

Peru Trip Itinerary

Trip Information			
School	Peru Grand Journey Group 2	Dates	July 15th, 2017 - August 2nd, 2017
Lead Teacher	Eric Retterbush	Travelers	1 total, 0 students, 1 adults
Emergency #	(866) 211-7399	Tour Guide(s)	
Hotel Information			
Date	Hotel	Phone #	Address

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Saturday, July 15	Sunday, July 16	Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19
<p>Pack your bags and prepare for your amazing journey!</p> <p>Flight from USA to Lima, Peru</p>	<p>Flight from Lima to Cusco, Peru</p> <p>Get to know your fellow travelers and your guides at trip orientation!</p> <p>Enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and acclimatize</p> <p>Get to know your teammates over a group dinner!</p>	<p>Today you will begin planning your group's adventures for upcoming free days!</p> <p>Learn about activity options you can enjoy</p> <p>Use your budgeting and time management skills to create a schedule</p> <p>Work as a team to come to a consensus about your schedule</p> <p>As a team, book accommodations, transport, tours, and volunteer activities for your free days!</p>	<p>After a group breakfast, and tour of Cusco's market, make a plan to explore Cusco!</p> <p>Will you visit archaeological sites such as Sacsayhuaman or the Temple of the Moon at Q'enqo?</p> <p>Or will you explore the historic city center and its museums and churches?</p> <p>Use your team building and leadership skills to make a plan for the day</p> <p>After your day trip, finalize any future adventure plans for your upcoming free days</p> <p>Over dinner, discuss lessons learned about scheduling your free time and working as a team</p>	<p>Choose-your-own-adventure day near Cusco!</p> <p>Enjoy the fruits of your labor by going on an adventure your team has chosen</p> <p>Which Sacred Valley site will you visit?</p> <p>The beautiful ruins of Pisac? Or the unusual salt mines of Salineras? The choice is yours!</p> <p>When your day trip is over, enjoy an orientation program about tomorrow's home stay!</p>

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Thursday, July 20	Friday, July 21	Saturday, July 22	Sunday, July 23	Monday, July 24
<p>Depart Cusco for the ancient Incan city of Ollantaytambo</p> <p>From Ollantaytambo, you'll journey into the mountains to the picturesque village of Huilloc</p> <p>Meet your home stay family and have lunch</p> <p>Watch a traditional weaving demonstration</p> <p>Interact with villagers, practice your Spanish, and shop for textiles</p> <p>Dinner with host family</p> <p>Orientation program about tomorrow's Inca Trail trek!</p>	<p>After breakfast with your home stay family, we depart for the Inca Trail</p> <p>This three day hike will take you to the heart of the Inca empire--Machu Picchu!</p> <p>Today's route is a moderate 7 miles and will take about 6 hours to complete</p> <p>We will camp at beautiful Yuncachimpa with views of snowcapped peaks</p>	<p>After a hearty breakfast, we will hike to Warmihuanusca Pass, the highest point on the trail</p> <p>We will admire the amazing scenery and then begin our descent to Pacaymayo River</p> <p>All in all, today's hike will be strenuous. It will take about 8 hours and will cover 9 miles.</p> <p>Tonight we will camp at the beautiful Pacaymayo River</p>	<p>Today we will hike all the way from the mountain tops to the cloud forests below</p> <p>Along the way, we will explore the many archaeological sites we pass</p> <p>This hike is rated easy and will take the group about 6 hours.</p>	<p>Today we will arrive at our destination--Machu Picchu!</p> <p>We will wake up early and hit the trail in time to catch the sun rise over this ancient city</p> <p>Enjoy a guided tour of the ruins and some free time to soak in the sights</p> <p>After a day of exploration, we will take a bus ride down from the city to Aguas Calientes</p> <p>We will then enjoy a beautiful train ride back to Cusco</p>

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Tuesday, July 25	Wednesday, July 26	Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28	Saturday, July 29
<p>Today we will have a rest day in Cusco</p> <p>Relax and wrap up any additional plans for Choose Your Own Adventure Days</p> <p>Perhaps you'll choose to visit museums, take a cooking class, or participate in a salsa lesson.</p> <p>The choice is yours!</p> <p>In the evening, we'll have orientation about our upcoming Jungle Adventure!</p>	<p>After breakfast, we will board our flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado on the Amazon river!</p> <p>Travel by boat down the Amazon river to our lodge</p> <p>Take a guided trek into the Amazon jungle. See local wildlife and learn about medicinal plants</p> <p>Enjoy a night time boat trip for wildlife viewing on the river!</p>	<p>This morning we will take a short boat trip to the start of our trek to a hidden lagoon</p> <p>Enjoy the enormous trees at the lake, as well as the monkeys and birds!</p> <p>Row boat trip to Monkey Island for more wildlife viewing</p> <p>Climb the island's look out towers to see life in the canopy</p> <p>Return to the lodge for free time at the pool</p>	<p>Today we will visit Parrots Clay Lick to see these beautiful birds</p> <p>Check out of the lodge and being the voyage back to Puerto Maldonado</p> <p>Shop at the market before flying back to Cusco</p> <p>Rest up and make any final preparations before your free days!</p>	<p>Choose your own adventure days begin!</p> <p>By now you've gotten the hang of things in Peru, so take control of your journey!</p> <p>Will you see the beautiful Lake Titicaca?</p> <p>Or visit the colonial city of Arequipa?</p>



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Sunday, July 30	Monday, July 31	Tuesday, August 1	Wednesday, August 2
Will you go ziplining? Or white water rafting? The choice is yours!	Is it time for a soak in the hot springs? Or more trekking in the Sacred Valley? Make the most of your time!	At group breakfast, we'll reflect on our amazing journey and the lessons learned Then it's time for some quick souvenir shopping Depart for the airport for flight back to Lima and then to the US	Arrive back in the US on day 19