Origins of the Incas 10D/9N

Duration: 10 days



About this trip

Discover how Peru transforms before your eyes on a single journey through the coast, the Andes, and the highlands. Explore the mysterious **Nazca Lines**, which reveal an important part of Peru's past. Then, travel into the Andes to discover Cusco and the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** before entering the lush, subtropical environment surrounding the **Inca citadel of Machu Picchu**. Finally, **travel to Lake Titicaca**, where you will discover one of Peru's oldest living cultures in one of the country's highest regions. This tour takes you through different landscapes, cultures, and experiences across Peru.

Day 1: Airport - Hotel Lima

According to your flight schedule, our team will receive you at the airport and we will go to your hotel in Lima.

You will have the afternoon free to explore the different places in Lima on your own.

TRAVEL ADVICE

We suggest that you purchase your international flight to lima city at your preferred time, however, allowing the time to visit the most interesting parts of Miraflores. Visit **the Kennedy Park**, locally known as the "Cat Park" due to its feline inhabitants, **The Parque del Amor**, where you can spend your time, wandering around the stunning "**Malecon of Miraflores**", with a panoramic ocean view of The Pacific. You can also do some handicraft shopping in Larcomar, a world class shopping centre built into the coastal cliffs and with unparalleled views of the Pacific.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Lima
- **Meals:** None
- **Check In:** 12:00 / Check Out : 9:00

NOTE: If your arrival time is before check-in time, you can use the hotel's common areas while you wait.

Day 2: Lima City Tour

In the morning we will make the circuit through the city of Lima, where we will visit the best attractions of Lima in its three historical periods:

Modern Lima: We will make a stop at **the Intihuatana Park**, located on the Malecón de Miraflores, from where we will observe the Pacific Ocean. We will begin our tour through the modern residential districts of Miraflores and San Isidro. We will observe outside **the Huaca Pucllana**, pre-Inca ceremonial temple in the form of a pyramid that has survived the urban expansion of Lima. We will continue our journey to **the Parque del Olivar** and the Financial Center.

Colonial Lima: Our tour will continue towards the Historic Center of Lima, declared by UNESCO in 1991 Cultural Heritage of Humanity, where the center of the Spanish colony was established in the 16th century and the first buildings were erected. We will know **the Plaza San Martín**, its balconies and old houses, **the Plaza Mayor** and its most important buildings such as the Government Palace, **the Lima Cathedral**, the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipal Palace, the Desamparados Station, among others.

Convent of Santo Domingo: We will enter one of the most important convents of the 17th century. Where the relics of the three most important Peruvian saints are preserved: **Santa Rosa de Lima**, San Martin de Porres and San Juan Macías.

At the end of our tour, you will have the option of staying in the Indian Market, in Larcomar or returning to your hotel.

In the afternoon, at an agreed time, we will pick you up from your hotel to go to the bus station. Our bus trip to Paracas will take approximately 5 hours, we will arrive the evening, where our team will be waiting to take you to your hotel.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Paracas
- **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 3: Paracas, Pisco & Nazca Lines

In the morning at the agreed time, we will pass by your hotel to take you to the Aerodrome of Pisco (25 minutes from Paracas). Arriving at the landing strip, as soon as the weather is favorable, we will begin the overflight of the Majestic **Nazca Lines** (one of the greatest mysteries of humanity).

Once we have received authorization from the control tower, we will take off in the direction of the Nazca desert, ascending to an altitude of 7500 feet, where we will be able to observe the beautiful landscape of the Paracas Bay and the ocean, and then observe the Ica desert. the sand dunes, arriving at **the circuit of the Nazca Lines**, the control tower will authorize the plane to descend to 2500 feet or 3000 feet (altitude of entrance to the Nazca Lines).

The overflight will take about 90 minutes that will allow us to observe 12 figures (The Whale, Trapeze, The Astronaut, The Monkey, The Dog, The Hummingbird, The Condor, The Spider, The Frigate Bird, The Parrot, The Tree and Hands (You will also see the restored figure of the lizard).

In the afternoon, we will return by executive bus return to Lima.

TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

The months of July and August are windy season and flights can change your itinerary and there may even be cancellations due to climate change (See options with the sales area, on cancellations due to strong winds)

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Lima
- **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 4: Lima – Airport – Cusco

According to the schedule of your flight, our driver will pick you up from your hotel to the Lima international airport.

Once in Cusco, our staff will be waiting for you at the Cusco Airport, to take you to your hotel, just let us know your exact arrival time and flight number. Here, you will be welcomed with a hot cup of the famous coca tea. You will have a free afternoon to acclimatize, as the city of Cusco is at an altitude of **11,151 feet** (3,399 m)

IMPORTANT ADVICE ON ARRIVAL TO CUSCO

Please be prepared for the fact that the high elevation, will make you feel more tired than normal on your arrival, so we recommend that you take the afternoon easy. If you are feeling fine, then have a cup of coca tea, which will help you acclimatize quicker. It is recommended to take a light walk, maybe to see **The Plaza De Armas**, to see the incredible colonial buildings, built on top of Inca foundations. It is important to drink a lot of water at high elevation, which will help you with the process of acclimatization. For the first few days at high elevation, it is also important toe at light meals as your digestion will be slower and later on you will have the opportunity to try the famous Guinea pig, a dish which was revered by the Incas and is still a national dish of The Andes and is eaten on special occasions and celebrations. One thing you must not miss on one of your free days is a visit to the "**Centro QOSQO**" of native art a show which demonstrates traditional dances, costume and music of the region.

The show begins at 6pm, but we recommend that you arrive 40 minutes earlier and wait in line, as many people want to go to the see this unique spectacular. If you have the "**boleta turistica**" included in your package, you will have free access to this incredible show.

IMPORTANT ADVICE

Drink the coca tea on offer and each morning to help you acclimatize. Remember that it has a similar effect to caffeine so don´t drink it too late in the evening or you sleep will be affected. Bring a decent and comfortable pair of walking shoes. We suggest a visit to the Plaza de Armas with its colonial and Inca temples, The Regional History

Museum, The Contemporary Art Museum, the Museum of The Qoricancha, and the Museum of popular art. These places will make your trip an even more unforgettable experience and give you the perfect insight into local culture.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco
- **Check in:** 12:00 / Check out: 9:00
- **Meals:** breakfast at the hotel in Lima

NOTE: If your arrival time is after Lima's check-out time, you can use the hotel's common areas while you wait.

Day 5: Cusco City Tour

This day you will know **the best places in Cusc**o and the surrounding area.

We will start with the Cathedral, located in **the Plaza de Armas**, it is the main church of the imperial city, it was built on the palace of **the Inca Wiracocha**. The Cathedral has more than 300 paintings from the Cusco art school.

Then we will visit **the Qoricancha**, in the Quechua language means "**temple of gold**", it was the first temple built by the Incas, it was formerly covered with large amounts of gold and silver.

We will leave the city of Cusco and arrive at **the Saqsayhuaman complex** , famous for its huge lithic blocks of more than 150 tons. In the Inca era the temple was considered to lightning, "**the god Illapa**".

Next, we will visit **the temple of Q'enqo**, a place dedicated to the Pacha Mama (Mother Earth) where you can appreciate carved stone constructions.

Then we will arrive at the impressive **Inca fort Puka Pukara** , in the Quechua language it means "**Red Fortress**".

Finally, we will arrive at **Tambomachay**, where we will see **the sacred temple dedicated to the cult of water** that probably also had a purification bath function for the Inca rulers.

At the end of the afternoon we will return to Cusco, where we will leave you at your hotel or if you prefer in the Plaza de Armas.

IMPORTANT ADVICE

The City Tour will begin in the afternoon. You will have a free morning to acclimatize and drink a coca tea with your breakfast. Wear comfortable walking shoes/boots. We suggest that you visit the Plaza de Armas with its colonial and Inca temples, The Regional History Museum, The Contemporary Art Museum, the Museum of The Qoricancha, and the Museum of popular art. These places will make your trip an even more unforgettable experience and give you the perfect insight into local culture.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Cusco
- **Meals:** breakfast

Day 6: The Sacred Valley of the Incas

Today you will discover the incredible **Sacred Valley of the Inca**, also called **the Vilcanota Valley** after the river that flows through it. After breakfast, we will first head to **the artisan centre of Awanacancha**, where we can see up close the famous llamas. You will also have the opportunity to chat with the local craftsmen and learn about the techniques and appreciate the intricacy of their Peruvian textiles and artwork. This is **the perfect place to buy souvenirs** for your loved ones back home and contribute to local craftspeople and artisans of The Andes, as well as purchase an intricate and authentic piece of fine textile, with an original beauty that can only be found in this region. We will then head to **the archaeological site of Pisaq**, situated on the mountain top. This magnificent site is composed of many sections of **terraces** and **archaeological structures**, built on the hillside of the high mountain. The perfect example of stunning countryside and impressive stonework, which combine to make this spectacular site. We will then head down to **the town of Pisaq** and its famous handicraft market, where local people sell their

variety of handmade products, using techniques dating back to ancestral times.

We will then head along the Sacred Valley to **the town of Urubamba**, where we will stop for lunch and where we will have the opportunity to sample some of the local delicacies, of **the Peruvian kitchen** including salads, soups, ceviche a variety of main courses and delectable desserts. After lunch, we will visit the impressive **archaeological site of Ollantaytambo**, quite probably constructed to monitor the entrance into this part of the valley and protect the Incas from possible invasion. We will have the opportunity to walk through its narrow, cobbled streets and gain a better idea about how this site functioned during Inca times, as a strategic military outpost as well as a religious and cultural centre. After the visit, we will then **board the train that will take us to Aguas Calientes**, at the base of Machu Picchu. On arrival, the hotel representative will be waiting for us to take us to the hotel.

IMPORTANT ADVICE

After a hearty breakfast and the recommended coca tea, we suggest that you just take an overnight bag / daypack to spend the night in Aguas Calientes. (Include money, light clothing, travel documents, camera, repellent, sunhat, sunscreen and personal hygiene products). Your trip will be more comfortable for doing so. The rest of your baggage can remain at your Cusco hotel as you will be returning there tomorrow.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Aguas Calientes
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch

Day 7: Machu Picchu – Cusco

In the morning, according to the scheduled time, our guide will pick you up at your hotel to go to the bus station where you will climb 400m along a winding path for 20min to reach the incredible wonder of the world "**The Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu**", also known as "**The Lost City of the Incas**". Upon arriving at the Machu Picchu citadel with our guide, we will pass through the entrance and begin the tour of the entire citadel. For around 2h:30m we will visit the main places in Machu Picchu.

We return to **the town of Aguas Calientes** in the afternoon, where you will have free time to enjoy lunch in one of the many restaurants (lunch not included). After lunch, we will take the train to Ollantaytambo (depending on train departure time availability). The return will follow the same route as the departure. Upon arrival in Ollantaytambo, the train representative will be waiting to take you to the bus heading to your hotel in Cusco.

IMPORTANT

From the 1st of January 2019, **the rules changed with regards to the Machu Picchu**. The visit to the archaeological site will all be in one direction, which means that once you have passed by a certain site, you are not allowed to return. There is no re-entrance to the site, if we leave the site for any reason, we are not allowed to re-enter. The only exception to this new rule is, if you have an entrance ticket to either **Machu Picchu Mountain** or **Huayna Picchu mountain.** Also, if you wish to climb one of these mountains, the guided tour of the main citadel will be reduced to coincide with the mountain entrance time. In the case of Machu Picchu Mountain, your guided tour will be for one hour to allow time for you to climb the mountain; In the case of Huayna Pichu, the tour of the main citadel will be for 2 hours.

IMPORTANT ADVICE

Before you go up to Machu Picchu, we recommend that you leave your overnight bag /daypack at the hotel in Aguas Calientes and only take water, (please remember that Machu Picchu is a plastic free zone so plastic water bottles will be confiscated on entry). passport, cash, entrance ticket, sunhat sunscreen and insect repellent. When you head back down to Aguas calientes, you can collect your overnight bag from the hotel. If time allows, we recommend a visit to the Chávez Ballón Museum, the museum of Machu Picchu. There is a free entrance after midday and you simply need to show your passport. We should also take into account that there is usually a queue for the shuttle bus, to and from Machu Picchu. There is also usually a queue for the train back to Ollantaytambo

also, so we will need to allow plenty of time in each case. Your guide will be there to orientate you in the best possible manner.

- Overnight : Hotel in Cusco
- Meals: breakfast

Day 8: Cusco – Airport – Juliaca - Puno

Depending on your flight time, we will stop by your hotel in Cusco to go to the airport.

When you arrive in Juliaca, our team will welcome you and take you to your hotel.

You will have the rest of the day free to explore the different places in Puno on your own.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Puno
- **Check in:** 12:00 pm Check out : 9:00 am
- **Meals:** breakfast at hotel in Cusco

NOTE: If your departure time from Cusco is after check-out time, you can use the hotel's common areas while you wait.

NOTE: If your arrival time in Puno is before check-in time, you can use the hotel's common areas while you wait.

Day 9: Titicaca Express Uncovered Lake

At about 06:45 hrs, we will make the transfer from the Hotel to the Port. At approximately 07:15 hrs we will leave by boat " Titicaca Express " south of **the island of Taquile**, where we will arrive at a white sand beach paradise.

We will walk through spectacular Pre-Inca landscapes and meet local families, their crafts, their culture and their textile activities.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. we will arrive at **the community of Santa María**, in the Capacheca Llachón peninsula, where we will be introduced to a cultural experience, we will see their dances, traditions and we will be able to participate in an ancestral ceremony. Next, we will participate in the preparation of the **"Pachamanca"**, which is a **traditional way of cooking meat**, fish and potatoes, where we will observe the different way of cooking in this town, with an underground oven.

For adventure lovers, optional to kayak along the coasts of Llachón .

We will depart from Santa María and at approximately 2:30 p.m. we will arrive at **the island of Los Uros Titono**, located in the Titicaca Lake Reserve, considered one of **the last floating islands**. The inhabitants of the islands of "Los Uros" are descendants of one of the oldest cultures in South America.

Optional ride on rafts of " Totora ".

At approximately 4:30 p.m. we will be back to Puno, where we will leave you at your Hotel.

- **Overnight:** Hotel in Puno
- **Meals:** breakfast, lunch

Day 10: Puno – Juliaca airport

At an agreed time, our transport will stop at your hotel to continue to Juliaca airport.

End of our services.

- **Check in:** 12:00 pm / Check out: 9:00 am
- **Meals included:** breakfast

NOTE: If your departure time is after check-out time, you can use the hotel's common areas while you wait.

What's included

- ✓ Hotel Accommodation
- ✓ Private Transfers
- ✓ Intercity Bus Tickets
- ✓ Lima City Tour
- ✓ Nazca Lines Flight
- ✓ Cusco City Tour
- ✓ Sacred Valley Tour
- ✓ Tourist Train Tickets
- ✓ Machu Picchu Bus
- ✓ Machu Picchu Ticket
- ✓ Private MP Guide
- ✓ Lake Titicaca Tour
- ✓ **Travel Assistance:** Travel assistance throughout the itinerary, including 24-hour support.

What's not included

- ✗ Drinks except those ment
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- ✗ Snacks
- ✗ Phone calls
- ✗ Extra spending money
- ✗ Tips/gratuities
- ✗ Travel insurance

Packages

Economy – Single Room — $2,103

- **Lima** – Hotel Britania Miraflores / Girasoles Hotel / Arawi Miraflores Hotel
- **Nazca** – Arequipa Hotel Nazca / Hotel Alegria / Hotel Oro Viejo
- **Cusco** – Hotel Sacha Centric /Hotel Rojas Plaza Boutique / Hotel Raymi / Sueños del Inka Hotel / Hotel Inca Wasi Plaza.
- **Aguas Calientes** – Mapi Seven Machu Picchu / Sacred Stone / Terrazas Del Inka.
- **Puno** – Terra Mistica Ciudad del Lago / Conde de Lemos / Hotel Balsa Inn

Touristy – Single Room — $2,213

- **Lima** – Britania Crystal Collection / Ferre Miraflores Hotel / Ibis Larco Miraflores
- **Nazca** – Don Agucho
- **Cusco** – Hotel Ruinas / San Agustin Internacional / Maytaq Wasin Hotel
- **Aguas Calientes** – Inti Punku Machupicchu / Ferre Machu Picchu / Tara Machu Picchu
- **Puno** – Casona Plaza Hotel Puno / Hotel Qalasaya / Casona Plaza Centro

First – Single Room — $2,522

- **Lima** – Casa Andina Select Miraflores / Arawi Miraflores Prime
- **Nazca** – Casa Hacienda Nazca Oasis / Hotel Majoro
- **Cusco** – Casa Andina Standard Cusco Catedral / San Agustin Plaza / XIMA Cusco Hotel
- **Aguas Calientes** – Tierra Viva Machu Picchu / Taypikala Boutique Machu Picchu / Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu
- **Aguas Calientes** – Hotel Hacienda Puno / Hotel Hacienda Plaza de Armas Puno / Tierra Viva Puno

Premium – Single Room — $2,856

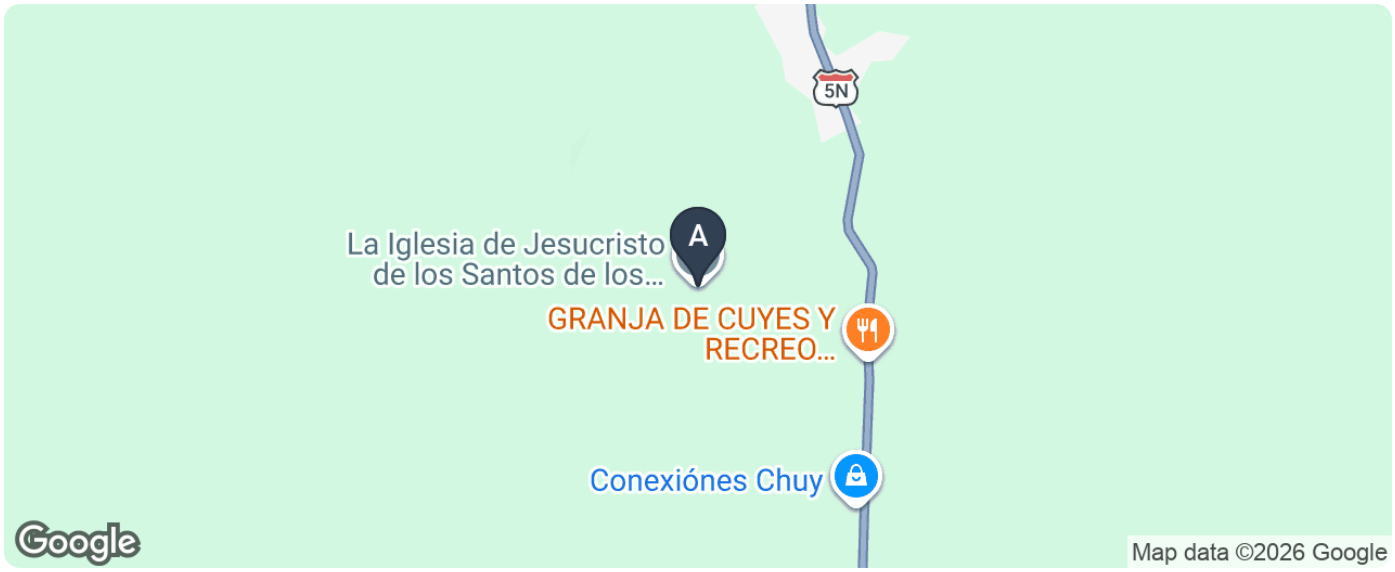
- **Lima** – Casa Andina Premium Miraflores / Jose Antonio deluxe / Radisson Decapolis Miraflores
- **Nazca** – Casa Andina Standard Nazca / Hotel Majoro Premiun
- **Cusco** – Novotel Cusco / Wyndham Costa Del Sol Cusco / Casa Andina Premium Cusco
- **Aguas Calientes** – El Mapi Hotel By Inkaterra / Hatun Inti Boutique
- **Puno** – Casa Andina Standard Puno / Royal Inn Hotel Puno

Luxury – Single Room — $4,258

- **Lima** – Hilton Lima Miraflores / The Westing Lima Hotel & Convention /
- **Nazca** – Casa Andina Standard Nazca
- **Cusco** – Casa Cartagena Boutique Hotel & Spa / Hotel Aranwa Cusco Boutique / Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel
- **Aguas Calientes** – Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel / Machu Picchu Hotel Boutique Casa del Sol / Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel
- **Puno** – Casa Andina Premiun Puno / GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca / Sonesta Posada del inca Puno

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