Treasures of Peru
with Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca
July 29-August 8, 2024

11 days from $4,887 total price from Miami
($4,195 air & land inclusive plus $692 airline taxes and fees)

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Join other Vanderbilt alumni and friends on an exclusive 11-day journey through Peru. Led by an experienced Peruvian guide, our small group will discover this marvelous land, from splendid ruins and stunning natural scenery to colorful indigenous villages and historic cities.

Begin your tour in fascinating Lima, then fly to Cuzco, the archaeological hub of the Americas. Continuing on to the beautiful Sacred Valley, visit Pisac’s colorful Indian market and Ollantaytambo’s extensive ruins. A scenic train ride delivers you to Machu Picchu for exploration of the extraordinary “Lost City of the Incas.” Finally, travel to Lake Titicaca, South America’s largest lake. Board a boat to the floating islands of the Uros people, and visit Isla Taquile, known for superb textiles. Discover the fascinating Amazon rainforest with an optional 4-day/4-night post-tour extension.

With room for only 24 guests in total, and this superb itinerary, we expect that our limited space will fill up quickly. Call today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
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Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

If paying your deposit by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the Reservation Form. Send to:

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name ___________________________ Date of Birth ______________ Gender _____
Full Passport Name ___________________________ Date of Birth ______________ Gender _____
Address ________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________________________ State __________ ZIP _______________

Home Phone (______)_________________ Cell Phone (______)_____________________________
E-mail(s) __________________________________ Badge Name(s) ___________________________

Please book my/our air from ______________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ❑
I will share a room with __________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Amazon Rainforest” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

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A land of treasures archaeological, cultural, and natural, Peru draws those eager to learn about the distant past – and encounter a fascinating present. As our small group takes in some of the country’s highlights – Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca – we marvel at the riches of an intriguing land somewhat off the beaten path.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru
We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: Lima
We meet our tour director and fellow travelers at today’s briefing about the journey ahead, then embark on a tour of colonial Lima. A highlight is our visit to treasured Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest homes in Lima (circa 1535), with a rich architectural heritage and a collection of Peruvian art and artifacts. Next we tour Larco Herrera Museum, whose ceramics collection (including a renowned set of erotic pre-Columbian figures) is unparalleled. We enjoy our welcome dinner at the museum. B,D

Day 3: Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley
This morning we transfer to the airport for the brief flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival we visit the sacred sites of Koricancha and Santo Domingo then continue on to the beautiful Sacred Valley, a region of Inca sites and indigenous villages. We stop at the colorful Indian market at Pisac before reaching our hotel mid-afternoon. B,L,D

Day 4: Sacred Valley
This morning we attend a native ceremony, “Offering to the Earth,” then set out for Ollantaytambo, a living town and site of massive Incan ruins dating to the 15th century that still inspire wonder today. After touring here we continue on to the Incan farming town of Chincheros, set on a broad plateau presided over by a snowcapped mountain. Here residents live much as their ancestors did, wearing traditional clothing and conducting business and local government by time-honored means. They also weave as their ancestors did, as we see at a demonstration of this traditional craft. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. B,L,D

Day 5: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu/Aguas Calientes
Early this morning we board a train for the 1½-hour journey to Aguas Calientes, where after lunch we board a bus for Machu Picchu and our first guided visit of the stunning “Lost City of the Incas.” Thanks to its small size, our group will move nimbly through the ruins and have the leisure to absorb the beauty and mystery of this haunting UNESCO World Heritage site. Mid-afternoon we return to

Small Group Tour Highlights

Lima touring, including historic Casa Aliaga • Visit to Larco Herrera Museum • Historic Cuzco • Cuzco’s Incan ruins • Sacred Valley touring • Visit to Indian market in Pisac • Two guided visits to ruins at Machu Picchu • Scenic drive from Cuzco to Lake Titicaca • Full-day tour of Lake Titicaca including visits to Uros and Taquile islands

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Lima AC Hotel Lima Miraflores Sup. First Class
2 Lima AC Hotel Lima Miraflores Sup. First Class
3-4 Sacred Valley Sonesta Posada del Inca First Class
5 Machu Picchu Inkatera Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel Sup. First Class
6-7 Cuzco Palacio del Inka Deluxe
8-9 Puno (Lake Titicaca) GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca First Class
10 Lima/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight) Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (day room) First Class
11 Arrive U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Just 50 miles from Cuzco, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world until its rediscovery in 1911.
Aguas Calientes and our hotel, with time at leisure before dinner together tonight. B,L,D

Day 6: Machu Picchu/Cuzco  This morning before the crowds of day trippers arrive, we take our second guided tour of Machu Picchu, when the early morning sun bathes the stones in a haunting, evocative light. After lunch in Aguas Calientes, we return to Cuzco, arriving early evening. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

Day 7: Cuzco  After a morning at leisure, we set out on a tour of the archaeological hub of the Americas, the continent’s oldest continuously inhabited city, and UNESCO World Heritage site. Dynamic and historic, Cuzco is rich with the legacies of its Inca and Spanish forebears. We stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an Incan masterpiece, then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. B,L

Day 8: Cuzco/Puno  This morning we depart for the day-long journey by coach to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. As we travel through the rugged snowcapped Andes dotted with small villages and herds of llama and alpaca, we make several stops along the way, beginning with Andahuaylillas, an attractive village known for its lovely 17th-century church. We continue on to the ruins at Raqchi, once the holiest site in the Incan empire; and La Raya, perched on Peru’s altiplano (high plain) and home to the Llama and Alpaca Research Center. We reach our hotel on the shores of Esteves Island on Lake Titicaca late this afternoon; it’s a short distance to the center of Puno. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

Day 9: Puno/Lake Titicaca  We spend the day exploring the fascinating life of Lake Titicaca, South America’s largest lake and at 12,500 feet above sea level, among the world’s highest navigable lakes. Up here the air is clearer, the colors sharper, and the horizon farther. By boat we visit the Floating Islands of Los Uros, where the top-hatted Uros people live on “islands” made of the reeds that grow in the lake’s shallows; in fact, the Uros rely on these reeds for their

Post-Tour Extension
August 8-12, 2024
Amazon Rainforest
4 days/4 nights for $1,395 total price
Single Supplement: $235
Discover the Amazon’s amazing flora, fauna, and even villages on this exceptional – and comfortable – tour.

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation Lima/Iquitos
• 4 nights’ accommodations: 1 night in Lima at Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (First Class); 3 nights in the jungle at Ceiba Tops Lodge & Resort (First Class)
• 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing, including guided Canopy Walkway tour and visit with ribereños (Amazon river people)
• Fully escorted by an Amazon-born naturalist guide as your Odysseys Unlimited representative
• Private vehicle transportation
• Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Please note that guests on extension will overnight in Lima on Day 10.
Land Only guests: $1,495 total price
boats, the small huts in which they live, household items, and the handcrafts they sell to visitors. We also visit Isla Taquile, known for the high-quality textiles crafted by the indigenous people who live here; sales of their textiles support the self-sustaining Taquilenos. On our visit, we see the men in their signature woven woolen caps with floppy earpieces, and women in tailored waistcoats and multi-layered skirts. We also witness the breathtaking natural beauty surrounding us, with Bolivia’s snowcapped Cordillera range a striking backdrop to the deep blue of Lake Titicaca. Tonight we celebrate our Peruvian adventure at a farewell dinner at our hotel. _B,L,D_

**Day 10: Puno/Lima/Depart for U.S.** This morning we visit the mysterious burial towers (chullpas) at Sillustani overlooking Lake Umayo. After lunch we transfer to the airport for the flight to Lima, where we check into our day rooms at an airport hotel. Late this evening we depart on our flight to the U.S. _B,L_
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