



PERU

May 6 – 26, 2017

DAY 1 / MAY 6 / SAT

TORONTO – LIMA

This afternoon fly to Lima, the capital and the largest city of Peru.

Transportation: Air Canada **Rouge**

Tentative schedule: AC1946 YYZ-LIM 1740 / 0030+1

DAY 2 / MAY 7 / SUN

ARRIVE LIMA

(B/D)

On arrival in Lima, greet and transfer to your hotel. Buffet breakfast at the hotel and morning at leisure.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Larco Museum with our tour guided by curator - Ulla Holmquist

You will have a clear and entertained approach to the evolution of the cultures of Ancient Peru. Walking through the exhibition halls of the Larco Museum – the

largest private collection of pre-Columbian art of the World. Ulla makes the visit an inspiring experience that gives visitors first-hand information about the collection and the people that made the beautiful archaeological objects.

Our menu Welcome dinner is at Cafe del Museo (Includes a glass of wine and a Pisco Sour)

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 5* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

Note: rooms will be booked for the night of May 6 as well for late check-in.

DAY 3 / MAY 8 / MON

LIMA (B/D)

Buffet breakfast at hotel

City tour (Colonial & Modern Lima)

The tour will begin with an exploration of Colonial Lima. First, you will stop off at the Plaza de Armas (Main Square). There, you will explore the square by foot and admire the exteriors of the Palacio de Gobierno (Government Palace), the Cathedral of Lima, and the Municipalidad (City Hall), all examples of Lima's still-present colonial architectural opulence. Next, you will make your way to the San Francisco Convent, built in the 17th century, and its "Catacombs" ancient underground cemetery.

You will end your journey through the streets of modern Lima as you head towards the most traditional of the residential zones of the capital: San Isidro and Miraflores, a perfect spot to enjoy wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean.

You will be dropped off at Larcomar Mall (a leisurely time for lunch)

After your relaxing lunch, you will be picked up from Larcomar Mall to begin afternoon tour and maybe a bit of time for shopping. This afternoon, we will focus on a Cooking class + dinner - Visit a typical Peruvian market and see where local cooks source their fresh ingredients and be amazed by the huge

variety of fruit and vegetables for sale. Transfer to the local house where you will have your cooking class. This unique experience begins with the tasting a variety of around 35 exotic fruits from Peru. Then the chefs will show you how to cook your own Peruvian food. You will prepare 3 typical Peruvian dishes: "Cebiche", "Causa" and "Aji de gallina". For dessert you will prepare the traditional "Picarones". You will eat what you prepared and every passenger will participate on the food making. Enjoy a glass of Pisco Sour.

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 5* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 4 / MAY 9/ TUE LIMA – PUERTO MALDONADO (B/L/D)

This morning transfer to airport and take your flight to Puerto Maldonado. On arrival, transfer to your lodge.

In the afternoon, you will be taking a guided walk along the Trail system. The trail system leads you into the Inkatererra Reserva Amazonica natural area, where you will discover the Amazon Basin. This trail offers an excellent introduction to the forest environment, winding past impressive trees such as the Shihuaguaco, and the strangely beautiful strangler fig, offering excellent opportunities for bird watching and observing exotic insects.

You will also be joining a Twilight River excursion, a guided afternoon boat ride on the Madre de Dios river. Witness the transformation from a diurnal to a nocturnal world: animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the night. As you enjoy their paradise, you will learn about their habits, while you search for nightjars, owls, capybaras and up to three different caiman species.

Lunch and dinner is served at the lodge.

Accommodation: Reserva Amazonica (www.inkaterra.com) or similar

DAY 5 / MAY 10 / WED PUERTO MALDONADO (B/L/D)

During the morning you will visit the Lake Sandoval excursion into the Tambopata National Reserve. Glide in a wooden canoe, across a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, red-bellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Return to the lodge for lunch.

This afternoon visit the remarkable Inkatererra Canopy Walkway. Ascending the first tower, 29 meters above the forest ground, you begin your encounter with the treetop realm. For more than a quarter of a mile, you will literally walk through the rainforest canopy on a suspension bridge network linking eight observation platforms. During this hour-and-a-half expedition, be on the lookout for colourful toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys, and sloths. If you wish you may extend your excursion and watch the sunset from one of the towers. Dinner served at the lodge.

Accommodation: Reserva Amazonica (www.inkaterra.com) or similar

DAY 6/ MAY 11 / THU PUERTO MALDONADO (B/L/D)

Enjoy a trip to Gamitana Creek, located 25 minutes by boat from the lodge. For one and a half hours, explore the rainforest along the banks of a winding, dark-water creek that is home to many piranha, caiman, turtles and birds, until the Sanipanga landing point. Navigate your way back downstream, observing the abundant flora and fauna along the way. You will return to Gamitana Farm to do a short guided tour to see how local farmers grow fruits and vegetables. Return to the lodge for lunch.

After lunch, join the Hacienda Concepcion excursion. You will see 200 different plant species, and learn about the uses and benefits of local flora. This is followed by a 30 minutes canoe trip to look for turtles, sun grebes, nightjars and exotic herons.

Take a night excursion to the Rainforest through the Inkaterra Ecological Reserve for approximately 2 hours. Venture into the forest and experience the mystery of the animal activity that awakens in the forest after dark, enhancing animal resources to create new adaptation mechanisms. Listen to nocturnal forest sounds and spot species that only emerge at night.

Accommodation: Reserva Amazonica (www.inkaterra.com) or similar

DAY 7 / MAY 12 / FRI

**PUERTO MALDONADO – CUZCO –
SACRED VALLEY (B/L)**

Transfer to airport and take your flight to Cuzco. On arrival, transfer to Sacred Valley. Visit Awanacancha farm and Pisac market on route. You will soon reach the must-see stop of Awanacancha. Here, you will learn about the various types of camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, Vicuñas, and Guanacos) that live in the Andes region. Additionally, the local villagers will teach you about the ancestral methods and techniques used to produce their textile art.

A few miles farther along, you will reach Pisac, a beautiful place where Incan and Colonial influences have reached a perfect balance and created the unique way of life of the local inhabitants. You will get a chance to explore this quaint town, famous for its artisan markets where you can find extraordinarily fine jewelry and ceramic and textile craftwork. Buffet lunch at Doña Clorinda restaurant. Balance of this afternoon is free at leisure

Transportation: Domestic flight

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 8 / MAY 13 / SAT

SACRED VALLEY (B/L)

This morning visit Maras salt pans. The sight of this still-operating salt mine, in use since Incan times, will amaze you – the stark white of its steeply descending salt pans juxtaposed against the green of the surrounding mountain slopes.

See a Andean weaving demonstration by Nilda Callañaupa who is the founder and head of The Center for Traditional Textiles , an NGO dedicated to preserving the textile heritage of the Andean people. A native of the village of Chinchero, Nilda was, by the age of 14, presenting at the Smithsonian Institute and the American Museum of Natural History. After attending university, Nilda started the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco, including a weaving cooperative and a school for young girls (who must come dressed in traditional costume to be considered). CTTC also provides shelter for women in distress, insures that young girls connect with their elders, and helps native weavers control the marketing of their textiles. Nilda is a shining example of how indigenous people can fully engage with world markets and still remain true to their roots.

Enjoy a typical Cusqueño lunch hosted by Nilda.

In the afternoon, you will visit one of the last remaining Incan towns, Ollantaytambo, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. Discover the large archeological complex of what used to serve as a wayside inn for royal delegations on long journeys.

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 9 / MAY 14 / SUN**SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU (B/L/D)**

Transfer to train station and take a train ride to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, walk to hotel and enjoy lunch at the hotel restaurant Café Inkaterra. After lunch, walk to the bus station and take a shuttle bus to the citadel. Upon arrival, transfer to a bus that will take you to the entrance gate of the citadel of Machu Picchu. Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural landscapes and the energy held in its enigmatic structures will take your breath away. You will follow in the footsteps of the ancient Incans as you explore this magical citadel. Take a shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes and have dinner at the hotel's main dining room.

Transportation: Vistadome train (www.perurail.com)

Accommodation: Inkaterra 4* (www.inkaterra.com) or similar

Note: Shuttle bus to the citadel is on seat-in-coach basis. Each bus has a capacity of 30 seats.

DAY 10 / MAY 15 / MON**MACHU PICCHU – CUZCO (B/L/D)**

This morning you will have a second visit to Machu Picchu. Continue exploring this amazing site and visit different sides of the citadel than the ones you visited on the previous day. After lunch, take a train ride to Ollantaytambo. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Cuzco. Enjoy a buffet dinner show at a local restaurant within walking distance from hotel.

Transportation: Vistadome train (www.perurail.com)

Accommodation: El Mercado 4* (www.elmercadotunqui.com) or similar

DAY 11 / MAY 16 / TUE**CUZCO (B/L/D)**

Today visit Sacsayhuaman fortress, San Pedro market, Koricancha temple and Cathedral.

Visit Sacsayhuaman, located just outside the city. With spectacular fortress built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy, this astounding sample of the Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyo.

The exploration of the Imperial City continues with a visit to the San Pedro market, which being the city's main street market, will give you an opportunity to get to know the products of Cusco, overwhelming you with the sights, aromas, tastes, and colors of the region.

Just a few blocks away, you will discover one of the most impressive buildings of Incan Cusco: the Koricancha (the Golden Temple), a temple dedicated to the worship of the Sun God, whose interior walls were said to have been covered in gold. You will complete the day with a stroll through the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), where you will visit the Cathedral and admire its exquisite vestibules and priceless paintings from the Cusco School of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Lunch at Tunupa restaurant. Balance of the day is at leisure. Dinner at Incanto restaurant.

Accommodation: El Mercado 4* (www.elmercadotunqui.com) or similar

DAY 12 / MAY 17 / WED CUZCO – PUNO (B,L)

Transfer to train station and take a train ride to Puno. Lunch served on board. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.

Transportation: Andean Explorer train (www.perurail.com/andean-explorer)

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection Puno 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 13 / MAY 18 / THU PUNO (B/L)

Enjoy an extraordinary journey across the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titicaca. Travel to legendary places where time seems to have stood still. Your first stop will be the Uros floating islands. These are a peculiar grouping of around 40 small islands made totally of totora, a natural reed that grows around the lake. The cheerful inhabitants will invite you to get to know their traditional lifestyle and customs.

Continue your voyage across the placid waters of the lake until you come to the picturesque island of Taquile, a peaceful place where old Quechua traditions live in perfect balance with modernity. Discover a landscape distinct from the other islands thanks to the Incan terraces filled with local flowers and crops. The rich colors of the clothing worn by the local inhabitants will amaze you; admire their beautiful hand-made fabrics. Most importantly, enjoy the unbelievable hospitality of the islanders, known as Taquileños, who will make your visit to the island a memorable one.

Enjoy a typical lunch at Taquile with amazing views of the lake.

In the afternoon, visit Chucuito village which is located 18 km south of Puno. The most interesting attraction in the town is the Inca Temple of Fertility, a small temple with dozens of metre-high phalluses 'planted' in the earth. This temple has been reconstructed in recent years, and the positioning of the phalluses is not original. Most of the phalluses had been taken by locals and the temple was buried and abandoned. However, several years ago there was an effort to put the temple back, and most of the phalluses were returned to their original location. There is also an interesting colonial church with interesting frescoes and typical of the region, belonging to the Cuzco School paintings. They also visit the trout farm about a mile from the main square and an Inca sundial.

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection Puno 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 14/ MAY 19 / FRI PUNO – AREQUIPA (B)

You will visit Sillustani tombs on route to the airport. Sillustani is a pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo near Puno. The tombs, which are built above ground in tower-like structures called chullpas, are the vestiges of the Colla people, Aymara who were conquered by the Inca in the 15th century. The structures housed the remains of complete family groups, although they were probably limited to nobility. Take an afternoon flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Transportation: Domestic flight

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 15 / MAY 20 / SAT AREQUIPA (B)

Your tour begins with a visit to the Santa Catalina Convent which was founded in 1579 as a cloister. In its early days the convent was home to a small group of clergy who came from the local elite. Walk through its beautiful buildings as your guide takes you on a journey back in time through one of the largest holdings of colonial art in the Americas.

The tour of the city will continue as you visit the Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús (Church of the Society of Jesus). With its imposing size and fascinating appearance, this magnificent church will take your breath away. Be sure to pay special attention to the Baroque façade and the amazing sacristy, meticulously decorated with vividly-colored murals. Move on to the Mirador del Carmen (a natural lookout point), ten minutes from the city center. From there you will be able to enjoy a spectacular view of the Chili River Valley and of the majestic Misti. Next, you will stop off in the upscale neighborhood of Yanahuara and get a chance to walk along its wide cobblestone avenues and see its old ashlar stone mansions, which still preserve their traditional gardens. You will also be able to admire a beautiful church constructed in 1750 and a quaint plaza with a gorgeous ashlar stone lookout balcony.

Afternoon is at leisure.

Accommodation: Casa Andina Private Collection 4* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 16 / MAY 21 / SUN AREQUIPA – COLCA (B/L)

This morning transfer to Colca. The first stop will be in the Aguada Blanca National Reserve, whose rugged plains are home to vast herds of Guanaco, Alpaca, and Vicuña. Journey continues as you ride along the edge of the crater of the Chucura Volcano, until you reach the Mirador de los Andes in Patapampa. This lookout point, at 16,100 ft (4,900 m) above sea level, will offer spectacular views of the snow-capped peaks of the various volcanoes surrounding Arequipa, including the Hualca Calca, the Sabancaya, and the Ampato.

Next, you will head to the town of Chivay (close to where the Colca Valley begins) for a closer inspection of the impressive system of platforms and terraces built by the ancient Collagua and Cabana inhabitants.

After lunch, transfer to the hotel. The rest of the afternoon is free to take advantage of the hotel's amenities, enjoy the tranquility of your surroundings, or simply rest and recover for the next day, as you see fit.

Accommodation: Casa Andina Classic 3* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 17 / MAY 22 / MON COLCA – AREQUIPA – LIMA (B/L)

Early in the morning, you will travel to the Condor Cross Lookout. With its incredibly vast and breath-taking expanses, it is considered to be the best spot in the world to see the majestic Andean Condor in flight. Be on the lookout for the sudden appearance of this emblematic bird on the verge of extinction. With a little luck, you will enjoy a truly awe-inspiring experience as you watch this awesome bird soar, almost magically, ever higher into the infinite blue sky. From this vantage point, you will be able to look out across one of the world's deepest canyons.

On the way back to Arequipa, you will visit three great villages: Pinchollo Maca, Achoma, and Yanque. Two more must-see stops include the Miradores de Antahuilque where you will be able to appreciate the sheer magnitude of the region's terraces, and Choquetico, with its hanging tombs and tiny irrigation models carved in stone.

After lunch, return to Arequipa (depending on flight schedule, it might be a buffet lunch in Chivay town or a boxed lunch). In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.

Transportation: Domestic flight

Accommodation: Casa Andina PC 5* (www.casa-andina.com) or similar

DAY 18 / MAY 23 / TUE LIMA – PARACAS (B/L/D)

Travel to Paracas by coach. Visit Pachacamac ruins on route. Most of the common buildings and temples were built c. 800-1450 CE, shortly before the arrival and conquest by the Inca Empire. To date, several pyramids have been uncovered; archaeologists have identified at least 17 pyramids. The Inca maintained it as a religious shrine and allowed the Pachacamac priests to continue functioning independently of the Inca priesthood.

In the afternoon, you will be having an overflight of the Nasca Lines. Head to the city's airport where you will begin your flyover of the enigmatic Nasca Lines. Behold the incredible creative abilities of the ancient Peruvians as you discover one of humanity's greatest mysteries: geoglyphs and lines of colossal magnitude etched in the desert sands by the Nasca people. A monkey, a spider, a hummingbird, and more than 20 other figures occupying an area of approximately 190 sq. miles (500 km²), wait to be admired from above in an unforgettable 30 minutes flyover.

Dinner at hotel.

Accommodation: La Hacienda 4* (www.hoteleslahacienda.com) or similar

Note:

- *Each plane allows a maximum of 12 passengers.*
- *There is no visit to the site on foot or by bus. It is only the airport where passengers arrive and start the overflight in groups.*

DAY 19 / MAY 24 / WED PARACAS (B)

You will enjoy the sunrise at one of the most scenic bays in Peru and then take part in a fantastic voyage to the Islas Ballestas (Crossbow Islands), a nature reserve and excellent place to observe close-up the largest concentration of guano-producing birds and sea lions on the Peruvian coast. Along the way, you will be able to see the mysterious Candelabro (a candlestick-shaped figure etched on a sandy hillside, associated with the Nasca Lines). As you approach the islands, Mother Nature will greet you with an impressive display. Thousands of birds, among them Peruvian Boobies and Guanay Cormorants, will drown out all other sounds with their peculiar honks and quacks. Sea lions will take a short break from bumping around on the protruding rocks, or fighting over territory, and will slip beneath the waves to approach your ship in a friendly manner.

Afternoon is at leisure.

Accommodation: La Hacienda 4* (www.hoteleslahacienda.com) or similar

DAY 20 / MAY 25 / THU PARACAS – LIMA (B/D)

Morning is at leisure. Leave Paracas at 4:00 pm and arrive in Lima around 8:00 pm. Visit Casa Garcia Alvarado with dinner in this historic house hosted by owner Ana Maria Garcia Alvarado. After dinner (approx. 10:00 pm), transfer to the airport.

DAY 21 / MAY 26 / FRI LIMA – TORONTO

Fly back to Toronto.

Transportation: Air Canada Rouge

Tentative flight: AC1947 LIM-YYZ 0200 / 1100

Probus Package Pricing: \$9250.00 from Toronto to Lima return - per person based on twin sharing.

Single Supplement (add) + \$2,210.00

Air Credit for those not travelling on AC as noted, but making their own international flight arrangements. Is \$650.00 pp

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip air from Toronto on Air Canada **Rouge** direct flight. (non Stop)
- Domestic flights within Peru including air taxes/fuel surcharges.
- Transfers on private basis (except for Puerto Maldonado).
- Tours on private basis (except for Puerto Maldonado and Paracas where according to group size, some passengers will have to share the plane/boat with other people).
- Hotel accommodation as listed above with daily buffet breakfast.
- Vistadome train to / from Machu Picchu.
- Andean Explorer train to Puno.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- English speaking local guide in each city.
- Gratuities for guides, drivers and luggage porters at airports and hotels.

EXCLUSIONS:

1. Air Canada airport taxes/fuel surcharges, total of which is currently at CDN \$405.00 per person.
2. Navigational fee (NAVCAN), which is currently at CDN \$30.00 per person.
3. 6 Lunches and 9 Dinners
4. Drinks with meals.
5. The above rates DO NOT include *travel, health, accident or other insurance*.

See the Attached **Booking Form** for all details of Initial and subsequent deposits,
and the Program Cancellation terms.

Initial Deposit before March 31, 2016 is \$200 per person.