



## Mystical Machu Picchu & the Amazon River

The words 'Machu Picchu' evoke images of incredible mountaintop ruins floating above the clouds, terraced mountainsides and a brutal conquest by Pizarro. Let NexTour help you flesh out these images during an exciting 10 night adventure in Peru this fall.

The Inca Empire developed between 1400 and 1500 AD in an area which is now Peru. Under the leadership of Pachacuti, the Inca consolidated local tribes and expanded into a great empire. The Inca were incredible builders and architects and their irrigation systems, palaces, temples, and fortifications can still be found throughout the Andes. In the mid-1500s the Inca empire and culture were destroyed by the Spanish who were seeking Incan gold.

Until its re-discovery in 1911, Machu Picchu (the lost city of the Incas) remained forgotten. The architecture of the massive Inca stone structures, the formidable backdrop of steep hills, and the Urubamba River winding far below have made mystical Machu Picchu one of the world's must-see destinations. We will visit Machu Picchu twice and stay overnight at the foot of the mountain rather than returning to Cusco after one day as most groups do.

Our Incan explorations will begin in Lima, Peru's capital, where we'll stay in the upscale Miraflores district which is known for its shopping areas, gardens, and beaches. A city tour, a visit to the Larco Herrera Museum, and a welcome dinner in an ornate family-owned mansion are on our itinerary. Then we fly to Cusco and descend into the Sacred Valley of the Incas for guided tours of the ceremonial site of Kenko, where ancient rituals were performed, and the Temple of Sacsayhuaman, with its impressive display of stones weighing up to 300 tons. In the Sacred Valley we will also explore the Incan ruins at Pisac and Ollantaytambo. The present-day Quechua-speaking peoples of the Andes are the descendants of the Inca and make up almost 45 percent of the population of Peru.



Of course, no vacation to Peru is complete without visiting astonishing Machu Picchu. Built around 1450 at the height of the Inca Empire, it is located in a gorgeous mountain setting above the Sacred Valley. Stand in awe as you witness one of the most majestic images in South America, if not the world! After our Machu Picchu visit we'll spend time strolling through Cusco's Plaza de Armas, visiting its Temple of the Sun and its Cathedral, and getting to know this city of terra-cotta roofs and cobblestone streets.

Part two of our adventure begins when we board the intimate *Delfin III* and enjoy wine with dinners of Peruvian cuisine and the excitement of venturing deep into the Amazon jungle in search of elusive wildlife. During our three days on the Amazon River, we'll take naturalist-guided panga (small boat) rides through the river tributaries, observe Amazonian wildlife, and visit native communities. Cruise the Amazon while enjoying views of the vast rainforest full of wildlife through the panorama window of your air-conditioned cabin, or from indoor or outdoor observation lounges.

Take time to read the extended itinerary on the NexTour website about this extraordinary South American adventure, and then send a deposit for the tour of a lifetime.



### Daily Itinerary

- Oct 27** Fly Detroit/Lima, Peru
- Oct 28** Lima Walking tour
- Oct 29** Fly Lima/Cusco Sacred Valley
- Oct 30** Machu Picchu Ollantaytambo; home visit; PM Machu Picchu walk
- Oct 31** Machu Picchu AM visit to Machu Picchu; train to Cusco
- Nov 1** Cusco Walking tour
- Nov 2** Fly Cusco/Iquitos Walking tour; embarkation
- Nov 3** Amazon River Wildlife viewing excursions
- Nov 4** Amazon River Wildlife viewing excursions
- Nov 5** Fly Iquitos/Lima Disembarkation; Manatee Rescue Center
- Nov 6** Fly Lima/Detroit

### Included Features

- Escorted from Detroit by your NexTour Leader \*
- Airport parking and shuttle to terminal \*
- Pre-trip gathering with fellow NexTourists \*
- 7 nights hotel lodging, 3 nights aboard ship (including port taxes and transfers)
- 23 meals (10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners)
- Internal Flights: Lima/Cusco, Cusco/Iquitos, Iquitos/Lima
- Round-trip train: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu
- Walking tours: Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu (2 visits), Iquitos
- Incan ruins visits: Ollantaytambo, Sacsayhuaman, Kenko
- Tours: Sacred Valley, Manatee Rescue Center, San Francisco Monastery, Larco Herrera Museum
- Ship inclusions: wine with dinner; wildlife excursions; complimentary coffee, tea, mineral water, select soft drinks, local beer, and Pisco-based cocktails; cooking class
- Hotel and ship portage of one piece of luggage per person
- Airline baggage fees, 1 bag per person
- Round-trip main cabin air and destination transfers will be included at the additional price noted below unless you advise us otherwise at time of reservation.

\*Exclusive NexTour features



### Pricing (per person)

	Double	Single
<b>Main Deck Suite</b>	\$5,550	\$6,900
<b>Upper Deck Suite</b>	\$5,720	N/A
<b>Main Deck Corner Suite (1 king)</b>	\$5,970	N/A

Other than the 16 spaces being held for our group through April 17, this tour is sold out. Reserve now to ensure your participation.

We will add \$1,125 for round-trip international economy air from Detroit to the above cost unless you tell us you wish to make your own air arrangements at time of reservation.

**Deposit:** \$2,300 (air cost will be added to final invoice)

**Cancellation:** \$1,950 though 7/22/19  
\$4,185 through 8/26/19  
\$5,210 though 9/9/19  
No refund after 9/9/19

**Final payment due:** 7/22/19

**Airline:** American

**Documents Required:** Passport valid through May 6, 2020

Terms and Conditions 1-12 and Notes A and B on page 11 apply to this tour. This trip is for physically fit and healthy travelers. Elevations exceeding 10,000 feet can make even modest exertion a challenge; three days of our tour will be spent at elevations of 7,000 to 11,000 feet. Maximum enjoyment of this tour requires walking on cobblestone streets, uneven pathways, and climbing high and uneven stone steps as we explore Inca ruins.

### Accommodations (or similar)

**Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima** Well-located in the stylish Miraflores district, the 4.5-star modern hotel offers a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, spa, pool, and gym.

**Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley** This 4-star large modern hotel is one of the finest in the Valley. Enjoy a spa, a fitness center, restaurant, and panoramic views of the Andes from every room.

**Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel** Located adjacent to the Machu Picchu ruins, this 4-star large modern hotel boasts an Andean health spa, bar, restaurant, gift shop, and business center.

**Libertador Palacio del Inka, Cusco** A mansion dating back nearly five centuries, this Marriot 5-star hotel is in the historic center of Cusco, across from the Temple of the Sun and a ten-minute walk from the main square. Enjoy the hotel's spa, restaurant and fitness center.

**Delfin III** The riverboat carries 44 passengers and has three decks. Public areas: indoor and outdoor lounge areas, sundeck with plunge pool, spa, and bar. All cabins have floor to ceiling windows and air-conditioning. Main and upper deck cabins are 237 sq.ft. Corner suites are 253 sq.ft, have 1 king bed, and an hour spa treatment per guest is included.

**To view an expanded daily itinerary visit our website [www.nextourtravelclub.com](http://www.nextourtravelclub.com)**