



# College Study Tours

**PERU**



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Discover your inner Indiana Jones—and an affinity for easy-going Peruvian life—as you adventure through the legendary world of the Incas.

Get a feel for up-and-coming Peru in its energetic capital, Lima, and see the influence of Spanish colonialism everywhere. With your blood pumping, you'll ascend into the clouds to Cuzco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire and a gateway to pure adventure. High in the Andes,

the surprises will come at you from all angles. See the impossibly perfect Incan masonry at Sacsayhuamán, staggering Incan agricultural laboratories—and who knew alpaca fur was so soft?

In the end, you'll come to the same realization that Andes explorer and Indy-inspiration Hiram Bingham did back in 1911—nothing comes close to seeing Machu Picchu for the first time through the Gateway of the Sun.



### Day 1: Fly to Peru

Meet your group and board your flight to Lima.

**Arrive in Lima:** Welcome to Lima, Peru's capital since 1535. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own.

### Day 2: Lima

**Sightseeing tour of Lima:** Behold vestiges of Lima's rich colonial heritage on a guided tour of the city. See the Government Palace, the official residence of Peru's President, before exploring the city's bustling main square. Here you'll see such architectural marvels as the Archbishop's Palace, City Hall and the Cathedral. Then, explore the famed Monastery of San Francisco, which houses a museum of fine religious art as well as catacombs first dug in the 16th century.

### National Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology:

A guided tour introduces you to this fabulous showcase of Peru's pre-Spanish native cultures. See the Raimondi Stone Slab and the Tello Obelisk, along with other outstanding examples of art and archaeological artifacts.

**Miraflores:** Later, explore the "Heroic City" and its popular shopping areas, lavish gardens and breathtaking views of the Pacific.

### Day 3: Cuzco

**Flight to Cuzco:** Depart for Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the former seat of the Incan Empire.

**Sightseeing tour of Cuzco:** After adjusting to the altitude, take a guided tour of Cuzco, which in Quechua means "navel of the earth." Start with a trip to the remains of the Korikancha Temple, once the most important temple in the Incan Empire, and the still-impressive Cuzco Cathedral that Spanish colonists built in its place. Afterwards, admire Cuzco from above as you explore the hillside complex of Sacsayhuamán, and visit the extraordinary ruins at Kenko, Puca-Pucara and Tambomachay.

### Day 4: Machu Picchu

**Machu Picchu:** Machu Picchu, the fabled "Lost City of the Inca," was brought into the international spotlight in 1911 by Yale lecturer Hiram Bingham. A century later, this UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World continues to take the breath away from all who visit it. You'll head for the site and ascend its mountainous pedestal by train for a guided tour. Archaeologists have yet to determine why the city was abandoned so many years ago. You'll see remnants of temples and terraces that have yet to reveal the true purpose of Machu Picchu.

### Day 5: Pisac | Ollantaytambo | Cuzco

**Travel to Ollantaytambo:** This morning, take a scenic train ride to this former Incan stronghold.

**Pisac:** Browse local goods among Incan ruins at nearby Pisac's famous market.

### Sightseeing tour of Sacred Valley of the Incas:

Afterwards, discover the heartland of an empire that spanned from Colombia to Chile, starting with Ollantaytambo, once the personal estate of the Incan Emperor Pachacuti. A guided tour will provide insight into the rich history of the site and its array of infrastructural feats. Later, return to Cuzco.

### Day 6: Cuzco

**Free morning in Cuzco:** Enjoy free time to catch up on coursework, explore on your own or simply relax.

**Orphanage visit:** Later, visit a local orphanage with your group.

### Day 7: Cuzco

**Maras and Moray:** Opt to visit two of the region's more unique sites. First, take in the sloping salt ponds of Maras, in use since Incan times. Then, behold the mysterious system of depressions at Moray that may have been an Incan agricultural experiment facility.

**Free afternoon in Cuzco:** The afternoon is yours to take Cuzco at your own pace.

### Day 8: Cuzco | Lima

**Fly to Lima:** Your Tour Director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll board your flight to Lima.

**Depart for home:** Arrive in Lima, where you'll check in for your overnight return flight home.

### 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 8-9: Puerto Maldonado | Amazon Lodge

**Travel to Puerto Maldonado:** Board your flight to Puerto Maldonado, the capital of the Madre de Dios region. Located in the Amazon Rainforest at the confluence of the Tambopata and Madre de Dios rivers, the small frontier town was founded more than 100 years ago during a latex rubber boom.

**Travel to an area lodge:** Transfer by boat to an area lodge, a camp-style accommodation that provides unparalleled access to Peru's incredible biodiversity. *(Please note that the lodge does not have electricity.)*

**Environmental activities:** Following a briefing on the lodge, attend ecotourism lectures and explore the biological and geographical diversity of the region. Take in the surrounding natural beauty during birdwatching, a boat ride or taking a leisurely guided walk through the rainforest.

#### Day 10: Puerto Maldonado | Lima

**Travel to Lima:** Your Tour Director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll board your flight to Lima.

**Depart for home:** Connect to your overnight flight home.

## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

-  Round-trip flights on major carriers
-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Land and water transportation
-  Hotel accommodations; *Lodge-style accommodations with extension*
-  Light breakfast daily; 7 local dinners or 9 with extension
-  **Sightseeing tours**  
Lima; Cuzco; Sacred Valley; Machu Picchu
-  **Entrances**  
San Francisco Monastery; National Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; Korikancha Temple; Cathedral; Sacsayhuamán; Tambomachay and Kenko; Ollantaytambo; Machu Picchu
-  **Experiential Learning**  
*Experiential learning activities with extension*
-  **Optional**  
Maras and Moray

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