

# PRE- Peru: The Lost World of the Inca



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**FROM \$2499 PER PERSON | 7 DAYS | \$357 PER DAY**

They're two destinations on any adventurous traveler's must-do list: Cusco and Machu Picchu. These inimitable Peruvian locales offer a glimpse of the country's past — especially the mighty Inca Empire.

Begin your South American adventure with a visit to Peru's mystical Sacred Valley, featuring ancient Inca capitals and Spanish colonial cities. Spend a day touring Sacred Valley, including a visit to Pisac's market and Ollantaytambo. You'll then embarking on a scenic Vistadome train ride to the region's crown jewel — Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The past and present intermingle with visits to a local weaving community and a *chichería*, where the local brew is a traditional corn beer still savored today.

The journey doesn't stop there, as you'll get to know the enchanting city of Cusco with walking tours featuring Koricancha and the Catholic *catedral*. After flying to Chile, overnight stays in the capital, Santiago, bracket your pre-trip adventure and ensure a relaxing experience, while our itinerary provides active opportunities for walking and swimming.

## Your Price Includes:

- **Included flights:** 1 flight from Cusco, Peru to Santiago, Chile (connection through Lima)
- **Accommodations for 6 nights:** 2 nights at the *Aranwa Sacred Valley*, 1 night at the *Mapi Hotel* in

Aguas Calientes, 2 nights at the *Aranwa Cusco*, and 1 night at the *InterContinental Santiago* (or similar) in Santiago, Chile.

- **11 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners
- **11 included features and Cultural Discoveries**, including a full-day tour of the Sacred Valley, a day in the magical archaeological site of Machu Picchu, learning about the ancient Incan people, savoring the local delicacy of *chicha*, and getting to know modern day Peru in Cusco.
- **All transportation while on tour**
- **All transfers and baggage handling** (where permitted)
- **Services of an Adventure Leader**
- **Tipping for local guides and drivers** (excluding City Host)
- **Services of the Vantage Worldwide Concierge**, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com)

## DETAILS

### Pre Trip Extension Itinerary

#### DAY 1:

##### Fly overnight to Peru

Your Peruvian discoveries begin as you depart on an overnight flight from the U.S., headed for Lima, then on to Cusco.

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#### DAY 2:

##### Arrive in the Sacred Valley of the Incas

When you arrive, you'll be transferred to your hotel in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This evening, kick off your South America travel itinerary with a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Included meals:

Dinner

[Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel](#) or similar



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## DAY 3:

### Explore the mystic Sacred Valley

This morning, set off to Ollantaytambo, a lovely town set by a massive Inca fortress in its background. Those who wish to climb to the second tier of the fortress can observe the Temple of the Sun, a remarkable temple that was used as a calendar of sorts for the Incas.

Then, explore the nearby terraces of Moray, an archaeological marvel thought to be an ancient site for agricultural research. This huge basin is lined with impressively uniform concentric circles that, to this day, drain perfectly. Following lunch at a local *chicheria*, we'll head back to the hotel; enjoy an evening at leisure with dinner on your own.

### Included Feature:

- Full day Sacred Valley tour including the Pisac Market and Ollantaytambo (Sun Temple)

### Culinary Feature:

- Visit a *chichería*

Included meals:

Breakfast & lunch

[Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel](#) or similar



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## **DAY 4:**

### **Walking tour of Machu Picchu and guided tour of Incan ruins**

Board a luxury Vistadome train this morning for a scenic journey to our hotel right outside Machu Picchu in the town of Aguas Calientes. This afternoon, we'll arrive at Machu Picchu, the famous archaeological site of the New World and a true highlight of South America travel, where we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of the mysterious Inca ruins after most of the crowds have departed. This evening, we'll return to Aguas Calientes via motor-coach for dinner at the hotel.

#### **Included Features:**

- Vistadome train ride
- Guided walking tour of Machu Picchu's ruins

#### **Cultural Discovery:**

- Visit an Incan house

Included meals:

Breakfast & dinner

[El MaPi Hotel Machu Picchu](#) or similar



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## **DAY 5:**

### **Farmer's lunch in Chinchero, and tour of charming Cusco**

Today, our luxury Vistadome train takes us to Ollantaytambo; we then continue via motor coach towards Cusco. During the transfer, we'll stop in Chinchero, where we'll pay a visit to a local school and enjoy a farmer's lunch with the indigenous Chinchero Weavers Community, our Vantage Cares site in South America. Vantage Cares: While here, you'll participate in a weaving demonstration on the traditional backstrap loom and shop from a colorful array of beautiful blankets, garments, rugs, and other community-made goods.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Vistadome train ride to Ollantaytambo

#### **Cultural Discoveries:**

- Weaving demonstration at Chinchero Weavers Community
- Enjoy a typical lunch with indigenous weavers
- Visit to local school

Included meals:

Breakfast & lunch

[Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel](#) or similar



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## **DAY 6:**

### **Cuzco by foot and a Farewell Dinner**

Your South America adventure continues in Cusco, the city that was the first capital of the Inca Empire, then, after the arrival of the conquistadors, became a stronghold of the Spanish-colonial Empire. You'll explore the highlights during a city walking tour, including a visit to the Koricancha Temple of the Sun, the Main Square, the markets, and the cathedral. Enjoy lunch on your own and an afternoon at leisure. Alternately, you can join an artisan jewelry factory and shop tour, with an opportunity to shop for unique jewelry! This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Walking tour of Cusco

Included meals:

Breakfast & dinner

[Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel](#) or similar



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## **DAY 7:**

### **Leisure in Cusco, then fly to Santiago, Chile**

Enjoy a morning of leisure in Cusco before departing for the airport this afternoon. This evening, you'll board two flights, first from Cusco to Lima, then Lima to Santiago de Chile. You'll arrive in Santiago past midnight and transfer to your hotel. Rest easy — the next morning is at leisure.

Included meals:

Breakfast

[InterContinental Santiago](#) or similar



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## **DAY 8:**

### **Join Day 2 of the base program**

After a morning at leisure, you'll join Day 2 of the base program.

Included meals:

Breakfast

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## **POST- Petra & Amman, Jordan**





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Once lost to time, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra is now a not-to-be missed icon, whose beauty is as spellbinding as the history that surrounds it. Here, intricate temples, treasuries, and palaces dating to the ancient Nabataeans still stand, hewn into the red rock of the jebels, or desert hills. Walk through the dim, narrow gorge of the Siq to reach Petra's elaborate ruins and explore the many highlights of the Rose City. Your Jordan stay also includes a chance to swim in the Dead Sea; visits to the ancient cities of Madaba and Jerash; a night in Jordan's capital, Amman; and more. Make the most of your time in the Middle East by adding these travel milestones, at a great value.

### Your Price Includes:

- **Flight** from Cairo to Amman, as well as all overland transportation
- **Accommodations for 4 nights:** 2 nights at the *Mövenpick Resort Petra* (or similar); 1 night at the *Crowne Plaza Dead Sea* (or similar); and 1 night at the *InterContinental Amman* (or similar)
- **8 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- **Guided sightseeing** in Petra and Amman
- **Services of a Vantage Adventure Leader** and a local guide in Petra
- **Transfers and baggage handling** (where permitted)
- **Services of the Vantage Worldwide Concierge**, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com)

## DETAILS

### Post Trip Extension Itinerary

#### DAY 16:

##### Fly to Amman and transfer to Petra

Transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Amman, Jordan. From here, we set out towards Madaba on the 5,000-year-old King's Highway, a legendary route from biblical lore. Our first stop is Mount Nebo, from which Moses is said to have finally gazed upon the Promised Land before he died. It is also believed that his tomb lies here. Take in spectacular views of the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea before we continue to Madaba, the famed "City of Mosaics," known for its exquisite, vibrantly colored mosaics from the Byzantine era. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll continue along the King's Highway toward Petra.

Upon arrival in Petra, check into your hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Your hotel is set directly across from the entrance to this spectacular archaeological site, where you will enjoy a day of discovery tomorrow.

Included meals:

Lunch

[Mövenpick Resort Petra](#) or similar



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#### DAY 17:

## Exploring ancient Petra

Today, you'll set out for a guided walking tour of Jordan's greatest archaeological treasure — awe-inspiring Petra. Petra's strategic location at an important trade crossroads prompted the nomadic Arab Nabataeans to establish a settlement here around 300 BC. Carving beautiful buildings directly into the rose-red rock, they also applied ingenious methods to control the water supply, creating a prosperous oasis. The city declined under Roman rule and was eventually abandoned, falling into obscurity until its rediscovery by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt in 1812. As you explore Petra's intricately carved Treasury, Great Temple, and tombs, your Adventure Leader will share some of this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site's long and intriguing history. Then, with the afternoon at leisure, discover the area on your own or relax until joining your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel.

Included meals:

Breakfast & dinner

[Mövenpick Resort Petra](#) or similar



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## DAY 18:

### Discover the Dead Sea

Today we depart for the Dead Sea — the famed lake set at the world's lowest elevation on land. For millennia, people have come to soak in these salty waters known for their therapeutic properties. A remarkably high salt concentration makes these waters among the most buoyant on Earth, and you'll have a chance to experience the sensation of effortless floating during your stay. But first, visit the Dead Sea

Museum to learn about the area's geological and cultural history. After lunch at your leisure, continue to your resort, don your swimsuit, and head to our property's private beach. Enjoy dinner together at the resort tonight.

Included meals:

Breakfast & dinner

[Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Jordan](#) or similar



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## **DAY 19:**

### **Amman's historical and architectural highlights**

After breakfast, travel to Jerash. Often called the “Pompeii of the East,” this prehistoric Jordanian city boasts well-preserved Greco-Roman ruins that reflect its illustrious past. After a visit, continue to Amman for a city tour. After lunch at a local restaurant, take the afternoon and evening at leisure to explore Jordan's capital city on your own. Enjoy the city's liberal culture, thriving arts scene, and many beautiful churches and mosques.

Included meals:

Breakfast & lunch

[InterContinental Amman](#) or similar



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## **DAY 20:**

**Depart Amman and fly to the U.S.**

After breakfast this morning, you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Included meals:

Breakfast

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