

Trip Start Date	Destination	# of Nights	Included Meals	Price Per Person	Single Supplement	Est. Tips
9/19/10	Machu Picchu	4	5B	\$685	\$250	\$24

Day 1

Arrive in Lima and connect to Cuzco. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the Hotel Don Carlos. This afternoon you will have a sightseeing tour of Cuzco, the center of the universe for the Inca civilization, visiting the Temple of Koricancha or Sun God, the Cathedral and the ruins nearby such as Kenko, Puca-Pucara, Tambomachay and Sacsayhuaman an impressive megalithic construction, strategically placed on a hill overlooking the city of Cuzco -- it's name means "satisfied falcon" in Quechua, and it is formed by three successive walls of immense stones (the largest one being 28 feet high, 15 feet wide and 12 feet thick – and weighing some 360 tons). The three walls are almost parallel, and form a zigzag, each supporting a terrace and parapet. This mind boggles you at the thought of the effort that the building of this great monument must have cost men who did not have the wheel; the outside wall alone is 650 yards long. It is said that its construction, begun by the Inca Tupac Yupanqui, took more than seventy years and required the labor of over twenty thousand men.

Overnight at Hotel Don Carlos.

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Day 2

Today you will enjoy a full day excursion by train to the most mysterious and energetic place of the Inka civilization. Early morning your tour guide will pick you up and transfer you to the train station for your 3 ½ hour trip, with spectacular views of the Urubamba River and the Andean mountain range, to Machu Picchu. Temples, palaces, towers and staircases are built into the side of the mountains here. Your tour guide will take you from site to site explaining the advanced world of the Incas.

Overnight at Hotel Machu Picchu Inn or the new Hotel Inti Inn.

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Day 3

Today is a day at leisure to explore the "Lost City" of Machu Picchu on your own expense. You can walk for 2 miles towards the Intipunka (main entrance of Machu Picchu in Inca times), or take a back trail to see the old Inca bridge carved on the side of the mountain, or just relax, take pictures and absorb the powerful energy of the place. Mid-afternoon, you return to Cuzco by train and bus.

Overnight Hotel Don Carlos.

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Day 4

Today is a day at leisure to explore the Inka city of Cuzco on your own (Cuzco is like a big open museum) or take advantage of the great bargains for sweaters, ponchos, rugs, handicrafts, etc. (or you can take an optional half day excursion to Chincheros, Maras or Piquillacta).

Overnight Hotel Don Carlos.

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Day 5

Transfer to the airport for flight to Lima. This evening, connect with your flight back to the United States.

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