

# Vacation in Peru | Peru Guided Tours

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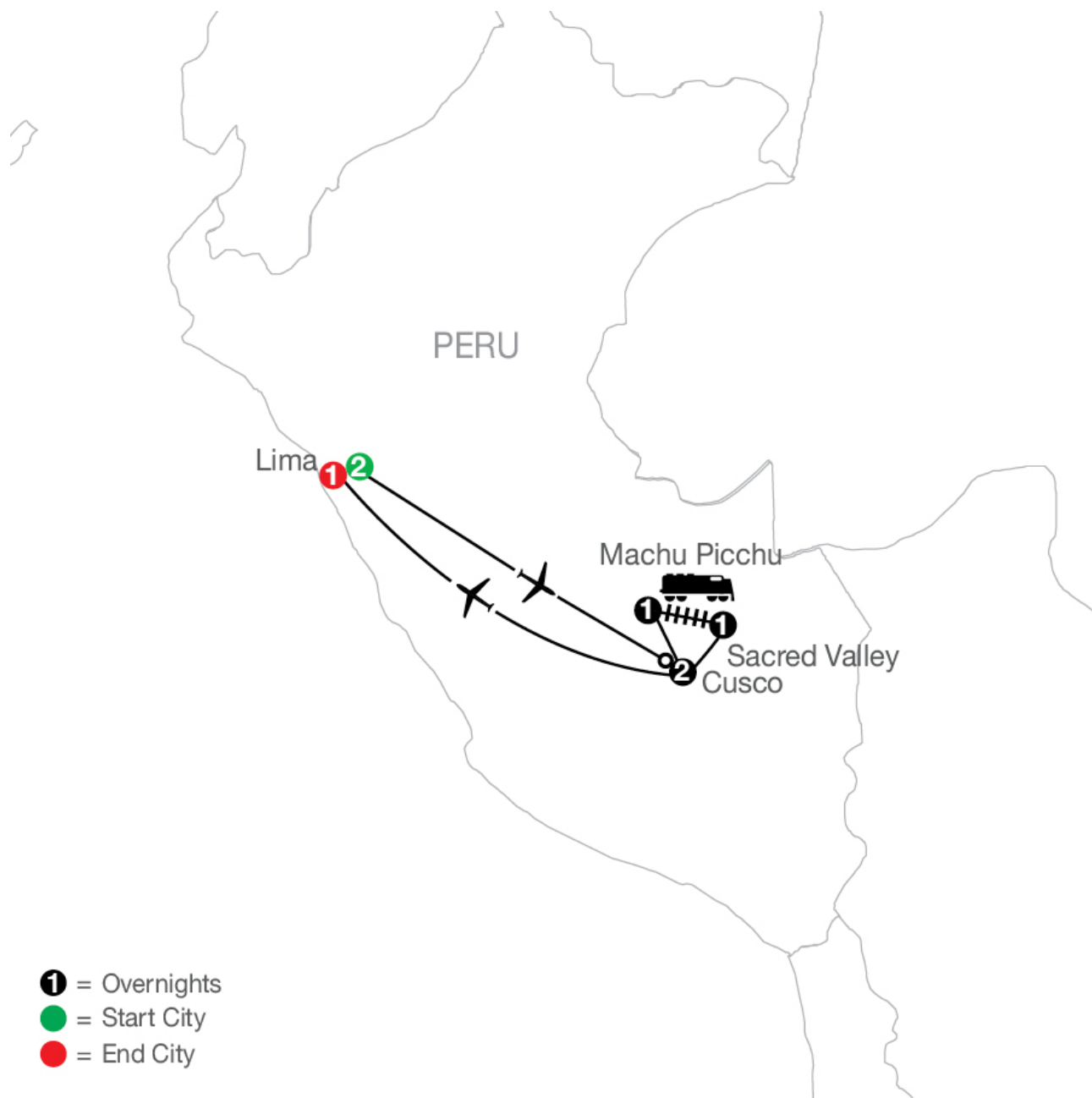
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Love a good mystery? This 8-day vacation to Peru is the perfect escape to delve into the world's most intriguing lost and found story. Featuring not one, but two days behind the misty gates of Machu Picchu, this below-the-equator tour takes you high into the Andes and deeper inside the Lost City of the Incas to unearth its centuries-old secrets. Navigating the cryptic maze of trails, temples, and terraces in the world's most famous forgotten city is one for the memory books. Other great finds on this tantalizing tour of Peru? Up-close encounters with llamas, alpacas, and other Sacred Valley locals; vibrant, handwoven textiles in the former Inca Empire capital of Cusco; bold, multicultural cuisine in the foodie capital of Lima; and a warm welcome inside a traditional family home for an authentic taste of Peruvian hospitality.

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**Notes:**

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Maximum enjoyment of this vacation requires walking on cobblestone streets, uneven pathways, and climbing stairs. Elevations exceeding 10,000 feet can make even modest exertion a challenge. Maximum elevation on this tour is 12,200 ft.

**Meals**

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Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 4 dinners

# Itinerary

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## Day 1

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ARRIVE IN LIMA, PERU Welcome to the modern city of Lima!  
Upon arrival, you will be met by your Globus representative.

## Day 2

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LIMALegendary Lima

This afternoon, your Local Guide focuses on the city's colonial heritage during a walking tour. Start at the Plaza de Armas to see the Government Palace and the cathedral. From here, stroll to the venerable San Francisco Monastery with its splendid 17th-century cloister

murals. For a special treat,  stop at a local food market to get a real taste of life for the local people. This evening, enjoy dinner at one of Lima's Peruvian restaurants with your fellow travel companions.

 Breakfast  Dinner

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES Stop for a real taste of Peru at a local market. Sample some of the local fruits and vegetable that aren't found in other parts of the world. You can also find spices, meats, seafood, and even a souvenir or two. And you'll definitely want to take some photos of the beautiful, brightly hued displays.

## Day 3

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LIMA–CUSCO–SACRED VALLEYEmpire of the Andes

Fly to Cusco, the impressive Andean city that was once the capital of the Inca Empire. Head into the Sacred Valley of the Incas and visit the semi-circular Kenko Amphitheater with its stone altars and labyrinth of passages and see the ancient site of Puca Pucara.


Also, in the Sacred Valley, experience an  El Pago a la Tierra, or Mother Earth

Ceremony, performed by a local shaman. Meet local families who preserve the ancient technique of Pre-Columbian weaving using South American camelid fleece. This is your chance to get up close to the various camelids, including alpaca, llama, guanaco, and vicuña, indigenous to the region. Continue to Písaq, an old mountain village, where you will have free time to shop for local wares, such as alpaca sweaters and blankets, jewelry, or

hand-painted ornamental dishes and vases at its famous market. Stay in the Sacred Valley tonight, with dinner at the hotel.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner


#### LOCAL FAVORITE

**CULTURE & TRADITION** Feel the earth, smell the coca leaves, and taste the chicha today as you make payment to Mother Earth. Participate in an  El Pago a la Tierra, an ancient ceremony led by a shaman thanking Mother Earth and asking for good health, wealth, and safe travels. These mystical ceremonies have been practiced in Peru since before the arrival of the Incas.

### Day 4

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#### SACRED VALLEY–MACHU PICCHU Mystery on the Mountain

This morning, visit the Inca Fortress of Ollantaytambo, followed by  a visit to a local home, meet some of the area's families, and experience their way of life in the Sacred Valley. Then, board the Vistadome train for a scenic journey through the lush Urubamba Valley. Upon arrival, ascend the mountainside to legendary Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Your Local Guide will introduce this intact fortress with its temple remains, holy houses, and mile-long aqueduct, and will bring you closer to the mysteries still hidden in these amazing structures. Tonight, you may wish to try a Pisco Sour (a traditional Peruvian cocktail) or an Inka Kola, before the included dinner.

 Breakfast  Dinner

#### LOCAL FAVORITE

**TIMELESS TRADITIONS** Today, you are invited into a local family's home in the Sacred Valley. Learn about their traditions like weaving that has been passed down for centuries from ancestors. See how they cook, live, sleep, work, and maybe ask about the cuy (Guinea pigs) they keep in their house.



### Day 5

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#### MACHU PICCHU–CUSCO Here Comes the Sun

A morning at leisure in Machu Picchu allows you to wake up early to see the sunrise over Machu Picchu with your second included entrance to the ruins. After lunch at a local

restaurant, return to the Sacred Valley by train and continue to Cusco.

 Breakfast  Lunch

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

**HISTORY & MYSTERY** Staying overnight in Machu Picchu allows you to get up early and experience the ruins at their most pristine before the crowds arrive. Watch as the mist slowly burns off and the sun rays illuminate the ruins. While you are there, you may even want to try and get a selfie with one of the local llamas or alpacas!

## Day 6

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### CUSCO Sun Worship & Spanish Conquests

On your guided sightseeing tour of Cusco today, learn more about the Inca and Spanish influence. Begin at the heart of Cusco in the Plaza de Armas (main square), with a visit to the imposing Cathedral, where construction began in 1550 and was finally completed 100

years later. Join a traditional  Pasacalle through the streets of Cusco before continuing

to Koricancha and the Santo Domingo Monastery and see how the two sites have become one. The Temple of the Sun at Koricancha was once the most important Inca site, dedicated to the worship of the Sun. The walls, altars, and decorations were all said to be covered in gold—until the Spaniards looted the temple and then built the contrasting Baroque Santo Domingo Monastery on top of the temple's foundations. Also visit the Temple of Sacsayhuaman, perched on a hillside overlooking Cusco. It remains unfathomable how and when this fortress of gigantic stones—with some blocks weighing more than 350 tons—was built. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

## LOCAL FAVORITE

**CULTURE & TRADITION** A special treat is in store for you when you are greeted by a group of Andean musicians dressed in vibrant Inca textiles. They will escort you on a Pasacalle (Andean Parade) through Cusco while playing traditional music and performing ancient dances—an experience you won't soon forget!

## Day 7

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### CUSCO–LIMA Capital Ideas

A short flight returns you to Lima, where the remainder of your day is free to explore.

 Breakfast

## FREE TIME TIPS

**EXPLORE MORE** Enjoy a day in Lima to explore as you please. From bustling markets to museums and magnificent architecture, there is always a new surprise to delight your day with tempting tastes and inspiring sights. Your Tour Director has suggestions to make the most of your day, and your GlobusGO mobile app puts the possibilities right at your fingertips.

## Day 8

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LIMA Safe travels until we meet again!  
Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

## Tour Director

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With Globus, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of your Tour Director. Averaging over a decade... we'd like you to meet a Tour Director, who is representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.

## MAURICIO YONFA-ESTUARDO

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Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" Born in Venezuela and raised in Ecuador, I'm an architect by profession, but a Tour Director by heart. I have worked as a South America lecturer for cruise lines, a guide in Ecuador and the Galápagos, and a Tour Director in South America. My goals are to transform each guest into a Peruvian expert and to encourage them to try and appreciate authentic Incan food. So, let's discover together the mysterious land of the Incas and maybe even sample roasted guinea pig!"



## Accommodations

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### LIMA

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#### CASA ANDINA SELECT MIRAFLORES

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Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate First-Class

Free Wifi

This hotel welcomes you to Lima in comfort and style. It is located in the center of Lima's bustling district of Miraflores, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, bars, and other Lima attractions. The excellent Casa Andina Select Miraflores exudes sophistication and comfort, focusing on personalized service and great amenities.

### SACRED VALLEY

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#### SONESTA POSADAS DEL INCA - SACRED VALLEY - YUCAY

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Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

## **MACHU PICCHU**

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### **EL MAPI BY INKATERRA**

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Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

## **CUSCO**

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### **SONESTA HOTEL CUSCO**

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Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

The Sonesta Hotel Cusco, which was built in 1986 and completely renovated in 2010, now features a modern contemporary décor and a fine dining restaurant serving classic Peruvian cuisine. It is within blocks of a handcraft market, Plaza de Armas, shops and restaurants. Amenities include a restaurant, room service, business center, and bar.

## **Optional Excursions**

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**Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.**

### **Price Ranges**

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)



\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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