

## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

**08 days.**

**Private Service.**

### **Highlights.**

Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Salt Mine of Maras.

Ollantaytambo.

Machu Picchu.

Glass Top-Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu

Tipon

Saqsayhuaman.

Cusco city tour.

### **Price:**

Twin Share Per Person: Starting from:

**3803.00 USD**

Minimum two guests

Single supplement pricing available upon request.

### **Day 01: Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley.**

Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the vast green valley that sprawls out far below Machu Picchu, and where an ancient way of life lives on. Along the way we stop at a llama farm and then continue on to the Ruins of Pisaq with their spectacular views of the valley. Finish the tour off with at Pisaq market where you can enjoy the colorful displays of handcrafted items and Silver jewelry while wandering down the bustling aisles.



Overnight in the Sacred Valley

Meals: Boxed lunch

### **Day 02: Tailor made day just for you.**

Today is a day we can tailor to suit you. After collection from your hotel we set off on whatever you have decided our day should be

Suggested activities:

\* Visit a community located in the Sacred Valley to see how the Andeans cook their meals, help harvest some of the ingredients then sample the delicious results .



- \* We can visit a local school/ kindergarten located in the same community (small gifts like pencils, crayons, notebooks etc.. are always appreciated)
- \* What about a couple of hours horseback riding to enjoy more of the Sacred Valley and its picturesque towns and beautiful scenery.
- \* Show off your skills in a pottery class where you will can let your imagination soar while you create your own designs
- \* If you like mountain biking what better way to explore the Sacred Valley

Overnight in the Sacred Valley

Meals Included – Breakfast and Lunch Included.

Note: Not all of the above activities will fit into a single day. Speak to your “Nomadic Peru” Destination specialist about the customization of this day

- \* Other options available upon request but may incur a surcharge

### **Day 03: Maras – Moray.**

Today we make our way to Moray, an archaeological site known for its unusual Inca ruins mostly made up of circular terraces that at first glance, resembles ancient Greek or Roman amphitheaters. An extraordinary feature of the site is the vast difference in temperature between the top and the bottom levels of the ruin, leading researchers to believe that it was possibly used by the Inca to study the effects of different climatic conditions on crops.



Last stop is Salineras. Spectacular salt mines that have been around for hundreds of years and are still in use today.

Overnight in the Sacred Valley

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

### **Day 04: Ollantaytambo – Machu Picchu.**

This morning we start our exploration of the Sacred Valley with a visit to Ollantaytambo, a formidable stone structure of immense terraces set into the mountain slopes – this was the site of the Incas’ greatest victory over the Spanish during the wars of conquest. From here we make our way to the train



station. Boarding the Scenic Glass-Top train to Machu Picchu, you will enjoy this journey which passes along the banks of the Urubamba River. This train trip is considered to be one of the most beautiful short train trips in existence so make sure your camera battery is fully charged.

Upon arrival at Machu Picchu we enjoy a lunch at Machu Picchu Sanctuary lodge before setting off to explore the breathtaking Incan city. Overlooking the Urubamba River Valley, this ancient city was discovered hidden beneath the canopy of the trees by American explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911. Built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca Empire, this designated UNESCO World Heritage site continues to awe and impress those around the world.

Overnight in Machu Picchu Village  
Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

### **Day 05: Machu Picchu - Cusco.**

After breakfast, we continue our exploration of Machu Picchu. Take a hike to Inti Punku (Sun Gate) or perhaps trek up to Huayna Picchu to enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding area. The morning is yours to explore these majestic ruins with your guide.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before we say goodbye to this magical ancient city, and make our way to Cusco. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel



Overnight in Cusco.  
Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

### **Day 06: Tipon – Pikillacta - Andahuaylillas.**

After a leisurely breakfast you will be collected by your guide and journey to TIPON. Located about 40 minutes from Cusco, these ruins are one of the less visited sites in the region and their location leaves them tranquil and relatively tourist free. Tipon is yet another example of Incan hydraulic engineering with the well preserved Inca terracing, fountains and water channels, it was clearly constructed for agricultural purposes.



Not as extensive as other ruins however they are beautifully designed and show the skills of these ancient engineers. Continue on to PIKILLACTA. Another site that is seldom visited, this pre Incan city was built by the Wari people around 800 AD and later taken over by the Incans. Considered to be one of the main cities of ancient Peru with over 700 buildings, little is known of the Wari people. We then head to the town of Andahuaylillas where we visit San Pedro de

Andahuaylillas, also known as the Sistine Chapel of American due to the quality of the art. The interior of the church is a work of art with its beautiful murals. Arrival back into Cusco late afternoon.

Overnight in Cusco.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch at a family home.

### **Day 07: Cusco.**

This morning starts with a city tour of Cusco. We explore the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Qoricancha (Temple of the sun). From here we make our way to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman. Located on a hill that overlooks the city, these ruins are another example of an imposing display of Incan architecture. Compiled of massive stones, the largest of which is thought to weigh as much as 200 tons, these immense terrace walls were cut and placed with amazing precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. We finish off the tour exploring the shops and meandering through the bustling market in Cusco, where the locals buy their produce. Remainder of the day at leisure.



Overnight in Cusco.

Meals included: Breakfast

### **Day 08: Cusco – Farewell**

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your onward flight

Meals: Breakfast

### **End of travel arrangements**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE.**

Accommodation

Meals where mentioned

Transfers where mentioned

Private touring as well as group touring

Admission tickets to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary.

Single entry Admissions tickets to Machu Picchu where mentioned.

\* Please note that once you exit the Park, a new ticket purchase is required to re enter

Train tickets to Machu Picchu.

Bus tickets from Machu Picchu town up to the archeological site.

Day Two – Taylor Made Day. No additional charge if you chose one of the tours mention on the list.

#### **NOT INCLUDED.**

Travel Insurance.

Domestic Flights (please note these can be added for an additional cost)

International flights

Personal expenses.

Gratuities.

Airport taxes.

Any item that is not mentioned in the itinerary.