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MACHU PICCHU LUXURY TOUR, PERU

A fascinating bespoke journey
into the ancient Inca Empire

JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Your luxury tour of Machu Picchu will combine the highlights of Incan history and colorful local culture with outdoor adventures set amidst the majestic Andes. After your international arrival into Lima, head via domestic flight to the Sacred Valley, a beautiful landscape dotted with important Incan sites, where options for hiking, biking, and horseback riding abound. Then, set out for the lush jungle surrounding Machu Picchu. You will have the option to hike into the historic citadel through the same entrance used by the Incans, or ride aboard the luxurious Hiram Bingham train. After exploring the site with your private guide, you will continue to the city of Cusco. There, experience the day-to-day rhythms of traditional Andean life as you explore the San Pedro market with a local chef and wander through the winding streets of Cusco, where impressive Incan masonry still predominates.

A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private meditation ceremony with a renowned Shaman
- Private train carriage journey to Machu Picchu
- Meeting with esteemed scholars
- Exclusive music demonstration with a renowned Peruvian musician
- Exclusive dinner event at the Coricancha Temple

The Discovery

- The Sacred Valley
- The Inca Trail
- Machu Picchu
- Cusco
- Lima

The Adventure

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Horseback riding
- Zip-lining

Duration

8 Days

When to go?

JAN FEB MAR APR JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

DESTINATIONS		TRAVEL TIME
LIMA	 CUSCO	1 hr 15 min
CUSCO	 SACRED VALLEY	1 hr 30 min
SACRED VALLEY	 MACHU PICCHU	2 hrs
MACHU PICCHU	 CUSCO	3 hrs
CUSCO	 LIMA	1 hr 15 min



PHOTOGRAPHY



PRIVATE TOUR MACHU PICCHU

Please note this private Machu Picchu tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. You will find below a summary outline.

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

Lima (1 night)

Your luxury Machu Picchu tour starts as you land in Lima, where you will be greeted by your personal host and taken to your hotel.

Sacred Valley (2 nights)

Receive assistance with check-in for your flight to Cusco the following morning. Upon arrival, your personal guide will show you the best of the Sacred Valley. Highlights include a multi-course Peruvian lunch at the elegant Hacienda Huayocari, served in the historic dining room surrounded by colonial art. Afterward, go horseback riding along local trails on Peruvian Paso horses, a unique breed known for its smooth ride. Along the way, take in spectacular views of the Andes and the lush valley's agricultural farms. Alternatively, you can experience a Shaman meditation ceremony arranged especially for your private party after lunch. Finally, spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing at your lodge in the heart of the Sacred Valley.

The next day, head by private transfer to the village of Cruzpata, where you will embark on an exciting mountain biking excursion to the terraced ruins of Moray. As you bike across the rolling hills of the valley, you will witness daily rituals of Peruvian rural life, such as local families working their cornfields. Stop at a secluded spot facing the impressive Andes for a gourmet picnic lunch before you reach the ruins of Moray. Once there, enjoy a private tour with your expert local guide.

From Moray, you head by private transfer to Maras, a pre-Incan site that has continuously produced salt for centuries. The terraces are divided into over 3,000 salt pools still harvested to this day by local families. Next, head into the village of Maras for a private tasting of pisco – a famous local brandy - at an exclusive house. You will then return to your lodge to rest before visiting the highlight of any luxury Peru tour: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu (2 nights)

Experience an awe-inspiring train ride along the towering Andes and the Quechua-speaking villages of the Sacred Valley as you head toward Machu Picchu. Either disembark the train at kilometer 104 and hike the last portion of the Inca Trail with your personal guide (passing through the Gate of the Sun) or take the luxurious Hiram Bingham train to Aguas Calientes, near Machu Picchu.

Check in to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, an exclusive lodge that overlooks the ruins, surrounded by gardens. Alternatively, stay at the luxurious Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, nestled between steep mountain walls of Andean greenery in the valley below the ruins. You'll wander through the ruins, trek to the Gate of the Sun, or ascend Machu Picchu Mountain, and, from above the clouds, take in the views of the Andes' peaks. Blue Parallel will plan your daily hikes based on your activity level and interests.

Cusco (2 nights)

Your private Machu Picchu tour continues with a luxury train back to the Sacred Valley, where you will continue to Cusco, the city of the “Children of the Sun.” Along the way, stop at Wayra, a traditional Peruvian restaurant in Urubamba, for an alfresco meal and a Paso horse show. Before reaching Cusco, visit the Chinchero Weaving Center to meet the Callanaupa family and learn about Peruvian weaving traditions.

In Cusco, you can choose between three luxury hotels: Palacio Nazarenas, a former palace and convent dating back to the 16th century; Monasterio Hotel, a monastery that was originally built in 1592 by descendants of the Spanish Conquistadores; or La Casona, a 16th-century manor house restored as an 11-suite luxury hotel.

The following day, enjoy breakfast with a Peruvian scholar as he explains the rich history of the Incas, and later visit the famed Cusco Central Market. Afterward, depart on a private guided tour of the main attractions of Cusco, including the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral, the Company of Jesus Church, La Merced Church, and the Museum of Religious Art located in the Archbishop’s palace. You’ll also be treated to a private music demonstration in the beautiful chapel of the Monasterio Hotel. Learn about the many different string, wind, and percussion instruments from various Peruvian civilizations dating back to pre-Incan times. In the evening, enjoy Cusco’s dynamic nightlife – the city is home to a choice of excellent restaurants and bars.

Cusco/Lima

In the morning, journey off the beaten track to the outskirts of Cusco to explore the Baroque churches that form part of Peru’s rich and diverse culture. You will first visit the tranquil village of Huaru to see St. John the Baptist Church, and later St. Peter’s Apostle Church in Andahuaylillas, famed for its impressive architecture and gold-leaf design.

On your way back to Cusco, stop in the town of Pinimpampa, the largest producer of Cusco’s famous handmade tiles. These same tiles have lined the roofs of Cusco’s houses for hundreds of years. Enjoy lunch in Cusco and later depart for the airport for your international flight back home via Lima. With only a few hours left of your private Peru tour, relax with a day-check at the airport hotel next door before your late evening flight.

ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalusia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey

We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.

OUR DESTINATIONS

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START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

How it all works

- 1 Contact us**
Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.
- 2 Initial Consultation**
We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.
- 3 Summary Itinerary Outline**
We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.
- 4 Detailed Itinerary Proposal**
Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.
- 5 Booking Procedures**
If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.
- 6 Pre-Trip Support**
Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.
- 7 During the Trip**
While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.
- 8 Post-Trip Debrief**
After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a “debriefing call” to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.