



**Discover Corps**  
*Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose*



# PERU: WONDERS OF THE SACRED VALLEY



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Discover Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonder of the World**
- **Walk with llamas to a stunning mountain vista tucked in the Andes**
- **Meet Manuel Choque, the world-famous "Potato Whisperer" who is revolutionizing Peruvian gastronomy**
- **Engage with local children, weavers and farmers in the Andean village of Ccorccor**
- **Experience true Peruvian hospitality at some of the country's premier 5-star hotels**

*A high-end, immersive cultural journey through Peru's magical Sacred Valley.*



# TRIP AT A GLANCE

7 Days / 6 Nights

GROUP SIZE Average 6, Maximum 12

LODGING Premier

PHYSICAL DEMAND Easy



## DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** - Arrive in Cusco, Peru and start the trip with an unforgettable lunch at Hacienda Sarapampa overlooking the Sacred Valley. Stop the bus moment: llama farm. The drive is 1.5 hr. Stop by the Pisac Market and settle into our hotel.

**Day 2** - Meet one of the most famous hat makers in Peru followed by lunch with Manuel Choque who is revolutionizing Peruvian cuisine. Spend the afternoon at a local village meeting local weavers and playing games with kids.

**Day 3** - Take a morning walk with llamas while learning about the pioneering Llama Pack Project. Visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo in the afternoon followed by a ceramic workshop.

**Day 4** - Embark by train to the cloud forests of Aguas Calientes. Uncover one of the Seven Wonders of the World - Machu Picchu.

**Day 5** - Enjoy a free morning exploring the orchid gardens, opting for an early morning birding tour or visiting the Andean Bear rescue at our hotel. Venture back to Cusco by train in the afternoon.

**Day 6** - Spend the morning getting to know Cusco including the Coricancha Inca Temple, Cusco Cathedral and Sacsayhuaman Fortress. An unforgettable farewell dinner will follow in the evening.

**Day 7** - Return home or continue to the Amazon Rainforest on the extension.

## AMAZON RAINFOREST POST-TRIP EXTENSION

**Day 7** - Arrive in Puerto Maldonado in the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest by plane. Venture by boat to our boutique eco-lodge. Enjoy a night hike around the forest.

**Day 8 & 9** - Join your local guide on a range of activities in the jungle including visiting a macaw clay lick, spotting monkeys, taking a boat to a small island to spot parakeets, and taking a sunset cruise down the river.

**Day 10** - Take a boat back to Puerto Maldonado and onwards to your flight home.

## PERU: WONDERS OF THE SACRED VALLEY

### OUR PURPOSE

Tucked deep in the Andes Mountains, the Sacred Valley is a magical land of green hills, distant snow capped peaks and calm lakes. We'll follow the river that snakes through the valley to Machu Picchu then onwards to the historic city of Cusco. This is an unparalleled journey that will introduce you to the wildlife, gastronomy, culture & history of this epic corner of the world!

The areas around Cusco and the Sacred Valley are home to some of the most well-preserved traditional communities and innovative conservation projects. Meet the cheerful farmers, weavers and children in the village of Ccorccor where we'll learn about the colorful fabrics used for weaving and play games with the kids. Visit one of the area's most famous hat makers, Elvira Argandano, whose family has made over six hundred thousand hats for residents of the Andes. Join the team at the Llama Pack Project - a non-profit organization that is reintegrating llamas into daily life in the Andes. And finally enjoy a special lunch prepared by Manuel Choque, the world-famous "Potato Whisperer" who is revolutionizing the field of gastronomy.

Over the course of 7 days, experience a Peru that few get to see (and taste!). A journey that will combine nature and culture in one of the most pristine environments on the planet. Along the way, stay in some of Peru's finest 5\* properties and delve into Peru's iconic food scene during gourmet dinners in the valley.



# HIGHLIGHTS



## THE LLAMA PACK PROJECT

For thousands of years, llamas have formed part of daily life in the Andes. The goal of the Llama Pack Project—a non-profit organization—is to reintegrate llamas into daily life in the Andes. The organization has created trekking routes which showcase the breathtaking landscape & local Andean culture. We'll join the llamas along with local villagers on a hike to a beautiful mountain vista. Here, we'll stop to enjoy a fresh lunch alongside the llamas and learn a bit about these curious creatures.



## MACHU PICCHU

It goes without saying that Machu Picchu is the highlight of this journey. An archaeological icon and World Wonder, this Incan citadel is an awe-inspiring site to see. We'll embark on a train following the winding Urubamba River starting in the high Andes and descending into the thick equatorial cloud forests. Enter the World Heritage Site and you will be greeted with arguably the most iconic view on the planet, the ruins of Machu Picchu set amongst the soaring mountains and lush vegetation of the surrounding landscape. Words do not describe this feeling!



## PERUVIAN GASTRONOMY

In the last decade, Peru has emerged as one of the world's best culinary destinations. The mix of flavors and dishes reflects both the eclectic array of cultures that have inhabited Peru in the last 500 years along with the varied landscapes that make up this country. We'll dive headfirst into some of the best cuisine in the region. Enjoy an unforgettable culinary experience alongside the Sumar family at Hacienda Sarapampa overlooking the Sacred Valley. Taste the traditional flavors of Peruvian cuisine during a gourmet picnic lunch in the mountains. And sample Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian earth oven once used by the Incas.



## POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

Peru is arguably the most geographically diverse country on the planet. Extend your adventure with a 4 day/3 night extension to Peru's Amazon Rainforest. Based at the iconic Tambopata Research Center, stay in pure comfort at one of the Amazon's most pristine stretches of wilderness. We'll spot macaws, go scouting for monkeys, take guided boat rides along the Malinowski River and go on adventurous night hikes to uncover the nocturnal side of the rainforest. If you love nature & wildlife, this the perfect complement to your journey in the Sacred Valley.



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: Welcome to the Sacred Valley

Arrive in the Andean mountain town of Cusco and journey together to the magical Sacred Valley. Start the trip with a stunning 3-course lunch at Hacienda Sarapampa, a third generation farm with the freshest food in the valley. Stop at the Pisac artisan market before settling into our charming 5-star boutique hotel overlooking the mountains followed by a warm welcome dinner together. (L,D)

## DAY 2: Maras Hat Workshop, Lunch at Manuel Choqqe´s Home & a Visit to the Ccorcor Community

After breakfast, we'll head to the small village of Maras to meet with Elvira Argandaño who, along with her father, have made over six hundred thousand hats in the traditional way of the Andes. The hats are formed individually from a mold, ironed for shape and hand painted. The journey will continue to the home of Manuel Choqqe, also known as the Potato Whisperer. We'll learn about how he's become one of the most sought after individuals in the Peruvian culinary world and try his iconic potato dishes (and potato wine!) which are featured in the world's top restaurants.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the welcoming residents of the Andean village of Ccorccor, who will be awaiting our arrival with music & dance. We will immerse ourselves in daily life and have the opportunity to go back to our childhood, sharing in traditional games alongside local children, including hoop rolling, spinning tops, and a game children call "plic - plac". (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: Walk with Llamas & Learn to Make Traditional Pottery

The goal of the Llama Pack Project, a non-profit organization, is to reintegrate llamas into daily life in the Andes. We'll join members of the project, local community members and, of course, llamas on a hike through the gentle Andean foothills to a stunning overlook. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional "Pachamanca" lunch and visit the fortress of Ollantaytambo. Later in the day, we'll visit the workshop of the renowned ceramic artist Pablo Seminario. Learn about the techniques and art designs of traditional Peruvian cultures - you'll even have the chance to create your own ceramics! (B,L)





## DAY 4: Venture to the World Wonder of Machu Picchu

After breakfast, we'll head to the train station to begin our journey to Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. This is no ordinary train, the 2 hour ride will take us from the Andean highlands all the way down to the tropical cloud forests following a meandering river with breathtaking views. Upon arrival to Aguas Calientes, we'll venture up to the summit for a lunch at the historic Belmond Hotel.

Unearthed for modernity by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural setting, and the energy that radiates from its enigmatic buildings will take your breath away. We will follow in the footsteps of the ancient Incas as we take a tour of the magical citadel led by an expert guide. Later in the afternoon, return to our 5\* hotel for a relaxing evening together. (B,L,D)



## DAY 5: Free Morning & Return to Cusco

Enjoy a fresh breakfast overlooking the mist of the valley before a free morning to explore Inkaterra's famed Pueblo Hotel. A range of activities are offered on the hotel grounds including a birding tour to uncover the 214 native bird species that visit the property, a tour of the world's largest orchid garden which are housed on the property, a tea making lesson from the tea garden or simply relax at the hotel spa.

We'll have lunch together before boarding the train for our journey back to Cusco. Upon arrival back in Cusco, we'll settle into our hotel, the iconic 5\* Palacio del Inka in the heart of the city. Tonight, we'll have dinner together in Cusco's colonial Plaza de Armas. (B,L,D)



## DAY 6: Explore Cusco's Most Famous Sites

After breakfast, we'll join our guide on a journey through Cusco's most popular sites. We'll spend the morning visiting Qoricancha, a temple dedicated to the Sun God. Then, we will head to Cusco Cathedral followed by a visit to the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, a colossal structure built with huge carved rocks.

A gourmet picnic lunch in the hills overlooking the city will greet us before a free afternoon to pick up souvenirs or explore the city's quaint cafes, squares and markets. This evening, enjoy an unforgettable Farewell Dinner, a private multi-course dinner at one of Cusco's top art museums. (B,L,D)



## DAY 7: Return Home or Continue your Trip to the Amazon Rainforest

After breakfast, we'll head to the Cusco Airport for our flights home. For those interested in continuing the adventure, we'll board a short flight to Peru's Amazon Rainforest for the post-trip extension. (B)



### PREMIER LODGING

Start your trip in the Sacred Valley at the 5\* Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba. All rooms in the Casa Hacienda are stand-alone luxury casitas feature breathtaking views of the valley, immersing you in open space, serenity and relaxing solitude.

We'll continue on to the cloud forests of Machu Picchu where we'll base ourselves at the 5\* Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. This is an intimate property with terraced hills, waterfalls, stone pathways and 83 whitewashed adobe casitas tucked away in the cloud forest.

End the journey in Cusco at the 5\* Palacio del Inka, a five-century old mansion with original Incan walls that sits directly across from the iconic Koricancha, or Temple of the Sun. At your doorstep is the oldest living city in South America - Cusco.



## OPTIONAL EXTENSION: The Amazon Rainforest

### DAY 7: Venture to Peru's Amazon Rainforest

Board a short one hour flight to Puerto Maldonado in the heart of the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest. After we touchdown, we'll board a bus to the Malinowski River and take a 2 hour boat ride directly to our boutique eco-hotel.

The Tambopata Research Center awaits - a spacious boutique eco-lodge, in the heart of National Reserve of Tambopata. As the only lodge inside the reserve, it is surrounded by dozens of macaw nests belonging to the Macaw Project. It also boasts a rainforest spa that is a nice respite from the humid jungle weather. This afternoon, a two to three mile hike will lead us to overlooks commanding magnificent views of the Tambopata winding its way into the lowlands. The forest here, consisting of old bamboo forest, is known for Howler Monkeys and Dusky Titi Monkeys. Return to the hotel and enjoy a relaxing dinner in the evening. (B,L,D)





## DAY 8: The Rainforest Adventure Awaits

After breakfast, you'll have the chance to choose your own adventure from the nearly dozen activities that are offered through the lodge and their expert team of guides. Choose to head into the rainforest to set camera traps and learn about the data being collected by scientists in the region on birds, mammals and even big cats like jaguars! Or choose to set out on the lodge's iconic Monkey Search, scouting for red howler monkeys, spider monkeys and even the nimble capuchins! In the evening, opt for a jungle night walk to witness the symphony of nocturnal creatures that inhabit this stretch of rainforest. *(B,L,D)*



## DAY 9: Continue Exploring the Amazon Rainforest

We'll have breakfast together before heading out on yet another day of adventures. Choose to head out with the research team to identify insects (if you're lucky, you may even get to discover a new one and officially name it as part of the Wired Amazon Citizen Scientist program!). Visit the Chuncho Macaw Clay Lick where colorful parrots and brilliant macaws flock to. Take a canoe ride in search of frogs, turtles, and even the elusive caiman. In the evening, opt for a sunset cruise winding through the dense jungle canopy - an experience you'll never forget! *(B,L,D)*



## DAY 10: Continue Exploring the Amazon Rainforest

Enjoy a final breakfast together at our boutique lodge and say farewell to our wonderful team of guides. We'll head back to Puerto Maldonado via boat and onwards to our flights back home. *(B)*



## EXTENSION LODGING

Our home-away-from-home in the Amazon will be Tambopata Research Center, a boutique eco-luxury lodge located in the heart of the national reserve. This 24 room hotel mixes pristine nature with upscale amenities including a spa in the middle of the jungle. At your doorstep are a range of wildlife from insects to monkeys to macaws. This is truly a one-of-a-kind experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else on the planet!





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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
April 16-22, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
June 11-17, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
July 16-22, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
July 30-Aug 5, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
Oct 1-7, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
Nov 19-25, 2023	\$5,495	\$5,195
April 14-20, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195
June 9-15, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195
July 14-20, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195
July 28-Aug 3, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195
Sept 29-Oct 5, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195
Nov 24-30, 2024	\$5,495	\$5,195

OPTIONAL EXTENSION	\$1,395	\$1,295
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The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$995 per person for the trip and \$300 for the extension. You are required to pay the SRS if we cannot find you a suitable roommate.

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger at the time of travel sharing a room with an adult.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation at a range of hand-picked 5-star boutique properties
- All transportation including roundtrip airport transfer
- All meals from welcome dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day (one free dinner)
- An active daily itinerary that includes all scheduled activities
- A bilingual, licensed guide that will be by your side through the entire journey
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Alcoholic beverages
- One free dinner during the itinerary
- International airfare

### RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

### RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

### CUSTOM GROUPS?

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

### MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

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Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

### THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult. Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

**Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.**





# Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

## OUR DESTINATIONS

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| ALASKA            | JAPAN        |
| AUSTRALIA         | KENYA        |
| BELIZE            | MEXICO       |
| BHUTAN            | PERU         |
| COSTA RICA        | SOUTH AFRICA |
| CUBA              | TANZANIA     |
| EGYPT             | THAILAND     |
| GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS | UGANDA       |



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