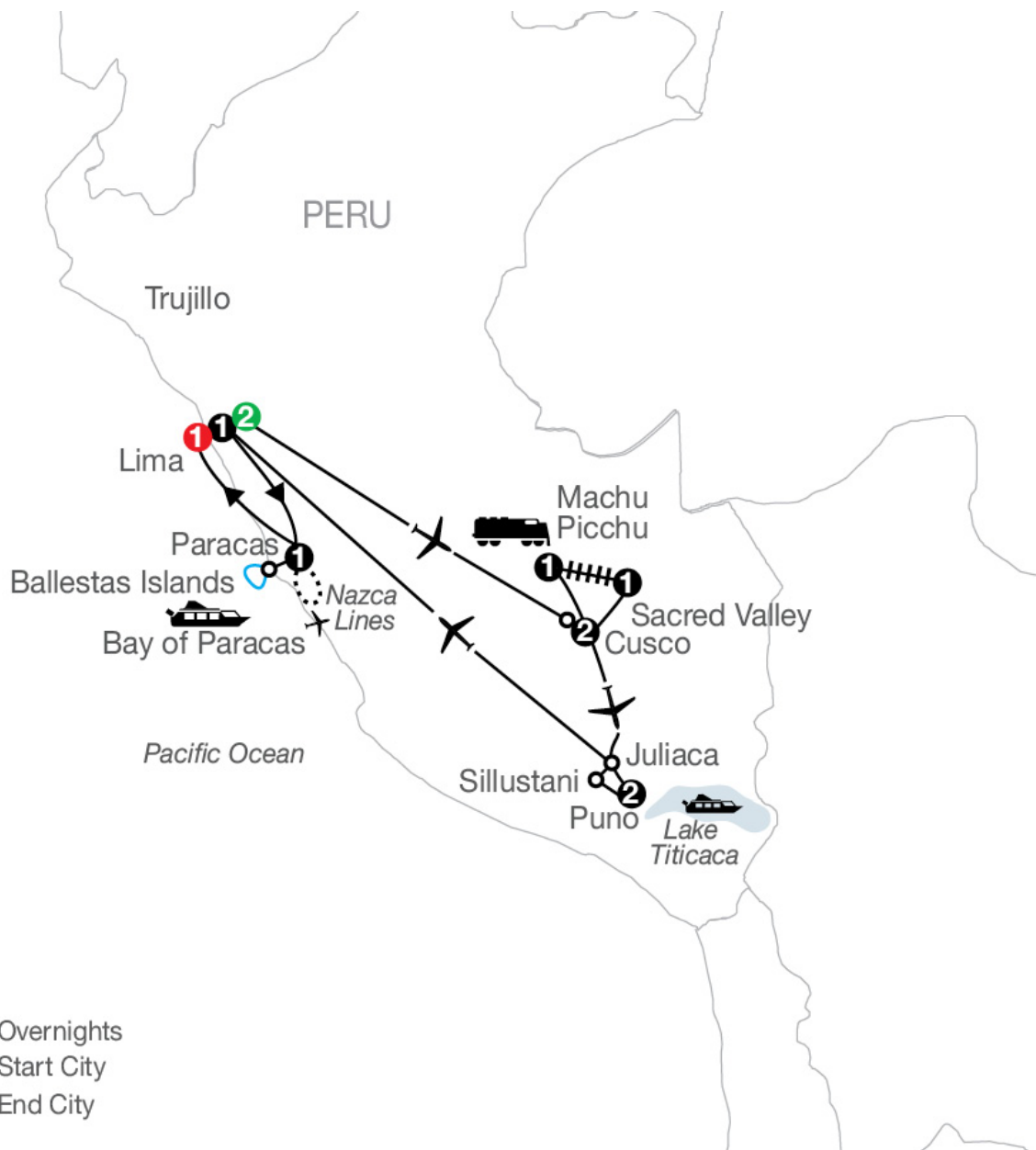


Legacy of the Incas



Calendar? Astronomy? Alien artwork? None of the above. But the discovery of Peru's Nazca Lines gave a whole new meaning to drawing a line in the sand. Flightseeing is the best way to see these massive geoglyphs etched into the desert— where the ancient Nazca people likely performed spiritual ceremonies. From the Lost City of the Incas surrounded by the peaks of the Andes to the floating Uros Islands on the highest lake in the world, this vacation to Peru leads you to great heights while also going to greater depths to illuminate its archaeological, historical, and cultural wonders. In addition to two days of exploration at the mysterious and magical ruins of Machu Picchu, you'll also visit the Sillustani pre-Incan burial ground, cruise to the wildlife paradise of the Ballestas Islands, and frolic through the wonders of colonial and culinary Lima as well as the Inca capital, Cusco.



DESTINATIONS & SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing:

LIMA Sightseeing with a Local Guide; visit San Francisco Monastery and a [LF] local Peruvian food market; welcome dinner at Casa Garcia Alvarado; farewell dinner SACRED VALLEY [LF] Enjoy a special lunch, complete with live Andean music and a Mother Earth Ceremony performed by a shaman; visit Pisac; visit Ollantaytambo and [LF] a local home for a glimpse into rural Peruvian life MACHU PICCHU Take the Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley; sightseeing with a Local Guide and a second entrance to the ruins on your second day in Machu Picchu; Pisco Sour mixology lesson CUSCO Sightseeing with a Local Guide; Inca King greeting; visit the cathedral and Santo Domingo Monastery, Kenko Temple, and the Temple of Sacsayhuaman LAKE

TITICACA Guided sightseeing to Taquile and the Uros Floating Islands
SILLUSTANI Visit the ruins; [LF] learn about the lives of the local people
PARACAS Fly over the Nazca Lines; cruise to the Ballestas Islands

Notes:

Maximum elevation on tour: 13,000 ft.

Meals

Meals & Itinerary

Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 8 dinners

Itinerary

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

Day 1

ARRIVE IN LIMA, PERU Welcome to Lima! Meet your Tour Director upon arrival.

Day 2

LIMA LIMA Guided sightseeing includes the Plaza de Armas, the Government Palace, Cathedral, and San Francisco Monastery. Visit and tastings at a [LF] Peruvian food market. Welcome dinner at Casa Garcia Alvarado (one of Lima's finest historic homes).



Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

Day 3

LIMA–CUSCO–SACRED VALLEY LIMA Fly to Cusco. SACRED VALLEY Lakeside lunch followed by an [LF] El Pago a la Tierra (Mother Earth Ceremony) with local shaman. Visit Pisac village and its famous market.



Breakfast ✂ Lunch 🍴 Dinner

Day 4

SACRED VALLEY–MACHU PICCHU SACRED VALLEY Guided sightseeing with a Local Guide to the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Visit a [LF] local Peruvian home. Scenic ride on the Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley. MACHU PICCHU Guided sightseeing with a Local Guide. Pisco Sour demonstration and dinner at your nearby hotel.



Breakfast ✂ Lunch 🍴 Dinner

Day 5

MACHU PICCHU–CUSCO MACHU PICCHU Second included entrance to Machu Picchu. Afternoon train to the Sacred Valley. Transfer to Cusco. CUSCO Free time this evening.



Breakfast ✕ Lunch

Day 6

CUSCOCUSCO Guided sightseeing with a Local Guide includes visits to the Cathedral and Santo Domingo Monastery. Inka King greeting and visits to Kenko Amphitheater and the Temple of Sacsayhuaman. Free time this afternoon before dinner.



Breakfast ▲ Dinner

Day 7

CUSCO–JULIACA–PUNO (LAKE TITICACA) CUSCO Fly to Juliaca. Scenic drive to the shores of Lake Titicaca.



Breakfast ▲ Dinner

Day 8

PUNO. EXCURSION TO LAKE TITICACA PUNO Scenic boat ride to Taquile and Uros Floating Islands. Guided sightseeing of Lake Titicaca includes a local home visit and lunch.



Breakfast ✕ Lunch ▲ Dinner

Day 9

PUNO–SILLUSTANI–JULIACA–LIMA SILLUSTANI Guided sightseeing with a Local Guide to Sillustani Pre-Incan Burial Ground and a [LF] local home. JULIACA Fly to Lima. LIMA Free time this evening.



Breakfast

Day 10

LIMA–PARACAS. BALLESTAS ISLANDS CRUISE & NAZCA LINES LIMA Scenic drive along the Pan-American Highway to the Bay of Paracas. PARACAS Scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands in search of sea mammals, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, and Humboldt penguins. See the huge Candelabro etching on the Paracas Cliffside. PISCO

Flightseeing over the 500-BC Nazca Lines (mysterious drawings of animals and geometric figures etched into the desert).



Breakfast Dinner

Day 11

PARACAS–LIMAPARACAS Scenic drive to Lima. LIMA Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.



Breakfast Dinner

Day 12

LIMA Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast

Accommodations

CUSCO

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM CUSCO

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

LIMA

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM MIRAFLORES

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate Deluxe

Free Wifi

MACHU PICCHU

SUMAQ MACHU PICCHU HOTEL

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate Deluxe

 Free Wifi

PARACAS

DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON PARACAS

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

 Free Wifi

PUNO

GHL LAGO TITICACA

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate First-Class

 Free Wifi

SACRED VALLEY

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM VALLE SAGRADO HOTEL AND VILLAS

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

 Free Wifi