

# 16-DAY MARVELS OF LATIN AMERICA CRUISE TOUR

COLON TO LIMA

PRE-CRUISE LAND TOUR - 5 DAYS

**EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES OF THE INCA** at Machu Picchu, sparkling colonial cities in Ecuador and Peru, and the incredible engineering achievement of the Panama Canal on this magnificent Cruise Tour. Travel high into the Andes where tropical forest and emerald terraces cover the peaks and the lost city of Machu Picchu seems to emerge organically from the granite hillsides. The stone walls are so precisely carved and fitted they have stood for 600 years through earthquakes and floods without an ounce of mortar. Then travel even deeper into Inca culture as you learn how they grew crops on these impossible slopes, dine on indigenous flavors, and visit a local food market where you may still hear people speaking Quechua, the language of the ancients. In Ecuador you'll find a small country that's one of the most biodiverse on the planet, with the world's greatest concentration of bird life. You'll find birds everywhere flitting through the banana plantations of Machala, paddling in the river along Guayaquil's Malecón 2000 boardwalk, roosting on the grand Baroque buildings in Manta. Ecuador is also the gateway to the Galapagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with uncommon wildlife, where up to 20% of the species are island-specific – a world wonder you can explore in-depth on our optional multi-day Galapagos Overland Tour. To cap off this incredible journey, make a daylight transit of the Panama Canal with jungle on both sides and another ocean straight ahead.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 11 meals: breakfast (4), lunch (4), dinner (3)
- 4 hotel nights: 1 night at Pullman Lima Miraflores\*, 2 nights at Tambo del Inka\*, 1 night at Palacio del Inka\*
- Half-day guided Machu Picchu tour and Vistadome train ride
- Local farm tour and agricultural museum visit in the Sacred Valley
- Urubamba market tour, local ceramic demonstration and guided tour of historical Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Guided tour of Lima
- Roundtrip flights between Lima and Cusco
- All transfers from yacht to hotel, to and from sites and to the airport
- 11-day cruise aboard Star Pride from Colon to Lima or reverse
  \*or similar





#### DAY 1 - Arrive in Lima

Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru, a city filled with colonial riches, Incan history, and gastronomic delights. Your representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to the Pullman Lima Miraflores, a 5-star boutique hotel located just steps from the spectacular Pacific Ocean.

(Includes transfer from the airport and overnight at Pullman Lima Miraflores.)



#### DAY 2 - Sacred Valley

This morning, transfer to the airport and board your flight to Cusco, where you'll meet your guide for the drive to the Sacred Valley. The drive alone is stupendous, with views of the Andean mountains, the valley surrounding the Urubamba River, rural villages, and roaming llamas and alpacas. But this valley also once formed the epicenter of the Inca Empire. The rich and fertile agricultural land allowed the Incas to grow essential crops like corn, potatoes, olluco, quinoa and coca leaf, considered a sacred plant. Visits to a local farm and an agricultural museum give you insights into the Inca's sophisticated farming

techniques and crop genetics, such as the development of Giant White Corn, an ancient crop that grows only here in this valley. Enjoy a four-course lunch at the hacienda and watch the museum's demonstrations of chicha brewing (a non-alcoholic beer) and traditional textile techniques. Afterwards, proceed to the 5-star Tambo del Inka Resort & Spa, your accommodations for the night, and dine at the on-site Hawa Restaurant, which features organic ingredients and local products from Peru.

(Includes transfers, lunch, dinner, flight from Lima to Cusco, and overnight at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, in Sacred Valley.)



#### DAY 3 - Machu Picchu

Board the aptly named *Vistadome* train bound for Machu Picchu this morning, its panoramic windows and skylights immersing you in the Andean landscape. Machu Picchu was lost to the world until it was rediscovered by adventurer Hiram Bingham more than a century ago. The 15th-century Inca citadel is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and also one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Perched nearly 8,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains, the city (likely a royal retreat) was never discovered by the Spanish and is marvelously well preserved. Explore the wondrous city with your guide, appreciating the

awe-inspiring views and learning about the amazing culture, architecture, and feats of engineering the Incas were known for. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant nearby, take the Vistadome train and private transfer back to your hotel. This evening, dine once again at the Hawa Restaurant with a newfound appreciation for their cuisine infused with indigenous flavors.

(Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, transfer, roundtrip Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, Machu Picchu site admission, private transfers to/from the train station, and overnight at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, in Sacred Valley.)





# DAY 4 – Cusco

Get unique insights into local culture and flavors this morning as we tour the Urubamba market, an authentic food market where locals buy their daily goods, from colorful fruits and vegetables to Andean herbs, grains, meat, flowers, and household goods. After, we'll visit a local ceramic workshop where the artist revives ancient Peruvian techniques and designs, then make our way to the gardens of the Palacio Manco Capac boutique hotel in Cusco, a picturesque 17th-century colonial home, where we'll enjoy a picnic lunch. Our exploration continues in the afternoon with a stroll through the historic center of

Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Colonial sights like the Plaza de Armas (Main Square) and the magnificent Cusco Cathedral are built over what used to be Inca landmarks – respectively Warrior's Square, and an Inca temple later rebuilt as an Inca palace. Tonight, you overnight at Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel. This boutique property in Cusco was formerly a 500-year-old mansion, and its design and décor embrace Peruvian culture with features such as stone archways, Hispanic art, and ornate gilded antiques. Dine at Inti Raymi, the on-site restaurant, serving traditional Peruvian cuisine made from local Andean ingredients.

(Includes lunch, dinner, overnight at Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel, in Cusco.)



## DAY 5 - Lima

Rise early for your morning flight to Lima, the City of Kings. The historic center of Lima is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and there's lots to see, as you'll discover on our city tour. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Lima's bustling streets as we visit the city's main avenues, boulevards, and squares. Explore the Plaza de Armas (Main Square) of Colonial Lima on foot. This is the spot where Francisco Pizarro founded Lima. The square is bordered by the Government Palace, Town Hall, Archbishop's Palace, Casa Riva-Aguero, and the Lima Cathedral – picturesque examples of Lima's

opulent colonial architecture. At the center of the plaza, you'll find an elegant bronze fountain from the 17th century, the oldest surviving element of the square. Enjoy a delicious lunch at Café del Museo Larco, on the lower floor of the Museo Larco, a privately owned museum of pre-Columbian art. From here, transfer to the port in Callao and embark on your ship for the exciting cruise portion of your Cruise Tour.

(Includes breakfast, lunch, transfers, flight from Cusco to Lima, city tour of Lima, transfer to yacht.)

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