

MAGICAL PERU 7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS

Next Departures 2015:

February: 22 to 28

April: 12 to 18
19 to 25

May: 17 to 23

September: 20 to 26

October: 18 to 24
25 to 31

November: 8 to 14
15 to 21

Also available private departures with individual travelers and private groups.

Tour Overview

The sight of Peruvian villagers going about their daily business amid their mud-brick houses that stand in the foreground of the mighty peak of Salkantay is a sight that is perfect material to fill the many pages of our photo-albums once we have arrived back home. The image of the clustered ruins of Machu Picchu enveloped by the lush green grass that grows high on the slopes of the Andes will definitely provide a photograph rich in colour. While in the capital city of Lima, take the time to inspect the winding streets lined with many wooden balconies brimming with flowers and let this picture soak into our memory. The Cuzco area provides imagery that is something truly worthy of wonder, but it also contains antiquity that teaches us more about the country's vibrant past. The Sacsayhuaman's massive stature shows us the power and influence of the ancient civilizations of this glorious land.

Regions visited: South America

Countries visited: Peru

International and internal flights.

International or internal flights **ARE NOT** included.

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Hotels.

On this program we are using Superior Tourist hotels at every location, you can find a description of the hotel, There it always say in every day description “or similar” this is due the availability of the hotels at the confirmation dates.

Meals

Every tour includes, a daily breakfast from **day 2** until the last day, then please refer to the meal plan at the end of every day description as B Breakfast, L Lunch, D dinner.

Transportation.

For the transfers and every day tours it will be a Tourism Bus with enough seats, in case of smaller groups it will be a smaller bus of the same category, also with some extra seats for better passengers comfort and safety.

Guides

All the tour will be escorted by a **South Land Touring**, English speaking, Certified National Tour Guide as your Tour Manager in the Peru Tour, but during the tours there is going to be always the “Local Expert Guide” witch is also an English speaking guide.

Ecuador Back up

South Land Touring have a special team working 7/24 to help you at any time during your tours, the group will be always with a Tour Manager but if you need any think special or last minute question don't doubt to call us **to 0997 82 97 79 or 0993 93 30 87.**

The tour price includes:

Double room, twin bed or Queen Size bed, or similar depending on availability from the date of confirmation of the tour.

Private transportation all the tour in Tourism class bus.

English speaking Tour Manager all the Tour from Ecuador and back.

English speaking guide “our Local Experts”, qualified by the Perú Ministry of Tourism.

Breakfasts at every hotel.

Some meals please refer to the meal plan every day.

Entrance Fee to all the attractions and visit places.

Train ticket to Macchu Picchu Round trip.

The tour does not include

Personal expenses, like laundry, phone calls, etc.

Tips for the guides and driver.

Any meal what is not included or specified in the program.

International Flights

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DAY 1.- GUAYAQUIL / LIMA.

In the morning we take our flight to Lima.

Today we arrive in Lima, Peru.

In recent years, this city has undergone some wonderful restorations of the plazas, ornate facades, and wooden balconies for which it is famous. Named the 'City of Kings' by the Spanish Conquistadors, Lima is the capital of Peru. Founded in 1535 by Francisco Pizarro, where the River Rimac meets the Pacific Ocean, this was the most important Spanish city during the colonial era with a population of about 100,000 inhabitants. Today the city is home to more than 8 million people.

Arrival to Lima around 10:30, a group transfer is include to the area of Miraflores where we will get at our hotel. Leisure time for lunch. (For passengers departing from Ecuador)

Pm: we start our tour with a visit to San Francisco's Church to visit the extensive catacombs that lie underneath. We then continue to the Plaza de Armas, the most important plaza in Lima. The oldest surviving part of the plaza is the impressive bronze fountain, erected in 1650. Surrounding the plaza is the exquisite Archbishop's Palace, the cathedral, and the Government Palace where handsomely uniformed presidential guards are on duty all day. We visit the cathedral where the great conquistador Francisco Pizarro's tomb lies.

San Agustin Exclusive or similar.

Meal plan -/-/-

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DAY 2.- LIMA / CUSCO / VALLE SAGRADO

Early this morning we fly to Cuzco, located in a fertile valley at 3354 m (11,004 feet). This is the archaeological capital of the Americas and the ancient capital of the Inca Empire that, at its height, stretched from Colombia in the north, through Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, and down to central Chile in the south. Although the empire already existed in the 12th century, it remained small until the mid-15th century. Over the next 100 years, it expanded massively but declined due to the civil war and the conquest by the Spanish conquistadors under Francisco Pizarro in 1533.

On arrival we will travel by road into the Urubamba Valley, or "Sacred Valley of the Incas," along one of the most scenic drives on our trip, to the Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo located on a spectacular ridge with deep valleys on either side. We can admire the carefully constructed and maintained farming terraces on the surrounding hillsides.

We continue to the town of Yucay on the bank of the Urubamba River (2300m / 7,590 ft). This is an attractive little town of particularly fertile lands whose name translated into Spanish means "deceit" or "bewitchment". According to legend, in the middle of the 15th century, the Inca Huayna Capac was captivated by the incomparable magnificence of Yucay's setting and decided to settle here. Overnight in Yucay.

Meal plan: B/-/D

DAY 3.- VALLE SAGRADO / MACCHU PICCHU.

Today we take the early morning train from Urubamba to Aguas Calientes and Machu Picchu. The train journey to Machu Picchu is a highlight of any trip to the Andes; the scenery is simply spectacular, and the train allows you to enjoy it in comfort. The +/- 3 hour trip takes us through a changing landscape with wonderful vistas of the mountains and, deep in its dramatic canyon, the beautiful Urubamba River. Our early arrival from Urubamba ensures that we are at the site before the tourist throngs arrive on the train from Cuzco later in the morning.

Upon arrival at the Aguas Calientes train station, a bus will take us on the 6 km (4 mile) twisting journey up the mountainside to the site of Machu Picchu. Having already dropped our baggage at our hotel, we proceed immediately for a guided 3-hour walking tour of the ruins (please be prepared with all that you need for our tour). We will enter the site through the House of the Terrace Caretakers, which flank the agricultural sector. Once on the site, we will see, among other features: the Temple of the Sun, the Fountain Caretaker's House, the Royal Sector, and the puzzling Temple of the Three Windows. We will also see the Common District, the Sacred Rock, and the prison-like Temple of the Condor.

Machu Picchu, popularly known as the 'Lost City of the Incas,' is an ancient city of stone palaces, towers, temples and staircases. It is a very mysterious place, and to this day our knowledge of it remains sketchy. There are no records or artifacts on the site to indicate what any of the buildings were used for.

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Archaeologists have ascertained that the site was most likely a ceremonial center and possibly used for administrative purposes for the populous region.

After our tour, you may choose to proceed to the hotel or remain on the site for some independent exploration (your ticket is good for the day), and return to the hotel on your own using the return portion of your bus ticket.

Overnight at Agua Calientes (near Machu Picchu).

Meal plan B/-/D

DAY 4 MACHU PICCHU AREA – CUZCO

A large part of the beauty of Machu Picchu is created by its setting on a mountain top surrounded by deep valleys. By staying for a second day to visit Machu Picchu, rather than visiting as a day trip from Cuzco, we are able to savor the atmosphere of this very special place.

In the early morning of our second day at Machu Picchu, most group members choose to take the bus back up to the site with the weather-dependent hope of seeing the mist-clad mountains greet the morning sun. Weather notwithstanding, the best thing about going up the second day is being there early when there are fewer people, allowing time to "soak it in," as well as the opportunity to climb Huayna Picchu and/or to the Sun Gate (approximate optional costs to revisit the site today: bus 12 USD round trip, and 40 USD site entrance, payable locally).

During our time at Machu Picchu, we will also include a visit to the Manuel Chavez Ballon Site Museum, which focuses on the "discovery", excavation, and history of Machu Picchu. On display are historical photos, including photos of Hiram Bingham at Machu Picchu shortly after he came across the ruins, informative write-ups on the construction of Machu Picchu and the life of the Incas, and artifacts found at the site. Outside the museum is a very lush botanical garden running along the river; some plants are labeled and there are a few short trails. This is a nice shady area to rest on a hot day and is an easy 25 minute walk from Aguas Calientes down the road leading to Machu Picchu.

Later in the afternoon we board the VISTADOME train from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo Station (1.5 hours) from where we bus back to Cuzco.

Overnight in Cuzco.

Meal Plan B/-/-

DAY 5.- CUZCO AREA

This morning we visit some of the most important Inca sites in the Cuzco area, Sacsayhuaman is an impressive complex which, like so many others of that time, had both a religious and military purpose. The fortress known as the 'storehouse of the sun' incorporates some of the largest stones ever used in a building. The zig-zag walls represent the teeth of the sacred puma and provide an excellent defensive structure. The stones fit so perfectly together without mortar that not even moss can grow in the cracks!

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In the afternoon we return to Cuzco and enjoy a tour of the town. We visit Coricancha, the temple of the sun which was the most important location in the Inca Empire. Entombed in the closed cloister of the Santo Domingo Church, these sacred walls were hidden from modern civilization until the colonial walls were brought down in 1950 by a powerful earthquake. We also visit the church of San Blas with its fabulously carved pulpit. Wandering the narrow streets of the San Blas artisan region we make our way to the cathedral which towers impressively over the Plaza Mayor. Inside we find precious paintings from the Cuzco School of Art, one of the most prolific of its era.

This Inca city was laid out around a great central square in the shape of a puma, the god of lightning. Today, stone walls built by the Incas line most of Cuzco's central streets and form the foundations of colonial and modern buildings. The Inca buildings were so well built that the Spaniards simply knocked down the upper parts of the Inca temples and palaces and built their churches and mansions on top of the Inca walls. Shortly after the Spanish conquest, the capital was moved to Lima on the coast. Thus Cuzco has retained a wonderful, untouched colonial atmosphere. The culture is also very much alive here, and is evident in the music, clothing and handicrafts of the people.

Overnight in Cuzco.

Meal plan: B/-/D

DAY 6.- CUSCO FULL DAY LEISURE

This is a day dedicated to enjoy and discover the magic of this wonderful city, your always helpful tour manager will advise you the best places to visit, from the local museums to the most exclusive shops in town. Also the opportunity of taking any additional tours as the Moray Terraces, Biking tour around Cusco, etc.

Meal plan B/-/D

DAY 7.- CUSCO / LIMA / GUAYAQUIL

In the morning we will take a flight back to Lima and then the connection to our international flights.

Buen viaje

Meal plan B/-/-

PRICE PER PERSON FOR PERU PROGRAM VALID PRICES 01/01/2015 TO THE 31/12/2015

PAX NUMBER	10	16		
PRICE PER PERSON		1232		
SINGLE SUPLEMENT	295	295		

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Hotels links.

Lima.

Hotel Britania

<http://www.hbritaniamiraflores.com/>

Valle Sagrado.

La Hacienda del Valle

<http://www.hhp.com.pe/hotel-hacienda-del-valle/hotel/hotel-hacienda-del-valle.htm>

Aguas Calientes (Macchu Picchu)

EL MaPi hotel

<http://www.inkaterra.com/es/byinkaterra/hotel-el-mapi/>

Cusco

San Francisco Plaza Hotel (3 nights)

<http://www.sanfranciscoplazacusco.com/es/>

TRIP INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS

Breakfast and dinner daily (hotels and local restaurants, PLEASE REFER TO THE DAILY MEAL PLAN). All transport, sightseeing and entrance fees for sites noted as 'visited' in the detailed itinerary. Gratuities for local guides, drivers, restaurant staff, porters. Airport transfers for land & air customers arriving / departing on tour dates.

EXCLUSIONS

Tour Leader gratuity, lunches, drinks, personal items (phone, laundry, etc), departure taxes, domestic and international air taxes (if applicable). Airport transfers for Land Only customers. Optional trip cancellation insurance. Our post-reservation trip notes offer further guidance on optional meal costs, shopping, and locally paid departure taxes.

SEASONALITY AND WEATHER

This tour is offered throughout the year. The cool and dry season runs from May to October; outside this time you will encounter warmer but perhaps rainy / misty conditions in the mountains. Serious heat / humidity are only a consideration in Lima.

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Road transport by private air-conditioned motor coach, 24-36 seats depending on ultimate group size (see 'group size'). Numerous walking tours on uneven surfaces. Most of this tour occurs at high altitude and, though our itinerary spends a night at Yucay before climbing higher to Cuzco, some people are affected-check with your doctor. Scenic VISTADOME train from Aguas Calientes to Cuzco. Internal flight via scheduled local carrier.

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ACCOMMODATION

Well-located, heated / air-conditioned, mid-range (3 star) hotels with en suite toilet and bath throughout (probably shower only). Single rooms are limited and likely smaller than doubles. Porter service is usually available though you should be independent with your luggage, especially at airports and train stations. Prices are quoted in a Double room, so if you are an individual traveler, you can pay an extra single supplement or pay the double room price and have a room mate.

STAFF AND SUPPORT

Tour Leader, driver/s, and local guides our special "Local Experts".

GROUP SIZE

10-20 (plus Tour Leader)

IMPORTANT: The departure is guaranteed with all the inclusions and descriptions as it shows at the itinerary but it needs a minimum of 16 passengers to run the tour, if there is less than 16 people we can re quote the tour and you will be notified and if the price is right according to your specification we'll run the tour. So if you are interested in the Tour you have to submit the following information:

Full name as it shows in the passport:

Passport Number:

Age:

Allergies:

You have to do your reservation and once when we have the minimum of passengers we will notify you that the tour is a SURE GOING tour, then you will have to do the payments and be aware for the cancellation Policies.

Bookings and Payment Policies for Groups & FITS

1. Group Deposits or Pre-payments

Full Payment is needed **60** days prior to the date our services are due to begin.

All services not owned by SOUTHLAND TOURING (Amazon, Galapagos Cruises, Trains, Flight Tickets and third party products) will be subject to the policies and conditions established by each operator.

For all land services for FIT, full pre payment is needed **45** days prior to the date our services are due to beginning.

Cancelations policies.

90 to 61 prior departure 100% refund, 60 to 31 days 75% refund, 30 to 16 days 45% refund 15 days or less 10% refund.

2. Group Payments

Payments must be made in the following order of preference.

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A. Wire transfers.

In US Dollars

To: Banco del Pacifico

Cuenca, Azuay

Ecuador

Account Name: South Land Turismo CIA. Ltda.

Account number: 562321-9

Account type: Checking

Swift code: PACIECEG300

Address: Gran Colombia 23 120 y Ordoñez Lazo. Telef. 593 7 831 144

Cuenca –Ecuador.

All wire transfers must have the SOUTHLAND TOURING (SLT) tour number(s), on their reference code field. Additionally, we need a copy of the payment confirmation issued by the bank via fax or e -mail, with the following information added to it: a) SLT tour number(s); b) the amount of money that you are paying for each tour.

This information is key to our accurate and expedites processing of payments.

B. Check payments

May be made, as long as they are received at least **60** days before our services are scheduled to begin. SOUTHLANDTOURING may also accept floating or revolving deposits equivalent to 2 months of billings.

Checks should be written to the order of **SOUTH LAND TURISMO CIA LTDA** and posted to:

Financial Department

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