

Wonders of Peru



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Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Join us on a thrilling, immersive Peruvian experience! Savor your first taste of Peru in Lima, the capital city, before heading to the Sacred Valley to explore impressive Inca ruins and meet townspeople in an Andean mountain village. Afterward, journey to Machu Picchu, the mesmerizing Inca city high in the Andes. Then, venture to Cusco, a fascinating city sacred to the Incas and home to significant remains of their empire.

Continue your explorations by traveling to Iquitos, the gateway to the Amazon, where you'll embark on a three-night, deluxe cruise aboard the Delfin III. This elegant ship offers luxurious comforts as well as an open-air deck and lounge that's perfect for appreciating the extraordinary sights and sounds of the rain forest. During your cruise, you'll also board small expedition boats for incredible and memorable excursions!

This carefully crafted itinerary also features educational insights from local experts to enhance your appreciation of Peru's heritage. Plus, a professional Travel Director will be on hand to manage all the details so that you can truly enjoy your journey!

Space on this amazing adventure is limited to 28 travelers and will fill quickly. Make your reservation today to witness the wonders of Peru!

Sincerely,



David Bambrey
President

The EXPLORERS program is open to alumni of the University of Illinois, their families, and friends.

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Lima
2. Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu
3. City of Cusco



Machu Picchu



Lima



A World of Discovery



From magnificent Inca ruins to sophisticated Lima and the lush Amazon Basin, explore the richness of Peru! Delight in a luxury cruise through the Amazon rain forest and discover the astonishing diversity of its wildlife on guided skiff boat rides and jungle hikes. In the Sacred Valley and Cusco, delve into Peru's remarkable Inca heritage, and ride by train through the Andes to explore the temples, palaces and plazas of magical Machu Picchu!

Top: Exploring the Amazon Basin on skiff boats

Above: Macaw, Amazon rain forest

Cover: Machu Picchu

Mail panel: Red-eyed tree frog | Amazon rain forest

Inspiring Moments



- Immerse yourself in the unhurried atmosphere and **serene, unspoiled natural beauty** of this remote Amazon region.
- Witness the **incredibly rich wildlife** on the water and in the rain forest.
- Be awed by **Machu Picchu**, the majestic Inca complex perched high in the Andes among the clouds.
- Wander among the timeworn ruins of **sacred Inca cities**.
- Meet with residents of a village in the **Sacred Valley** and learn about their everyday life in the mountains.
- Visit a private, landmark residence in Lima and savor a **home-cooked Peruvian dinner**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Monastery of Santo Domingo, Lima

Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Lima, Peru

Depart Miami for Lima, Peru. Upon arrival, transfer to the Pullman Lima Miraflores.

Day 2 | Lima

Highlights of Lima. View the Larco Museum's excellent collection of pottery and artifacts that spans more than 5,000 years of pre-Columbian Peruvian history. Continue to Plaza Mayor, lined with stately, colonial-era buildings, in Lima's historic center. After a guided stroll, stop for lunch at Pardos Chicken, a popular Peruvian restaurant. Later, see the splendid interior of the Cathedral of Lima and visit the beautiful Monastery of Santo Domingo with relics of important Peruvian saints. Next, step inside Casa Aliaga, a delightful gem built in 1535 and still occupied by descendants of the Aliaga family. Admire its grand rooms richly adorned in wood and the serene courtyard.

AHI Connects | Meet the People. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner at Casa Garcia Alvarado, a National Historical Building. Tour this elegant, private home and savor a traditional meal with one of the owners.

Day 3 | Lima | Cusco | Sacred Valley

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, take a panoramic drive to the stunning Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, amid towering mountain slopes. Check in to the Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado and dine on Andean cuisine tonight.

Day 4 | Sacred Valley

Sacred Valley. Explore Ollantaytambo, an Inca hillside fortress renowned for its huge terraces.

Then, delve into the Incas' agricultural practices at the circular Moray Terraces, created as an experimental farm in the 15th century. Travel next to a mountain village to learn about ancient weaving methods and life in this challenging environment. Conclude with a wonderful lunch at a family estate that boasts lovely grounds, gorgeous views and fine artwork.

Day 5 | Sacred Valley | Machu Picchu

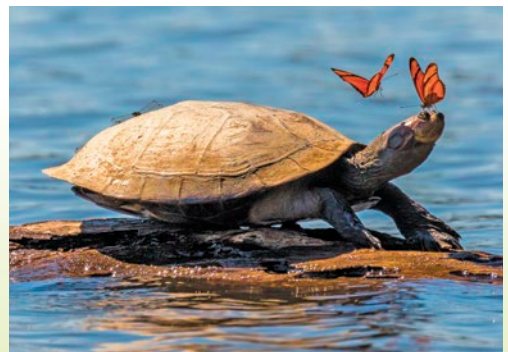
Take in scenic views on a train ride through the Sacred Valley to the town of Aguas Calientes and the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel.

Machu Picchu. Nestled in a cloud forest high in the Andes, the Lost City of the Incas is regarded as the most important archaeological site in the Americas. The mountaintop complex contains more than 200 buildings, all of which testify to the Incas' remarkable architectural skills. Wander through the temples, palaces and grassy plazas with your expert guide.

Day 6 | Machu Picchu | Cusco

Free Time: Your morning is at leisure. Relish picturesque mountain scenery on your

Amazon side-necked turtle





return train ride, then depart by motor coach for Cusco and check in to the Palacio del Inka.

Free Time: Make your own plans for dinner.

Day 7 | Cusco

Cusco, Ancient Inca Capital. Set 11,152 feet above sea level, Cusco was the religious and administrative center of the Inca Empire. Enjoy guided visits to the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas, noted for its colonial art, and the Santo Domingo Church, built on the foundations of the Incas' Koricancha Temple dedicated to the worship of the sun.

Take a break for a delicious lunch nearby.

Sacsayhuaman. Marvel at the immense stones (one weighs 125 tons!) of this imposing Inca fortress constructed without any mortar.

Day 8 | Cusco | Lima | Iquitos | Nauta | Cruising

This morning, transfer to Cusco's airport for your flight to Iquitos via Lima. Make your way through Iquitos, the gateway to the Amazon and accessible only by plane or boat, to Nauta on the Marañon River. On your route, see the vibrant *terra firma* (non-flooded forest). Embark the Delfin III at a private port in Nauta. As your cruise begins, soak up sweeping views from



Above: Plaza de Armas, Cusco | Inset: Local woman weaving

the observation deck while your naturalist guide reviews upcoming activities and the wildlife and plants that you are likely to see.

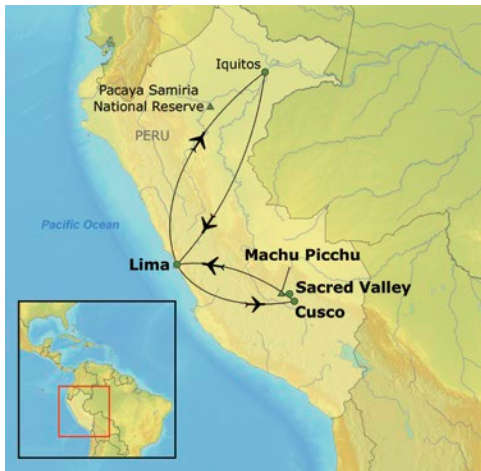
Day 9 | Cruising the Amazon Basin

Set out aboard skiff boats, anticipating the day's astounding and unexpected wildlife encounters. Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, where the ship cruises, is one of Peru's largest wildlife preserves with more than five million acres of rich biodiversity. Marvel at grey and pink dolphins and watch for toucans, macaws and capybaras hiding in the rain forest as you skim along rivers, creeks and lagoons.



Ollantaytambo

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **2 nights** in Lima, Peru, at the first-class Pullman Lima Miraflores.
- **2 nights** in the Sacred Valley at the first-class Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado.
- **1 night** in Machu Picchu at the first-class Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo.
- **2 nights** in Cusco at the deluxe Palacio del Inka.
- **3 nights** aboard the deluxe Delfin III.

Flights & Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Round-trip flight between Miami and Lima and all transfers in the Land | Cruise Program: flights, trains and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 6 dinners, including a Welcome Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Manatee Rescue Center



Day 10 | Cruising the Amazon Basin

Rising early is always rewarding since wildlife is most active at daybreak. Hike with your expert guide into the rain forest to discover the fantastic flora and fauna, including colorful parrots, hummingbirds and “laughing” falcons. Sharp eyes may spot red howler monkeys, sloths, butterflies and tarantulas. You’ll also have the chance to fish for piranhas!

Enrichment: *Contemporary Peru.*

Gather for a Farewell Reception on the ship.

Day 11 | Nauta | Iquitos | Lima | Miami, Florida

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Nauta and transfer by coach to the Iquitos airport.

Manatee Rescue Center. On your route, stop to see these endangered creatures up close.

Fly to Lima and connect to your return flight to Miami, Florida.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

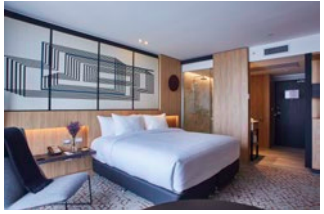
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This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3–5 miles
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven and slippery surfaces
- getting on and off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- climbing in and out of excursion boats
- walking up (sometimes steep) hills in ports where docks are not available and at sites in the Sacred Valley
- tolerating various climatic conditions, including high altitude and humidity

Accommodations



Pullman Lima Miraflores | Lima



Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado | Sacred Valley



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo | Machu Picchu



Palacio del Inka | Cusco



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Travel dates †

April 5-16, 2025

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

April 5-15, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Pricing

Category-Deck	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
D-Suite (Main)	\$7,740	\$6,990
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Delfin III



Aboard this intimate river ship, five-star comforts and conveniences abound. Enjoy outward-facing suites that feature floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows and luxurious amenities, including daily housekeeping with turndown service, individual climate control and the finest bed linens. On the open-air deck, gather for morning yoga or sip a rich Peruvian coffee as you watch the sunrise. Indulge in the Rainforest Spa's signature treatments that rejuvenate the mind and body. In the Andes Dining Room, the ship's culinary team serves delectable, regional cuisine expertly prepared with the freshest ingredients. At day's end, share your adventures in the air-conditioned Canopy Lounge and revel in the sounds of the jungle coming to life.



Sloth, Amazon Basin



Amazon flora

AHI Travel Expertise



From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators each offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Traditional Peruvian music

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