

# CUSCO & MACHUPICCHU (4D/3N)

**Highlights:** Cusco, Sacsayhuaman, Pisaq, Ollantaytambo and Machupicchu

**Included:** half pension, hotel, tours, guides, transportation and Entrance Fees!!

**Price per person: US 630.00**

**An exploration of the political and religious capital of the Incas: Qosqo (the “Navel of the Earth”), once the hub of the greatest empire ever seen in the Americas. We visit the historic city, where with the arrival of the Spanish Cusco’s temples and palaces became the foundations of magnificent neo-Baroque churches such as Santo Domingo and the Cathedral. In the hills above the city we explore the fascinating archaeological park of Sacsayhuaman – the former Inca house of the sun and beyond the verdant Sacred Valley, with its colourful local markets and ancient palaces like Ollantaytambo and Pisac, we visit Machupicchu, timeless and enigmatic, lost for centuries amid lush tropical vegetation. Welcome to the mysterious, magic and sacred world of the Incas!**

## ITINERARY:

### DAY 1: CUSCO AND CITY TOUR

Reception at the airport or bus station and transfer to the hotel. Free morning for acclimatizing (3300 mts / 10’900 ft) and optional visits. In the afternoon we visit the impressive Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park, once the Inca “House of the Sun”, with temples, palaces and important astronomical observatories. Many of the stones which form the walls weigh up to 200 tons and were placed with incredible precision. In the late afternoon, optional visit to the Centre of Native Art to enjoy typical music and dances of the region. Overnight in Cusco.

### DAY 2: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

Early morning bus to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. On the way we visit a weaving centre/museum, where the local weavers explain the textile making process from shearing, spinning and dying with plant extracts to the actual weaving.

We continue our tour with a visit to the archaeological site of Pisaq, fascinating for its location and architecture. We will have plenty of time to explore this beautiful place. After visiting the colorful handicraft market in the village of Pisac, we enjoy a delicious lunch in the valley. In the afternoon we drive to the typical village of Ollantaytambo, often described as a living museum, for the descendants of the Incas continue to live in the houses built by their ancestors. Overnight in Cusco. (B/D)

### DAY 3: MACHUPICCHU

Early morning, we will take the train service through the Urubamba Gorge to Aguas Calientes (Machupicchu). During the 4 hour ride following the course of the Urubamba we descend into ever more lush tropical vegetation. Arriving at Aguas Calientes, we drive up to the most famous site in the southern hemisphere: the enigmatic remains of the Lost City of the Incas: legendary Machupicchu. We visit this magical site with an expert guide and then have some time for individual exploration. In the afternoon we return by train to Cusco. (B/Box lunch).

### DAY 4: CUSCO-LIMA

Transfer Htl-Apt. for the national flight Cusco-Lima and international connections. (B)

**OUR SERVICE INCLUDES:**

<u>Transportation:</u>	Turist service
<u>Accommodations:</u>	3 nights hotel (3*, double rooms)
<u>Tours:</u>	As mentioned incl. transport, bilingual guide and entrance fees
<u>Included Meals:</u>	3 breakfasts and 3 Dinners

**NOT INCLUDED:**

International / national flights, airport taxes, optional tours/meals and extra services such as tips

SEASON:	January to March 2011
DURATION:	4D/3N
FITNESS-LEVEL:	Easy
DEPARTURE DATES 2011:	Daily

<b>TRIP COST 2011:</b>	<b>1 Participant</b>	<b>2 Participant</b>	<b>3 Participant</b>
<b>Private Service:</b>	US\$ 980.--/Pers.	US\$ 650.--/Pers.	US\$ 580.-- /Pers.
<b>Tours in Group service</b>	US\$ 630.--/Pers.	US\$ 560.--/Pers.	US\$ 530.-- /Pers.

**NOTE:**

**The prices are quoted base in double accommodation.**

**The reservations need to be done in advance with a 50 % of the total amount, the balance has to be pay in our office in Cusco, in cash.**