



Mystical Machu Picchu

Four-night adventure to South America's spectacular archaeological site – Post-cruise itinerary for Voyage 9229



Fabled Machu Picchu



Hiram Bingham Train to Machu Picchu



Sacsayhuaman

The mystical mountain fortress-city of Machu Picchu is South America's best known and most spectacular archaeological site. For hundreds of years, it remained lost to the world, concealed in semi-tropical vegetation on a saddle between two peaks. On July 24, 1911, American historian Hiram Bingham rediscovered the site and shared it with the world.

Discover Machu Picchu for yourself with this once-in-a-lifetime experience. For an even more comprehensive introduction South American history and culture, this program also includes an exploration of Lima and Cusco.

Friday, January 8, 2010: Valparaiso/Lima

Welcome to Valparaiso! From the pier, you will transfer to the airport, enjoying a city tour en route. Arriving in Lima after your flight, proceed to the Swissôtel Lima for your overnight stay. During today's travels, you will pause for lunch.

Hotel Accommodations: **Swissôtel Lima**

Meals: **Lunch, Dinner on board plane**

Saturday, January 9, 2010: Lima

Have breakfast at the hotel before enjoying a day of wonderful experiences, not the least of which is lunch at Casa-Solar de Aliaga. Located in the heart of the city's historical center, the ancestral mansion is a jewel of colonial Lima and home to 17 generations of Aliagas, making it the oldest private residence in continuous use in the western hemisphere.

Another highlight of your day is an introduction to Lima, the "City of Kings." During your visit to historic Plaza Mayor, you will see the Government Palace, City Hall, the Cathedral and the Archbishop's Palace. You will also admire the San Francisco Monastery, a fine example of colonial architecture. Then your motor coach will afford a look at the city's residential neighborhoods as it travels through Miraflores and San Isidro, where you will gaze at magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean and its beaches.

After your pleasant lunch and Lima overview, return to your hotel for a chance to enjoy time at leisure.

Hotel Accommodations: **Swissôtel Lima**

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Sunday, January 10, 2010: Lima/Cusco

Following breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Monasterio. Situated high in the Andes, this Orient Express hotel is as remarkable as its setting. It was originally built as a monastery in 1592, and was voted "Best Hotel in South America" by Condé Nast Traveler in 2006.

Once you have had a chance to check in and get settled, become acquainted with Cusco, beginning at the Santo Domingo convent monastery. This former colonial monastery was previously the Koricancha temple, one of the most important temples devoted to the worship of the sun. According to its chronicles, the temple was covered in gold leaf and filled with golden representations of nature.

Stops at the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral bring the city portion of your tour to a close. Then it will be time to venture into the countryside to visit remarkable Incan ruins, including the cult center of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheater of Kenko and the Red Fortress of Puca Pucara.

Lunch, dinner and a comfortable overnight stay is yours to enjoy at the historic and beautiful Hotel Monasterio.

Hotel Accommodations: **Hotel Monasterio**

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Christmas Dinner**

Monday, January 11, 2010: Cusco/Machu Picchu

This will be one of your most memorable Christmas' ever; we will transfer you to Poroy's station to board the Orient Express luxury train, the Hiram Bingham, named after the man who discovered Machu Picchu in 1911. The journey will take approximately three and a half hours, during which you will brunch while enjoying the spectacular Andean scenery. You will arrive at The Lost Citadel of the Incas around 1:00 pm, at an hour when you will be able to visit this stunning place practically on your own. Have a guided tour of the citadel and stroll through the archeological site before enjoying an afternoon tea at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge Hotel.

As the sun goes down you will return to the train for departure. Back on board, you will be accorded VIP treatment: you will be served a cocktail accompanied with live entertainment. After that you will be escorted to the dining car for a 4 courses gourmet dinner making your trip to Machu Pichu an unforgettable experience

Hotel Accommodations: **Hotel Monasterio**

Meals: **Breakfast, Brunch , afternoon tea, Dinner**

Brunch and dinner on board.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010: Cusco/Lima

Have breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Lima. On arrival, transfer to the Swissôtel, where you will enjoy the use of a comfortable room before traveling to the airport for your onward flight.

Hotel Accommodations: **Swissôtel Lima**

Meals: **Breakfast**

\$5,899.00 per person double occupancy ♦

\$6,999.00 per person single occupancy ♦

Important Air Information for Cruise-Only Guests:

This post-cruise program ends in Lima, Peru. Guests should schedule flights departing **Lima Jorge Chavez International Airport (LIM) on January 12, 2010**. Guests may depart at any time but please note that check-out time at hotel is at 12 noon. Please fax your flight information to Crystal Cruises Land Programs Department fax 310 286 2412 at least 30 days prior to departure. Transfers will be arranged accordingly.

Luggage Restrictions

Luggage for domestic flights is limited to **one piece** per person, not to exceed **25kg**. Additional luggage will be secured at Swissôtel Hotel in Lima during the program.

Due to airlines new regulations regarding luggage restrictions, please kindly note the International flight included with this program has a luggage restriction of **20 kg** per person (44 lbs) plus a carryon baggage restriction of maximum allowed weight of **8 kg** (17.6 lbs.). We highly recommend guests avail themselves of the services of **Luggage Concierge** 1 877 231 6408 to avoid excess luggage charges **not** included in the price of this program.


For more information regarding Lan Chile luggage restrictions please access the following link:

http://plane.lan.com/info_viajes/equipajes/chequeado/vuelos_otros_otros-en-us.html

Important note concerning your train journey from Cusco to Machu Picchu: Increased security and new laws require that every passenger boarding a train must submit, along with his or her train ticket, an original or photocopy of their passport. Without appropriate identification, a passenger will be denied boarding. Peru Rail reserves the right to verify identification documents on board, or through the police if necessary. For safety reasons, passengers are prohibited from crossing from coach to coach during transit. Schedules are pre-established and strictly adhered to. Peru Rail will do everything possible to accommodate passengers' needs and requests, however leeway is limited due to operational and security concerns. Luggage space on the trains is limited; oversized pieces block entrances and corridors, and are therefore prohibited by law. Therefore, Peru Rail reserves the right to deny the boarding of large bags. Passengers are requested to carry on only what is absolutely necessary and are encouraged to leave the bulk of their luggage at their hotel in Cusco.

TRAIN POLICIES:

Carry-on Baggage Allowance - Each passenger may take:

1 bag or backpack	05kg/11lb	62 inches/157cm (length + height + width)	
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baggage that exceed the measures will not be allowed

Note: This excursion involves strenuous walking over uneven and unpaved surfaces at high altitudes, and is not recommended for guests with physical and/or walking difficulties. Guests must be in good physical condition in order to participate. This excursion is not wheelchair accessible. Due to the high altitude at Cusco, we strongly recommend that guests consult their physician before making reservations. Altitude sickness is common. Guest with heart or respiratory problems should not attempt this excursion. The program of sights visited will be flexible due to many circumstances; it is not possible to schedule an exact itinerary. Hotels, dining venues and some sights may change; however, alternative properties will be of an equal or better standard. Price includes all accommodations, sightseeing, transportation, meals as indicated, portage, and tips. **Inbound international airfare, optional excursions, excess baggage charges, personal and incidental expenses (telephone, fax, etc.) and visa and inoculation charges, laundry, telephone calls and beverages are not included.** Based on the number of participants on the program, smaller vehicles (sedans, minivans, etc.) may be used in place of motor coaches. Although we have arranged for the best possible transportation in Cusco, please be aware that vehicles may not be air conditioned.

Want to Learn More?

Suggested Reading

Frommer's Peru by Neil E. Schlecht (Editor)

Lost City of the Incas: The Story of Machu Picchu & Its Builders by Hiram Bingham

Incas and their Ancestors: The Archaeology of Peru by Michael E. Moseley

The Conquest of the Inca by John Hemming

The Machu Picchu Guidebook by Ruth M. Wright, Alfredo Valencia Zeggara & Alfred V. Zeggara

The White Rock by Hugh Thomsen

Mach Picchu: A Civil Engineering Marvel by Kenneth R. Wright, Alfredo Valencia Zegarra

Eternity in their Hearts by Don Richardson

Internet Resource

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com> World Guide to Peru

<http://www.enjoyperu.com> Tourist Guide to Peru

<http://www.peru-machu-picchu.com> A virtual tour and travel guide to Machu Picchu

<http://www.monasterio.orient-express.com> Information about the Hotel Monasterio in Cusco

<http://www.swissotel.com> Information about the Swissôtel Lima

<http://www.perurail.com> Information about the Hiram Bingham Train

Program Details



Swissôtel Lima



Hotel Monasterio



Courtyard at Hotel Monasterio

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Hotel Accommodations

Every effort is made to obtain accommodations at the best available hotel properties existing at each destination. Room category upgrades are not available for purchase with this program. The following room categories are provided:

Swissôtel Lima: Standard Room with king or two twin beds
Hotel Monasterio Cusco: Deluxe Room with king or two twin beds

Accessibility

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Flight Arrangements

The program price includes economy class seating from Lima to Cusco and Cusco to Lima; upgraded seating is not available on domestic flights within Peru. Economy class seating is also provided for the flight from Lima to Santiago. Business class seating may be available for an additional charge. Luggage on domestic flights is limited to **25 kg** per person. All flight information is tentative and is subject to change.

Date	Carrier/Flight	From/To	Flight time	Departure	Arrival
22-DEC-07	LA 530	SCL/LIM	3 hr 40 min	21:05	22:50
23-DEC-07	2I 1117	LIM/CUZ	1 hr 10 min	9:15	10:25
26-DEC-07	2I 1118	CUZ/LIM	1 hr 05 min	11:05	12:10

LIM – Jorge Chavez Airport (Lima)
LA – Lan Chile Airlines

CUZ – Velazco Astete Airport (Cusco)
2I – Star Peru Airlines

SCL – Arturo Benitez Airport (Santiago)

Important Visa/Vaccination Information

Guests holding United States passports do not require a visa to visit Peru. Please note, your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months from date of entry. Citizens of other countries, for whom requirements may vary, should contact their nearest embassy or visa service. Please contact your travel agent or visa service for applications.

Packing Information

It is recommended that comfortable, layered clothes are packed for daytime and a sweater or light jacket for evening.

Clothing: Smart casual attire for the day
Jackets and raincoats are recommended
Evening attire is informal

Footwear: Comfortable flat walking shoes

Other Items: Sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
Binoculars, travel umbrella

Weather

Lima, Peru Climate: Moderate Average Temperatures				
MONTH	CELSIUS		FAHRENHEIT	
	Low	High	Low	High
DECEMBER	19.0	24.0	66.0	76.0

Cusco, Peru Climate: Semi-tropical Average Temperatures				
MONTH	CELSIUS		FAHRENHEIT	
	Low	High	Low	High
DECEMBER	6.0	21.0	43.0	69.0

Money Matters

- Currency:** The currency in Peru is **Nuevo Sol (PEN)**
Bills of 200, 500, 50, 20, 10; Coins of 1, 2 & 5 Nuevos Soles, 50, 20, 10 & 5 cents
- Exchange:** Foreign currency exchange is available at hotels, airport and banks. It is recommended that money be exchanged in banks, as they offer greater security.
- Travelers Checks:** Not readily accepted in shops, restaurants, etc., although they can be exchanged at the airport, banks and at exchange bureaus.
- Credit Cards:** Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club cards are widely accepted in most city retail establishments.
- ATMs:** ATM machines can be found throughout Peru, and operate similarly to those found in the United States. All ATM machines dispense Nuevo Sol.

Tipping

Tips for hotels, restaurants, and airport porters are included in your program price. Tips for your local guides and drivers are not included in your program price and are at your discretion.

- Restaurants:** Generally, good service should be recognized with a 10% gratuity. In most restaurants this will be included in the bill as a part of an 18% VAT tax. Additional gratuities are not expected. For all meals included in this program, gratuities will be included.
- Guide(s)/Driver(s):** It is customary to recognize good service with a nominal gratuity. We suggest \$10 per person per day for your primary guide and \$5 per person per day for your primary driver. Assistant guides and escorts may also be recognized at your discretion.

Communication

- Telephone:** Peru has a modern telephone service that has been upgraded to present technologies. International direct-dial phones are available in each hotel room. Pay phones work with cards purchased from newsstands, gas stations, supermarkets and kiosks.
- Mobile Network:** GSM phones may work in Peru. Mobile phones can be used in the main cities around the country. Cellular phones are available for rent through private agencies in Peru.
- Internet Access:** Broadband internet access is available in the guest rooms at the Hotel Libertador in Cusco and at the Swissôtel in Lima. Each hotel also offers a fully-equipped business center.

Electricity

- Current:** The electrical current Peru is 220 volts and 50 Hz.
- Adapters:** May not be required, as most locations in Peru use flat plugs, similar to those used in North America.
- Transformers:** Required to convert 220 volts to 110 volts (United States standard.) Not required for dual-voltage appliance.