



*The Traveling Professor Presents*

## **PERU, MACHU PICCHU AND THE AMAZON**

### **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1**

Arrive in vibrant Cusco, Peru from your home city. Our private vehicle service provides pickup at the airport, regardless of arrival time, for transfer to the hotel. The 5-star Aranwa hotel is equipped with an intelligent oxygen system to mitigate the effects of the 11,200-foot altitude. Take it easy today, acclimate to the altitude and do a brief walking tour of the city and a local market like never seen before. That evening, enjoy world-renowned Peruvian cuisine.

#### **Day 2**

A full day, professionally guided, private VIP tour of Cusco and the surrounding 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 Tambomachay ruins.

#### **Day 3**

Journey by train through the heart of the Sacred Valley along the twisting whitewater Urubamba River into the cloud forest of Peru. Travel in a private van from our hotel in Cusco to Ollantaytambo. Then, board the train for a 2-hour adventure to the outpost town of Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. An in-depth professionally guided tour of one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu is on the day's itinerary. Dinner is included tonight.

#### **Day 4**

Arise early for a guided hike along the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate for an awe-inspiring sunrise at Machu Picchu led by your tour leader. Overlooking the mystical citadel from the Sun Gate is perhaps the most scenic vista in the world. It is an experience to talk about and show photos to everyone you know for years to come. In the afternoon, relax or explore the flowers, fauna, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife on private nature trails. We are one of the few tours that spends 2 nights at Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu). Dinner is included tonight.

#### **Day 5**

It's back on the train to Ollantaytambo for a tour of the Sacred Valley. We'll visit unbelievable ancient ruins, have a memorable lunch at a spa on the Urubamba River and visits sites in the Sacred Valley on our way back to Cusco to spend the night. Breakfast and a buffet lunch included.

#### **Days 6, 7 & 8**

Some people think the luxurious Amazon experience is the best part of the trip. Yes, even more impressive than Machu Picchu. We depart for our Amazon Jungle/Rain Forest adventure in the morning and fly to Puerto Maldonado. Our 4-day, 3-night itinerary includes guided tours with a certified naturalist at the renowned Inkaterra Amazonica Lodge. For a complete list of activities, most of which are included in the

cost of the tour, see the [Inkaterra website](#). Check out [this video](#). All meals at the Inkaterra Lodge are included except for lunch on departure day.

### **Day 9**

After a morning at the lodge, travel along the river back to Puerto Maldonado to catch flights home or to Lima. Additional nights at the Inkaterra Lodge may be available upon request.

## **OPTIONAL 3-NIGHT LIMA ADD-ON**

### **Day 1**

Arrive in exciting Lima, rich in history, culture and one of the top spots for food in the world. Enjoy a private transfer to the Hotel José Antonio in the center of Lima. We'll do a walk of the prestigious Miraflores neighborhood, Kennedy Park, and the seaside. That evening, enjoy a special light and water show in the center of town.

### **Day 2**

Today we will do a professionally guided tour of Lima, full of European flair, to include the historic part of the city including the Cathedral, Plaza Mayor, Convent of Santo Domingo, and the impressive Larco Museum. Let's plan on a fantastic dinner at a top restaurant tonight.

### **Day 3**

On the itinerary today is a half-day tour of the Barranco, Lima's coolest neighborhood. Full of coffee shops, street art, tucked-away mansions, and of course, great places to eat. The rest of the day is to explore on your own.

### **Day 4**

Departure day. The Professor will help you get on to your next destination.

## **ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS**

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with to 12-18 people. This offers the opportunity to do what we want to do, on our own schedule. We provide all local transportation as well as admission to those sites listed on the itinerary.

Breakfast is included each morning at all hotels and lodges. Additional lunches and dinners are included as shown in the itinerary.

Our guide is with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 9:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a "final" detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared.