

4 Day – Peru Express

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Overview:

The authentic sites of South America's most popular country, Peru, come to life before your eyes on our Peru Express program. The highlight of your Peru Express Tour will be the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu. You will walk on the cobblestone streets of Cusco and view the incredible landscapes of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. When you travel to Machu Picchu, follow the spectacular Route of the Sun. Peru Express Tour will show you all around our land full of hidden treasures, you will take excursions to the most wonderful places in the Peruvian Andes Mountains, and explore Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas & Machu Picchu. Fulfil the dream that you have had since you were a kid on our Peru Express Tour when you explore South America's best destinations, including Cusco, the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. If Lima is the centre of modern Peru, Cusco is its cultural heart. Peru's magical Inca civilization called Cusco the most sacred place in all of their Empire.

Special features of our 4-Day – Peru Express:

Type of Tourism: Family, Naturalist, Geographical, Historical, Archaeological, and Cultural.

Places to Visit: Cusco, Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu.

Time of year: April through November, the best season (December, January, and March are rainy season months).

Itinerary Description:

Day 1, 2025: Lima to Cusco

PM Cusco city tour

Meals: Not Included



Upon arrival in Cusco a representative of Valencia travel Cusco will be waiting at the airport for you and pick you up in our private transport and take you to your hotel where you will spend the night.

Our Cusco day trip begins at 2:00 p.m., heading first to the imposing Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán, perched on a hill above Cusco. Here, you will witness some of the finest examples of Inca masonry and construction, including enormous boulders that were meticulously cut and perfectly fitted to form the walls.

After exploring Sacsayhuamán on our Cusco tours, we will climb the hill to Qenko, one of the most intriguing archaeological sites of the Inca civilization. This enigmatic sanctuary, whose name in Quechua means "labyrinth" or "zigzag," offers visitors a fascinating mix of history, spirituality, and architecture. From here, you will also enjoy beautiful panoramic views of Cusco.

Next, on our Cusco excursions, we visit the Tambomachay Archaeological Complex. The exact purpose of this site is unknown, but it may have functioned, at least in part, as an Inca spa. Incan hydraulic engineering is evident here, with a series of aqueducts, canals, and waterfalls running through the terraced rocks.

We then continue to the wonderful Koricancha, adjacent to the Church of Santo Domingo. According to chroniclers writing during the period immediately following the Spanish conquest, the Koricancha was the most sacred and important temple in the Incan Empire. Its walls were covered in gold, and life-size statues of plants and animals, all made of pure gold and silver, decorated its rooms and hallways. Sadly, this wealth was stripped away by the Spanish conquistadors. However, it remains a magnificent temple, and your Cusco private tour guide will show you details that you would almost certainly miss if you visited without a guide.

After visiting the Koricancha, we will head to the Cusco Cathedral, located in the Plaza de Armas. Built between 1560 and 1654 on the foundations of an existing Inca temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art from the Cusco School of painters, and its main altar and pulpit are covered in gold and silver reliefs. Look closely, and you will also see elements of indigenous religious symbolism incorporated into the church by the natives who worked on its construction, such as the carved head of a jaguar on the doors.

Finally, our guide will bid you farewell, offering restaurant recommendations for a delicious meal (not included) or providing directions on how to return to your hotel.

Note: Our city tour begins at 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm, with a brief coordination with the office.

Total trekking distance: 3 km (1 hour approx).

Highest altitude: 3,750 m (12,303 ft).

Lowest Altitude: 3,400 m (11,154 ft).

Overnight (1 Nights): [Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel](#). Accommodation in Standard Room

Day 2, 2025 Full Day Pisac & Ollantaytambo

Train to Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



We'll pick you up from your hotel in Cusco at 07h30 and then set off towards the Sacred Valley. Leaving Cusco, we'll pass by Saqsaywaman and head over the mountains before descending some 450 meters (1,500 ft) to the valley floor. Here we'll find ourselves beside the sacred Urubamba River and the pretty village of Pisac. In Pisac, we will visit the colorful traditional market, where you can browse the array of local artisan work and other souvenirs – which of course you can buy to take home with you. We'll spend about 30 minutes here, and then head up to the ruins of Pisac which sit atop a hill at the entrance to the valley.

At the Pisac archaeological site, we'll explore the extensive ruins and enjoy the beautiful views across the valley. You'll be given a guided tour of the ruins, passing through various structures that once served as homes, storage rooms and temples, and you'll see Inca altars, carvings, tunnels, caves and the famous Intihuatana, the "hitching post of the sun." We'll explore Pisac for about 90 minutes. Alternatively, if you'd like to spend more time in the market in Pisac instead of seeing the ruins, you can talk to your guide and arrange a time and a place to meet when the tour group returns through the market after the ruins.

Now we will go to Urubamba, where we will make a stop of about 45 minutes for lunch. After another 30 minutes of travel, we will arrive at the wonderful Inca town and the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo. Ollantaytambo was the royal estate of the Inca emperor Pachacuti, who conquered the region and built the town and a ceremonial center. We will spend about an hour exploring these magnificent ruins, visiting the amazing Temple of the Sun, and seeing huge blocks of rock that were perfectly carved and polished by Inca master stonemasons. Ollantaytambo is

also a fine example of Inca agricultural construction and hydroengineering, with a complex series of stone water sources, canals, and agricultural terraces, the latter organized by elevation to create different microclimates for crop experimentation.

We will see the extent of the water system when we return to the town, where the fast-flowing water channels built by the Incas are still in use today. Walking towards the town square, we will have great views of the ruins above us, as well as the Inca granaries and warehouses built into the surrounding mountain slopes. Here we can also observe the daily life of Ollantaytambo, where many of the locals still wear traditional clothing.

After Ollantaytambo, head to the train station to board the train to Aguas Calientes (also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo). The train leaves at approximately 4:30 p.m. although the exact schedule changes from time to time. The 1.5-hour train ride is a memorable experience in itself, as we pass through river canyons and rolling hills, then your guide will pick you up from the train station around 18:10.

Aguas Calientes is the gateway to Machu Picchu, sitting in a deep gorge at the foot of the mountain on which Machu Picchu stands. It is a beautiful town that mixes traditional life with a huge tourist infrastructure, with a multitude of markets, souvenir shops, hotels, and restaurants. It's also largely pedestrianized, making it a fun place to explore on foot. Aguas Calientes is surrounded by jungle-covered mountains and the Urubamba River flows through the city, sometimes roaring through the canyon.

The next day, you'll have an early start, so we'll make sure you're settled in your hotel and all set for your visit to Machu Picchu.

Overnight (1 Nights): [Hotel Hatun Inti Boutique](#). Accommodation in Standard Room

Day 3, 2025: Machu Picchu in all its Glory!

Train back to Cusco

Meals: Breakfast



To better appreciate Machu Picchu, we will get up early in the morning to be able to reach the citadel on time. First, you will have time to have breakfast and then your guide will pick you up from the hotel around 5:40 AM. We will then walk to the bus departure point for the short but zigzagging ascent up the road to Machu Picchu.

Then we will pass through the gates of the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. Here you will start your guided

walking tour with an experienced and very knowledgeable guide. Our tour of Machu Picchu will last approximately two hours and will take you to see all the most famous and spectacular parts of the extensive archaeological complex. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, the Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Plaza, and other key locations.

(It will depend on the circuit determined by the Ministry of Culture)

And while we walk, we will have spectacular views of the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and of the surrounding mountains and deep gorges.

Once we have finished our tour of Machu Picchu, we will take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, where you can relax and have lunch (own expense) before boarding the train back to Poroy and Cusco. Upon arrival at the station at approximately 7:00 p.m., we will be waiting for you to take you back to your hotel in Cusco, where you will be able to remember your incredible tour of one of the most famous and impressive attractions in the world.

Overnight (1 Nights): [Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel](#). Accommodation in Standard Room

Day 8 - Sep 22, 2025: Cusco Departure

Meals: Breakfast



A Valencia Travel representative will meet you at your hotel for a comfortable and timely transfer to the Cusco Airport, for your flight back home.

END THE SERVICES

Rates

The following prices are per person, subject to the availability of the hotels:

RATES IN USD	
VALID UNTIL	DECEMBER 2025
PRICE PER PERSON	BASE ½ Double/Twin
2	\$755
4	\$630
Single Suppl.	\$185

Logistics

Accommodations

- ✓ Cusco **Overnight (2 Nights):** [Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel](#). Accommodation in Standard Room
- ✓ Aguas Calientes **Overnight (1 Night):** [Hotel Hatun Inti Boutique](#). Accommodation in Standard Room

What's Included:

- ✓ Private Transfer Cusco Airport to Hotel (Transport & Assistance English Guide).
- ✓ Private Excursion | Half Day Cusco City Tour (Transport, English Guide & Entrance Fee).
- ✓ Entrance Fee | Basilica Cathedral.
- ✓ Entrance Fee | Koricancha.
- ✓ Entrance Fee | General Tourist Ticket BTG.
- ✓ Private Excursion Full Day Sacred Valley
- ✓ Private Excursion | Full Day Machu Picchu by train (Transport, English Guide & Entrance Fee).
- ✓ Private Transfer Cusco to Ollantaytambo Train Station (Only Transport).
- ✓ Train Ticket | Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes -(15h37-17h02) **Expedition Train 603. For an additional \$65 per leg of the journey, you can upgrade to the Vistadome train.**
- ✓ Bus Ticket | Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu (Guide & Entrance Fee).
- ✓ Entrance Fee | Machu Picchu City (Subject to availability). [Discover more about circuits here!](#)
- ✓ Bus Ticket | Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes (Guide & Entrance Fee).
- ✓ Train Ticket | Aguas Calientes to Poroy -(15h20-19h05) **Expedition Train 34.**
- ✓ Private Transfer Poroy Train Station to Hotel (Only Transport).
- ✓ Private Transfer Hotel to Cusco Airport (Transport & Assistance English Guide).

What's Not Included:

- ✓ Evacuation: in the event of a serious medical injury, we will coordinate with your travel insurance company to arrange evacuation.
- ✓ Internal Flights: Price approx. per person \$250 round trip
- ✓ Excess baggage fees for domestic or international flights.
- ✓ Meals and drinks other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Optional tours and activities not included in the itinerary.
- ✓ Items of a personal nature such as souvenirs and telephone calls.
- ✓ Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you get one).

- ✓ Cost of obtaining passport, visas or tourist cards
- ✓ Tips and gratuities.

Start/End logistics

Start location	Cusco Airport – Peru
Start time	Depending on the flight schedule
End location	Cusco Airport – Peru
End time	Depending on the flight schedule

FAQ's

Do I need a visa to visit Peru?

Most travelers do not need a visa for tourist visits up to 90 days. Check your country's visa requirements before travel.

What is the best time to visit Peru?

The dry season (May to October) is ideal for most destinations, especially for outdoor activities and visiting Machu Picchu. The rainy season (November to April) is better for Amazon visits and fewer crowds.

What is the currency in Peru, and can I use USD?

The currency is the Peruvian Sol (PEN). USD is widely accepted in tourist areas, but it's advisable to carry local currency for smaller purchases.

Is it safe to travel in Peru?

Peru is generally safe for tourists. Use common sense, avoid flashing valuables, and stick to reputable tour operators.

What languages are spoken in Peru?

Spanish is the official language. Quechua and Aymara are also widely spoken in the Andes. English is common in tourist areas.

What are the must-see attractions in Lima?

Explore the Historic Center, Miraflores, Barranco, Larco Museum, and the Magic Water Circuit.

Is it safe to drink tap water in Peru?

No, drink bottled or filtered water to avoid any issues.

What are some famous Peruvian dishes to try in the country?

Ceviche, lomo saltado, anticuchos, and causa limeña are must-tries.

What is altitude sickness, and how can I avoid it?

Cusco is at 3,400 meters above sea level. To avoid altitude sickness, acclimatize upon arrival, stay hydrated, and avoid heavy meals and alcohol.

What are the top attractions in Cusco?

Visit Sacsayhuamán, Qorikancha, San Pedro Market, and the vibrant San Blas district.

What should I know about visiting the Sacred Valley?

The Sacred Valley features archaeological sites like Pisac, Ollantaytambo, and Moray. It's also ideal for cultural

experiences with local communities.

How do I get to Machu Picchu?

Travel by train from Cusco or Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes, followed by a short bus ride or hike.

Do I need to buy tickets to Machu Picchu in advance?

Yes, book tickets and train tickets well in advance, especially during peak season (June to August).

Are there hiking options to reach Machu Picchu?

Yes, the Inca Trail, Salkantay Trek, and Lares Trek are popular options. Permits for the Inca Trail should be booked months ahead.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, travel insurance is highly recommended for medical emergencies, trip cancellations, or unexpected events.

Are there direct flights between destinations?

Yes, major cities like Lima, Cusco, Arequipa, and Puerto Maldonado are well-connected by domestic flights.

Can I use my credit card in Peru?

Credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas, but carry cash for rural locations.

What are some cultural customs I should be aware of?

Greet with a handshake or cheek kiss, respect local traditions, and ask permission before photographing people.

What souvenirs can I buy in Peru?

Look for alpaca textiles, silver jewelry, ceramics, and Peruvian coffee or chocolate.

Emergency contacts

Valencia Travel emergency phone number (+51 979 706 464). Rene Hurtado (CEO Valencia Travel Cusco)

Emergency kit carried by leader

First aid kit and oxygen bottles for emergency

Satelital phone

Kit list

Your passport, or your DNI for Peruvians (Mandatory)

Cash money, as in many of the places we visit debit cards or credit cards are not accepted

Waterproof clothing for rainy days, and warm clothes for cold weather

Long pants, and long sleeve sweaters and shirts. And comfortable hiking footwear

Changes of clothes appropriate for the amount of days that you are traveling. Preferably light weight clothes

Sandals and personal hygiene items

Sun block, sun glasses, and belt pouch

Insect repellent cream

Bring your doctor's prescriptions if you are taking any medications

Water proof backpack

Camera with spare cards and batteries