

INCA HIKING TOUR – PERU

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

Meet at O.R. Tambo International Airport at the check in counter. Please ensure that you arrive 3 hours prior to the departure time.

Overnight on board your flight

DAY 2: LIMA

Arrive in Lima, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy breakfast and spend the day at leisure. Tonight, the adventure begins. Feel free to explore — but make sure you're back in time to meet your group. After introductions, your guide will review the details of your trip.

Overnight in Lima – Lunch and Dinner is for your account

DAY 3: LIMA / CUSCO

After an early breakfast, check out of your accommodation and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Spend the day at leisure to lunch, relax and explore the fascinating city of Cusco.

Overnight in Cusco – Lunch and Dinner is for your account

DAY 4: CUSCO / OLLANTAYTAMBO

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and depart for a full-day guided tour of the Sacred Valley and Ollantaytambo ruins. Travel through the stunning Sacred Valley of the Incas, visiting a Planeterra-supported women's weaving co-op. Meet the women and learn about traditional weaving and dyeing. Opt to pick up some handmade souvenirs and textiles directly from the women who made them. Take a guided tour of the impressive Pisac ruins, the colourful artisan market (on market days only), and the small indigenous village of Huchuy Qosco. Have lunch at the Planeterra-supported Parwa community restaurant. Learn about the Planeterra project and eat a delicious buffet-style lunch. Proceeds of this meal go directly back to the remote community. Continue on to the town of Ollantaytambo. Take a guided tour of the large ruin site adjacent to the town. Ollantaytambo is the first taste of what lies ahead in Machu Picchu. Make stops along the way as you pass through this gorgeous valley – the elevation descends the whole way. Tour the fascinating hilltop citadel of Pisac, an Incan ruin with plunging gorges, a ceremonial centre, and winding agriculture terracing that's still in use today. Be captivated by this truly amazing site sitting amid sweeping green valleys and mountain peaks. Explore the back of the site to see a pocketed cliff across Kitamayo Gorge, which once contained hundreds of Inca tombs. Ollantaytambo Ruins Guided Tour. Take a step back in time at this Inca archaeological site – it still shows signs of its former glory, including agricultural terraces, a Temple Hill, and storehouses. Learn how the area, overlooking the Urubamba River Valley, was an important stronghold during warfare between the Spanish and Incas.

Overnight in Ollantaytambo – Dinner is for your account

DAY 5: OLLANTAYTAMBO / LLACTAPATA

After breakfast in your camp, depart Ollantaytambo for your Inca Trail Hike. Trek through beautiful scenery, with a variety of flora that changes with the seasons, passing several smaller ruin sites like Llactapata. A crew of local porters, cooks, and guides will take care of all the details for the duration of the hike. Porters carry the majority of the gear so you'll only need to carry a small daypack with water, rain gear, snacks, a camera, etc.

Dinner and overnight on the Inca Trail – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner is included on this day

DAY 6: WAYLLABAMBA CAMP / PAGAMAYO CAMP

After breakfast, start early climbing the long steep path to Warmiwañusca, better known as Dead Woman's Pass. This is the highest point of the trek. At an altitude of 4,198m (13,769 ft). Most hikers reach camp by early afternoon, with ample time to rest and relax.

Dinner and overnight on the Inca Trail – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner is included on this day



DAY 7: RUNQURQUAY / CORDILLERA VILCABAMBA

After breakfast, cross two more passes and ruins along the way. The first pass is Runquraqay at 3,950m (13,113 ft) where, on a clear day, hikers can catch a glimpse of the snow-capped Cordillera Vilcabamba. Hike through cloud forest on the gentle climb to the second pass of the day, walking through original Incan constructions. The highest point of the pass is 3,700m (12,136 ft). On a clear day, enjoy the spectacular views of the Urubamba Valley. At 3,650m (11,972 ft), reach the ruins of Phuyupatamarca, the "Town Above the Clouds." Camp here or go 1.5 hours further along, near the Wiñay Wayna ruins (Forever Young) located at 2,650m (8,694 ft).

Dinner and overnight on the Inca Trail – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner is included on this day

DAY 8: WIÑAYWAYNA / CUSCO

After breakfast, the final day of the hike starts pre-dawn to reach the Sun Gate before sunrise. Wake up around 03:30 and walk to the checkpoint. Catch the first views of the breathtaking ruins of Machu Picchu on a clear day. Hike down to Machu Picchu for a guided tour of the site and free time to explore. Opt to visit the Inca Bridge, if time allows. Catch the bus to Aguas Calientes. Enjoy lunch and relax before your train back to Cusco in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Cusco – Lunch and Dinner is for your account

DAY 9: CUSCO / LIMA

After breakfast, fly back to Lima and enjoy the last night in the city. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in Lima

Overnight in Lima – Lunch and Dinner is for your account

DAY 10: LIMA

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and depart for your return flight to Johannesburg

DAY 11: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg at O.R. Tambo International Airport.

