

Earthbound Expeditions

Classical Peru Tour

5 days, from US$1,005 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
5 days	**14 people**	**Peru**

Classical Peru Tour Overview

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Peru, in South America, offers a varied and authentic mix of culture, nature and cuisine. The ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu is one of the main reasons to travel to South America, but there is much more to see throughout Peru.

Lima, the capital and largest city of Peru, has important churches, monasteries, mansions and balconies. Its main attractions include the Historic Centre, a World Heritage Site; the Plaza Mayor (main square); Lima Cathedral; the Government Palace; the Church and Convent of San Francisco; the Gastronomy House and many more.

Cusco is a city where history is visible in its streets, squares, valleys and towns. Places you will visit here include the Sacred Valley, the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu, the most important archaeological site in Peru.

The variety of its scenery, people and activities makes Peru one of the most distinctive destinations on the continent. The Classical Peru Tour suits travellers interested in colonial monuments, archaeology and natural scenery.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Lima

When you arrive in Lima, you are met and transferred to your hotel for the night.

Altitude: 150 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Lima Meals: None

Day 2

Lima city tour

After breakfast, at the scheduled time, you tour Lima, the capital of Peru. The tour begins in the historic centre with important buildings such as the Government Palace, Lima Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace and the Municipal Palace. It also includes the Church and Monastery of San Francisco, the largest complex of colonial art in the Americas. You will see the stone facades and wooden balconies of the colonial houses, and pass Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Inca structure that was most likely an important ceremonial and administrative centre of the Lima culture. The tour ends in the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores. San Isidro has modern apartment buildings and parks such as El Olivar, with olive trees brought from Spain in the 15th century. Miraflores has its Central Park and the Larcomar shopping centre overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Altitude: 150 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Lima Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Fly from Lima to Cusco and Cusco city tour

After an early breakfast, you are transferred from the hotel to the airport at the scheduled time for the flight to Cusco. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. At the scheduled time, there is a guided city tour. You visit the Cathedral, notable for its architecture and its collection of paintings from the Cusco School (Escuela Cusqueña); the Temple of the Sun, or Koricancha, which was used as the foundation of

the Santo Domingo Monastery and is a classic example of the fusion of Inca and Western cultures; and the archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman, Q'enqo and Tambomachay. You then return to the hotel.

Altitude: 3,400 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Cusco Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Day trip to Machu Picchu

After an early breakfast, you set out on a full-day excursion to Machu Picchu, the most important archaeological site in Peru. The citadel is located 113 km (70 miles) north-west of Cusco. The day starts with an early transfer to the railway station for the morning train to Aguas Calientes, which takes about three and a half hours. A 20-minute bus ride then takes you up to the archaeological site for a guided tour. Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911, Machu Picchu is considered a masterpiece of architecture and a unique record of the Inca civilisation. After the visit, you return to the village of Aguas Calientes, where lunch is provided. At the scheduled time, you return to Cusco and are transferred to the hotel. Lunch in Aguas Calientes is included.

Altitude: 3,400 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Cusco Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5

Fly from Cusco to Lima

After an early breakfast, you are transferred from the hotel to the airport for the flight to Lima. On arrival in Lima, you are met and transferred to the hotel. The afternoon is free. We suggest an optional tour to one of the museums, such as the Gold Museum or the Archaeological and Anthropological Museum. In the evening, we suggest dinner with a show.

Altitude: 150 m On foot: None, flight day Night: Hotel, Lima Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Lima
- 4 transfers (arrival and departure) and a city tour
- 3 hotel nights with breakfast.
- Cusco
- 2 transfers (arrival and departure) and a city tour including the surrounding ruins
- Excursion to Machu Picchu with lunch included
- 2 hotel nights with breakfast included.

Not included

- Entry tickets
- International and domestic airfares, visa fees, airport taxes and insurance of any kind
- Main meals during the tour
- Transport of luggage of any kind during hiking
- Personal expenses such as drinks, room service, laundry, telephone calls at hotels and tips.
- Train tickets
- Any additional expenses caused by, or liability for, disruption to the programme due to circumstances such as weather conditions, sickness, natural disasters or riots.
- Liability for, or insurance against, injury, loss of life, accidents or loss of goods.
- Camera fees.
- Personal equipment such as sleeping bags, walking sticks, shoes and crampons.

- Any other expenses incurred due to bad weather, road closures, landslides and so on, and anything not listed as included.

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