



PERU, ECUADOR, & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

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Day by Day Itinerary

(Included meals are indicated in parentheses: B,L,D)

DAYS 1: DEPART U.S. FOR LIMA

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN LIMA: After arriving in Lima we will be met by a local representative and transferred to our hotel in the Miraflores district. In the afternoon we enjoy a privately guided tour of the city, seeing the historical highlights of what was the capital of the Spanish Empire in the Americas. Dinner is at a great local restaurant Huaca Pucllana, overlooking a major Pre-Incan ruins in the center of the city. Casa Andina Private Collection (D)

DAY 3: FLY TO CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY / PISAC: Transfer to the airport for our flight to Cusco; upon arrival we will be met for transfer to our hotel located in the Sacred Valley (about 1.5 hour drive). En route, we stop to see the Incan ruins at Pisac. Lunch is scheduled at an excellent small restaurant started by a local chef, using local ingredients in innovative ways. Sol y Luna Hotel (B,L,D)



DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY / CHINCHEROS, MARAS, MORAY / WEAVING DEMONSTRATION: Full day excursion around the Sacred Valley, visiting Chincheros for a weaving demonstration with a local cooperative making high quality textiles. We'll also visit the unique Incan site of Moray, and the ancient salt pans at Maras. Lunch at Wayra, located in the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU: Start 2 day/1 night trip to Machu Picchu, privately guided. We transfer to the train station in Ollantaytambo for the 1 & 1/2-hour journey to Aguas Calientes where we board a bus for Machu Picchu. Upon arrival in Machu Picchu we visit the site with our guide, have lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge, and then have the chance to explore the ruins some more at our leisure. Machu Picchu Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel (B,L,D)



DAY 6: MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO: Return visit to Machu Picchu in the morning to see the site when there are far fewer people around (unguided, but shuttle tickets and entrance tickets are included); a box lunch is included. After returning to Cusco by train in the afternoon we transfer to our hotel, a converted 17th century Monastery that is one of the most beautiful hotels in South America. (7-8 pm arrival to Cusco; dinner on our own.) Hotel Monasterio (B, box L)

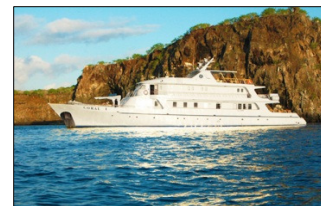


DAY 7: CUSCO / MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Morning private tour of Cusco and surrounding ruins, including the massive fortress of Sacsahuaman that sits on the hill overlooking Cusco, and other nearby ruins in the vicinity of Cusco. Cusco is one of the highlights of a trip to Peru, with many of the colonial buildings in the center of the city built on the still visible foundations of Incan palaces. It is a cosmopolitan place, with many great restaurants. Afternoon demonstration of traditional musical instruments at the Monasterio Hotel. Dinner on our own (recommended are Cicciolina, the Inka Grill, and the Map Café; there are many other very good options). Hotel Monasterio (B,L)

DAY 8: QUITO: This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Lima, where we connect to Quito, arriving in the mid afternoon. Transfer to our hotel, a boutique hotel located half a block off the main plaza in the Old Town. Dinner at El Ventanal, with great views out over the Old Town. Patio Andaluz (B,D)

DAY 9: QUITO / HOME AND STUDIO OF OSVALDO VITERI: Half day private tour of Quito, visiting the historical center of the city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains some of the oldest colonial buildings in the Americas. Visit the home and studio of Oswaldo Viteri in the afternoon. Dinner on our own. Patio Andaluz (B,L)

DAY 10: GALAPAGOS: Transfer to the airport to fly to the Galapagos and start our cruise on the first class 36 passenger motor yacht Coral I. Over the next 5 days we make visits to a number of islands and have several opportunities to snorkel and swim. Coral I (B,L,D)



DAYS 11-13: GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: Exploring the Galapagos Islands aboard the Coral I. Coral I (B,L,D)

DAY 14: QUITO: Our adventure in the Galapagos ends and we return to Quito and transfer to our hotel. Dinner is on our own for the last night in Quito. Patio Andaluz (B)

DAY 15: DEPART FOR HOME: This trip of a lifetime ends today when we transfer to the airport for our international flight back home to the U.S. (B)

ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERS' LAND/CRUISE COST PER PERSON (Nonmembers add 15%):

DOUBLE: Moon Cabin = \$5,500 Junior Cabin = \$6,000

SINGLE: Standard Cabin = \$7,240 Moon Cabin = \$7,490

Flight Costs: TBA (From RDU approx. \$2,150 per person in economy, business class + \$2000 (including all flights in itinerary).

Register with \$1,000 deposit by June 30, 2011. Final Payment due January 7, 2012. (First come first served)
Travel insurance is encouraged. Call Arts Council for group quote.

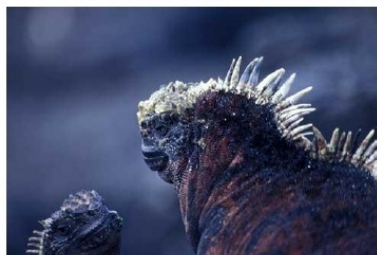
Cost includes: This itinerary includes all accommodations, all transfers and ground transportation including round trip bus transfer from Southern Pines to and from RDU, all guiding with English speaking guides, excursions as indicated, all entrance fees, snorkeling equipment, Galapagos Park Fees, meals as indicated.

Not included: Airfare (price to be determined when airlines release rates for the time frame), insurance, gratuities, meals not indicated, optional excursions, alcoholic beverages, wet suits (can be rented onboard for \$25 a person for the entire cruise), airport departure taxes, or personal expenses.

NOTE FOR ALL ARTours: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our ARTours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him or herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the trip. This trip involves walking uphill, on uneven terrain. There are wet and dry landings as well as walking in the Galapagos. Cuzco's altitude is 11,150 feet. Please check with your physician if you have concerns.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on ALL ARTours. NO refunds are made after advertised full payment deadline unless a substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon request.

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