

## PERU - MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU



## INTRODUCTION

**Experience the unique Inca culture with this luxurious 6-day exclusive trek through the magnificent mountains of Peru.**

Join us on this 5-star, all-inclusive luxury trek on one of the famous Sacred Valley treks, following in the footsteps of the Incas. The lesser-known and less crowded Lares region which is famed for its rural atmosphere, traditional, colourfully dressed weavers, and roving herds of alpacas and llamas oozes history. Just north of Cusco, the Lares region, is an authentic slice of Peruvian life.

Embark on an adventure whilst living in the comfort of mountain lodges. Daily hikes take you to remote passes with panoramic views of waterfalls, snow peaks, and turquoise glacial lakes. You will hear condors soaring above your head and see traditional Andean highland communities, unchanged for centuries. You will meet local weavers and farmers to get a glimpse of the distant past and learn about their way of life.

All itineraries include explorations of the breathtaking Inca sites of Pisac and incomparable Machu Picchu, the crowning glory of the Incas and the archaeological wonder of all South America. This journey can be extended with weekly departures from March to December.

**On this all-encompassing hike, you will be provided travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major**

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sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in luxury lodges, designed especially for hikers on the Lares trail that offers creature comforts, and impeccable service so that you may recharge at the end of each day's trekking.

Please [contact us](#) for departure dates and more information.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Cusco

On arrival in Cusco, please proceed to the arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel in the Sacred Valley. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note that this service includes a driver only.



### DAY 1: Arrival in Cusco

Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobblestoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty.



### DAY 1: Pre Tour Briefing - Includes Transfer from Hotel

This evening you will be collected from your hotel and dropped off for a pre tour briefing, where you will learn about the plans for your upcoming trek 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 2: Exploring PIsaq - Day 1

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 3: Into the Heart of Lares - Day 2

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 Ancasmарка 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 4: The Road to Ollantaytambo - Day 3

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 sheepherding 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 5: Discovering Ollantaytambo - Day 4

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 6: The Citadel of Machu Picchu - Day 5

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 the return train ride to Ollantaytambo (approximately 1.5 hours) and vehicle transfer to your hotel in Cusco (approximately 1.5 hours). \*Note: Permits for Huayna Picchu are subject to availability and are an additional cost; please advise if you would like to include this experience when you confirm your reservation. In the event that Huayna Picchu permits are not available for your desired date, Machu Picchu Mountain (the second peak within the sanctuary) is an alternative option.



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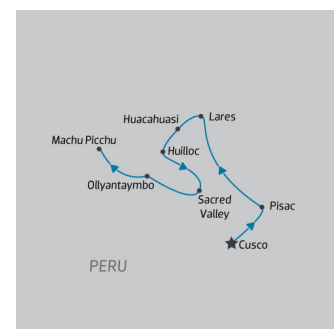
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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Standard



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<b>Inclusions</b>	Accommodation as specified All meals daily Non-alcoholic beverages with meals Transportation Cusco to Cusco Services of experienced guides Gratuities for service staff at lodges Activities as stated in itinerary All entrance fees to sites  <b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> International flights Alcoholic beverages Personal Expenses Gratuities for guides/staff Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Any items not mentioned as included
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	4 Light to High Adventure (high altitude in some areas)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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