

# Incredible Machu Picchu &#8211; Small Group Tour

9 Day Tour

08/08/2024 - 08/16/2024

Please Note: To maximize the experience for our guests, this group is limited to 30 people.

Bountiful Travel is excited to be able to offer an incredible journey to Machu Picchu as well as an optional add-on Amazon River Tour to make this a trip of a lifetime! Damian Fink has traveled to Peru annually for the past few years and looks forward to sharing this incredible bucket-list destination with you. Bountiful Travel, in coordination with our local team, draws from nearly 3 decades of experience escorting groups to Machu Picchu and surrounding areas.

We are picky! We use air-conditioned buses no older than 5 years, and we also insist on small groups of 10-14 at Machu Picchu for the guided portion of your exploration to allow you to maneuver easily through the crowds and along stairways. We have also included many extras such as a fun buffet dinner and show in Cusco as well as several other meals, staying overnight in Aguas Calientes the night before the Machu Picchu tour (avoids a 4 am bus ride from Cusco to reach Machu Picchu as it opens), and other enhancements to make the most of your experience. We invite you to join us as we explore this beautiful, diverse, and unique country!

## Headliners:



Damian Fink

## Itinerary:

**Day 1: Lima, Peru**

August 8, 2024 (Thursday)

Arrival in Lima, Peru where you'll be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Relax and prepare for the journey. Dinner is on our own.

## **Day 2: Cusco, Peru**

August 9, 2024 (Friday)

Board flights to Cusco. Upon arrival, we will be met and taken to our hotel in Cusco. In the afternoon, we rest and adjust to the altitude or do some shopping. Our guide will help us choose great places for lunch\* and dinner. (B) \*lunch may be in Lima before flying to Cusco depending on flight times.

## **Day 3: San Pedro Market**

August 10, 2024 (Saturday)

Our morning begins with a buffet breakfast followed by some free time on our own or, you can accompany our guide in exploring the San Pedro Market so he can answer your specific questions about the local foods and products. After lunch on our own, we begin our Cusco City Tour: the Main Square, the Cathedral, the Church of Santo Domingo/Koricancha Temple as well as the surrounding archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman, Qâ€™engo, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay. This evening we experience the Don Antonio buffet and dinner show as a group before retiring for the evening. (B, D)

## **Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas**

August 11, 2024 (Sunday)

After our buffet breakfast, we check out of our hotel and begin a full-day tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas: The village of Pisac, its archaeological site and marketplace. Our trip takes us through the valley with awesome landscapes and Inca buildings and agricultural terraces until reaching the ancient Ollantaytambo village with its amazing archaeological site. Along the way, we enjoy a buffet lunch at a countryside restaurant. From Ollantaytambo, we board the Inca Rail train to Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Village). We arrive early in the evening and check into the hotel. Our guides will recommend places for dinner. (B, L)

## **Day 5: Machu Picchu, Peru**

August 12, 2024 (Monday)

We begin our day very early with breakfast at the hotel and then head up to Machu Picchu where we enjoy a guided tour in small groups of 10-12 before exploring on our own. We can enjoy lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge at our leisure. In the late afternoon, we board the train again to return to Ollantaytambo and then drive back to the Sacred Valley where we check into our hotel for the evening

and enjoy dinner together. (B, L, D)

## **Day 6: Maras and Moray, Peru**

August 13, 2024 (Tuesday)

Our day begins with a half-day tour of Maras and Moray which are terraced agricultural areas and a salt mine. Lunch will be together at Para de Moray. In the afternoon, we drive back to Cusco and check in to our hotel and spend free time on our own that evening. (B, L)

## **Day 7: Puna and Lake Titicaca**

August 14, 2024 (Wednesday)

We have another buffet breakfast to start our day before heading out early to board the bus for our journey to Puno and Lake Titicaca. Along the way, we will tour the Chapel at Andahuaylillas and visit the Raqchi Temple. We also will have a wonderful buffet lunch at Sicuani. When we arrive in Puno, we will relax at our nice hotel and have an independent dinner. (B, L)

## **Day 8: Islands of Uros**

August 15, 2024 (Thursday)

After breakfast, we will enjoy a full-day tour of Lake Titicaca and Uros. Uros is a group of floating small islands made completely from reeds. The people who live on them are Aymara Uros peoples. Among them is Nielson's island. He is a member of the church. We ride on the small boats also made entirely of reeds as we travel from island to island. We also enjoy a motorized boat ride on the beautiful lake. After the tour, we can either transfer from the dock to the city center and enjoy dinner on our own downtown or be transferred back to the hotel and enjoy dinner on our own there instead. (B, L)

## **Day 9: Lima, Peru**

August 16, 2024 (Friday)

Our last day begins with breakfast and then we are transferred to the airport for our flights to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima, we load our luggage on the bus and then have a short stop for lunch\* before beginning a city tour of Lima including a photo stop at the La Molina Temple. In the evening, we enjoy dinner together at a fun restaurant before heading to the airport for our late night/early morning flights. (B, D) \* Lunch may be in Puno depending on our flight times. At this point in the trip, you'll board a flight home or continue on to the optional 5 day Amazon River Tour add-on.

## **Day 10: Arrive Home**

August 17, 2024 (Saturday)

For those not going on the Iquitos, Ceiba Tops extension, you will arrive home on the 17th.

## **Day 10: Iquitos, Peru**

August 17, 2024 (Saturday)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to the airport and board a morning flight to Iquitos. We will be met at the airport and taken to our hotel in Iquitos. In the afternoon, we will have lunch as a group at the hotel and then enjoy a 4-hour city tour. This is the largest city in the world that does not have any roads leading to or from the city. It can only be accessed by air or boat. We are on our own for dinner but our guides will advise us on the best choices. (B, L)

## **Day 11: Ceiba Tops, Peru**

August 18, 2024 (Sunday)

Our morning begins with a buffet. We then transfer to the docks to board our boat for our 25-mile journey down the Amazon River. Our destination is Ceiba Tops, an all-inclusive resort and our home for the next 3 nights. From here we will explore this fascinating area of the world. After lunch, we take an afternoon hike in the beautiful primary rain forest reserve surrounding the lodge which includes many huge trees festooned with epiphytes (harmless plants which grow on the trees). After dinner, there may be local flute or guitar music or we can be entertained by the guides as they relate some of the many legends of the Amazon forest. (B, L, D)

## **Day 12: Ceiba Tops, Peru**

August 19, 2024 (Monday)

In the morning, we head out on the river to try to spot dolphins and to visit a small village of Yagua Indians where our guide explains the local Yagua Indian culture and how it was affected by the arrival of Europeans and the passing of time. There will also be an opportunity to see some of the local crafts and for a demonstration of the blowgun which some of the Yagua elders still use for hunting. In the afternoon, we have a short walking excursion to the neighboring town of Indiana. Originally a Franciscan mission, Indiana has grown into a large river community with its own market, high school and small hospital (B, L, D)

## **Day 13: Ceiba Tops, Peru**

August 20, 2024 (Tuesday)

Today we leave very early by boat to the narrow car bridge connecting the Amazon and Napo Rivers and then continue by boat to ExplorNapo Lodge for breakfast. The highlight of the day is the hike to and across the spectacular Canopy Walkway spanning over 500 meters (one-third of a mile). The

walkway is connected by tree platforms and reaches a height of over 34 meters (115 feet) but, it is accessible without any type of climbing skill or equipment. After lunch, we visit the **ReNuPeRu** Ethnobotanical Garden where over 240 medicinal plants are cultivated by a local shaman who will explain the nature of Amazonian natural healing and the uses of some of the plants. We return to Ceiba Tops in time to enjoy the pool or hammocks before dinner. (B, L, D)

## **Day 14: Iquitos, Peru**

August 21, 2024 (Wednesday)

After breakfast, we have a choice of a walking or boating excursion to further enjoy the rain forest and Amazon River. We then take the boat back up the river to Iquitos and are transferred to the airport for our flights back to Lima. You will catch your flight home from the Lima airport. (B)

Please wait to book your flights until we have sent flight booking instructions.

## **Information:**

Terms & Conditions:

Included

- Bountiful Travel representative
- All breakfasts plus lunches and dinners as indicated
- â€¢ Hotel Accommodations
- â€¢ Bus ride from Cusco to Puno (no added flight costs and great way to see the country)
- Use of an audio receiver to better hear the narrative and instructions above the background noise
- Entrance Fees & Activities
- Transfers to/from all airports
- Transportation in a Deluxe Air-conditioned Coach SPACE IS LIMITED to ONE BUS so BOOK NOW!

Not Included

- Meals not indicated (6 lunches and 6 dinners)
- Air Round trip to/from Lima and other internal flights as indicated in the description (group air may be available including Round trip air from/to LAX to Lima. Details will be available closer to the tour date.
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, etc.
- Personal Items
- Trip Cancellation Protection

## **Pricing:**

### Tour Costs:

Deposits: \$250 per person, based on double occupancy.

Machu Picchu Tour: \$2970 per person, based on double occupancy and cash or check payment.

\$3056 per person if paying by credit card.

Prep-paid Gratuities (Machu Picchu Portion): \$135 per person (this will be invoiced and collected prior to the tour).

Amazon River Tour Extension: \$1380 per person, based on double occupancy and cash or check payment.

\$1434 per person if paying by credit card.

Pre-paid Gratuities (Amazon River Portion): \$65 per person

Please contact us for more information regarding our cancellation policies and cancellation fees.

### Flights

International roundtrip flights are NOT included – We will send flight booking instructions 4-5 months prior to the tour.

Internal Flights are not currently included. We will update invoices once internal flights have been contracted, which will be about 6 months before the tour.