
SACRED VALLEY & LARES ADVENTURE TO MACHU PICCHU CONFORT-STYLE LODGE 05 days / 04 nights

Itinerary:

Day 00: Evening briefing in Cusco

Meet your MLP guide and fellow travelers for a general trip briefing and Q&A.

Day 01: Exploring Pisaq

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 center followed by an exploration of the lively town and colorful 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. Overnight at Lamay Lodge.

Day 02: Into the heart of Lares

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 Ancasmарca for a guided tour of this seldom-visited archeological site. Afterward, choose a visit with the expert textile weavers in a remote village 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. Overnight at Huacahuasi Lodge.

Day 03: The road of Ollantaytambo

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 shepherding 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. Overnight at a Hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Note: Afternoon hikers will meet the rest of the group at the hotel upon arrival in the Sacred Valley.



Day 04: Discovering Ollantaytambo

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. Afterward, 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 an additional cost). Overnight at Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel.

Note: This is a full-day hike that replaces the standard program day itinerary.

Day 05: The citadel of Machu Picchu - Cusco

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*, 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: Tickets for Huayna Picchu Mt. (8,924' / 2,720m) may be available subject to additional cost. In the event that Huayna Picchu permits are not available for your desired date, you may opt for a hike up Machu Picchu Mt. (10,112 / 3,082m), located next to the Machu Picchu Citadel on the southern side. Please consult with your MLP Travel Specialist for detailed information.

*Subject to availability, please read the note above.

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