

TRAVEL WITH GINA . . .

PERU & MACHU PICCHU

The Land Of The Incas

JULY 12-21, 2017 (10 DAYS)

LAND: \$1495 per person

AIR: starting at \$900 (or fly FREE using your frequent flyer miles)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, one of the greatest attractions in all of South America.
- Take the incredible train journey to Machu Picchu.
- Visit the Inka ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Tambo Machay, the Qorichancha Sun Temple, & Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.
- Friendly people, fascinating Conquistador-tinged history, indestructible Inca architecture – all set in a spectacular landscape.



Please note, this is the Andes and although this is not a mountain climbing trip, the air is thin. This is not for those with asthma or breathing problems.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 July 12 (W) USA to CUZCO.

Arrive in Cuzco, Peru & check into the hotel. Cuzco is the seat of the Inca civilization founded around 100 A.D. in the Andean mountains, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere and was the home of the Incas for two centuries before the Spanish built their first capital here. Cuzco offers a wealth of fascinating historical sites and a charming Spanish plaza setting with outdoor cafes and vendors. Pre-Inca, Inca, and colonial architecture abound in the colorful Andean town nestled in a high valley over 10,909 feet above sea level, surrounded by





some of the mightiest Andean peaks glistening with ice & snow. Afternoon walking tour of the local neighborhood with Gina while we take time to acclimate to the city's 3,450 m (11,150 ft) altitude. Evening “Welcome Group Dinner” & Gina’s Birthday! Meals: (D).

DAY 2 July 13 (TH) CUZCO. Morning group tour of Cuzco with its Inca-built walls lining the central streets and Baroque churches. Many of the elegant colonial buildings are built on top of Inca structures. Free afternoon to visit local museums on your own or enjoy people-watching from the numerous balcony restaurants overlooking the plaza. Meals: (B).

DAY 3 July 14 (F) CUZCO / SACAYHUAMAN. Morning group trip to the magnificent Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman, the famous amphitheater at Kendo, a rare example of curvilinear construction in Inca architecture) and Tambo Machay (also known as the Inca Baths built around a natural spring and fortified with military posts. Sacsayhuaman, a huge Inca fortress high above Cusco at a height of 12,136 feet, zigzags across the side of the mountains and at one time garrisoned 5000 Inca soldiers. Group lunch at an outdoor café overlooking the lovely town of Cuzco. Dinner on your own or join Gina at a local restaurant. Meals: (B, L).

DAY 4 July 15 (SAT) CUZCO / SACRED VALLEY. Morning group trip to the Sacred Valley visiting the impressive Qorichancha Sun Temple whose interior walls were once covered in gold leaf, emeralds & turquoise. Optional moderate hike to the massive fortress of Ollantaytambo built to protect the Sacred Valley. Lunch on your own in Ollantaytambo or join Gina at one of the local outdoor cafes. Free evening to relax & enjoy dinner on your own in Cuzco at the many restaurants Gina will recommend. Meals: (B).

DAY 5 July 16 (SU) CUZCO. Free day to explore Cuzco and the surrounding area. Meals: (B). Suggested local daytrips are: a. Walking tour of San Blas with the local artists handicraft markets (free). b. Raft the Urubamba River (3 & 4 difficulties) through the Sacred Valley. (\$55pp). c. Visit the Chinchero market, famous for offering the best of the Andean handicrafts. Then hike to the ancient agricultural terraces of Moray and the saltpans of Salinas. Local English-speaking guide included. (\$55pp). d. Visit Pisac, a quaint town with a colorful market, picturesque plaza, and impressive Inca fortress ruins situated 1800 feet above the town. The incredible view overlooks the Rio Kitamayo Gorge, the Rio Chongo Valley, and is famous for its agricultural terracing. (\$65pp). Meals: (B).

DAY 6 July 17 (M) CUZCO TO AGUAS CALIENTES. Morning local train to the small town of Aguas Calientes (“Hot Springs”). This four-hour train ride scenery is incredible as

the switchback train makes its way up the steep mountainside surrounding Cuzco. Free afternoon to enjoy the local market. Meals (B).

DAY 7 July 18 (T) MACHU PICCHU. Morning group trip to the famous Machu Picchu Inca Ruins. Machu Picchu is shrouded & in mystery and lively debate. This “Lost City of the Inkas” is perched high in between two peaks and only rediscovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham. The impressive ruins, hidden for 400 years by semi-tropical jungle lies between two peaks with sheer mountain sides falling vertically to the valley below. Built in the style of the last Imperial Inka, constructed, occupied, and abandoned within a century. Free afternoon to wander through the mysterious terraces and temples. Our English-speaking guide will point out the significance of the various stone structures and explain the theories offered to solve the mysteries of Machu Picchu. Walk to the “Gate of the Sun” looking down on Machu Picchu in the mist below. Walls made of stone so finely carved that you can barely slip a piece of paper between them. Sturdy hiking boots and sunscreen are recommended for hiking around Machu Picchu – you can easily walk around the terraces or hike the more challenging uneven surfaces & ruins. Free afternoon to explore the ruins on your own with plenty of photo opportunity. The surrounding rainforest also offers fine bird watching. Meals (B).

DAY 8 July 19 (W) AGUAS CALIENTES & MACHU PICCHU. Free day to return to Machu Picchu or relax and stroll around Aguas Calientes visiting the local market and the famous “hot springs”. Meals: (B).

DAY 9 July 20 (TH) AGUAS CALIENTES TO CUZCO. Free morning/afternoon to enjoy the local market & hot springs. Train back to Cuzco. Evening “Farewell Group Dinner”. Meals: (B, D).

DAY 10 July 21 (T) CUZCO to USA. Morning flight to Lima & the USA. Meals: (B).

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSIONS:

Join Gina on a 9-Day trip to Colombia July 21-29, 2017 where we will visit

LAND PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- Eight meals. • All ground transportation per the itinerary.
- All group sightseeing per the itinerary with an English-speaking guide. • Single supplement is \$295. If you would like to share a room, Gina will help match you with a compatible roommate. • Suggested budget for extra meals & sightseeing is \$200. • Land price does not include international air to Peru, Peru domestic air to/from Cuzco, or airport departure taxes. Approximate prices are \$900 roundtrip air Miami to Lima, \$270 roundtrip air Lima to Cuzco, & \$40 Peruvian airport departure taxes. • We do suggest tipping to any guide who offers you extra special attention and assistance.

- All prices are subject to change based on airline policies until time of purchase. All Peruvian train prices & entry fees are set by the Peruvian government and prices are subject to change.

FOR MORE INFO, contact Gina Henry / Go Global at 512-751-5096 or
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TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THIS TRIP:

Mail this form along with your \$300 trip deposit to Gina Henry / Go Global, PO Box 632222, Nacogdoches, TX 75963-2222 or call 512-751-5096 to pay via credit card.

This \$300 trip deposit is 100% refundable up to 120 days before the trip departure.

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