

# JOIN USI

#### Join Dave Dahl, former Chief Meteorologist for KSTP-TV, on this Peruvian adventure!

Experience a bucket-list destination as we discover the wonder and mystique of Peru. This adventure will reveal fantastic contrasts of old and new, sophisticated and rustic, metropolitan and mountains, and luxury and simplicity. Most are familiar with its geographical wonders in Machu Picchu and the Amazon Rainforest, but Peru's rich history, diverse wildlife, sumptuous cuisine, and devotion to art and textiles by the friendly and welcoming Peruvians are certain to capture your imagination.

> As an added bonus, you'll enjoy this trip of a lifetime with special host, Dave Dahl, former Chief Meteorologist for KSTP-TV. Born and raised in Minnesota, Dave received his bachelor's degree in meteorology from Florida State University and then spent the next 43 years providing Minnesota with daily weather forecasts until his retirement in 2020.

We will begin our journey by gathering in Lima, a vibrant city of contrasts, culture and commotion. Ancient pyramids and other pre-Inca ruins are scattered among highrise modern buildings, historic churches and museums brimming with ancient treasures. We will then fly to Cusco and make our way to the Sacred Valley (Valle Sagrado). There will be an opportunity to explore local artisans' workshops and galleries, as well as nearby Ollantaytambo. Our journey to Machu Picchu begins with luxury train service and a motorcoach delivery at the entrance of the Citadel. This is sure to be a breathtaking experience that stays with you for the rest of your life. From Valle Sagrado, we travel by land to Cusco, where the ancient history of the pre-Incans, Incans, and Spaniards is displayed throughout the city's museums, architecture and cathedral.

This adventure to Peru promises natural, cultural, and historic richness.





### ACCOMMODATIONS

#### JW MARRIOTT HOTEL LIMA

A luxury escape awaits you at the waterfront JW Marriott Hotel Lima. Situated within steps of the beach and Costa Verde, the hotel is also convenient to Lima attractions like the Cathedral of Lima and Larcomar entertainment center. Enjoy delicious Asian and Peruvian cuisine at onsite restaurants and stop by the lounge for a drink. The Health Club is furnished with a full range of equipment, plus ocean views, while their seasonal outdoor pool provides refreshments for guests on hot days.

#### **ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS**

Built along the Vilcanota riverbank on the lands of an old 17th-century colonial hacienda, Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness is a member of Historic Hotels Worldwide®, which is dedicated to promoting heritage and cultural travel to prestigious historic treasures. It combines the magical encounter of two periods: the ancient Inca culture and the colonial majesty, in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. The splendid architecture of the hotel and the attention to detail combine to offer guests a highly welcoming atmosphere.

#### **SUMAQ MACHU PICCHU HOTEL**

Sumaq Machu Picchu hotel is located at the foot of the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu near the beautiful Vilcanota River, and offers impressive views of the mountains and landscapes. A hotel with a contemporary Andean style inspired by the ancient Peruvian cultures, Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel offers personalized luxury service, innovative Peruvian cuisine, and a relaxing spa that features ancient lnca treatments for the body and mind.

#### JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO CUSCO

Situated in the historical center of Cusco, the JW Marriott El Convento Cusco positions you to experience a living history that weaves Incan, Andean and Spanish cultures together like a rich tapestry. This luxury hotel is housed inside a restored 16th-century convent and features two exhibition halls filled with ancient Peruvian artifacts. Rejuvenate at the hotel spa with a treatment based on centuries-old Incan healing regimens. Enjoy the onsite Qespi Restaurant and Bar, considered one of the best restaurants in Cusco.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- » Eight nights' accommodations in featured hotels
- » Airport transfers and transportation throughout
- » Daily breakfast, seven lunches, and five dinners
- >> Tours, sightseeing, and entrances as indicated in the itinerary
- » Gatherings with host, Dave Dahl, throughout the trip
- » All taxes and fees on inclusions

### TOUR PRICING

**\$6,495** per person, based on double occupancy (\$6,725\*) **\$8,795** per person, based on single occupancy (\$9,095\*)

Prices include items listed under tour inclusions. All prices listed are per person for stated occupancy, include items listed under tour inclusions, and are based on cash or check payment.



#### DAY 1 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 DEPART FOR LIMA, PERU

Depart your home city for Lima, Peru. Upon arrival you will be met by our representative who will greet you and assist with your transportation to your hotel. Arrival will be late, so get some sleep before you begin your tour tomorrow.

Overnight: JW Marriott Hotel Lima

### DAY 2 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 LIMA, PERU

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Your morning is at leisure to rest or explore the surroundings near the hotel. Enjoy a welcome lunch at Café Restaurant at the Museo Larco. Then, visit the museum, an eighteenth-century vice regal mansion that houses more than 5,000 years of Peru's pre-Columbian history and is considered the most important museum in the country. Afterwards, head to downtown Lima where you can explore the Plaza de Armas and admire the exteriors of the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima, and the City Hall; all examples of Lima's still present colonial architectural opulence.

Afterwards, visit Casa De Aliaga, a colonial mansion that currently holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously inhabited private residence in the Southern Hemisphere. 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.

Overnight: JW Marriott Hotel Lima Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 3 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY

After an early breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, you will depart the airport and transfer to the Sacred Valley. Enroute you will stop to visit the Manos de la Comunidad Textile Center, a place where you can meet and feed Andean camelids such as llamas and alpacas. In addition, local people will show you their weaving and dyeing techniques for traditional textiles. Next head to Pisac, a beautiful town where the Inca and the colonial coexist perfectly and are part of the daily life of its inhabitants.



Walk around this picturesque town, famous for its craft fairs, where you can buy the most delicate ceramics, textiles, and jewelry. Make a stop for lunch at Hacienda Sarapampa. Discover the legacy of three generations of one of the most traditional families of the Sacred Valley. Learn about the generational experiences and the work that lies behind production of Cusco's giant white corn, a unique species that only grows in this area. And finally, enjoy a unique experience in the form of traditional cooking based upon local organic products, the legacy of farmers devoted to their land.

Overnight: Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 4 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 SACRED VALLEY

Enjoy breakfast and then start the day by visiting the Urubamba market, which brings together farmers and ranchers from different parts of the region. Each stand is an opportunity to discover the diversity of climates, altitudes, and other unique aspects that contribute to the enormous variety of essential ingredients used in Peruvian gastronomy.

With more than 35 years' experience studying techniques and iconography from pre-Columbian pottery, Pablo Seminario has become one of the greatest Peruvian handcraft masters. Through his long years of study, he has developed what we now know as the Seminario Style. In the heart of the Sacred Valley, he and his wife Marilú will welcome you to their workshop, home and gallery, where clay is brought to life. Together with them, you will immerse yourself in the rich legacy and wealth of skills and imagery of the Peruvian pottery tradition, with its more than 7000-year history. Lunch is included at Las Manos restaurant. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities. Dinner is included at Hacienda Huayoccari.

Overnight: Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 SACRED VALLEY

You start today by heading to Pachar, known as "the mural village of the Sacred Valley". During this visit filled with charming colors, you will explore the fascinating stories and traditions expressed in the vibrant murals that adorn the streets of the village.



Savor a Pachamanca lunch—a culinary voyage intertwined with ancient heritage. The Pachamanca, named from Quechua "earth" and "pot," epitomizes Peru's essence. As a Cultural Heritage treasure, it fuses tradition and ritual, a tribute to Mother Earth's nourishing role. After lunch, visit Ollantaytambo, one of the last surviving towns from the Inca period, which was jealously quarded by a colossal fortress. Explore the magnificent archaeological complex of what was originally a 'tambo', or way station, offering accommodation for royal delegations during long journeys. The vestiges of its architecture include some of the walls and towers originally intended to protect Ollantaytambo from possible attack. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Overnight: Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 6 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 SACRED VALLEY / MACHU PICCHU

Enjoy breakfast, and then head towards the station to board the train to Machu Picchu Pueblo. After a one and a half hour train ride, board the shuttle bus to the citadel.

Rediscovered in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, Machu Picchu is one of the most beautiful and enigmatic historic sites in the world. From the early 1400s, the Inca people built several hundred stone structures on this Andean mountaintop. However, legends and myths suggest that Machu Picchu, meaning "old peak" in the Quechua language, was revered as a sacred site long before then. Now considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the Modern World, its architectural beauty, stunning natural surroundings, and the powerful energy of its mysterious structures are truly breathtaking. After your visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the evening participate in a cooking and bar master class: Hot Ceviche and Munay Songo Cocktail. Dinner is included at the hotel with a tasting menu.

Overnight: Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



# DAY 7 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 MACHU PICCHU / SACRED VALLEY / CUSCO

Breakfast is included at your hotel. You have free time this morning for a second chance to visit Machu Picchu citadel, or time to relax and enjoy the local atmosphere. After lunch, head to the train station to board the train to Ollantaytambo. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel in Cusco. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Overnight: JW Marriott El Convento Cusco Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 8 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 CUSCO

Today you will visit the archaeological site of Sacsayhuaman. This colossal structure, built with huge carved rocks joined with absolute accuracy, is an astounding sample of the Incan military architecture and, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyo. Then continue with a visit to one of the most impressive buildings of Inca Cusco: the Koricancha, "golden enclosure" in Quechua.

This temple is dedicated to the worship of the Sun god, who, according to the stories looked inside, and found the entire walls covered with gold. Afterwards, visit the bohemian neighborhood of San Blas, inhabited by renowned artists. Finally, head towards the Plaza de Armas. Enjoy an incomparable view of the Jesuit Church, which was built over the old Amarucancha, the palace of the Inca Huayna Capac. Take a guided tour to discover the mysteries of the Cathedral and admire its lovely atria and priceless 17th and 18th century paintings of the Cusco school.

Overnight: JW Marriott El Convento Cusco Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 9 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 RETURN TO HOME

This morning after breakfast, you depart towards the Cusco airport to board your flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast

# **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE** A valid passport with 6 months validity from your scheduled return is required for U.S. citizens.

**NOT INCLUDED** Airfare, air taxes and fees, passport fees, airline baggage fees, meals (unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary), optional sightseeing or onboard excursions, phone calls, travel insurance, gratuities for drivers and guides on excursions, or any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

**RESERVATIONS** All reservations will be handled directly with Carrousel Travel.

**DEPOSIT** \$1,250 per person due at time of booking

SECOND DEPOSIT \$1,250 per person due by April 4, 2025

FINAL PAYMENT Due by June 6, 2025

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**CANCELLATIONS** Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt by Carrousel Travel.

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From April 4, 2025 through June 6, 2025, \$2,500 per person

From June 7, 2025 through departure date, no refund

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