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Amazon post-tour

MYSTERIES OF PERU AND MACHU PICCHU

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Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

From the Sacred Valley of the Inca, to the magical heights of Machu Picchu, to the natural wonders of the Ballestas Islands, join us as we uncover the culturally rich region of the Peruvian Andes. This extraordinary journey reveals Peru's enduring charm, centuries-old traditions and enigmatic mysteries.

Take flight over the Nazca Lines during an exciting optional excursion—a unique opportunity to get an aerial view of the mysterious soil carvings, which are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Savor authentic flavors, textures and aromas of Peruvian cuisine, from the richness of lomo saltado to perfectly crafted ceviche, every bite tells a story.

Interact with the rich and complex history of the Inca period at the archaeological sanctuary of Sacsayhuamán, and gain a deeper understanding of those who worshiped there.

Space is limited and filling quickly. Make your reservation today at uillinois.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bambrey'.

David Bambrey
President
University of Illinois Alumni Association
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Mysteries of Peru and Machu Picchu | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S. • ARRIVE IN LIMA, PERU (D) Upon arrival to Lima's Jorge Chávez International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Take time to relax before gathering with fellow travel companions this evening at an iconic restaurant within a 300-year-old colonial mansion for a special welcome dinner. Overnight: Pullman Lima Miraflores

Day 2 LIMA (B,L) Enjoy a guided city tour and market visit plus a cooking class to learn the tips and techniques of crafting traditional Peruvian dishes and the refreshing pisco sour cocktail. Have a mid-day lunch featuring traditional Peruvian cuisine at a local restaurant. Later explore the collection of ceramics, fabrics and precious metals at the Larco Museum. Overnight: Pullman Lima Miraflores

Day 3 LIMA | FLIGHT TO CUSCO • SACRED VALLEY (B,L) After breakfast return to the airport for the brief flight to Cusco. Arriving at Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport, board a motor coach for the approximate 90-minute drive to Yucay, stopping for lunch en route with fantastic photography opportunities of panoramic views over the Sacred Valley. Next visit the Yucay Museum of Living Culture for a guided visit. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight: Sonesta Posada Yucay

Day 4 SACRED VALLEY • MACHU PICCHU • CUSCO (B,L) Early this morning depart for the Ollantaytambo train station to board the *Vistadome* train to Aguas Calientes. The journey through breathtaking landscapes is a treat in itself, with panoramic windows framing nature's grandeur. Disembark the train for a bus ride up the mountain. Lunch will be at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge followed by guided exploration of the ruins. Later return to Cusco via the *Vistadome* train. Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 5 CUSCO (B,L) Set out on a city tour to discover the archaeological sites of Sacsayhuamán and Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun). Next visit a local artisan chocolate shop for an engaging tour and tasting. Lunch is at Villa Tipón featuring a traditional Pachamama ceremony (offering to the Earth) and music performance. Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel



Day 6 CUSCO • FLIGHT TO LIMA • PARACAS (B,L) Following breakfast and the return flight to Lima, take the approximate 3.5-hour drive to the coastal town of Paracas. Check into your hotel and unwind before rejoining the group for a presentation on the Nazca Lines and pre-Incan history and cultures. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure to enjoy the luxurious hotel amenities. Overnight: La Hacienda Bahía Paracas

Day 7 PARACAS (B,D) This morning features an optional excursion to fly over the Nazca Lines—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—during a 90-minute aerial tour. Dating back to the Nazca culture which flourished between 200 BCE and 600 CE, these enormous geoglyphs can only be fully appreciated from above. Later, set off towards Ica for an exciting open-air dune buggy adventure through the sand dunes, including a visit to a winery followed by a beautiful sunset picnic dinner. Overnight: La Hacienda Bahía Paracas

Day 8 PARACAS • BALLESTAS ISLANDS (B) Depart for a morning of discovery during a relaxing boat ride around the Ballestas Islands, a haven for avian life including penguins, petrels, boobies, cormorants and American oystercatchers. See the Paracas Candelabra, a massive geoglyph etched into the northern face of the Paracas Peninsula. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure at the property. Perhaps play a round of tennis, or paddleboard or kayak off the beach. Overnight: La Hacienda Bahía Paracas

Day 9 PARACAS • LIMA • DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast depart for Lima where a group hospitality room will be provided at the hotel before transferring to the airport for departing flights home this evening. Guests continuing on the post-tour will fly from Lima to Iquitos. Hospitality Room: Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

What's Included

- 8 nights premium accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners including a special welcome dinner
- All small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary, including entrance fees
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Round-trip airfare between Lima and Cusco
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides and drivers
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited.



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Accommodations *(subject to change)*

PULLMAN LIMA MIRAFLORES

Ideally situated in the Miraflores tourist district, this property offers elegant accommodations and modern amenities. Nearby attractions include Parque Kennedy, Love Park, Huaca Pucllana, María Reich Park and the Larcomar shopping center.



SONESTA POSADAS DEL INCA – YUCAY

Located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, this hotel is a former 18th-century colonial-style monastery surrounded by beautiful gardens. Rooms offer the comfort of modern amenities and the charm of rustic decorative features.



ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL

This luxurious property is situated near Cusco's main square, only minutes away from colonial buildings, restaurants and shops. Built in a 16th-century mansion, its décor, sculptures and carvings accentuate the colonial period. Each room is well-appointed and elegantly decorated with traditional furniture and frescoes.



LA HACIENDA BAHÍA PARACAS

This coastal property blends details of the surrounding atmosphere with luxurious accommodations. After an exciting day of exploration, escape to the spacious outdoor swimming pool or the fitness room.



Optional Post-Tour Amazon

Uncover the wonders of the Amazon alongside expert guides who share their profound knowledge of the flora, fauna and indigenous cultures that call this region home.



Day 9 **IQUITOS • AMAZON (L,D)** Upon arriving to Francisco Secada Vignetta International Airport a guide will assist with your transfer to the boat that brings you to Ceiba Tops Lodge. Before dinner take time to settle into your accommodations and perhaps explore the property's elaborate gardens or relax in the lounge.
Overnight: Ceiba Tops Lodge

Day 10 **AMAZON (B,L,D)** After breakfast join a skilled guide on a birding expedition to spot for the wildly diverse avian species in the area. Embrace the beauty of this vibrant forest as you listen to the melodious symphony of its inhabitants. Later venture into the heart of the rainforest on the Bushmaster Trail, a hiking experience that takes you through various ecosystems. A visit to a Yagua Indian Village highlights the living traditions of indigenous communities. End the day's adventures with a scenic trail walk before returning to the lodge for dinner.
Overnight: Ceiba Tops Lodge

Day 11 **AMAZON (B,L,D)** Embark upon a scenic boat ride on the Amazon River to reach the Explornapo Lodge amidst the Sucusari Reserve. Take an exhilarating canopy walk through the forest. Afterward, explore the fascinating local flora and their traditional uses during an ethnobotanical garden tour.
Overnight: Ceiba Tops Lodge

Day 12 **AMAZON • IQUITOS • LIMA (B,L)** Set out for a final hike along the river. Return to Iquitos by boat, then transfer to the airport for the return flight to Lima.
Overnight: Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol

Day 13 **LIMA • DEPART FOR U.S. (B)** Guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What's Included

- 3 nights at Ceiba Tops Lodge (or similar)
- 1 night at Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol (or similar)
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- All guided excursions and activities listed in the 5-day itinerary including entrance fees
- Round-trip airfare between Lima and Iquitos
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the incredibly diverse landscape. This itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the tour.



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Amazon Post-Tour: February 25 - March 1, 2027

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Double	\$6,499	\$5,995
Deluxe Double	\$7,099	\$6,595
Single	\$8,199	\$7,695
Single Deluxe	\$8,599	\$8,095

–rate includes round-trip airfare between Lima and Cusco–

Deluxe Accommodations Upgrades Include: Hotel Estelar Miraflores (Superior Room), Sonesta Posada del Inca (Superior Suite), Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel (Superior Deluxe Room) and La Hacienda Bahía Paracas (Suite). Availability limited.

Optional Nazca Lines Overflight: \$445 per person

Amazon Post-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,999	\$2,795
Deluxe Double	\$3,399	\$3,195
Single	\$4,199	\$3,995
Single Deluxe	\$4,699	\$4,495

–rate includes round-trip airfare between Lima and Iquitos–

Deluxe Accommodations Upgrade: Cieba Tops Lodge (Junior Suite). Availability limited.

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON

\$850 main tour • \$500 post-tour

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included. **An exclusive Early Booking Bonus, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; call for details. Full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com. Any payment to Orbridge, LLC constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation and refund terms.

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