



## PERU & ARGENTINA



### Visiting Lima-Cuzco-Machu Picchu- Buenos Aires and Iguassu Falls

**14 days / 13 Nights**

**Independent departures from Miami, New York, Los Angeles via Lan Airlines**

#### **Day 01 SUN. MIAMI-LIMA:**

Depart USA for Lima, Peru. After going through customs and immigration, you will be met and taken to hotel selected.

#### **DAY 02 MON. LIMA-CUZCO:**

Transfer to the airport for flight to Cuzco, where you will be met and taken to your hotel. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Cuzco -the center of the universe for the Inca civilization- visiting the Temple of Koricancha or Sun God, the Cathedral and the ruins nearby such as, Kenko, Puca-Pucara, Tambomachay and Sacsayhuaman an impressive megalithic construction, strategically placed on a hill overlooking the city of Cusco, Its name means "satisfied falcon" in Quechua. Formed by three successive walls of immense stones (the biggest one—28 feet high, 15 wide and 12 thick –must weigh some 360 tons.). The three walls are almost parallel. Forming a zig-zag, each supporting a terrace and parapet. The mind boggles at the thought of the effort that the building of this great monument must have cost men who did not have the wheel: the outside wall alone is 650 yards long. It is said that its construction, begun by the Inca Túpac Yupanqui, took more than seventy years and required the labor of over twenty thousand men. Overnite at hotel selected. (B).

#### **DAY 03 TUE. PISAC-OLLANTAYTAMBO:**

Full day excursion to visit the colorful indigenous market of Pisac where hundreds of natives come to town wearing their unique customs, to exchange or buy products. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue with your tour guide to see and learn about Ollantaytambo A typical town of Inca origin. Its design and the foundations of the majority of its buildings date from the Inca era, when it was a strategic military, religious and agricultural center. Above it stands a fortress as a defense against the primitive inhabitants of the hot valleys of the "Antis" or jungle Indians. The fortress consist of a series of superimposed terraces of carved stone accessed by long staircases. The upper terrace contains large, admirably worked stone. It was here that Manco Inca fought the troops of Hernando Pizarro in 1537, leading a fierce resistance against the Spanish at command of a "General" Ollantay who continued for many years from Inca hideouts in the jungles of Vilcabamba. You have to climb to visit the upper part, where six enormous stones (each weighing some 50 tons) stand upright. Return to Cuzco late afternoon. (B,L)

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**DAY 04 WED. CUZCO-MACHU PICCHU:**

Full day excursion by train to the most mysterious and energetic place of the Inka civilization. Early morning your tour guide will pick you up and transfer you to the train station for your 3 1/2 hour trip -with spectacular views of the the Urubamba River and the Andean mountain range, to Machu Picchu. Temples, palaces, towers and staircases are built into the side of the mountain. Here your tour guide will take you from site to site explaining the advanced world of the Incas. Overnight at Hotel selected in Aguas Calientes or Machu Picchu. (B)

**DAY 05 THU. MACHU PICCHU-CUZCO:**

Day at leisure to explore the "Lost City " of Machu Picchu on your own. You can walk for 2 miles towards the Intipunko (main entrance of M.Picchu in Inca times), or take a back trail to see the old Inca bridge carved on the side of the mountain, or just relax, take pictures and absorb the powerful energy of the place. Mid-afternoon return to Cuzco by train and bus.(B)

**DAY 06 FRI. CUZCO:**

Day at leisure to explore the Inka city of Cuzco on your own (Cuzco is like big open museum) or take advantage of great bargains for sweaters, ponchos, rugs, handicrafts, etc. (or you can take an optional half day excursion to Chincheros, Maras or Piquillacta). (B).

**Day 07 SAT. CUZCO-LIMA:** Transfer to the airport for flight to Lima with transfer to hotel selected. Early afternoon your tour guide will take you to visit the famous Gold Museum with more than 10,000 Gold pieces, textiles and metal work from Pre-Inka and Inka civilizations, some of them 4,000 years old. (B).

**DAY 08 SUN. LIMA-BUENOS AIRES**

Transfer to the airport for flight to Buenos Aires with transfer to your hotel. (B)

**DAY 09 BUENOS AIRES**

Morning sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires, The Argentina capital boasts a population of 9 million. City tour takes you to the Plaza de Mayo for view of Cathedral and Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace). Then along 9 de Julio Avenue, widest street in the world, with its much-photographed Obelisk and Colon Theater and finally, to the colorful Boca District .Afternoon at leisure to visit famous Florida Street for leather buys (B)

**DAY 10 BUENOS AIRES-IGUASSU FLIGHT**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguassu Falls. Arrive and transfer to the Hotel Cataratas on the Argentinian side. (4stars) (B)

**DAY 11 IGUASSU**

Morning tour to explore never-to-be forgotten spectacle of 275 cataracts, literally miles of water hurtling over precipices higher than a 30-story building. Overnight on the Argentinian side. (B)

**DAY 12 IGUASSU-BUENOS AIRES FLIGHT**

Morning free to explore the area on your own. Afternoon transfer to the airport for flight to B.Aires. (B)

**DAY 13 BUENOS AIRES**

At leisure to enjoy B.Aires on your own. (BB)

**DAY 14 BUENOS AIRES**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to USA. (BB)

**INCLUDING:**

Daily buffet breakfast; sightseeing tours as mention in itinerary; hotel accommodations for 13 nights as per itinerary with room taxes and service charge; private transfers on arrival and departure including baggage handling and tips to airport porters in Lima, Cuzco, Buenos Aires and Iguassu; English speaking tour guides and entrance fees where necessary. International airfare via LAN AIRLINES from MIAMI (see add-ons from NEW YORK or LOS ANGELES) Local flights Lima-Cuzco-Lima and Buenos Aires-Iguassu-Buenos Aires. Daily breakfast.

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**NOT INCLUDED:**

Insurance (available with Insure America, cost for this program US\$200-300; airport departure taxes, Argentina \$32.50, Peru \$28.00 -also for local flights there is a new airport tax of \$2.00 to \$5.00 per person ; visas; passports and any other service not specifically mentioned in itinerary. USA departure tax/fuel surcharge/security of US\$200-400 (please take note this amount changes all time due to fuel increases).

Effective December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 all US citizens will have to pay USD\$131.00 upon arrival to Argentina

**DEPOSIT:** US\$ 300.00 per person at the time of booking.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** 60 days before departure.

**2011 LAND-AIR TOUR COST FROM MIAMI**

(From N.York add \$300; L.Angeles add \$380)

Rates per person	3 star hotels	4 star hotels	5 star hotels
Sharing double	US\$4140	US\$4383	US\$4940
Sharing triple	3950	4193	4860
Single	5420	5770	6490

**ALL RATES PER PERSON:**

**SEASONS:** Rates valid all year except from Jun.18 to Aug.15 (add \$200 pp) and Dec.12 to 31 (add \$350 per person )

**Rates do not apply for Christmas, New Years or Carnival in Rio.** Please call 1-800-327-0080.

**AIR PORTION:** Airfare via LAN AIRLINES (direct flight from MIAMI, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES). Due to cost of fuel airfare may change at any time. Air tickets may need to be done in advanced. Please call or e-mail us for an update.

**HOTELS USED:**

**3 stars:** LIMA= Faraona or Casa Andina; CUZCO= Don Carlos; B.AIRES= Impala; IGUASSU= Cataratas (Argentinian side)

**4 stars:** LIMA= Novotel or Radisson Suites Las Palmeras; CUZCO= Novotel or Dorado; B.AIRES= Elevageor Pestanha; IGUASSU= Cataratas (Argentinian side)

**5 stars:** LIMA= Marriott or Swisotel; CUZCO= Libertador; B.AIRES= Marriot; SANTIAGO=Hyatt; IGUASSU= Sheraton (Argentinian side)

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