

## PERU EXPRESS



**Duration:** 12 giorni 9 notti

**Min number of people:** 2

**Adult price:** 4720

**The price refers to:** person

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## **Day 1 ITALY - LIMA**

Depart from Italy by intercontinental scheduled flight to Lima. Meals and overnight stay on board.

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## **Day 2 ARRIVAL IN LIMA**

Arrive in the morning, transfer to the hotel and immediate settling into rooms. Breakfast. Time at leisure. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, visit the city's historic center: one of the most important capitals of South America, with a mix of colonial and modern architecture. The visit begins at the Plaza de Armas (the main square), witness not only to the founding by the Spanish, by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, but also to Peru's independence movements. Visit the Cathedral, built by the Spaniards in the Baroque style in the 17th century, and the Convent of San Francisco with its Baroque-Limeño facade. Then visit the Larco Museum, which houses an important collection of ceramics, textiles, and objects dating back to the Moche and other pre-Inca cultures. Return to the hotel. Overnight.

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## **Day 3 LIMA - AREQUIPA**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Departure by flight to Arequipa. Arrival. Transfer and check into hotel. Afterwards visit to Yanahuara district, Carmen Alto viewpoint offering splendid views of the Chilina Valley. Continue to the colonial center with a visit to the church and cloisters of the Society of Jesus. Then visit the Santa Catalina Convent, founded in 1579 and opened to the public in 1970. The religious complex covers an area of 20,000 sq. m. and is set among narrow, winding passages, colorful alleys and lush gardens. In the afternoon, visit the Santuarios Andinos museum, which houses the famous Juanita mummy (the Juanita mummy is kept in the dark for preservation from January 1 to April 30. During these months the Sarita mummy, also found on the Ampato volcano, is displayed). Overnight.

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## **Day 4 AREQUIPA - PUNO**

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Around 11:30 a.m., transfer by tour bus to Puno (by 10 persons in private service with Italian guide) with stops to photograph and admire the impressive and wild views of the plateau. Arrival, transfer and accommodation in hotel. Rest of the time free to acclimatize. Overnight.

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## **Day 5 PUNO - LAKE TITICACA - PUNO.**

Breakfast. Full-day excursion (by group boat with others and Spanish-English speaking guide) on Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake located at 3800 m above sea level that includes natural and artificial islands and hidden archaeological sites. Visit the floating islands of the Uros, an ancient local ethnic group, with the possibility of taking a walk on typical totora boats (optional), Taquile Island, and the indigenous community of Llachòn on the Capachica Peninsula. Overnight.

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## **Day 6 PUNO - CUSCO**

Breakfast. Collective transfer, with guide in Spanish/English, to Cusco (by 10 persons in private service with visit to Sillustani instead of Pucara) with a stop to visit Pucara, Raqchi or Viracocha Temple, built in the 15th century, considered by historians to be an important example of the different architectural techniques of the Incas and Andahuaylillas, with the Church of San Pedro, built by the Jesuits over an Inca construction in the late 16th and early 17th centuries and characterized by the splendid frescoes that cover the walls and roof, so that it is considered the "Sistine Chapel of the Americas." Lunch on transfer. Arrival and settling into the hotel. Overnight.

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## **Day 7 CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY - CHINCHERO - MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO.**

Breakfast. Full day of sightseeing in the Sacred Valley with a visit to the Chinchero market that takes place every Sunday (on other days you will visit the market in Pisac) with the colorful ponchos, sweaters and blankets made of alpaca wool where the inhabitants roam around wearing their traditional clothes. There is also a demonstration of wool processing: from washing, to spinning, to dyeing with natural dyes made from local plants. Afterwards, panoramic tour of the Maras Salt Mines located at the foot of a mountain and divided into numerous pools that receive salt water from underground. This salt mine is one of the oldest in Peru, known even before the arrival of the Incas in the region (during the rainy season, from the end of November to early April, we substitute the visit of Maras for the visit of Moray). Lunch on the excursion. Continue to the village of Ollantaytambo and visit the archaeological site of the same name, the imposing fortress that protected the entrance to the Sacred Valley. Transfer to the train station and depart by Expedition train to Machu Picchu Pueblo. Hotel accommodation. Dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 8 MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO.

Breakfast. Morning dedicated to a visit to Machu Picchu. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983, it is the iconic site of Peru and one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. Built at the highest point of the mountain in the 15th century by the Inca Pachacútec, it includes terraces, canals, and temples, made of large blocks of dry stone. Opposite "Machu Picchu" (meaning old mountain), is located the "Huayna Picchu" a summit reachable by a one-hour walk from which you can enjoy spectacular views of the entire archaeological area (optional - book in advance). Return to Machu Picchu Pueblo and depart by train to Poroy station. Continuation to Cusco, hotel accommodation and overnight stay.

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## Day 9 CUSCO

Breakfast. In the morning visit to the historic center of Cusco (UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983): the Plaza de Armas, where, according to legend, Inca Manco Capac's golden staff stuck, indicating to him the exact spot where he would found the city that would become the capital of the Empire; the 17th-century cathedral; and Koricancha, famous temple of temples. Afterwards, visit the surrounding ruins: the amphitheater of Kenko, a religious temple of complex shape; Puka Pukara, the red fortress, built by the Incas and composed of stairways and terraces. Tambomachay also called "bath of the Inca" and Sacsayhuaman, the cyclopean fortress that defended Cusco. At the end of the visits, stroll to discover the bustling San Pedro market, renowned both for its architectural structure (the building was designed by Gustav Eiffel) and for its colors and products: from the freshest fruit juices, to tortillas and other typical Andean products, from handicrafts, to coca leaves. A truly unique experience. Free lunch. Afternoon at leisure to quietly enjoy the beautiful city. In the evening, dinner with folkloric show. Overnight.

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## Day 10 CUSCO - LIMA

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport. Departure by flight to Lima. Arrival. Hotel accommodation inside the airport. Overnight.

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## Day 11 LIMA - ITALY

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and departure by intercontinental flight to Italy. Meals and overnight stay on board.



## Day 12 ARRIVAL IN ITALY

End of the journey.

### Il tour include:

Intercontinental flights Internal flights Hotels mentioned or if not available others of the same category on a double standard room basis Treatment as indicated in the program Transfers to and from the airport with private service and assistance in Italian. Transfers by tourist bus along the Arequipa/Puno and Puno/Cusco routes up to 9 participants. From 10 participants, service is by private transportation and guide in Italian. Visits and excursions as scheduled with local guides in Italian (except where otherwise indicated). In Machu Picchu, starting from 10 participants, the guide in Italian is private and accompanies passengers from Cusco. Train to Machu Picchu (Expedition on the outward journey and Vistadome on the return) Exclusive local Tour 2000 America Latina Italian-speaking escort from Lima to Lima from 15 people Airport taxes to be included in the ticket (subject to reconfirmation at the time of issuance) Medical/Luggage Insurance. Zero Risk Travel Policy. Expected gadgets and informative documentation Registration fees Assistance h24

### Nel tour non è compreso:

Policy to cover travel cancellation penalties Safe Price Guarantee Beverages, tips, personal extras Optional excursions and anything not listed under "the fee includes"



## PERU EXPRESS

December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026

A comprehensive tour to get to know the "Unmissable" places of this extraordinary country, rich in history, culture, ancient traditions and renowned gastronomy

### Characteristics of the Journey:

- Visit Lima and the Larco Museum where you can see one of the largest and most interesting collections of pre-Columbian pottery
- Discover the beauty of Arequipa, the "white city," from the color of the stone with which the splendid

buildings in the historic center were built

- Learn about the local culture by visiting the islands of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world
- Visit enchanting Cusco and the Sacred Valley with the colorful market of Chinchero, the salt flats of Maras and the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo
- See Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas, the most famous archaeological site on the continent