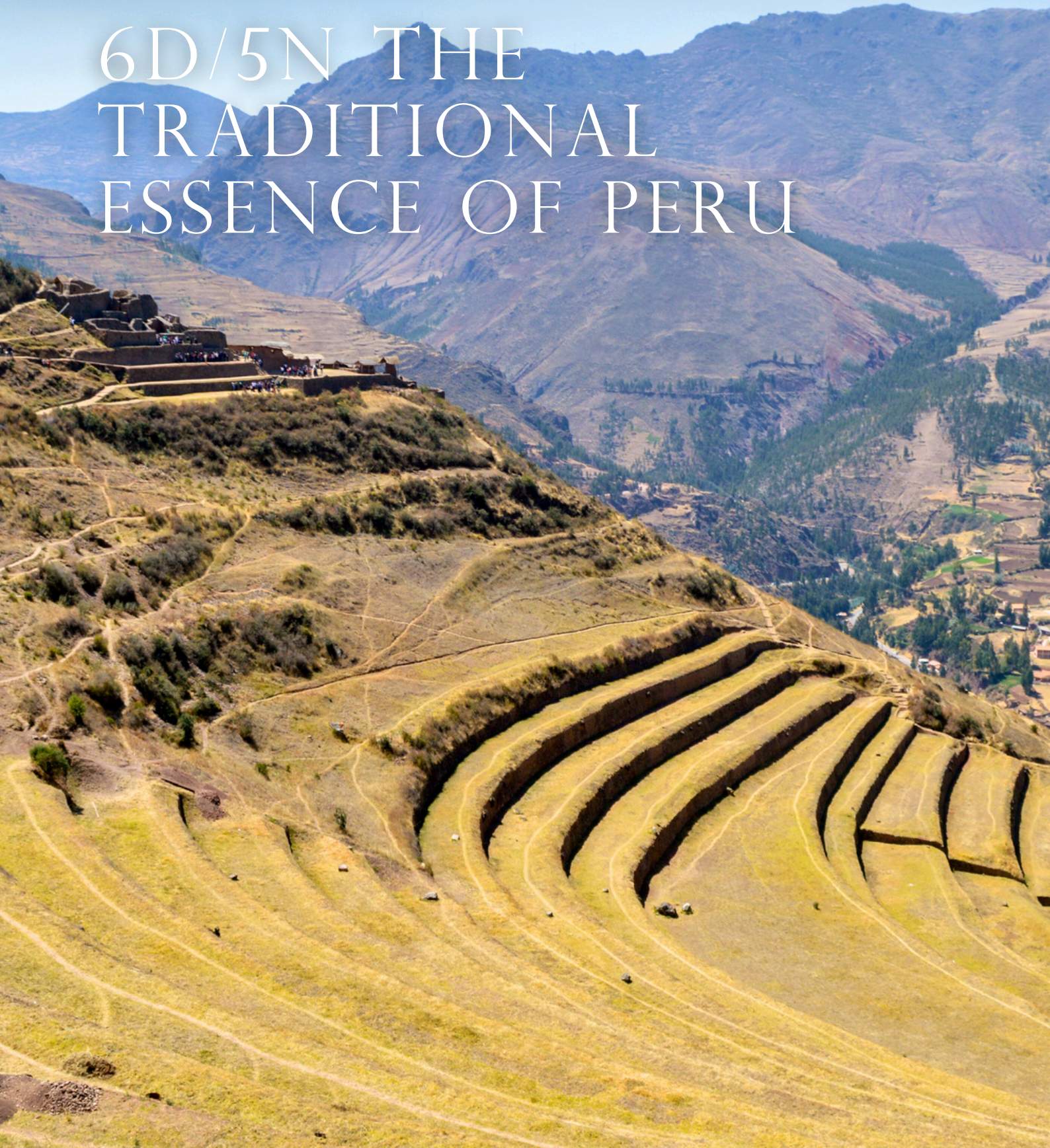


6D/5N THE TRADITIONAL ESSENCE OF PERU





ITINERARY

DAY BY DAY



Discover **Peru** through a 6-day 5-night trip that combines vibrant urban experiences with historical sites and stunning natural beauty. The itinerary allows you to explore Peru's cultural center through a relaxed and rewarding journey, which starts at Lima's coastal beauty and famous food scene before reaching Cusco and the Sacred Valley. Your adventure reaches its peak with a visit to the majestic citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Your journey begins as you touch down in Lima, the capital city and cultural heart of Peru. Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport, you'll be welcomed by one of our representatives and transferred in private service to your hotel in the lively district of Miraflores or San Isidro, modern, vibrant areas known for their ocean views, gardens, and excellent gastronomy.

After check-in, take time to relax and recover from your travels. If you arrive earlier in the day, you may wish to stroll along the Malecón, a scenic clifftop promenade overlooking the Pacific Ocean, or enjoy a coffee in one of the many cafes surrounded by bougainvillea and palm trees.

For dinner, Lima offers a world-class culinary scene that blends indigenous ingredients with European, Asian, and African influences. From fresh ceviche to award-winning tasting menus, the city is a global food capital. We would be happy to recommend a local restaurant or reserve a table if you're interested in an early taste of Peru's flavors.

Settle in for the night and prepare for the cultural treasures and natural wonders that await you in the coming days. Overnight at Courtyard Marriott or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 2: LIMA CITY TOUR & FLIGHT TO CUSCO

Start the day with breakfast at your hotel before joining your guide for a fascinating journey through Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the impressive Cathedral of Lima and the San Francisco Convent, whose catacombs reveal Lima's colonial past.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Upon arrival, a private transfer will take you to your hotel. Take the evening to rest and acclimate to the altitude in this magical highland city. Overnight at Hotel Sonesta or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 3: CUSCO AND NEARBY RUINS TOUR

After a nutritious breakfast, you will have the **Cusco** and Nearby Ruins Tour allows visitors to experience the ancient Inca capital, which combines Inca and colonial architectural styles.

The tour includes visits to major attractions, which consist of the Cathedral and the Plaza de Armas, and Koricancha, which is known as the "Temple of the Sun." The visit to the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere also includes Kenko, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, and the Sacsayhuaman fortress, an impressive example of Inca military architecture. Overnight at Hotel Sonesta or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 4: PISAC MARKET AND OLLANTAYTAMBO ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEX

The Sacred Valley of the Incas leads us to Pisac, a charming colonial town renowned for its vibrant indigenous market, which draws numerous visitors. The market of Pisac attracts artisans from surrounding villages who bring their beautiful alpaca textiles and handcrafted products for sale. The market visit enables visitors to participate in price discussions with residents about their available items.

The Incas established this site as a military stronghold, which contains a temple along with terraced fields and an urban area. There are two distinct areas, which include the religious worship section and the residential living section. The administrative center of Ollantaytambo functioned through its military operations, which became evident from its walls and defensive towers. The people of Ollantaytambo continue to practice Inca traditions, which earned their village the name "Pueblo Inca Viviente." The meal plan includes lunch. Overnight at Hotel Sonesta or similar.

(B/L/-)

DAY 5: CUSCO – MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

The trip started with a combination of bus and train transportation. The breathtaking and enormous fortress stands as Peru's most significant tourist attraction. The explorer Hiram Bingham from North America found this hidden city after it had stayed concealed for 400 years within the mountainous terrain and tropical rainforest in 1911. Machu Picchu served as both a religious center and an astronomical observation site, and it functioned as the personal retreat of Inca Pachacútec. The site contains two main sections, which include agricultural land and urban areas with temples and royal mausoleums, and plazas that display masterful construction techniques. The journey back to Cusco begins during the afternoon hours. Overnight at Hotel Sonesta or similar.

(B/-/-)

DAY 6: CUSCO - LIMA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return home. Share your unforgettable experience in Peru, a Land of Wonders, with your family and friends.

(B/-/-)

RATES

From \$490
per person



Includes

- Accommodation in a Double Room
- Lunch is included DoubleTree by Hilton Iquitos hotel.
- All meals on board the Zafiro.
- All excursions and equipment (including hiking boots and rain ponchos).
- Transfers from/to the Hotel and Ship when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos.
- Entry fee to The Pacaya-Samaria National Reserve.
- Sodas, natural juices, coffee, tea, water, and local alcoholic beverages (house wines, beer, and pisco cocktails) are included at lunch and dinner.
- Welcome drink: Pisco Sour.



Not Includes

- Meals
- Tips
- Domestic Flights
- Personal expenses
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages

Hotels:

Lima: Courtyard Marriott

Cusco: Sonesta

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Lima, known for its world-class gastronomy and historic UNESCO-listed center.
- Discover Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, with its unique blend of Inca and colonial architecture.
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- Experience the colorful Pisac Market and connect with Andean traditions through local textiles and handicrafts.
- Explore the remarkable fortress and living Inca town of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime visit to Machu Picchu, the legendary Lost City of the Incas.

TRAVEL TIPS

- Wear comfortable shoes, as you'll explore archaeological sites with uneven terrain.
- Bring lightweight jackets and multiple clothing items because weather conditions between Cusco and Pisac, and Ollantaytambo shift quickly.
- Stay hydrated, especially at higher altitudes. Carry a reusable water bottle.
- Use sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat, as the Andean sun can be strong.
- Carry cash, ideally in small bills, for purchases at local markets

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Peru's weather varies by region and altitude. Lima offers a mild coastal climate with cooler, humid mornings and warmer afternoons. In contrast, Cusco and the Sacred Valley experience cooler highland conditions, with warm, sunny days and chilly nights.

Fitness Requirements

Moderate fitness is recommended. The itinerary includes walking tours and hikes. Participants should be comfortable with humidity and occasional uneven terrain.

FAQS

1. Do I need to present my passport during the tour?

Yes. You will need your passport for the train ride and for entering Machu Picchu.

2. Is lunch included during the Sacred Valley day?

Lunch is not included. You'll have a scheduled stop in Urubamba, where you can choose from several restaurant options.

3. How strenuous is the tour?

The tour involves moderate walking on uneven terrain, especially at Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Altitude may also make the walk feel more demanding.

4. Is the train to Aguas Calientes included?

Yes, the train ride is included. The scheduled departure is around 4:30 p.m., but times may vary.



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