

# VACATIONS THAT MATTER!

## Peru Private Family Program



*Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability.*

**OVERVIEW** The Incan capital of Cuzco, along with colonial Spanish art and architecture throughout the valley, and of course, the ancient Incan sites from the fantastic ruins of Piscaq to the magnificent Sun Gate at Machu Picchu. Along the way, you'll meet interesting people: from a traditional Peruvian hat maker to a tile maker and charming fabric weavers. All tours and hikes are led by local experts.

### ESSENTIAL DETAILS

**Dates:** May — December

**Duration:** 8 days/7 nights

**Start:** Lima

**Finish:** Lima

**Travellers:** 2 Adults and 2 Children

**Price from:** US\$5,995 per person

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore colonial Cuzco, capital of the ancient Inca civilization.
- ✓ Drive through the Sacred Valley, stopping in the artisan communities of Pinipampa and San Salvador.
- ✓ Embark on a spectacular train ride past the fabled peaks of Machu Picchu.
- ✓ Ride Peruvian Paso horses over snow-covered mountain peaks and through Andean villages.
- ✓ Hike up to the Sun Gate, Huayna Picchu or the Temple of the Moon.
- ✓ Take a cooking class in Qolqampata before dinner, and later drive to Sacsayhuaman, the ruling palace of the Inca that contained a temple where the living god directed his people.
- ✓ Participate in a customized service project

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### Day 1: Arrive in Lima, Peru

Arrive at the Jorge Chavez International Airport (SJO); typically international flights arrive in the late evening. You'll be met by your driver and driven to the Miraflores Park Hotel for the evening and a well deserved rest.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Miraflores Park Hotel</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>Can be arranged (building &amp; distributing wheelchairs)</b>

### Day 2: Colonial Cuzco

This morning, you'll catch a short flight from Lima to Cuzco. Upon your arrival, your local guide greets you. To assist you in acclimatizing to the altitude, today starts with a casual exploration of Cuzco, the capital of the Incas. As you walk the streets, you'll not only see evidence of the flawless Incan stonework, but incredible colonial Spanish architecture. Your hotel this evening is La Casona.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast and Lunch</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>La Casona</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>Can be arranged (Supporting a non-profit running a boarding school/orphanage)</b>

### Day 3: The Sacred Valley

Today, a drive brings you along the Southern Valley of Cuzco (geographically, the valley was a large lake; now a small lagoon of Huacarpay is all that remains). The first stop is the tile-making communities in Pinipampa—and the children have an opportunity to learn the craft. From here, you'll drive to San Salvador and the Marccaj hacienda for a picnic lunch and where some of the famous weavers from the Chawaytire community demonstrate their art using traditional back-strap looms. The next part of our journey takes us towards Písaq, where you'll hike to the Inca ruins—don't forget to take in the spectacular vista of the valley. It is a short drive to Sol y Luna, your hotel, for a relaxing evening.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast and Lunch</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Sol Y Luna</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>Can be arranged (Supporting local school library or theatre school with costumes &amp; props)</b>

### Day 4: Maras and Moray

This morning you'll ride (between two and three hours) the beautiful Peruvian Paso horses—one of the smoothest rides in the world—through typical Andean villages and surrounded by the spectacular views of the snow-covered mountain peaks in the magical Sacred Valley. Lunch today is near the town of Maras and afterwards you'll visit the famous salt ponds of Maras—where the local people have been harvesting and processing salt for more than 1,000 years. Afterwards, you will be driven back to the hotel.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast and Lunch</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Sol Y Luna</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>Can be arranged</b>

## Day 5: Machu Picchu

This morning, you'll depart at 7:15 A.M. from the hotel to the Ollantaytambo train station, where you will board the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu. The rail journey is one of the most spectacular in the world. The rail line follows the Urubamba River through the incredible Canyon of Vilcantota to the Lost City of the Incas. There is a 25-minute drive to visit the Sacred Centre and our expert guide will regale with stories and their own personal insights of Machu Picchu. You'll explore the site in the afternoon hours, because the sunset is one of the most beautiful moments in the sanctuary and there is almost no one in the site. This evening you'll overnight at the site—staying at the Orient Express' Sanctuary Lodge.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>None</b>

## Day 6: Machu Picchu to Cuzco

Today, you can take advantage of several optional hikes to the Sun Gate, Huaynapicchu, the Temple of the Moon or the Mountains of Machu Picchu; they all vary in length and difficulty. At 3:30 PM, we'll start our descent towards Cuzco. Your train ride is on none other than the **Hiram Bingham**—one of the finest ways to celebrate your journey and adventure through the Sacred Valley. Dinner is an elegant affair aboard the train. After the train ride is a short drive to Cuzco and your hotel.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>La Casona</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>None</b>

## Day 7: Cuzco and Sacsayhuaman

This morning you'll take in the central market—this busy and colourful market with everything from fruits and vegetables to healing herbs. The children will select some of the groceries that they'll use during their cooking class at Qolqampata before dinner. Later, we drive to Sacsayhuaman—some consider this an old fortress and others consider it the head of the Puma—a design by the ancient Incas, with Cuzco being the body of the Puma. In fact, Sacsayhuaman literally means “decorated head of the Puma.” This was the ruling palace of the Inca that contained a temple where the living god directed his people. The Europeans called it a fortress due to the immense stone pieces that were used in its construction. Oral tradition claims that around 70,000 people worked on the palace for 50 years. It is a late afternoon return to Cuzco, before a rendezvous at 6:00 P.M., where you will be driven to a local Qolqampata home for a cooking class before dinner.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Dinner</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>La Casona</b>
<b>Service Project</b>	<b>None</b>

## Day 8: Lima and Homeward Bound

Today you'll depart Cuzco for Lima, where you'll connect through to your international flight.

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
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## YOUR HOTELS



### **Miraflores Park Hotel, Lima**

Set in one of Lima's most fashionable areas, the Miraflores Park Hotel is renowned for its beautiful garden location beside the Pacific Ocean. It combines personalized service, exceptional dining and indulgent facilities to create the perfect base from which to explore. Colonial architecture, superb museums and glamorous shops, bars and restaurants are all just moments from the hotel.



### **La Casona, Cuzco**

A colonial manor house—perhaps the first Spanish, construction in Cuzco—centrally located on an Incan settlement near Cuzco's present-day main square, later occupied by the conquistadores of Peru and their descendants. Eleven suites surround a sumptuous courtyard, where the patina of time is tastefully preserved. Contemporary amenities create the ambience of comfort and exclusivity enjoyed by residents in centuries past.



### **Sol y Luna, Urubamba**

Sol y Luna is an eco-friendly lodge built from materials found in the nearby Sacred Valley, uses only local products and employs the talents of the valley's inhabitants. Each of Sol y Luna's villas feature marble-tiled bathrooms, traditional Peruvian art, warm hearths and daily deliveries of both truffles and flowers.



### **The Sanctuary Lodge, Machu Picchu**

The Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge embodies the three truths held sacred by the ancient Incas: "Location, location, location." Besides being the only hotel in the lost city's citadel (a mere three-minute walk from the main ruins!), this exclusive retreat also lives up to the standards of impeccable quality that B&R holds most sacred. And at 2,500 metres (8,200 ft), it has a breathtaking llama's-eye views!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: Moderate to Challenging** Daily walks and hikes range from 3–6 km (1.9–3.7 mi.) along cobbled city streets, grassy terraced hillsides and the winding footpaths of the Inca Trail. You may find that the effects of the altitude will make the walks require more effort than they would at lower elevations. The activities on this trip, aside from the optional hikes in Machu Picchu, are geared for children 6 years old and up. If you will be travelling with smaller children, let us know and we can revise the itinerary to suit your group.

## TOUR COST

The tour cost is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories. Hotels listed may not be available on your requested dates but alternatives will be presented.

Tour Cost	4 people
Price per person (no airfare)	\$5,995  Please call or email to receive your personalized quote.

What's Included	What is NOT included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All accommodations on a shared twin/double room basis</li><li>• Most meals (as indicated), including wine</li><li>• All entrance fees and tours</li><li>• All transfers and baggage handling</li><li>• All internal flights</li><li>• All the local experts and specialists</li><li>• Services of a local guide(s)</li><li>• All special events and on-trip surprises</li><li>• All gratuities to porters, drivers, restaurants and other service staff</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hotel early check-in &amp; late check-out</li><li>• Other meals where not mentioned in the program</li><li>• Overweight luggage</li><li>• Personal expenses, laundry, mini bar, etc.</li><li>• Travel insurance</li><li>• Travel visas</li><li>• Other services not listed in inclusive column</li><li>• Gratuity for your local guide(s)</li><li>• <b>Fees associated with participating in service projects</b></li></ul>

**READY TO BOOK?** Call or email us with any remaining questions, and to reserve your dates (1-714-925-1769). Once you are booked, you will receive a confirmation package containing detailed information to help you prepare for your trip.

**TRAVEL SERVICES:** Once you have confirmed your trip, we can assist you with flights, pre-night hotels, airport transfers and other aspects of getting to and from your trip. Some fees may be associated with these services.

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