

All Gay Peruvian Exploration

8 Days

August 7–15, 2010

Lima to Lima

From \$2895 USD includes 2 internal flights

The Inca whisper in the wind. We hear their echoes in meticulously carved stonework, amid soaring Andean peaks ... from the heights of Machu Picchu to the splendor of Cusco and the Sacred Valley. Our small group uncovers the ancient and colonial mysteries of this wondrous land, even staying overnight near the base of the Lost City. Join Hermes Tours and witness natural beauty and inspiring architecture that's unrivalled, and glimpse the heart and soul of a welcoming people.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lima**, including Plaza Mayor, Casa Aliaga & Miraflores
- **Sacred Valley of the Incas**, including Ollantaytambo and Pisac
- **Machu Picchu**, including a morning tour before daytrippers arrive
- **Cusco**, including Sacsayhuaman, Tambomachay, and Puca Pucara
- **Lima's Monterrico & Gold Museum**
- **Scenic train travel** between Cusco and Machu Picchu
- Accommodations for 8 nights in 4- and 5-star, centrally located hotels
- Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Services of a Hermes Tours escort
- Services of an expert, local guide in all cities
- **\$100 per person savings if you reserve 5 months before departure!**
- Optional tour to Cusco Salt Mines

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1 – Saturday, Aug 7 – Depart

Fly to Lima, Peru today. Arrive anytime and meet your fellow travelers at the hotel.

Day 2 – Sunday, Aug. 8 – Lima (B, D)

We get to know La Ciudad de los Reyes, or the City of Kings, on today's tour. We'll explore the historic district, noted for its 1,600 distinctive, colonial-era balconies. Our tour stops at Plaza Mayor, center of commerce and government, and Casa Aliaga, constructed in the year of Lima's founding, 1535. We'll also stroll the upscale Miraflores district. Get to know fellow travelers at tonight's Hermes welcome dinner.

Day 3 – Monday, Aug 9 – Lima—Cusco—Sacred Valley (B, L, D)

We rise early and fly to Cusco then drive to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We visit Ollantaytambo, once a royal estate of an Incan emperor. After lunch, we stop at a local market in Pisac and try our hand at bargaining.

Day 4 – Tuesday, Aug 10 – Sacred Valley—Machu Picchu (B, L, D)

Journey by train to Machu Picchu and enjoy a guided tour of the Lost City. Because we're staying overnight near the base of the ruins, we can return in the morning before day-trippers arrive.

Day 5 – Wednesday, Aug 11 – Machu Picchu—Cusco (B)

Rise early to admire the morning sun as it bathes the extraordinary ruins. Your guide will point out

some hiking trails for you to explore. This afternoon we return to Cusco by train.

Day 6 – Thursday, Aug 12 – Cusco (B)

You may feel right at home in Cusco, since its official flag displays a rainbow. If you look closely you'll see that some of its colonial buildings still have their original Inca foundations. We'll venture outside the city to the ancient sites of Sacsayhuaman, said to resemble a Puma head; Tambomachay, a system of aqueducts, canals, and waterfalls; and Puca Pucara, with impressive views of the valley.

Day 7 – Friday, Aug 13 – Cusco—Cusco (B)

Join our optional visit to the Salt Mines, or explore on your own.

Day 8 – Saturday, Aug 14 – Cusco—Lima—Depart (B, D)

We fly to Lima where we'll discover the district of Monterrico & the Gold Museum. Share stories of your Peruvian adventure at tonight's Hermes farewell dinner.

A note about your return flight: Flights depart for the U.S. either very late this evening or very early tomorrow morning. For those with a morning departure, we've arranged an additional Lima overnight for you.

Day 9 – Sunday, August 15 Depart (B)

For those with a morning departure, we've arranged an additional Lima overnight for you.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Trip Info

Dates: August 7-15, 2010.

Group Size: Maximum of 18.

Grade: Active. **Transport:** Aircon mini-bus, 2 internal flights.

Accommodation: 8 nights in 4- and 5-star hotels.

Meals: Breakfast daily, 2 lunch (L) and 4 dinners (D).

Prices (USD): \$2995.

Single supplement: \$900. Or Hermes Tours can match you with another traveller and waive the single supplement.

Includes: 2 internal flights within Peru, all accommodation as listed, activities and meals as listed.

Not Included: International air to/from Lima, visas if required, transfers to/from airport on designated days. Meals and activities not specifically included in itinerary. Any items of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, alcohol as well as customary tips to your driver and tour guides and Hermes Tours escort.

Hotels:

Lima: Casa Andina Private Collection

Urubamba: Casa Andina Private Collection

Machu Picchu: Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Cusco: Casa Andina Private Collection

Further Info: See our website:

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