

# Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley of the Inca

**At the gate of Sacsaywaman we heard chanting and as we came around the huge fortress wall we saw a shaman dressed in bright red garments performing a prayer to Pachamama, the Earth Mother. The Sacred Valley of the Inca is an earthly link between the people and the spiritual universe and it is as much a part of life today as in the past.**



Inca Ceremony at Sacsaywaman

## Detailed Itinerary 8 Days/7Nights

Daily Year Round - Privately guided

We offer a slower paced in-depth tour of the Sacred Valley to allow you a relaxed and intimate visit of this truly remarkable area. Hotels are smaller, locally owned boutique style.

**Day 1: Lima** You will arrive at the airport and be met by our local representative and transferred to a comfortable hotel in Lima.

**Day 2: Cuzco** A morning flight will take you to Cuzco. A leisurely day in town where you will be escorted by your guide on a walking orientation tour of the areas near your hotel. You can relax today in the ancient Inca capital and adjust to the high elevation. (B)

**Day 3: Cuzco** Today will be the day for exploring ruins with a visit to the Koricancha, Tambomachay with their water fountains; Kenko, the religious center; Puca-Pucara, the red fortress, and finally the fortress of Sacsaywaman. All these sites are important and fascinating

developments that the pre-columbian Inca people designed and built. (BL)

**Day 4: Sacred Valley** Full day tour to the Sacred Valley of the Inca, visit the Indian Market and ruins of Pisac in the morning and Ollantaytambo fortress in the afternoon. This site, including the village at its base, exemplifies the best of Inca engineering and shows in stark contrast the advantage of the Incan building technology over the later Spanish style. Overnight at Ollantaytambo.(B,L)

**Day 5: Sacred Valley** Full day tour to visit Chinchero, Maras and Moray. Famous for its salts, and exploited from Inca times until today, Maras is a fascinating visit due to the wonderful show of hundreds of salt ponds. Moray is located 9 Km away from Maras and has elliptical irrigation terraces that were used as an ingenious Inca agricultural center. This is a lovely day of mild walking around sites.(BL)

**Day 6: Machu Picchu** Today you will embark on one of the most exciting journeys in the world - the train to Machu Picchu. Not known to exist by

the Spaniards, Hiram Bingham brought Machu Picchu to world attention in 1911 when he was searching for the last Incan stronghold of Vilacamba. Guided tour of ruins.(B)

**Day 7: Machu Picchu – Cuzco** Today will be a chance to revisit Machu Picchu on your own before the morning trains come in with the tourists (second day entrance fee is not included) There are local hikes you may take and about mid-day you will be able to return all the way to Cuzco by train where we will meet you again for a transfer to your Cuzco hotel. This evening you will have a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.(BD)

**Day 8: Transfer** and flight back to Lima or onward travels.

Daily Year Round Includes: 7 nights accommodation, Guided walks and tours as described. all transfers, meals as noted (BLD = breakfast, lunch, dinner), all local taxes. Can be modified to suit your time and interests. Airfares not included.

Price Per Person Twin Sharing
Private Tour From CA\$2735

## Lake Titicaca (Puno) Extension 3 Days/2 Nights

Day 1: This morning begin a cross country journey by train or bus along the Andean plateau which features excellent vistas of the mountains and valleys. See traditional herders and colourful locals while at stops enroute. Tonight in Puno. (BL) Note: train runs certain days.

Day 2: Take a tour today of the famous floating reed islands on Laka Titicaca. (BL)

Day 3: Transfer to airport etc.

Daily Year Round Includes: tours, meals as described, bus to/from Puno, 2 nights accommodation.

Price Per Person Twin Sharing
Semi Private Tour From CA\$565

## Amazon Extension 3 Days/2 Nights

Daily year Round Departures

Day 1: Arrive by air to the Amazon port city of Puerto Maldonado. From here we will meet you at the airport and after leaving any excess luggage at our office, you will be transferred to a river port. Here you board a long motorised canoe with other guests and travel up the river our lodge. There will be time today to take a walk with a naturalist into the forest to start learning about the rainforest. (LD)

Day 2: Learn about the rainforest and the local indigenous people with guided excursions all included. (BLD)

Day 3: Travel to the airport. (B)

Daily Year Round Includes: 2 nights accommodation, meals, tours as described.

Price Per Person Twin Sharing
Semi Private Tour From \$598