

Ultimate Challenges

Peru, Machu Picchu Trek

30th April to 10th May 2012



Registration fee: £250
Suggested minimum sponsorship: £3600
Self funded option: Tour costs between £1795 and £1595*

Peru is frequently referred to as the 'Land of the Incas' and has some of the most spectacular and varied scenery in South America.

Our route is on a rarely used Inca highway, a well kept secret which takes us through some of the most stunning scenery in the world. Starting in the heart of the Urubamba Valley as we follow in the footsteps of the Incas, passing snow capped mountains and glacial peaks. We end the trek at Machu Picchu; Peru's most famous Inca ruin, which had been abandoned to the forest for over 500 years until it was re-discovered in 1911 by an American historian Hiram Bingham.



Day 1 and 2 - London – Cusco

Fly from UK to Cusco via Madrid and Lima. After lunch, the afternoon is best spent at leisure acclimatising to the rarefied air of the High Andes.

Day 3 - Cusco

Day at leisure to explore the fascinating city of Cusco and the nearby Inca fortress of Sacsuayhuaman.

Day 4 Cusco – Chilipahua 5-6 hours

Short transfer to Papichu Bridge where we will begin our trek. The trail climbs via a small 'pampa' at Amparaki to the Watuq'asa pass (3900m) where there is an Inca wall and fortress surrounding the pass. We descend from the pass to a small valley and then head to our campsite at the small settlement of Chilipahua.

Day 5 Chiliapahua – Irway 8-10 hours

The longest day of trek. We cross the Chiliapahua pass (4650m) to the Silque river valley, then reascend to our campsite overlooking the stunning Ankascocha glacial lake.

Day 6 Irway - Kamicancha 6-8 hours

The morning trek takes us down to a small settlement, where we visit a small school. We continue down the Silque Valley with the glacial Mt Veronica looming ever larger in front of us. We descend over 1000m past stunning cascades and lots of interesting flora, there is also a chance we will see condor.

Day 7 Kamicancha - KM82 3 - 4 hours

This morning we trek across farmland to reach our campsite next the Urumbamba River by lunch time. We have an afternoon to relax and prepare for our trek to Machu Picchu tomorrow.

Day 8 KM82- Machu Picchu 6 hours

Early morning departure by train along the Urubamba Valley to KM104 where we begin our trek. We climb up to the famous Inca ruins at Winay Wayna. Here we join the standard Inca Trail which cuts across the ridge to Intipunku - the 'door of the sun' and the first exhilarating view of Machu Picchu. From Intipunku, we head through Machu Picchu to the town of Aguas Calientes where we celebrate in style with our Gala Dinner and a bit a Salsa!

Day 9 Machu Picchu – Cusco

There will be time to explore Machu Picchu before catching the train back through the Urubamba Valley to KM82 after lunch and then transferring back to Cusco.

Day 10 and 11 Overnight flight back to the UK.



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* Please note that airport taxes are not included in these costs, they are approximately £300.