters among tropical fish, manta rays, sea lions, swordfish, sea turtles and other marine wildlife. Multilingual naturalist guides lead shore excursions twice a day to a place unlike any other full of wildlife that has no fear of man. Lectures explaining the geology, history, evolution, flora and fauna of the islands are provided in several languages. A fine selection of meals will delight you, from buffet breakfast to gourmet dinners, ice cream festivals, and evening barbecues. [B/L/D]

### Day 11 – Wed or Thu: Galapagos, Quito or Guayaquil

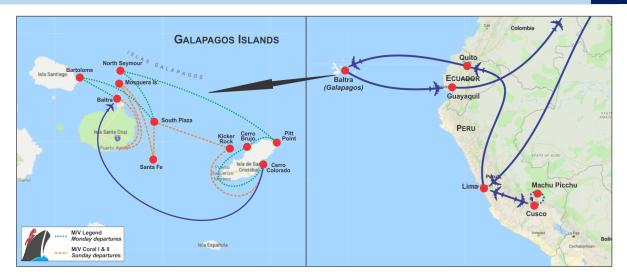
Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Quito or Guayaquil. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel [B]

### Day 12 - Thu or Fri: Quito or Guayaquil, USA

At agreed time transfer to the airport to board your flight to the USA or to the next destination. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner





# Your Tour includes:

- Shared transfers where required
- 11 nights accommodation at hotels of your preference:
  - o Lima 2 nights
  - o Cusco 2 nights
  - o Sacred Valley 1 night
  - o Quito 2 nights
  - o Galapagos Cruise 3 nights
  - o Quito or Guayaquil 1 night
- Meals:
  - Daily breakfast
  - o 4 lunches
  - o 3 dinners
- Shared tours as described
- Local English-speaking guides

- Round trip Vistadome tickets to Aguas Calientes
- Entrance fees to attractions mentioned
- All hotel taxes

### Tour does not include:

- International or domestic air tickets
- Travel Insurance
- Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- Services and meals not listed in the itinerary
- Beverages during the meals
- Hotel extras and personal expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers, and in restaurants
- Transit Control Card \$20.00 (subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee \$100.00 (subject to change)
- Fuel charge US\$90.00 (subject to change)
- Flight to/from Galápagos

### Hotels in your Tour:

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Location	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
	Tourist Class		
Lima	Casa Andina Miraflores	Traditional	4
Sacred Valley	Sonesta Posada del Yucay	Standard	4.5
Cusco	Casa Andina Catedral	Standard	4
Quito	Dann Carlton	Standard	4
Galapagos	M/V Coral I & II	Standard Plus	5
Cruise	M/V Galapagos Legend	Cabin	5
Guayaquil	Oro Verde Hotel	Standard	4.5
	First Class		
Lima	Marriott Courtyard	Standard	4.5
Sacred Valley	Aranwa Valley	Standard	4.5
Cusco	Aranwa Cusco	Standard	4.5
Quito	Dann Carlton	Standard	4.5
Galapagos	M/V Coral I & II	Standard Plus	5
Cruise	M/V Galapagos Legend	Cabin	3
Guayaquil	Oro Verde Hotel	Standard	4

All hotels and cruise are subject to confirmation at the time of booking

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# **Tour Prices:**

Category	Double		
2020 Departures			
Tourist Class	\$4,055		
First Class	\$4,319		

Rates are per person, valid from January 2nd through December 15, 2020 and may change without notice.

Single price is based on 2 or more pax traveling together staying in a single room/cabin. Rates do not apply to the following holidays: Inti Raymi (week of June 24), Peru Independence Day celebrations (Week of July 28 and 29), Christmas and New Year's (December 23 through January 1). Other blackout dates may apply.

# **Supplements:**

	Description	Cost
Round trip flight b	tween Ecuador mainland and the	
Galapagos		\$495

Price per person must be booked by Holidays with Downtown

Tour Code: MU04LIM20CTK

# **Important Cruise notices:**

# **Payment**

Deposit: Upon confirmation \$500 for 3-night cruises

- Full payment: 61 days prior to departure
- Cancellations and penalties:
- Up to 121 days no penalties apply
- 120 61 days prior to departure, USD \$500 per person
- 60 days full payment is non-refundable

# Changes:

Rather than cancelling services, we suggest rescheduling the cruise date, or changing the name in the same departure, under the following conditions:

- Between 120 and 61 days prior to departure, \$150 penalty per person per name changed
- Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure, a 20% discount will apply for new reservations involving date change with the same names.

Price adjustments apply depending on available date, ship, and cabin(s).

Above conditions do not apply for blackout dates.