

PERU - SIGNATURE PERU WITH LARES TRAIL



INTRODUCTION


This incredible 11-day adventure offers the perfect combination of unique cultural immersion and exciting adventure travel activities. Everything on this superior styled itinerary has been handpicked, from the superior accommodation to fascinating highlights you will experience along the way.

Starting in Lima, also known as the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas', you will eat your way around the city before flying to the capital of the ancient Incan Empire – Cusco, to visit Sacred Valley and the iconic Machu Picchu. Daily expeditions will lead you along seldom-traveled highland trails surrounded by snow-capped peaks, past roving herds of llamas and alpacas, around impossibly hued turquoise lakes, and through waterfalls. Your destinations will showcase the flavours of the region and wares of its skilled artisans, and include fascinating archaeological sites. Most importantly, you will travel to hidden communities unchanged for centuries for a unique up-close visit with local people. At sunset, settle into deluxe mountain lodges run in partnership with local communities.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Please contact us for more information.

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DEPARTURE
Daily
DURATION
11 Days
LOCATIONS
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DAY 1: Arrive in Lima

Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru. Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. Home to a plethora of interesting museums and a foodie's delight, being the 'gastronomical capital of the Americas'. On Arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



DAY 2: Lima Food Tour

Embark on a walking food tour in Lima's Historic Centre. During this food tour, you will have the chance to taste popular on-the-go delicacies that locals devour while learning more about Peru's history and interesting facts about the local economy and daily life in Peru.



DAY 3: Lima to Cusco

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure



DAY 4: Free Day Cusco & Pre Trek Briefing

Today is at leisure, allowing you to spend time wandering the cobble-stoned streets of the ancient Inca capital. With treasures around every corner, Cusco is a wonderful city to explore on foot. Vibrant markets and stores give the traveller a plethora of shopping opportunities set amongst fine Inca and Spanish colonial architecture. This evening have a pre tour briefing, where you will learn about the plans for the next 5 days in the Sacred Valley. The briefing is approx. 45 minutes and allows time for any questions you may have about the days ahead.



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DAY 5: Exploring Pisac

Today you will begin your journey from the busy streets of Cusco to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, full of lush green fields surrounded by striking mountain peaks. Start your day with either an invigorating hike from the village of Amaru to the community of Viacha, or a visit to the Awanakancha textile centre followed by an exploration of the lively town and colourful artisan marketplace of PISAQ. Midday, both cultural explorers and hikers will reunite in the village of Viacha to learn about traditional Andean farming before a hike or drive to the PISAQ archaeological site for a guided tour.



DAY 6: Lares Valley

The day begins with a visit to the small town of Lamay followed by a scenic drive into the heart of the Lares Valley. Your first stop will be Ancasmарca for a guided tour of this seldom-visited archaeological site. Afterwards, choose a visit with the expert textile weavers in the remote village of Choquecancha or a hike amidst turquoise blue lakes and towering peaks to the remote village of Huacahuasi, where both groups meet again to spend the night.



DAY 7: Explore the Sacred Valley & Ollantaytambo

Begin the day with a scenic drive from Huacahuasi to the remote village of Huilloc. From there, choose a morning hike from Huilloc to Pumamarca, or explore the village and nearby shepherding community of Marcacocha before regrouping for lunch and a midday exploration of the Pumamarca archaeological site. After lunch, choose to hike from Pumamarca to Ollantaytambo or drive and spend the afternoon exploring Ollantaytambo's maze-like alleys and passageways. Note: Afternoon hikers will meet the rest of the group at the hotel upon arrival in the Sacred Valley. Optional group activity this afternoon - You can visit a locally-sourced Sacred Valley craft brewery (subject to additional costs).



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DAY 8: Ollantaytambo & Train to Machu Picchu

Begin your day with an optional early morning hike to the Inca storage houses high above the town for an impressive view of the Ollantaytambo fortress and ceremonial site. Afterwards, the entire group will meet at the entrance of the site for a guided tour before embarking on a scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. Alternately, opt for an all-day hike from train marker KM 104 to the Machu Picchu Sun Gate on the classic Inca Trail (subject to additional cost).



DAY 9: Machu Picchu

Your journey to Machu Picchu begins with a rollicking morning uphill bus ride, followed by a guided tour of the Machu Picchu citadel. After the tour you will have free time to explore on your own or hike up Huayna Picchu (additional expense) *, the iconic mountain that looms overhead. After the visit you will have lunch in Aguas Calientes before starting your journey back to Cusco by boarding a return train to Ollantaytambo. A transfer will be waiting as you arrive back to Ollantaytambo station to continue onwards to Cusco.



DAY 10: Cusco

Join our Chimu Adventures exclusive day tour and explore the city's fascinating history. This specially designed tour has been perfected to show you the best of this incredible city without the crowds and other tourists. Learn about this city from the Inca times to colonial rule to the present day, winding through narrow cobblestoned streets and visiting the market of Cusco. Visit the fascinating Koricancha Temple of the Sun, Cusco's Plaza de Armas and Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca Palace and finish up at Sacsayhuaman, a former Inca fortress perched atop the hill above Cusco. Included is a BTG ticket which provides access to most of Cusco's attractions and museums.



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DAY 11: Depart Cusco

After your trekking adventure and soaking up one of South America’s best cities, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. If you would like to see more of Peru, we have several extension packages available such as a visit to the Amazon, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa, or a flight over the Nazca Lines to show you more of this fantastic country.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Lodges
Inclusions	<p>Inclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private airport transfers Internal flights as part of this itinerary Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated <p>Exclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International flights Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure - high altitude in some areas)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>This is a set departure itinerary. The Lares Valley portion of this itinerary are fixed departure dates, and cannot be customised. Contact us for more information.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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