



MACHU PICCHU

PERU & GALÁPAGOS

Mysteries of Machu Picchu and the Galápagos

13 DAYS | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: **OCT - JUL**

Get ready for the trip of a lifetime! This exciting itinerary combines two destinations at the top of every traveler's "must-see" list: Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands. Begin your 13-day adventure exploring the highlights of Peru, including the archaeological site of Sacsayhuaman, the salt mines of Maras, the agricultural terraces at Moray, the colonial buildings of Cusco and Lima, and of course, Machu Picchu. Continue your journey with a 4-night stay on the Galápagos archipelago's largest island, Isabela, which is teeming with a variety of wildlife and stunning lagoons. Plus, you'll have time to explore Quito, Ecuador's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Sacred Valley of the Incas and explore the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Have a traditional lunch with members of a local family in the Sacred Valley, learn how to weave baskets from corn husks in Maras, and visit the community of Chincheros, famous for its colorful woven textiles.
- View the iconic wildlife of the Galápagos, like sea lions, turtles, marine iguanas, and Galápagos Penguins.
- Explore the fascinating geological features of Isabela Island by land and by sea, including natural pools and estuaries, lava flows, caves, Sierra Negra, and Chico Volcano.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bilingual local guides
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Most meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting



BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY BY STEPHANIE KOWACZ



SACSAYHUAMAN BY TOM CARR

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 1 - LIMA

Arrivals in Lima. Proceed through customs and immigration before exiting the secured area of the airport. The Holbrook representative will be waiting outside the exit door with a Holbrook sign. Transfer to the hotel and check in. Please note that this is an international travel day; no meals or program activities are scheduled on this day. Hotel check-in usually begins at 3 pm. *Overnight at Casa Andina Select Miraflores.*

DAY 2 - LIMA

After breakfast drive along the main streets, plazas, and avenues of the city. Start at Lovers' Park in the Miraflores district, looking out over the Pacific Ocean, then take in a panoramic view of Huaca Pucllana, a ceremonial center used by the ancient Lima culture. Visit San Isidro, the financial center of the city, and continue to the Main Square, where you will find the Government Palace and City Hall. Visit the Cathedral of Lima and explore the Santo Domingo Convent, whose corridors San Martin de Porres and Santa Rosa de Lima used to walk in the 17th century and where their remains rest today. Have a welcome lunch at one of the oldest taverns in Lima for an introduction to Peruvian food and a taste of the famous pisco sour. This afternoon visit the Larco Museum for a comprehensive look at the most representative cultures that inhabited ancient Peru. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to walk around the Miraflores district and the Larcomar Center. Dinner will be on your own tonight to explore the variety that Lima offers; your guide can provide suggestions or answer questions. *Overnight at Casa Andina Select Miraflores. (BL)*

DAY 3 - CUSCO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, transfer to the archaeological site of Sacsayhuaman, located on the outskirts of Cusco, an impressive citadel surrounded by beautiful landscapes in

complete communion with nature. Return to the city for lunch at a local restaurant. Continue with a visit to the Coricancha Temple and take a city tour of Cusco. Then transfer to the hotel and check in. Dinner will be on your own for a chance to explore local fare. *Overnight at Los Portales. (BL)*

DAY 4 - CUSCO

Today explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Drive to Chincheros to visit a local weaving community and learn which ancient traditions are still practiced by modern-day descendants of the Incas. Then continue to Moray to better understand the agricultural genius of the Inca people. View the terraces that simulate a huge amphitheater with the purpose of creating 20 different types of microclimates, a measure that guaranteed the agricultural production of the empire. Finally, stop at the salt mines of Maras before a traditional lunch with members of a local family. This afternoon, visit with the local community of Maras and learn how to weave baskets from corn husks, learn about their farming techniques, and see what daily life is like in the Sacred Valley. End the day with an ancient Pachamama ceremony led by a shaman, and then return to Cusco. Dinner will be on your own for a chance to explore local fare. *Overnight at Los Portales. (BL)*



QUITO, ECUADOR BY JAN BECK

DAY 5 - CUSCO

Early today depart for the train station and ride to Aguas Calientes, following the Urubamba River with spectacular views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arrival continue with a bus transfer to the Machu Picchu ruins and explore the archaeological site with our local expert. Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, is arguably the best known and most spectacular archaeological site on the continent. The quality of the stonework and abundance of ornamental sites indicate that Machu Picchu was an important ceremonial center, but archaeologists are still uncovering details. Lunch will be at a local restaurant at the entrance to the ruins. This afternoon take the train back to Ollanta and depart immediately for Cusco. Tonight say goodbye to Peru with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at Los Portales. (BLD)*

DAY 6 - QUITO

After breakfast transfer to the airport, where you will say goodbye to your Peruvian guide and board your flight to Quito via Lima. Upon arrival in Quito, clear customs and immigration and meet your Ecuadorian guide outside of the airport. After lunch at a local restaurant, check in at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to rest and relax. Have dinner tonight in La Ronda district for the chance to see Quito by night. *Overnight at Sheraton Quito. (BLD)*

DAY 7 - QUITO

This morning explore Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Surrounded by volcanoes, Quito is a unique city that boasts one of the largest and best-preserved colonial centers in America. Visit La Compañía Church, the Alabado Museum (pre-Columbian art), and San Francisco Church, with lunch along the way. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and have the rest of the day at leisure to get ready for your departure to the Galápagos Islands tomorrow. Dinner will be at the hotel. Please note that there is a 50-pound weight limit for the flight. You can leave extra luggage in Quito if needed, and we will make the arrangements for them to be transferred to your last night's hotel in Quito after the cruise. *Overnight at Sheraton Quito. (BLD)*

DAY 8 - GALÁPAGOS

This morning fly from Quito to the Baltra airport in the Galápagos. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Puerto Ayora to board your fast boat to Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island. En route, visit Los Gemelos, the twin "craters" that were actually formed by sinkholes. Have lunch at a local restaurant. Upon arrival to Isabela Island, check in at Scalesia Lodge, where you'll have the rest of the afternoon to spend at leisure. *Overnight at Scalesia Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 9 - GALÁPAGOS

This morning visit Las Tintoreras, an islet formed by lava flows located 10 minutes by dinghy from Puerto Villamil. "Tintoreras" is the Spanish name for the white-tipped

reef sharks frequently seen in this area. Different types of animals can be seen here, such as sea lions, marine iguanas, and penguins. This is a perfect place to practice snorkeling. Return to the hotel by lunch time. In the afternoon visit Los Humedales, a complex with various trails where you can find the Galápagos' four species of mangroves. This area is characterized by solitary beaches, lava tunnels, natural pools, and estuaries where you can see flamingos and other birds. Also visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Tortoise Breeding Center, where the national park breeds tortoises in danger of extinction. Some of these giant tortoises have been released by the park and can be found on the trails. *Overnight at Scalesia Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 10 - GALÁPAGOS

Today visit some of Isabela's best attractions, Sierra Negra and Chico Volcano. Sierra Negra is one of the most active volcanoes of the archipelago. The volcano's crater is considered one of the largest in the world, with a diameter of 6.2 kilometers. Volcan Chico is also an active volcano, and sulfur vents can be seen in this area. This is approximately a six-hour walk to appreciate all the splendor of the volcanoes, with a snack provided along the way. Return to Scalesia Lodge for lunch. In the afternoon there is free time to enjoy the magical beach of Puerto Villamil or enjoy an optional activity like biking, surfing, or kayaking (at additional cost). *Overnight at Scalesia Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 11 - GALÁPAGOS

Make a visit this morning to the Wall of Tears, a historical site three miles west of Puerto Villamil. It was constructed between the years of 1945 and 1959 by prisoners in a penal colony on the island. The wall reaches up to 65 feet and runs

over 300 feet long, and its construction was dangerous work, resulting in the deaths of a number of prisoners from both sickness and calamity. In the afternoon, follow a wooden pathway to Concha de Perla in the Port of Villamil. The bay's calm, clear, shallow waters are ideal for observing the incredible array of marine life. Visitors can swim and snorkel alongside tropical fish, sea lions, penguins, and turtles, and it is also possible to observe up to 20 bird species. *Overnight at Scalesia Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 12 - QUITO

After an early breakfast take the fast boat back to Puerto Ayora and transfer to Baltra for your flight to Quito. At the Baltra airport, you will be provided a sandwich and drink, and a small snack will be served on the flight. This afternoon is at leisure. Tonight attend a farewell dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Hostería Rincón de Puembo. (BLD)*

DAY 13 - DEPARTURE

This morning head to the airport for your flight home.



LAND PRICING

\$5,595 (10 participants + 1 leader)

\$5,650 (14 participants + 2 leaders)

International airfare, gratuities, and items of a personal nature are not included.

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