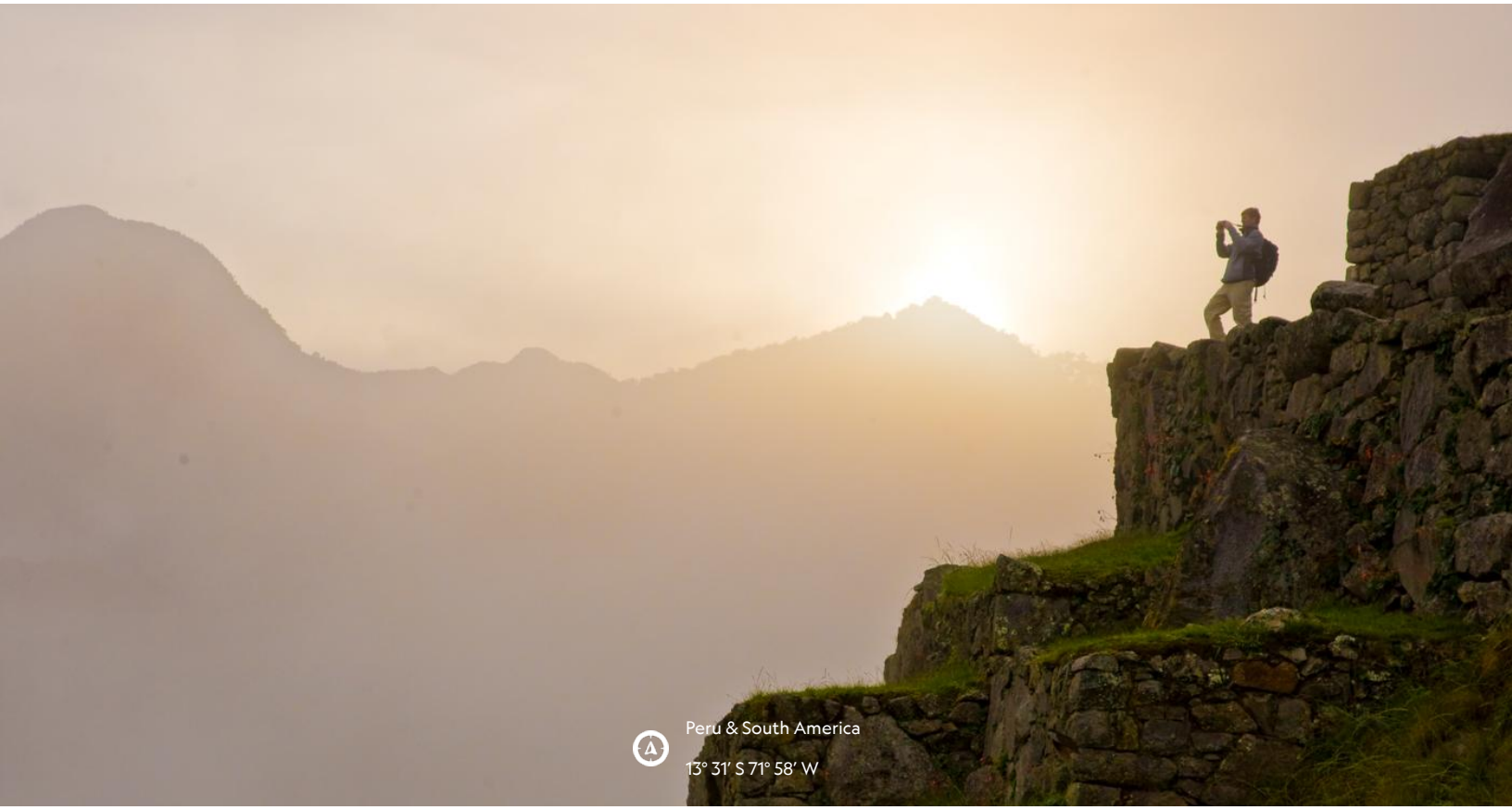

Machu Picchu and Peru's Land of the Inca

Discover celebrated Inca wonders, colonial cities, and a rich cultural heritage on an expedition to Machu Picchu and beyond. Begin with two nights in Lima, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Journey by rail through the Urubamba Valley. Explore the fabled city's agricultural terraces, waterworks, and sacred sites with local guides. Delve into the Sacred Valley of the Inca with a National Geographic expert.

From
$ 6,911 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES Year round	**DURATION** 8 Days
STARTS AT Lima, Peru →	**ENDS AT** Lima, Peru

NOTE: Passport information to secure Machu Picchu tickets is needed at time of booking due to an increase in demand. Bookings within 140 days are subject to confirmation of availability and not guaranteed until purchased with guest passport information.

Highlights

- Over two days explore Machu Picchu with veteran local guides who bring its history, culture and enduring mysteries to life
- Discover Cusco's vibrant culture and the living traditions of the Sacred Valley of the Inca
- Explore the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo
- In the Sacred Valley, stay at Sol y Luna, a Relais & Châteaux property that is family owned and gives back to families and children in the community

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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima, meet your guide and transfer to Belmond Miraflores Park, where you'll spend two nights. Set on a green promenade overlooking the Pacific in fashionable Miraflores, this much-loved hotel is the perfect base to explore.

Arrival Time: Anytime after 12:00 p.m.
Arrival City: Lima, Peru

◇ DAY 2

Lima

After breakfast, explore World Heritage-designated colonial Lima. Visit the extraordinary Larco Museum, dedicated to pre-Columbian art. Then stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private welcome lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. Tonight, dinner is on your own to sample Lima's amazing award-winning fare.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

◇ DAY 3

Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Begin your day with breakfast, then board a short scenic flight to Cusco this morning and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site with dramatic agricultural terraces in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch, check into your hotel: Sol y Luna, an independently owned Relais & Châteaux property, where you'll stay in individual casitas set in verdant gardens. Unwind with dinner at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Sacred Valley

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost, who has lived and worked in Peru for decades. He or a colleague will join you for a talk at the hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. Lunch is at a working, family-owned hacienda, where you'll be treated to a show of Peruvian Paso horses, and National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. Dinner is at the hotel. Don't forget to pack your duffel bag (bags will be provided) for your 2-day trip to Machu Picchu.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

Start your day with breakfast and get ready to discover marvelous Machu Picchu. Marvel at the dramatic scenery and life along the river during your morning journey by train to this legendary Inca royal retreat famously introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Check into the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, a luxury riverside retreat that blends Andean culture with upscale comfort. Over the next two days you will explore Machu Picchu in the company of your handpicked tour director and local guides. Enjoy lunch in town and dinner at hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Machu Picchu / Cusco

Awaken this morning and return to Machu Picchu, where you'll explore with your guides. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—the center of the Inca universe, a burgeoning cultural capital and a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site. Check in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio on Plaza Nazarenas in the heart of Cusco for two nights. Occupying a monastery founded in 1592, the hotel—like much of colonial Cusco—is built atop Inca stones. Enjoy dinner amid this atmospheric setting.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

◇ DAY 7

Cusco

Explore the ornate 17th-century cathedral, the sacred Inca Temple of the Sun and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuamán, where a series of imposing terrace walls—the most impressive yet—command views over the city. Relax, shop or visit one of Cusco's many churches and museums this afternoon. Breakfast and lunch are at the hotel, while dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

■ DAY 8

Cusco / Lima

After breakfast and a final morning at leisure, say goodbye to the Land of the Inca and fly from Cusco back to Lima, connecting to flights home. Depending on your flight schedule, optional rooms at the Wyndham Grand Lima Airport Hotel are available, or join the Upper Amazon Expedition aboard *Delfin II* .

Departure Time: Depart after 9:00 p.m. local time.
Departure City: Lima, Peru

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Expedition

Lima, Peru → Lima, Peru

2026 DEPARTURE DATES

17 Oct	24 Oct	31 Oct		
07 Nov	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov	
05 Dec	12 Dec	19 Dec	26 Dec	

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

02 Jan	09 Jan	16 Jan	23 Jan	30 Jan
06 Feb	13 Feb	20 Feb	27 Feb	
06 Mar	13 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar	
03 Apr	10 Apr	17 Apr	24 Apr	
01 May	08 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
05 Jun	12 Jun	19 Jun	26 Jun	
03 Jul	10 Jul	17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul
07 Aug	14 Aug	21 Aug	28 Aug	
04 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep	
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06 Nov	13 Nov	20 Nov	27 Nov	
04 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec	

2028 DEPARTURE DATES

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2029 DEPARTURE DATES

06 Jan	13 Jan	20 Jan	27 Jan	
03 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	
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07 Apr				

Special Offers

COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS

We include arrival and departure airport transfers for all guests in Ecuador and Peru, whether by group, hotel shuttle, or private transfer (please share your flight information two weeks before your departure). In addition, we provide transfers for guests who are booked on ticketed internal flights from Guayaquil, Quito, or Lima to and from the Galapagos, Cusco or Iquitos.

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NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare*; Wi-Fi; laundry; alcoholic beverages; travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

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