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Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose



PERU: WONDERS OF THE SACRED VALLEY

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



MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

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



TRIP AT A GLANCE

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 - Lend a hand at a local school, take a morning walk with llamas while learning about the pioneering Llama Pack Project and visit 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.



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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.



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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.





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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 Choque'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 Choque, 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 Ccorcor, 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: Lend a Hand at a School & Walk with Llamas

We'll have a special morning as guests of the innovative Kuska School, a non-profit organization supporting disadvantaged youth in the community. Lend a hand on one of the many projects at the school, from classroom learning to arts and crafts as well as gardening projects. Engagement with international visitors is a critical way for the local students to gain a global perspective.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch followed by a visit to the Llama Pack Project. The goal of this 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. 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 before a free dinner this evening. (B,L)





DAY 4: Venture to 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 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)



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PREMIER LODGING

Start your trip at either the 5-star **Tambo del Inka Resort & Spa** or 5-star **Explora Sacred Valley**. All rooms feature luxury amenities and breathtaking views of the valley.

We'll continue on to the cloud forests of Machu Picchu at the 5-star **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**. This is an intimate property with terraced hills, waterfalls and whitewashed adobe casitas tucked away in the cloud forest. The property has 12 acres of exquisite natural beauty and the largest orchid garden in the world.

End the journey in Cusco at the 5-star **Palacio del Inka**, a Luxury Collection Hotel. This five-century old mansion with original Incan walls that sits directly across the from the iconic Koricancha, or Temple of the Sun. The colorful rooms surround a traditional courtyard where you'll enjoy morning breakfast & coffee.

Please note that the exact properties are subject to change.



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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 eco-lodge.

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: Return Home

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-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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7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

PRICING

ADULT: \$5,695

CHILD: \$5,395

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

ADULT: \$1,695

CHILD: \$1,595

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements (SRS) are \$995 per person and \$500 for the extension. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

A \$300 one-way mandatory flight supplement will apply to the extension per person.

SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT LIST OF DEPARTURE DATES

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

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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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All meals from welcome dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day (one free dinner)
- Accommodation at a range of hand-picked 5-star boutique properties
- All transportation including roundtrip airport transfer
- 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 the Discover Corps Guide and Driver
- One free dinner during the itinerary
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages

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.

PAYMENT PLANS

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.



Our Mission

Discover Corps' mission 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 | JAMAICA |
| AUSTRALIA | JAPAN |
| BALI | KENYA |
| BAJA | MOROCCO |
| BHUTAN | OAXACA |
| COSTA RICA | PERU |
| CUBA | SOUTH AFRICA |
| EGYPT | TANZANIA |
| GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS | THAILAND |
| GREECE | UGANDA |
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