

# ABOVE THE CLOUDS IN PERU AND MACHU PICCHU

**Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Andes Mountains and Lake Titicaca**

**8 Days, 7 Nights: Sunday, April 1 to Sunday, April 8**

**Sunday May 20 to Sunday, May 27, Friday, June 1 to June 8**

**Sunday, August 5 to Sunday, August 12, Sunday November 11 to Sunday November 18**

Visit this fascinating land and experience the indescribable beauty of the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu. The Traveling Professor has custom-designed an exciting and enriching itinerary that will make this visit to South America the trip of a lifetime.

The Professor only travels with small groups (up to 20 people) and offers personalized, attentive service. The cost is only \$1,799 based upon double occupancy. The single supplement is \$275. There are no other taxes or surcharges by The Professor.

## Included With The Trip:

- **8 Days, 7 Nights in Peru** in clean, comfortable, hotels in safe and convenient locations. Hotels are consistently top-ranked on Tripadvisor.com. Single, double, twin, and quad rooms have private baths and showers. Breakfast is included.
- **Welcome Dinner.** Enjoy authentic Peruvian cuisine with traveling companions.
- **Lima City Tour.** A guided tour of the historical and cultural sites of Lima is a wonderful introduction to Peru. Transportation and admission to all sites is included on this and all other daily tours.
- **Flight from Lima to Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage City and Historical Empire City of the Incas.** Tour of Cusco and some of the most important archaeological sites in South America.
- **Train Transportation** to/from Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. Journey through the heart of the Sacred Valley along the twisting whitewater Urumbaba River into the cloud forest of Peru. This experience will be talked about for years to come.
- **Guaranteed, Pre-Reserved Admission to Machu Picchu.** A full-day visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the World will literally leave you breathless. At your option, spend another day at the Incan citadel or accompany the Professor on other archaeological hikes in the Machu Picchu area.
- **Guided Full Day Tour from Cusco to Lake Titicaca.** Travel through the stunning scenery of the Andahuaylillas Valley, through the Andes Mountains to Lake Titicaca. Along the way see llamas, alpacas, historic Spanish churches, and Incan ruins. An authentic Peruvian buffet lunch is included.
- **Personalized, Attentive Service.** The Professor takes care of the details and serves as the group's personal concierge. The Traveling Professor is always accessible to answer any and all questions. The Professor will make sure each traveler is well-prepared for their adventure to Peru. E-mail the Professor at [info@travelingprofessor.com](mailto:info@travelingprofessor.com) regarding any questions or concerns about the trip. Travelers wishing to extend their trip will have access to The Professor's expert advice.
- **Transfers** to/from airport.



## Useful Info:

- Travelers are strongly encouraged to obtain health and emergency evacuation insurance prior to departure. Consult with local health advisors regarding appropriate immunizations and medications
- Travelers must be in excellent health and able to trek difficult terrain at high altitudes
- Those travelers who wish to arrive early or stay later in Lima may do so for an additional \$59 per person per night (double occupancy)
- One day admission to Machu Picchu is included. An additional day of pre-reserved admission to Machu Picchu (with shuttle service) is available at \$68 per person
- Each traveler under 25 years of age must be accompanied by an adult over 30 years of age
- Trip itinerary may be modified due to civil disturbances, strikes, and/or weather conditions
- Airfare to/from the traveler's home city is not included. Flights should be booked into Lima (LIM) and return from Juliaca, Peru (JUL). The flight from Lima to Cusco is provided.

## How to Book:

- Send an e-mail at [info@travelingprofessor.com](mailto:info@travelingprofessor.com) with your name, address, e-mail, phone and the dates of the trip.
- Send a \$200 deposit per person to: STEPHEN SOLOSKY, TRAVELING PROFESSOR, 22 ELM ST., GREAT BARRINGTON MA 01230
- Deposits are fully refundable, no questions asked, up to 60 days before departure.

## Detailed Tentative 8-Day, 7-Night Itinerary

**Day 1:** Arrive in Lima, Peru from departure city. Transfers to the hotel in the desirable Miraflores district are provided. Tour the historic center of Lima including the Presidential Palace, the Archbishop's Residence, and the breathtaking Lima Cathedral. That evening, meet with traveling companions and enjoy fine Peruvian cuisine.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, transfer to the Lima airport for the flight to Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage City and ancient empire city of the Incas. While acclimating to the 11,200 foot altitude, enjoy an English speaking VIP tour of the Cusco area. See the Main Square, Cathedral, and Qoricancha (Sun Temple). The tour drives along the outskirts of the city up to famous fortress of Saqsayhuaman, Qenqo, Puca Pucara and the Tambomachay ruins. Admission to all sites is provided.



**Day 3:** The train ride through the Sacred Valley, along the twisting Urubamba River is one of the great travel experiences in the world. The 2 ½ hour journey into the cloud forest of Peru to the outpost town of Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu, is nothing short of spectacular.

**Day 4:** A visit to the one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu is on the day's itinerary. An English speaking guided tour is provided. This is a travel experience that will not be forgotten.

**Day 5:** Early risers can ascend Huayna Picchu, the 1,000 foot sugarloaf mountain overlooking the citadel for what may be one of the most scenic vistas in the world - sunrise upon Machu Picchu. Others can tour this fascinating ancient city of the Incas. At your option, spend the day at Machu Picchu, or hike with The Professor on a mystical Incan trail to archaeological sites, some of which are still under excavation. Late in the afternoon, the train departs back to Cusco.

**Day 6:** The luxury bus tour to Puno departs early in the morning. There are 6 scheduled stops along the way:

- **Church of San Pedro of Andahuaylillas:** also referred to as the "Sistine Chapel" of South America
- **Raqchi Inca Complex:** a crossroad of the Inca Trail and site of fascinating Inca ruins
- **Sicuaní:** a large highland town in the Andes. Enjoy an authentic Peruvian buffet lunch
- **La Raya Pass:** at 14,172 ft above sea level, it is a picturesque spot to get out to breathe the air and take photographs of grazing llamas and alpacas
- **Pukara Complex:** a national monument since 1983. The site of the first civilized Andean culture, from over 3,000 years ago, pre-dating the Incas.
- **Puno:** Sitting beside Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake at 12,400 feet, this city is the home of some of the most important cultures of the Andes.



**Day 7:** Boat tour on Lake Titicaca. Visit the fascinating floating islands of Uros where people have been live on islands made of reeds. Visit the scenic island of Taquile, recently featured in *National Geographic Magazine*. It is one of the few remaining places to experience the food, fine crafts, and culture of a civilization virtually untouched by the outside world. Lunch is included.

**Day 8:** Transfer from Puno to Juliaca for the flight home. On the way we will stop at Sillustani and see the fascinating ancient Chullpas (funerary towers) reaching up to six meters in height.

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