

## FULL MOON IN MACHU PICCHU

This is a **9 day / 8 night** deluxe itinerary based around you spending the night of the full moon @ the Sanctuary Lodge @ Machu Picchu. Other areas visited are Lima, Cusco & Sacred Valley.

### **DAY 01 LIMA**

Upon arrival in Lima, assistance at the airport and transfer to Miraflores Park/Orient Express hotel.

### **DAY 02 LIMA**

Visit the most representative places of Colonial Lima, which has been declared by UNESCO "World Cultural Heritage" While you drive to the "Convento de los Descalzos" build in 1592 you will pass by the historical district of Rimac where you will be able to see the beautiful colonial constructions of "Paseo de Aguas" and "Alameda de los Descalzos" Proceed to Casa Aliaga, America's best preserved colonial mansion in continuous occupancy by the same family since 1535. Your next stop will be the jesuit convent of San Pedro, jewel of peruvian baroque. After this we will visit the house that hold San Marcos University, founded in 1551 and first university in America was alma mater to various of America's finest intellectuals and renowned politicians.

Lunch at one of the best restaurants in Lima. After a nice lunch, visit the famous Larco Herrera Museum to admire its priceless pre-columbian artifacts. B/L

### **DAY 03 LIMA/CUSCO**

Transfer from the hotel to the airport and assistance on departure flight. Assistance at the airport on arrival flight in Cusco. Overland transportation to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas". A lovely country inn in the nearby Sacred Valley will serve as the base for an amazing array of fun activities and adventurous outings, full of cultural discovery.

Maras\* is the name of a place and of an indigenous community. The soil of Maras is rich in salt, its people have always made a living by extracting this resource using terraced salt pans. The salt pans are a magical sight, gleaming white in the sun. Today, we will visit Maras and see the salt being extracted in the traditional way. After that we will go to Moray, another Inca site, where different crops were planted on circular terraces built to create microclimates and for research with different species. B/L/D

\*In raining season (November – March), the visit to Maras and Moray will be replaced by a visit to the village of Chinchero.

### **DAY 04 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS**

There are Inca remains all over the valley, such as the village of Ollantaytambo, which contains a fortress built to defend it against the invading Chankas. Ollantaytambo is also an Inca village whose stone houses are still inhabited by the descendants of those ancient Peruvians. Then, drive through the valley and bargain with vendors at the typical market in Pisac.

Lunch at Casa Hacienda Orihuela, located on high ground in the valley which provides a unique view of this green land. The house was built by the old Lambarri Orihuela family as a place to keep and exhibit their valuable collection of art from the pre-Columbian and vice regal periods. The Lambarri family await with a lunch based on the valley's culinary traditions.

B/L/D

#### **DAY 05 SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS/ MACHU PICCHU**

Transfer to Ollanta train station to board the railcoach for one-and-a-half hour train ride to Machu Picchu. 25 minute motorcoach ascent to "The Lost City of the Incas". Guided tour of the marvelous citadel, an awe-inspiring experience.

Lunch and dinner at Sanctuary Lodge hotel. Overnight at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge/Orient Express hotel. B/LD

#### **Day 06 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO**

Dawn in Machu Picchu is a spiritual experience that has no rival. Then we will descend to the Inca city to tour it accompanied by professional guides who will answer all our questions and concerns. We will get to know the ritual city, the palace of Inca Pachacutec and his royal panaka (court).

Lunch at Sanctuary Lodge hotel.

Afternoon, motorcoach/railcoach transportation to Cusco. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. Dinner and overnight at Monasterio/Orient Express hotel. B/L/D

#### **DAY 07 CUSCO**

City tour including the Santo Domingo Convent Monastery – the legendary Koricancha "Site of Gold", which was the most important Inca temple as it was dedicated to the worship of the sun. The Spanish built a church and Dominican monastery on top of this temple, which reveals the two cultures existing together; the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral.

After seeing the most interesting sites of the city, you will drive out into the countryside outside Cusco to visit some of the remarkable Inca ruins in the area. The cult centre of Sacsayhuaman, the temple and amphitheatre of Kenko, Tambomachay and Puca Pucara.

Lunch at the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art cafe, in a marvelous colonial mansion, the Casa Cabrera, on the Plazuela de Las Nazarenas. B/L

#### **DAY 08 CUSCO/LIMA**

Assistance on departure flight. Upon arrival in Lima, assistance at the airport and transfer to Miraflores Park/Orient Express hotel. Free day to enjoy the city. B

#### **Day 09 LIMA**

Transfer to the airport for your international flight. B

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner

**2007 Prices from £2079 per person**

Including Domestic flights & Tax

Excluding International flights