

MOUNTAIN



LINK

PERU: MACHU PICCHU & PISCO



- Day 01** Depart the United States for Cusco, Peru.
- Day 02** Flights from the United States arrive in Lima in the early morning. Connecting flights to Cusco depart in the morning. A Mountain Link representative meets the group at the airport to greet you. We have the option of relaxing in the hotel after the long flight or wandering through this historic town. During our ventures around the old Incan capital, we enjoy lunch and dinner as a group. Our nights in Cusco are spent at the luxurious Hotel Monasterio, a 300-year old seminary. (L, D)
- Day 03** After a group breakfast, we tour the Sacred Valley. This adventure includes hiking in the remarkable ruins of Ollantaytambo and Pisac, with the aid of a private bus. We also explore the upper parts of Cusco, as well as the region's local markets, enjoying lunch and dinner along the way. (B, L, D)
- Day 04** After an early morning breakfast, our adventures today include a train ride from Cusco to Machu Picchu and a night at The Sanctuary Hotel, the only hotel located within Machu Picchu Park. We continue to get to know one another over lunch and dinner in this historic location. (B, L, D)
- Day 05** In the morning, we hike Huayna Picchu or Templo de la Luna as we spend more time at Machu Picchu. After lunch, we return to Cusco by way of the precipitous Machu Picchu train. We have a group dinner before falling asleep from our day's adventures. (B, L, D)
- Day 06** A quick morning flight brings us to Lima, where we have an opportunity to get to know the nation's capital. We hop onto a bus for a drive north to the beautiful market town of Huaraz, situated at 10,000 feet. Along the way, we are treated to local entertainment and an en-route lunch. We may get into town late, however the opportunity for a little exploring and a group dinner is still available. (B, L, D)
- Day 07** Today, we have the acclimatization options of mountain biking or hiking in the Cordillera Negra. Both choices afford the opportunity to tour more ruins and to get acquainted with the region's biological diversity. After lunch, we organize our gear in preparation for our ascent of Pisco. (B, L, D)



- Day 08** Our climb of Pisco begins after breakfast, we move through a number of different climate zones on our way to base camp at approximately 14,600 feet. We enjoy a relaxed picnic for lunch on our journey to base camp. Once there, we acclimatize, rest, and enjoy the stunning scenery. (B, L, D)
- Day 09** With the aid of porters, we continue up the picturesque mountain of Pisco, to high camp located beside a small lake at 15,750 feet, underneath the stunning South Face. We hike at a leisurely pace with light backpacks, as our bodies continue to acclimate to the thin air. We have lunch beside one of the numerous mountain tarns along the way. At high camp, our private cook prepares an early meal so the group can hit the sack early in preparation for an early alpine start. (B, L, D)
- Day 10** We leave camp before dawn for our summit bid of Pisco. We head up moderate glacier to the col and follow the north side of the SW ridge up the final short steep section of 50 degrees to reach the summit of Pisco. Pisco has one of the best views in the entire Cordillera of the surrounding peaks. We take time for photos and a snack, then follow the same route down to our camp. Upon arrival, we pack up our gear and head to the road where our bus meets us for the return trip to Huaraz. We enjoy a Celebration dinner at Sian de los Andes. After dinner we rest in preparation for our morning departure to Lima for our flights home.
- Day 11** After a final group breakfast, we load our bags onto the bus for the return trip to Lima. Depending on flight times, we may have a chance to see more of the ancient city. Finally, we wave goodbye as we board our flights home to the USA. (B only)

*\*Itinerary subject to change*

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*\*B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner: Initials note where meals are included.*