



Visit the 'Lost City of the Incas' in style with first class accommodation and travel on this incredible adventure.

## Day 1 – From Lima to Cusco

Your day begins by leaving Queen Victoria behind to begin your adventure with a short drive to Lima. From here you will fly to Cusco – capital of the ancient Inca empire situated high in the Andes mountains. When you arrive you will check in to the luxury Monasterio Hotel – your base for the next two days - and acclimatise over luncheon before setting out for a city tour.

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983, Cusco was built on the foundations of the historic capital of the Inca Empire and now features many stunning colonial buildings. Start by visiting the splendid Baroque-style Cusco Cathedral, built in the mid-1500s on the foundations of an Inca palace, then continue to the sacred site of Koricancha. Here, you'll admire the lovely Dominican Convent of Santo Domingo that was built on the foundations of the Temple of the Sun, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. This is one of numerous sites where the Spanish incorporated Inca stonework into the structure of a colonial building. The curved, mortar-less masonry wall at the west end of the church is considered to be one of the greatest existing examples of Inca stonework. Finally, visit the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Built using massive boulders (some weighing 120 tons) and seemingly superhuman skill, the site retains an aura of elusive mystery. Located on a steep hill that overlooks the city, the fortified complex has a wide view of the valley to the southeast. After your tour enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and be sure to charge your camera ready for your expedition tomorrow.

## Day 2 – Adventure to Machu Picchu

Your day begins early with a buffet breakfast before setting off to Ollantaytambo to visit an Incan Fortress before boarding the Inca Rail to Machu Picchu. Travelling First Class your stately railcar will take you through narrow winding valleys, rugged gorges and spectacular snowcapped slopes. A delicious brunch will be served on board as you pass archaeological ruins and incredible scenery. Surrounded by lush cloud forests and often known as the 'Lost City of the Incas', Machu Picchu is located between the Andean and Amazonian eco systems with steeply sloping landscapes and snow-capped mountains. The site is said to have been built for the Inca Emperor Pachacuti in around 1400 AD and was lost in history for hundreds of years before being discovered in 1911 by American explorer Hiram Bingham. It hovers two thousand feet above the rumbling Urubamba River and contains misty palaces, baths, temples, storage rooms and some 150 houses, all in a remarkable state of preservation. A guided walking tour explores the terraces and aqueducts leading to the Temple of the Three Windows. See the sun's rays pass through the temple's huge trapezoidal windows to light the Sacred Plaza and visit the curious stone block believed to be a solar clock. Take a moment to absorb the atmosphere of this world famous historical site and appreciate the detail and accuracy of the ancient Incas' craftsmanship. After the tour, return to Aguas Calientes by bus and to board the First Class train for the return journey to the Sacred Valley. Dinner is served on board as you relax with your companions and share stories of the day.

## Day 3 – Cusco to Manta

After breakfast, you'll fly to Guayaquil and then take a scenic transfer to the colourful coastal city of Manta (a drive of approximately four hours) to reboard the ship. A box lunch will be provided en route.

**Note:** This excursion is physically demanding. Be prepared for early morning starts, lengthy days, climatic changes and airport delays. Due to the altitude, guests may experience some breathlessness or lethargy. **The booking deadline for this overland is the 20th December.** Any bookings after this time will be on a request basis only. There is a strict minimum and maximum participation. Please ensure you book the correct tour code for the accommodation you require (Double = CA2806. Single = CA2807). Prices shown on your record of shore excursions are per person, not per room. Once our booking is confirmed, any cancellation made after bookings close will incur a 100% cancellation fee. **This tour will depart from Callao on the 26th February and return in Manta on 28th February.** Please check your embarkation/disembarkation dates carefully before booking this overland. Flight times and further details will be advised on board and the hotels listed are subject to change. This is an inclusive excursion programme. No refunds will be given for any unused portion.

**The fare includes:** transport by coach and economy class air travel, sightseeing and entrances as described, meals as stated, and hotel accommodation. One glass of house wine will be included with luncheon and evening meals. Those wishing to order alternative beverages will be charged separately.

**The fare does not include:** items of a personal nature such as refreshments, telephone calls, laundry, gratuities, room service, fees for doctor's visits and prescriptions/medication and travel insurance. As this overland tour involves leaving the ship and re-joining in another port or country, your visa requirements may vary dependent on your nationality and the duration of your stay. It is your responsibility to ensure you are in receipt of the correct documentation, we recommend you check on the applicable government website for visa and entry requirements.

**What to pack:** please remember your passport and any medication you require. Luggage limit is one case per person with a maximum weight of 23kg. Comfortable walking shoes, waterproof clothing and layers are recommended. The Yellow Fever vaccination is recommended for visiting Machu Picchu, please check with your doctor prior to travelling.