

TOURVY



Peru on your own terms: Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cusco and the Amazon

Eleven days for one traveller: acclimatise in the Sacred Valley, walk the last stretch of the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu, two nights in Cusco, then the Tambopata rainforest

08 May 2027 - 18 May 2027 · 1 adult

Overview

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Hello Sanne de Vries,

Dear Sanne, this is Peru built around the two things you asked for: the logistics taken care of, and company at the big sites without being tied to a group. You acclimatise in the Sacred Valley before Cusco, walk the last day of the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu with a small group and see the citadel again at opening the next morning, then finish in the rainforest. Option A is 4,950 EUR including flights, inside your budget; Option B at 6,850 EUR upgrades the hotels, the train and the lodge.

Eleven days that climb gently into the Andes and end in the Amazon. One night in Lima's Barranco, then straight down into the Sacred Valley for three nights at 2,870 m: Pisac and its Sunday market, Moray, the salt pans of Maras and Ollantaytambo in the evening light. On day five you take the train to km 104 and walk the short Inca Trail through Wiñay Wayna to the Sun Gate, with Machu Picchu below you; the next morning you are back inside at opening with your guide. Three nights in Cusco follow, with a guided half-day, a cooking class and a free day. The last two nights are in a lodge on the Tambopata: caimans by night, macaws at dawn, giant otters on Lake Sandoval if you are lucky.

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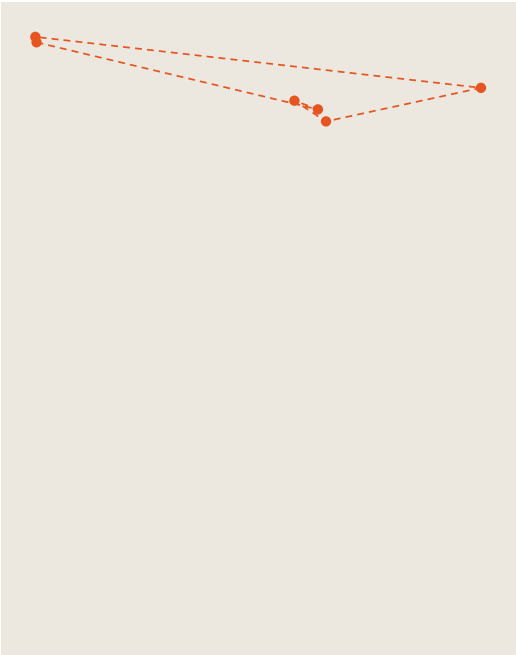
Lima, Peru

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Highlights

- Short Inca Trail through Wiñay Wayna to the Sun Gate
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- Sacred Valley first: Pisac market, Moray, the Maras salt pans, Ollantaytambo at golden hour
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Route



Route sketch for orientation

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Barranco, Lima, Peru

Lima

Lima

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
08/05/27 - 09/05/27	1	Boutique hotel in Barranco · Room as booked	Not specified

One night by the Pacific after the flight

01

Day 1 · 08/05/27

→ Barranco, Lima, Peru · 41 min

Arrival in Lima

Your flight from Amsterdam touches down in Lima in the late afternoon, seven hours behind European time. After clearing border control and collecting your checked bag, your private driver will meet you in the arrivals hall holding a sign with your name. The drive into Barranco takes roughly forty-five minutes to an hour, tracing the coastal highway while the Pacific surf breaks against the dark shores below the cliffs. The air at sea level feels damp and salty, a gentle opening to the journey before you ascend to the high Andes tomorrow.

You check in to your hotel, a converted mansion set along the quiet streets of Lima's bohemian district, just a few blocks from the clifftop walkway. The house retains its historical proportions, with high ceilings, polished wood, and an enclosed courtyard that insulates you from the city noise. After a long flight across the Atlantic, take a moment to unpack your essentials and freshen up, leaving the rest of the evening free for a slow, grounded walk nearby.

Follow the paths out toward the malecón, where the cliffs look straight across the open ocean. In the fading evening light, the coastal haze catches the sunset, and local neighbours take their evening stroll along the promenade. If you like, wander into the streets immediately around the property, where small restaurants, open-air cafés, and neighbourhood bars are located within a five-minute walk. We recommend keeping dinner light and sitting down early, allowing your body to settle into the new time zone before your journey into the mountains begins. (Please note: when returning to the hotel after dark or travelling across the neighbourhood, use the hotel's taxi booking app rather than hailing taxis on the street.)

Good to know: Keep a light sweater handy for the clifftop breeze this evening, and place your domestic travel documents within easy reach for tomorrow morning's transfer to the airport.

08/05/27 → Flight Amsterdam – Lima with KLM

08/05/27 → Airport pick-up to Barranco

08/05/27

Evening on the malecón

A short walk along the clifftop path above the Pacific and an early dinner near the hotel; Barranco's bars and restaurants are a five-minute walk. Use the hotel's taxi app rather than street taxis.

Day 2 · 09/05/27 Onwards to Urubamba, Peru

09/05/27 → Flight Lima – Cusco

09/05/27 → Transfer Cusco airport – Sacred Valley

Boutique hotel in Barranco

One night with breakfast in a converted mansion in Lima's bohemian district, a few streets from the clifftop walkway. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

Day 2 Onwards to Urubamba, Peru

Urubamba, Peru

Sacred Valley

Sacred Valley first: Pisac market, Moray, the Maras salt pans, Ollantaytambo at golden hour

Chapter highlight

Sacred Valley

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
09/05/27 - 12/05/27	3	Hacienda-style hotel in the Sacred Valley · Room as booked	Not specified

Three nights at 2,870 m to acclimatise

02

Day 2 · 09/05/27

→ Barranco, Lima, Peru · Urubamba, Peru

Acclimatisation in the valley

Your morning begins with a transfer to Lima airport for the flight up into the Andes. With a window seat on the left side of the aircraft, you can watch the coastal mist and desert plains give way to snow-dusted mountain ridges during the eighty-minute flight to Cusco. Upon touching down, your private driver meets you directly outside arrivals for the ninety-minute drive down into the Sacred Valley. Rather than staying at the high elevation of Cusco, you bypass the city entirely and descend to Urubamba at 2,870 metres, where the richer oxygen levels make your first night in the mountains significantly easier.

The road winds past agricultural fields, adobe farmsteads, and eucalyptus groves before dropping to the valley floor along the rushing Urubamba River. You arrive at your hacienda-style hotel, set within quiet gardens between the riverbanks and the surrounding peaks. Check into your room for a three-night stay, unpack your essentials, and take in the calm of the grounds. The Andean sun feels bright and warm in the thin air, while the courtyard corridors and terracotta walkways offer cool shade.

Devote this afternoon entirely to slow rest and acclimatisation. A gentle walk along the garden paths gives your body time to adjust to the elevation, though even slight inclines will make your breathing feel noticeably faster. If you like, sit on the terrace with a warm cup of local coca tea, letting the high granite walls around the valley absorb the afternoon light. For the evening, we recommend an early, light dinner at the hotel restaurant, choosing warm vegetable soups or native grains over heavy dishes. (Please note: mild shortness of breath and light headaches are normal when first arriving at 2,870 metres; drink water regularly throughout the day, avoid alcohol, and inform reception if you need supplemental oxygen, which is kept on hand at the front desk.)

Good to know: Keep a warm fleece and your sun protection in your daypack for the afternoon, as the temperature drops quickly the moment the sun dips behind the valley ridges.

09/05/27

Slow first afternoon at altitude

Rest, water, a short walk in the hotel garden, light dinner. Headache and short breath on the first afternoon at 2,870 m are normal; alcohol and big meals are not your friends today.

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Day 3 · 10/05/27

Day 3

Your morning begins with early light striking the mountain walls above the valley floor as you join your guide and a small group of up to eight fellow travellers. Today keeps a steady, unhurried pace suited to your second day at altitude, beginning with a drive along the Urubamba river toward the eastern ridge of Pisac. You start high above the valley at the Pisac archaeological site, where agricultural terraces sweep in wide stone arcs down the mountain spurs. Walking along the paths, you pass stone storehouses, watchtowers, and the polished masonry of the temple complex overlooking the river gorge below. We recommend taking the uneven stone stairways at an easy, measured stride, which keeps your breathing steady in the thin mountain air while you share the trail with your group. (Please note: keep your Sacred Valley tourist ticket ready in your daypack, as rangers inspect it at the site gate.)

From the heights, your driver brings the group down into the town of Pisac for the Sunday market that fills the main plaza. Canvas awnings shade rows of hand-dyed alpaca textiles, woven belts, pottery, and silver craftwork. Around the edge of the square, local women in layered skirts sell stacks of giant corn, native tubers, and bunches of fresh mint and coriander. If you like, pause near the corner clay ovens to try a hot empanada baked directly over wood embers.

You return to your hacienda-style hotel by mid-afternoon, giving you time to rest in the garden while the mountain shadows stretch across the grounds. An afternoon without scheduled activities allows your body to continue settling into the elevation before tomorrow's excursions.

Good to know: Cash in small-denomination Peruvian soles is necessary at the village market, as stalls rarely have change for large notes or accept payment cards.

10/05/27

Pisac: ruins and Sunday market, small group

Guided small-group day (max. 8): the terraces and temple of the Pisac ruins on the ridge, then down to the Sunday market in the village. Entrance via the Sacred Valley tourist ticket, included.

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Day 4 · 11/05/27

Day 4

Your day starts with a drive up onto the high Maras plateau, where open barley fields spread against the snowy summits of the Vilcanota mountain range. Paced to give you ample time on foot, the morning brings you alongside your small travel group to the concentric circular terraces of Moray. As you follow the outer pathways, you look down into the bowl-shaped farming amphitheatres carved into the limestone soil. The air here sits around 3,500 metres, noticeably cooler and drier than in the valley, with steady wind across the open plains. Walking quietly around the upper rims lets you study the stonework and shifting shade without straining against the thin air.

From Moray, the road winds down toward the narrow canyon of Qaqawiñay to the salt pans of Maras. Here, several thousand terraced ponds step down the red canyon slope, filled by a warm subterranean saltwater stream. You walk along narrow earthen ridges between the pale, crusty evaporation pools, watching local workers channel brine and harvest mineral crystals into white piles. (Please note: the entrance fee for the Maras salt pans is managed directly by the local community and must be paid in cash on the day.) If you like, pause near the overlook to take in the contrast between the white mineral crusts and the rust-red clay of the gorge walls.

In the late afternoon, your driver heads down to Ollantaytambo just as the day-trip buses depart for Cusco. You step into the grid of stone alleys, where clear water channels still rush along the streets beside intact Inca doorways. Your guide leads the walk up the monumental staircase of the agricultural terraces, where sharing the steady pace with your group helps keep your breath even as you rise toward the unfinished Temple of the Sun. In the late afternoon light, the pink granite blocks cast long shadows across the valley and illuminate the steep mountain face opposite.

Back at your hotel in the evening, we recommend setting aside time to prepare your gear for the trail. Your main suitcase will be transferred directly by road to Cusco tomorrow morning, so you will pack only a 5 kg daypack containing your hiking layers, waterproofs, toiletries, and change of clothes for the two days ahead.

Good to know: The walking paths between the salt evaporation ponds are narrow, unpaved, and occasionally slippery with brine, making sturdy walking shoes with reliable grip essential.

11/05/27

Moray, the Maras salt pans and Ollantaytambo at golden hour

Small-group day: the concentric terraces of Moray, the salt pans of Maras (small separate entrance fee, paid on the day), then the Ollantaytambo fortress in the late afternoon light, when the day-trippers have left. Back at the hotel, pack a 5 kg daypack for tomorrow; the main bag goes ahead to Cusco.

Day 5 · 12/05/27 Onwards to Aguas Calientes, Peru

12/05/27 → Luggage forwarded to Cusco

12/05/27 → Train Ollantaytambo – km 104

12/05/27 → Bus Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes

Hacienda-style hotel in the Sacred Valley

Three nights with breakfast in a garden hotel between the river and the mountains, single room, restaurant on site, oxygen available at reception. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

Day 5 Onwards to Aguas Calientes, Peru

Agua Calientes, Peru

Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu at opening, second entry with your guide

Chapter highlight

Machu Picchu

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
12/05/27 - 13/05/27	1	Small hotel by the river in Aguas Calientes · Room as booked	Not specified

The short Inca Trail in, one night below the citadel

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Day 5 · 12/05/27

→ Urubamba, Peru · Aguas Calientes, Peru

Inca Trail short hike

Your morning begins early at the Ollantaytambo railway station, where you board the Expedition train as it tracks the course of the Urubamba River into the canyon. After an hour and fifteen minutes, the train halts specifically for your small group at kilometre 104. Stepping directly onto the tracks with your five-kilogram daypack, you cross the footbridge above the rushing water to register at the Chachabamba checkpoint. Here you begin the ascent alongside your licensed guide and travel companions, settling into a steady, rhythmic walking pace as the dry scrub of the valley floor gives way to rising mountain slopes.

The trail climbs continuously along open stone steps before entering the humid shade of subtropical cloud forest. Orchids, moss-draped branches, and giant ferns line the granite path, and walking alongside fellow hikers offers pleasant company while tackling the steep elevation gain. After about three to four hours of climbing, you reach the dramatic agricultural terraces of Wiñay Wayna clinging to the mountainside. You stop here among the stone storehouses and running water channels to rest, eat your packed lunch, and take in the view down the plunging river gorge. (Please note: trail permits are strictly personalised and checked against your physical passport at the trail entrance, so keep it easily accessible in your pack.)

From Wiñay Wayna, the trail follows a gently undulating stone path through high forest before reaching a steep staircase that brings you up to Inti Punku, the Sun Gate. Passing beneath the stone portal, you catch your first sweeping view of Machu Picchu resting on its green ridge below, bathed in the soft light of the late afternoon. You descend toward the upper terraces of the citadel as the daytime visitors leave, pausing to view the stonework without crowds. An afternoon Consettur bus then transfers you down the zigzagging switchbacks to your hotel in Aguas Calientes. We recommend soaking under a hot shower and listening to the river rapids rushing past your room before an early night.

Good to know: If you choose to hike with trekking poles, park regulations require rubber protective tips over metal points to preserve the historic Inca paving stones.

12/05/27

Short Inca Trail to the Sun Gate

About 12 km and six hours with a licensed guide in a small group: the climb from Chachabamba, the terraces of Wiñay Wayna, cloud forest, then Inti Punku, the Sun Gate, with Machu Picchu below in the afternoon light. Permit and afternoon entry to the citadel included. (Please note: permits are limited and non-refundable; February is closed for maintenance.)

Day 6 · 13/05/27 Onwards to San Blas, Cusco, Peru

13/05/27 ➔ Train to Ollantaytambo and drive to Cusco

Small hotel by the river in Aguas Calientes

One night with breakfast, single room over the Urubamba rapids, hot shower, early breakfast box for the 5:30 bus. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

Day 6 Onwards to San Blas, Cusco, Peru

San Blas, Cusco, Peru

Cusco

Cooking class after shopping at San Pedro market in Cusco

Chapter highlight

Cusco

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
13/05/27 - 16/05/27	3	Boutique hotel in San Blas, Cusco · Room as booked	Not specified

Three nights in the old Inca capital

06

Day 6 · 13/05/27

→ Aguas Calientes, Peru · San Blas, Cusco, Peru

Day 6

The morning starts before dawn in Aguas Calientes with an early breakfast box from the hotel, followed by the first shuttle bus climbing the switchback road up the mountainside. You enter the sanctuary at opening with your guide, stepping onto Circuit 2 just as the morning mist lifts off the granite ridges. Your guide leads your small group along the upper terraces for the wide view across the ruins, where the early sun casts long shadows over the terraces and stone gables below. Following the stone staircases downward, you walk through the monumental gateway into the heart of the citadel. You cross between finely fitted granite walls, moving past the temple sectors, the open central plaza, and into the residential quarters where trapezoidal windows look out across the sheer drops of the canyon. (Please note: Circuit 2 follows a strict one-way route that does not permit backtracking, so pause for photos and rest before moving past each viewpoint.) Sharing the walk with a handful of fellow travellers keeps the pace unhurried as you take in the stonework and the precipitous drops of the surrounding cloud forest.

After completing the circuit and returning to the base of the mountain, you take the afternoon train as it tracks the bends of the rushing Urubamba River back toward Ollantaytambo. At the station, your private driver meets you for the drive across the high plateau and over the mountain pass toward Cusco, climbing back up into the thinner air at 3,400 metres. The route winds through quiet farming communities and golden stubble fields before descending into the tile roofs and amber street lamps of Cusco.

Your driver brings you up the narrow cobblestone alleys of San Blas, dropping you at your colonial boutique hotel where your forwarded luggage is already waiting. If you like, step into the stone courtyard for a warm cup of coca tea before heading to your room; we recommend taking the evening slowly to let your lungs readapt to Cusco's higher elevation.

Good to know: San Blas is built on steep pedestrian lanes, so wear sturdy walking shoes for the short walk across the cobblestones to dinner.

13/05/27

Machu Picchu at opening, Circuit 2 with guide

Second entry on the classic circuit with your guide: the upper terraces for the postcard view, then the temples, the main square and the residential sector. Timed ticket (S/163) and guide included; the first bus leaves Aguas Calientes at 5:30.

07

Day 7 · 14/05/27

Cusco at altitude

Your morning begins at Sacsayhuamán on the ridge above Cusco, where you meet your small group and guide among the fitted limestone blocks of the megalithic walls. From the terrace edges, you look straight down over the terracotta roof tiles of the valley basin, with the morning sun cutting through thin Andean air at 3,400 metres. Take the uphill stretches between the stone ramparts slowly; your body is adjusting well after the valley, but the altitude still requires a steady, deliberate pace. The group offers easy company as you walk together down into the historic core, stopping at the cathedral square before entering Qorikancha. Inside the Sun Temple, polished Inca stonework forms the base beneath the colonial arches of the Dominican convent, showing how the two building traditions lock directly into one another.

In the late morning, you walk into the Mercado San Pedro with a local chef for the first part of your cooking class. The covered hall is dense with the scent of fresh mint, roasting corn, and damp earth. You move between stalls piled high with dozens of indigenous potato varieties, pale roots, and unfamiliar Andean fruits, selecting fresh produce alongside your group. From the market aisles, you step into the kitchen to prepare a three-course Andean dinner under the chef's instruction, chopping herbs, handling native grains, and sharing the work at the counter before sitting down together at the table to eat what you made.

After the meal, the afternoon is free for you to explore the cobblestone alleys of San Blas at your own pace. The steep, whitewashed lanes wind past artisan workshops, quiet courtyards, and small craft studios perched above the main square. If you like, pause on a stone bench in a quiet square to rest your legs and watch the cloud shadows move across the surrounding hills. (Please note: keep your physical tourist ticket and passport with you throughout the morning, as both are checked at the entrance gates to Sacsayhuamán and Qorikancha.)

Good to know: The stone alleys of San Blas climb steeply, so we recommend flat walking shoes with good grip for the afternoon cobblestones.

14/05/27

Cusco with a guide: Sacsayhuamán and Qorikancha

Half-day small group: the megalithic walls above the city, then the Sun Temple with the Dominican convent built on top of it, and the cathedral square. Tourist ticket and Qorikancha entry included.

14/05/27

San Pedro market and cooking class

Shop for the class in the market hall (fruit you have never seen, potatoes in forty kinds), then cook a three-course Andean dinner with a local chef in a small group and eat it together.

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Day 8 · 15/05/27

Day 8

Your eighth day offers a deliberate pause in the itinerary, leaving the pace entirely in your hands after several days of trail walking and transfers. You can take a slow morning in San Blas, stepping out of your courtyard into the crisp Andean air as craftsmen unlatch their wooden shutters along the cobblestones. If you like, spend an unhurried couple of hours visiting the Inca Museum to view the collections of carved stonework, ceramics, and textiles that chart the history of the imperial city. The narrow pedestrian alleys invite easy wandering on your own, leading between stone foundations, artisan workshops, and quiet whitewashed squares that catch the early sun.

For the afternoon, you might book a massage to ease tired muscles, or simply find a table on a second-floor café balcony overlooking the main square. From there, you can watch daily life move across the flagstones, sip warm herbal tea, and watch the cloud shadows drift across the terracotta roofs and surrounding slopes. Cusco rests at 3,400 metres, so an unstructured afternoon of resting, drinking water, and moving at your own tempo lets your body consolidate its acclimatisation before you fly to the Amazon lowlands tomorrow.

If you prefer an active mountain challenge over a quiet day in town, the optional excursion to Rainbow Mountain departs Cusco at 4:30. Joining the small guided group provides companionable company on the three-hour drive through the frost-rimmed pastures of the high plateau, where the morning light catches herds of grazing alpacas. From the road, the hike climbs steadily over red earth and shale for an hour and a half to two hours up to the ridge at 5,036 metres, where mineral deposits stripe the mountain crest in bands of ochre, copper, and turquoise. (Please note: the ridge reaches extreme altitude where oxygen is thin, so turn back with the guide immediately if you begin to feel lightheaded or develop a headache.)

Good to know: If you choose to join the Rainbow Mountain excursion, lay out your warm layers, thermal gloves, and windproof outerwear the night before so you are ready for the pre-dawn collection.

15/05/27

Free day in Cusco

A day without a programme: the lanes of San Blas, the Inca Museum, a café above the square, or a massage. If you want a challenge, the optional Rainbow Mountain day tour leaves at 4:30 and climbs to 5,036 m; we only recommend it after the days you have now had at altitude.

15/05/27

Optional: Rainbow Mountain day tour

Bookable extra, about 60 USD: three hours' drive each way, 1.5–2 hours of walking up to the ridge at 5,036 m. Only if you feel fully acclimatised; the guide can turn back with you at any point.

Day 9 · 16/05/27 Onwards to Tambopata National Reserve, Peru

16/05/27 → Flight Cusco – Puerto Maldonado

16/05/27 → River boat to the lodge

Boutique hotel in San Blas, Cusco

Three nights with breakfast in a colonial house with a courtyard in the artists' quarter above the Plaza de Armas, single room, oxygen on request. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

Day 9 Onwards to Tambopata National Reserve, Peru

Tambopata National Reserve, Peru

Tambopata

Macaw clay lick at dawn and Lake Sandoval by canoe in the Tambopata

Chapter highlight

Tambopata

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
16/05/27 - 18/05/27	2	Rainforest lodge on the Tambopata · Room as booked	Not specified

Two nights in a rainforest lodge

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Day 9 · 16/05/27

→ San Blas, Cusco, Peru · Tambopata National Reserve, Peru

Clear-water Amazon lodge

Your morning begins with a short flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado, descending from the thin Andean air at 3,400 metres to the humid warmth of the Amazon basin at just 180 metres above sea level. Lodge staff meet you at the airport arrivals area and escort you to the river landing. Here, you board a covered motorised canoe alongside fellow lodge guests for the ninety-minute journey up the silt-laden Tambopata River. As the boat pushes against the current, dense walls of primary rainforest rise on both banks, hung with lianas and tall cecropia trees. You eat lunch from leaf-wrapped parcels while watching the muddy shoreline slip past under a wide tropical sky, sharing the long wooden benches with your travel companions.

In the afternoon, the boat pulls up to the lodge's wooden slipway beneath the high forest canopy. The buildings sit elevated on stilts with boardwalks connecting the open-air common areas to the guest rooms, which are constructed of local timber and open on one side directly to the jungle. Your room features a draped mosquito net, a private bathroom with hot water, and an immediate front-row seat to the chorus of cicadas and forest birds. The pace slows down here; taking an hour to rest after the transition in altitude and humidity allows your body to adjust to the heat. We recommend changing into lightweight, long-sleeved clothing and pulling on the rubber boots provided by the lodge before setting foot on the damp clay trails.

After dinner in the dining hall, you step into the dark with your naturalist guide and small group for an evening walk. Moving by the beam of your head torches, your guide inspects tree trunks, buttress roots, and damp leaf litter to point out tree frogs, stick insects, and tarantulas emerging from their burrows. From the trail, you return to the riverbank and board the canoe into the darkness as your guide sweeps a spotlight across the muddy banks, searching for the glowing orange reflection of caiman eyes at the water's edge. (Please note: keep your head torch switched off while the boat is in motion so the guide can locate wildlife without interference from stray beams.)

Good to know: Guest rooms are open to the forest on one side, so check that your mosquito net is tucked firmly beneath the mattress before you extinguish your bedside lamp for the night.

16/05/27

Night walk and caiman boat

After dinner, a short trail walk with head torches for frogs and tarantulas, then the boat along the bank with a spotlight for caiman eyes.

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Day 10 · 17/05/27

Day 10

You wake before sunrise while the river mist still hangs over the Tambopata. A wooden boat carries you and your small group upriver into the morning cool, the outboard motor cutting low as you approach the Chuncho clay lick. As daylight filters through the canopy, macaws and parrots circle above the trees before descending in flashes of red and green to scrape mineral-rich earth from the exposed river cliff. You eat breakfast on the open beach directly opposite the wall, sharing binoculars and thermos coffee with your companions while the birds feed and call across the water.

Later in the day, the journey turns inland along a shaded forest trail leading toward Lake Sandoval. Walking beneath tall palms and ironwood trees on the damp dirt path, you reach the edge of the oxbow lake and step into a paddled wooden canoe. The water is dark and still, mirroring the canopy between dense thickets of aguaje palms. Keep an eye on the water line for the sleek heads of giant otters breaking the surface, while hoatzins perch visibly in the overhanging branches alongside the canoe.

We recommend keeping a small dry bag close at hand for your camera gear during both the river transfers and the trail walk. If you like, spend the late afternoon on the lodge veranda with a cool drink, watching the river turn amber as dusk settles over the trees. Dinner brings your group back together in the timber dining hall, after which you retire to your room where mosquito netting protects your bed and the open-sided wall lets in the unbroken chorus of night birds and frogs. (Please note: wildlife activity at the clay cliff is sensitive to weather, and heavy morning rain can alter the timing of bird arrivals.)

Good to know: High humidity means washed clothing rarely dries overnight, so keep one set of dry clothes sealed in your daypack specifically for relaxing in the lodge.

17/05/27

Macaw clay lick at dawn

Boat upriver before sunrise to the clay cliff where macaws and parrots gather; breakfast on the beach opposite while they come in.

17/05/27

Lake Sandoval by canoe

Forest trail to the oxbow lake, then a paddled canoe among the palms: giant otters if you are lucky, hoatzins for certain. Back for dinner and a last night of forest sounds.

Rainforest lodge on the Tambopata

Two nights full board in a wooden lodge with rooms open to the forest on one side, mosquito nets, private bathroom with hot water, guided programme in small groups. Sample trip: property type, not a real lodge.

Lima, Peru

Home via Lima

Home via Lima

Dates	Nights	Accommodation	Board
08/05/27	0	Not specified	Not specified

Two flights and an evening departure

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Day 11 · 18/05/27

Departure

Wake early to pack your bags and listen to the final morning calls from the surrounding canopy before breakfast at the lodge. You step down to the riverbank one last time and board the motorised canoe alongside your small group of companions. Traveling downriver with the current makes for a steady journey, the boat cutting smooth arcs through the water as morning light breaks across the dense walls of greenery on either side. At the river port, staff transfer you to the Puerto Maldonado airport for the midday flight back to the coast.

Board the LATAM flight for the roughly one-hour-and-forty-five-minute journey, watching the flat green expanse of the Amazon basin give way to the rugged peaks of the Andes before you descend through the low coastal cloud layer into Lima. After collecting your luggage, check into your day-room near the airport. This private room gives you a quiet space to step out of your humid jungle clothes, take a hot shower, and reorganize your belongings at an unhurried pace.

We recommend repacking your main bag with any worn trekking gear and market purchases, keeping your warm layers and travel documents handy in your daypack for the flight home. If you like, enjoy a relaxed, early dinner near the terminal before heading over to check in. (Please note: international departure procedures in Lima often see heavy queues in the evening, so ensure you enter the terminal and complete baggage drop at least three hours before your scheduled flight.) Walk to the KLM departure gate for your nonstop flight to Amsterdam, settling into your seat for the twelve-hour-and-twenty-minute crossing back across the Atlantic.

Good to know: Keep your passport, boarding pass, and a warm sweater easily accessible in your cabin bag so you can move smoothly through security and stay comfortable during the long overnight flight.

18/05/27

About this sample trip

Sample trip of the Tourvy demo workspace. The traveller and the consultant are fictional; hotels and the lodge are property types, not real houses; images are AI-generated; prices are illustrative. Ticket rules, train times and entrance fees follow public sources as of September 2026.

18/05/27 → Boat and flight to Lima

18/05/27 → Flight Lima – Amsterdam with KLM

Services

Accommodations

08/05/27 - 09/05/27

Boutique hotel in Barranco

One night with breakfast in a converted mansion in Lima's bohemian district, a few streets from the cliff-top walkway. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

09/05/27 - 12/05/27

Hacienda-style hotel in the Sacred Valley

Three nights with breakfast in a garden hotel between the river and the mountains, single room, restaurant on site, oxygen available at reception. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

12/05/27 - 13/05/27

Small hotel by the river in Aguas Calientes

One night with breakfast, single room over the Urubamba rapids, hot shower, early breakfast box for the 5:30 bus. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

13/05/27 - 16/05/27

Boutique hotel in San Blas, Cusco

Three nights with breakfast in a colonial house with a courtyard in the artists' quarter above the Plaza de Armas, single room, oxygen on request. Sample trip: property type, not a real hotel.

16/05/27 - 18/05/27

Rainforest lodge on the Tambopata

Two nights full board in a wooden lodge with rooms open to the forest on one side, mosquito nets, private bathroom with hot water, guided programme in small groups. Sample trip: property type, not a real lodge.

Getting around

08/05/27

Flight Amsterdam – Lima with KLM

Nonstop, about 12 h 30, departing late morning and landing in Lima in the late afternoon local time (seven hours behind the Netherlands in May). Economy, one checked bag.

08/05/27

Airport pick-up to Barranco

Private driver meets you at arrivals with your name; about 45–60 minutes along the coast depending on traffic.

09/05/27	Flight Lima – Cusco Morning flight with LATAM, about 1 h 20; fare with checked bag included. Window seat on the left for the Andes.
09/05/27	Transfer Cusco airport – Sacred Valley Private driver straight down into the valley, about 1 h 30, without stopping in Cusco: Urubamba lies 500 m lower than the city, which makes the first nights easier.
12/05/27	Luggage forwarded to Cusco Your main bag travels by road to the Cusco hotel; the train allows 5 kg per person, so you carry a daypack only for the two Machu Picchu days.
12/05/27	Train Ollantaytambo – km 104 Early Expedition-class train along the Urubamba river, about 1 h 15 to the trailhead stop; permit, guide and tickets are booked as one package.
12/05/27	Bus Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes Consettur shuttle down the switchbacks, about 25 minutes; return ticket for tomorrow morning included.
13/05/27	Train to Ollantaytambo and drive to Cusco Afternoon train back along the river (about 1 h 40), then a private driver over the pass into Cusco, about 1 h 45. Your main bag is waiting at the hotel.
16/05/27	Flight Cusco – Puerto Maldonado LATAM nonstop, about 40 minutes from 3,400 m down to the rainforest at 180 m. Lodge staff meet you at the airport.
16/05/27	River boat to the lodge Motorised canoe up the Tambopata river, about 1 h 30 with lunch on board; rubber boots and rain poncho provided by the lodge.
18/05/27	Boat and flight to Lima Early boat downriver, LATAM flight Puerto Maldonado – Lima around midday (about 1 h 45), day room near the airport for a shower before the evening departure.

Experiences

- **Evening on the malecón**
A short walk along the clifftop path above the Pacific and an early dinner near the hotel; Barranco's bars and restaurants are a five-minute walk. Use the hotel's taxi app rather than street taxis.
 - **Slow first afternoon at altitude**
Rest, water, a short walk in the hotel garden, light dinner. Headache and short breath on the first afternoon at 2,870 m are normal; alcohol and big meals are not your friends today.
 - **Pisac: ruins and Sunday market, small group**
Guided small-group day (max. 8): the terraces and temple of the Pisac ruins on the ridge, then down to the Sunday market in the village. Entrance via the Sacred Valley tourist ticket, included.
 - **Moray, the Maras salt pans and Ollantaytambo at golden hour**
Small-group day: the concentric terraces of Moray, the salt pans of Maras (small separate entrance fee, paid on the day), then the Ollantaytambo fortress in the late afternoon light, when the day-trippers have left. Back at the hotel, pack a 5 kg daypack for tomorrow; the main bag goes ahead to Cusco.
 - **Short Inca Trail to the Sun Gate**
About 12 km and six hours with a licensed guide in a small group: the climb from Chachabamba, the terraces of Wiñay Wayna, cloud forest, then Inti Punku, the Sun Gate, with Machu Picchu below in the afternoon light. Permit and afternoon entry to the citadel included. (Please note: permits are limited and non-refundable; February is closed for maintenance.)
 - **Machu Picchu at opening, Circuit 2 with guide**
Second entry on the classic circuit with your guide: the upper terraces for the postcard view, then the temples, the main square and the residential sector. Timed ticket (S/163) and guide included; the first bus leaves Aguas Calientes at 5:30.
 - **Cusco with a guide: Sacsayhuamán and Qorikancha**
Half-day small group: the megalithic walls above the city, then the Sun Temple with the Dominican convent built on top of it, and the cathedral square. Tourist ticket and Qorikancha entry included.
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- **San Pedro market and cooking class**
Shop for the class in the market hall (fruit you have never seen, potatoes in forty kinds), then cook a three-course Andean dinner with a local chef in a small group and eat it together.

- **Free day in Cusco**
A day without a programme: the lanes of San Blas, the Inca Museum, a café above the square, or a massage. If you want a challenge, the optional Rainbow Mountain day tour leaves at 4:30 and climbs to 5,036 m; we only recommend it after the days you have now had at altitude.

- **Optional: Rainbow Mountain day tour**
Bookable extra, about 60 USD: three hours' drive each way, 1.5–2 hours of walking up to the ridge at 5,036 m. Only if you feel fully acclimatised; the guide can turn back with you at any point.

- **Night walk and caiman boat**
After dinner, a short trail walk with head torches for frogs and tarantulas, then the boat along the bank with a spotlight for caiman eyes.

- **Macaw clay lick at dawn**
Boat upriver before sunrise to the clay cliff where macaws and parrots gather; breakfast on the beach opposite while they come in.

- **Lake Sandoval by canoe**
Forest trail to the oxbow lake, then a paddled canoe among the palms: giant otters if you are lucky, hoatzins for certain. Back for dinner and a last night of forest sounds.

For the whole trip

- **Flights Amsterdam – Lima – Amsterdam with KLM**
Nonstop both ways, economy, one checked bag.

- **Three domestic flights with LATAM**
Lima–Cusco, Cusco–Puerto Maldonado, Puerto Maldonado–Lima; fares with checked bag.

- **Ten nights as described**
Single rooms with breakfast in Lima, the Sacred Valley, Aguas Calientes and Cusco; two nights full board in the Tambopata lodge including all excursions and boat transfers.

- All transfers with a private driver
Airport pick-ups and drop-offs, Cusco airport to the Sacred Valley, Ollantaytambo to Cusco, luggage forwarded to Cusco while you are at Machu Picchu.
- Short Inca Trail package
Permit for km 104, train Ollantaytambo–km 104, licensed guide in a small group, afternoon entry to Machu Picchu, bus to Aguas Calientes, return bus and train the next day.
- Machu Picchu second entry with guide
Timed ticket for Circuit 2 at opening on day 6 and your guide for the morning.
- Guided small-group days
Pisac and the Sunday market, Moray–Maras–Ollantaytambo, Cusco half-day, cooking class with market visit. Sacred Valley and Cusco tourist tickets and Qorikancha entry included.
- Travel documents, 24-hour emergency line, travel security certificate
Day-by-day plan with pick-up times, altitude guide, contacts of every driver and guide; the security certificate comes with the booking confirmation.
- Optional: Rainbow Mountain day tour
About 60 USD, bookable on day 8, only if you feel fully acclimatised.

Excluded

- Meals and drinks not listed
Breakfast is included everywhere and all meals at the lodge. Count on about 15–25 EUR for a dinner in Cusco or Lima.
- Small entrance fees on the day
Maras salt pans (about 5 USD), Inca Museum, Huayna Picchu is not included and not recommended after the trail.
- Tips for guides, drivers and lodge staff
Customary: about 10 USD per guided day, 3–5 USD per driver, a shared tip box at the lodge.
- Vaccinations, insurance, visa
Yellow fever vaccination is recommended for the Amazon part; see your travel clinic 6–8 weeks before. Dutch citizens need no visa for Peru. Travel and cancellation insurance on request through us.

Prices

Total Price: €4,950

Valid until: 30 Nov 2026

Payment schedule

Deposit: €990 (20 %) · within 14 days of confirmation

Balance: €3,960 (80 %) · by Apr 8, 2027 (30 days before departure)

Inclusions

Flight Amsterdam – Lima with KLM; Airport pick-up to Barranco; Flight Lima – Cusco; Transfer Cusco airport – Sacred Valley; Luggage forwarded to Cusco; Train Ollantaytambo – km 104; Bus Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes; Train to Ollantaytambo and drive to Cusco; Flight Cusco – Puerto Maldonado; River boat to the lodge; Boat and flight to Lima; Flight Lima – Amsterdam with KLM; Evening on the malecón; Slow first afternoon at altitude; Pisac: ruins and Sunday market, small group; Moray, the Maras salt pans and Ollantaytambo at golden hour; Short Inca Trail to the Sun Gate; Machu Picchu at opening, Circuit 2 with guide; Cusco with a guide: Sacsayhuamán and Qorikancha; San Pedro market and cooking class; Free day in Cusco; Optional: Rainbow Mountain day tour; Night walk and caiman boat; Macaw clay lick at dawn; Lake Sandoval by canoe; Flights Amsterdam – Lima – Amsterdam with KLM; Three domestic flights with LATAM; Ten nights as described; All transfers with a private driver; Short Inca Trail package; Machu Picchu second entry with guide; Guided small-group days; Travel documents, 24-hour emergency line, travel security certificate; Optional: Rainbow Mountain day tour

Not included

Meals and drinks not listed; Small entrance fees on the day; Tips for guides, drivers and lodge staff; Vaccinations, insurance, visa

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