

# FRISCO'S TRAVEL

Lima - Arequipa - The Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Machu Picchu - Cusco 11 Days / 10 Nights 12 Persons Date of Issue: 08 May 2024

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# Introduction

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" Ralph Waldo Emerson

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Room Type	Duration
Tierra Viva Miraflores Larco Hotel	Lima	4 Mar	6 Mar	4x Standard Double, 4x Standard Twn	2 Nights
Hampton By Hilton Arequipa	Arequipa	6 Mar	8 Mar	4x Standard Double, 4x Standard Twn	2 Nights
Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado	The Sacred Valley of the Incas	8 Mar	12 Mar	4x Standard Double, 4x Standard Twn	4 Nights
Tierra Viva Cusco San Blas Hotel	Cusco	12 Mar	14 Mar	4x Standard Double, 4x Standard Twn	2 Nights

# **Price**

# **Prices 2025 - NOT included domestic flights:**

Regular price : US\$ 5,400 per person

Early Bird Special (must sign up before August 1st 2024): US\$ 4,800 per person

Single Supplement: US\$ 620 per person

# Included

- All transfers from airports, hotels, and stations in private service, as detailed in the itinerary.
- Transport and professional bilingual guide (English-Spanish), in private service for the excursions listed in the program Except the Chocolate Workshop.
- Entrance fees for all the sites, as detailed in the program.
- Meals as described in the itinerary.
- Expedition or similar Train (Peru Rail or Inca rail) Ollantaytambo Aguas Calientes Ollantaytambo.
- Accommodation as described in the program.

## Excluded

- International flights.
- Domestic flights Lima-Arequipa / Arequipa-Cusco / Cusco-Lima.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, phone calls, soft. and alcoholic drinks, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips, bag carriers, and other extras.

# Day 1: Tierra Viva Miraflores Larco Hotel, Lima (Tue, 4 March)

# Day Itinerary

Arrive at the Jorge Chavez International Airport. Upon arrival to Lima our representative will meet you at the airport escort you during the drive to your hotel.

# **Expert Tips**

<u>Note 1:</u> most of the international flights arrive into Lima late afternoon/evening so no activities have been included for today.

Note 2: Check in from 2pm

#### Lima

Peru's capital is a fantastic city, it is officially one of the culinary hotspots in the world, beyond a quite rich historic and cultural past with beautifully preserved architecture.

# Overnight: Tierra Viva Miraflores Larco Hotel

Tierra Viva Miraflores Larco Hotel is located on Bolivar Street, next to Larco Avenue and very close to the Miraflores boardwalk, Kennedy Park, Larcomar Mall, and Barranco with its artistic and bohemian atmosphere. This brand new hotel offers modern functionality, comfortable rooms and common areas, and is within walking distance to many of the district's most emblematic and busy centers.

The hotel has a spacious lobby with different areas for check-in. There is a private lounge and a business center with all the equipment you may need. Start your day with a buffet breakfast in the breakfast room which is next to a spacious terrace with an outstanding view of the city.



# Day 2: Tierra Viva Miraflores Larco Hotel, Lima (Wed, 5 March)

# Day Itinerary

Peru has been continuously awarded as the World's leading culinary destination by the Word Travel Awards, and Lima is with no doubt the food capital of South America. The city is constantly visited by foodies from different countries just to explore the local culinary scene. Amazing biodiversity, a huge variety of local ingredients, pre-Columbian and Spanish culinary traditions mixed with influences from all over the world and the creativity of local chefs are some of the elements that have and are still building a fantastic local cuisine.

Your host-chef meets you at the hotel to start this day of experiences, where you will be able to have a glimpse of the Peruvian lifestyle from the perspective of food, art and people.

A visit to one of our favorite markets allows you to mingle with the locals and explore with all your senses the mix of exotic fruits, vegetables, herbs and products on display. Surrounding the market we find interesting crafts that you may want to see. After this visit we go back to our private vehicle and head towards Barranco bohemian district where your guide takes you for a walk through the charming streets, art galleries and shops. The walk ends at your host's private apartment, strategically located facing the ocean. Here you have the chance to participate in a hands-on cooking class using a variety of fresh seasonal ingredients. If not interested in actually cooking, you are free to relax in the terrace while having a Pisco Sour and some Peruvian snacks while lunch is ready. Finally it is time to sit at the table and enjoy! After lunch, your private guide will pick you up and drive to the **Larco Museum**. Founded in 1926, the Larco Museum showcases remarkable chronological galleries providing an excellent overview on 3000 years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Located in a unique vice-royal mansion of the 18th century built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and a world-famous ceramic collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions. Larco is one of the few museums in the world where visitors can also choose to enter the storage area with its 45.000 classified archaeological objects. Its masterpieces are considered worldwide icons of Pre-Columbian art, after being exhibited in the world's leading museums. Return to your hotel.

Tonight's dinner will be at "La Rosa Nautica" restaurant. A private transportation will take you to the restaurant.

## **Activities**

Lima Culinary		
Larco Museum		
Transfer to the restaurant		

### Barranco Bohemian District

Barranco Bohemian District is located on cliffs along Lima's coastline, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Vibey and bohemian, the area is a hotspot for artists, musicians, designers, and photographers. In the 1800s it was a beach resort for Peruvian aristocracy, and some of the lavish buildings from the era still remain. Among the region's highlights are its lovely sandy beaches, which are popular among surfers and sunbathers.

#### Larco Museum

The Larco Herrera Museum offers an introduction to pre-Incan cultures that emerged in Peru's northern region. The museum contains a priceless collection of ancient pre-Columbian artifacts, including some of South America's finest pre-Inca erotic pottery.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

# Day 3: Hampton By Hilton Arequipa, Arequipa (Thu, 6 March)

# Day Itinerary

At the indicated hour, we will drive you to the airport for your flight to Arequipa.

Arrival to the airport, meet your guide and drive to your hotel.

One of the most deeply rooted traditions for "Arequipeños" is to go out for lunch in a picantería.

Arequipa 's picanterías are mostly run by creative and generous women - the "picanteras", authors of the unity between the Andean and Hispanic culinary traditions. They knew how to make the family food a democratic event by wisely using the products of the coast, the valleys and the Andes. We will visit the Cau Cau run by Saida, our host and heir of the Arequipa culinary art; together with her we will taste and get to know the jayaris, - like snacks dishes- and the cuy chactado, the breeding of the guinea pig dates back to 4000 years BC, it was one of the main dishes on the daily menu in ancient Peruvian times. And, still being in our tables.

Although there are many types of chicha in Peru, the so-called "chicha de güiñapo" (germinated and ground black corn) is essential as a drink and ingredient in Arequipa cuisine.

Lunch at a picantería with a good chicha de güiñapo.

After lunch transfer or walk to the plaza in **Yanahuara** for a dessert taste with a typical "picarones", have them on the street, taste them on a bench in the plaza. There is no better experience than enjoying the locals.

The afternoon meets us and our final destination in the day will be **Mundo Alpaca**, a small but interesting museum tells the story of the beginnings of the Alpaca Industry in Arequipa to this day.

The place holds an interesting exhibition showing the history of more than 2,500 years, reflected in textiles. A special attention is paid to culture Siguas, which took place within this region.

Walk back to your hotel located in the nice neighborhood of **San Lázaro**, first settlement in Arequipa. Tonight's dinner is not included - we would be more than happy to suggest nice alternatives in the city.

## **Expert Tips**

Arequipa is not only a charming historic city which colonial centre is quite unique thanks to the volcanic material used to build it, but has always been the main hub and base for the Alpaca industry, where a few pioneer-families such as Michell and Patthey have built large and solid companies that manufacture and commercialize Alpaca products around the world.

**Note:** check in from 2pm

## Arequipa

The gorgeous city of Arequipa is a perfect blend of ancient architectural treasures and modern buildings, blessed with an average of 300 days of sunny weather a year. It is also known as 'The White City' – a nickname that stems from its numerous white buildings, which form a striking contrast with the green surroundings. It is Peru's most elegant city and the best place to visit if you're a foodie on the hunt for fine dining opportunities, with an array of fabulous restaurants offering spicy local specialities such as rocoto relleno, chupe de Camarones and ocopa. This city has an illustrious history and its distinctive traditions make it a truly unique Peruvian destination.

# Overnight: Hampton By Hilton Arequipa

Hampton By Hilton Arequipa is located near the main square of Arequipa, with views of the cathedral, the Iglesia de la Compañía and the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Merced. The hotel features spacious rooms and suites equipped with air conditioning, HDTVs, clock/radios, coffee makers and desks. Guests can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast. Leisure facilities and services include a fitness centre and Wi-Fi connectivity.



#### **Activities**

Arequipa		
Yanahuara		
Mundo Alpaca		
San Lazaro		

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### Yanahuara

The mirador in the tranquil neighbourhood of Yanahuara is regarded as the best vantage point to take in views of the El Misti volcano. While there, take the time to investigate the quaint paved streets, dotted with distinctive cafes and buildings constructed from the local white volcanic rock.

#### Mundo Alpaca

Mundo Alpaca in Arequipa, Peru is a cultural and touristic attraction that showcases the alpaca, a native camelid animal that produces fine and valuable wool. Visitors can interact with alpacas and llamas, learn about the traditional process of sorting and weaving the alpaca fiber, and admire the pre-Columbian textile museum that displays ancient and exquisite fabrics. Mundo Alpaca also has a boutique where travellers can buy garments and accessories made from alpaca and vicuña wool.

## San Lazaro

San Lazaro is one of the first and oldest neighborhoods in Arequipa. The town is located in the historic center of the city. The narrow streets, houses of ashlar, small temple and countryside, highlight the architectural beauty and infrastructure of the town.

#### Included

Breakfast Lunch

# Day Itinerary

Today we combine two leading cultural highlights of Arequipa: its architectural legacy and its gastronomic staple, with the **San Camilo market** and the history back in time by visiting **Museum Santuario Andinos** where one of the most interesting discoveries in Arequipa is shown, the Juanita Mummy, also known as the Ice Girl, is the frozen body of an Inca girl who was given to the Apus as a sacrifice between the years. 1450 and 1480. It was discovered in the Ampato volcano. The mummy is very well preserved, being chosen by Time magazine in 1995 as one of the most interesting discoveries of the moment.

Lunch at La Nueva Palomino picantería.

Afternoon visit to **Santa Catalina Monastery**. Walking inside its walls feels as you are being transported 400 years back in time. Return to your hotel.

Tonight's dinner is not included - we would be more than happy to suggest nice alternatives in the city.

#### **Activities**

Arequipa	
Mercado San Camilo	
Museo Santuarios Andinos	
Santa Catalina Monastery	

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### Mercado San Camilo

Mercado San Camilo is situated in central Arequipa, Peru, in a two-storey old colonial building and features 32 sections. The market offers a selection of local and fresh produce.

### Museo Santuarios Andinos

Museo Santuarios Andinos is a small museum in Peru that houses "The Frozen Ice Maiden". The museum showcases the story of the discovery of several mummified children who were sacrificed during the mid-1400s. The film explains in detail how they came about their discovery and the significance of the findings.

## Santa Catalina Monastery

This convent is city a within a city. Its architecture is predominantly of Mudejar style. The monastery has beautifully painted arches and an interesting chapel.

The Santa Catalina Museum's collection includes some of the greatest works of Amerindian art in Cusco.

## Included

Breakfast Lunch

# Day 5: Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado, The Sacred Valley of the Incas (Sat, 8 March)

# Day Itinerary

Early this morning, you will be driven to the airport to board your flight to Cusco.

Upon your arrival, your guide greets you in the Arrivals Hall. You'll hop in the van & head out to the Sacred Valley. On the way we will pass through the picturesque village of Pisac with a stop in Awanaqancha, an exhibition Centre of Textiles and South American Camelides. You will be shown the different methods of processing the alpaca fiber, from the animal to the final product. Then, we will continue driving through the Valley to find our lunch spot, a private hacienda, where you will learn about the famous giant Peruvian corn. After lunch, our private vehicle drives us back to Pisac, where we find the chance to walk through the archeological site, with its magnificent terraces and Inca buildings. Time allowing, we drive back to Pisac town, a typical Andean village with colonial architecture and cobble stone streets. Here you are free to spend some time visiting the local market. Finally, we drive for another 45-minute drive to your hotel, for a relaxing evening.

Tonight, we suggest to dine at your hotel (not included).

# **Expert Tips**

Note: Latam operates at this moment ONLY one direct flight to Cusco in the morning.

- Walking distance: From a few hundred meters up to 3km, depending on how much you would like to exercise.
- Estimated time: From 30 minutes to 3 hours
- Maximum altitude point: 3200 m (10500 ft)

# The Sacred Valley of the Incas

Also known as Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas is located in the Peruvian Andes. This fertile valley is fed by a network of waterways and encompasses a wealth of archaeological sites.

# Overnight: Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado

Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado is situated in Urubamba, in the heart of the Sacred Valley of Peru. Nearby attractions include Mullakas Misminay, Salt Mines of Maras and Chicon Mountain, to name a few. Rooms are comfortable and equipped with private bathrooms, a TV and free Wi-Fi. Guests may enjoy a delicious breakfast served each morning.



#### Activities

	Arrive Cusco & The Sacred Valley
	Awana Kancha
	Archaeological Park of Pisac
	Pisac Market
Lunch	Hacienda Sarapampa

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#### Awana Kancha

Awana Kancha is situated in Peru. Local craftsmen teach visitors about the ancient techniques of dying and weaving traditional textiles crafted from camelid fibres. The site also offers the opportunity to interact with the creatures from which these fibres originate, including the alpaca, llama, vicuna and endangered guanaco.

# Archaeological Park of Pisac

Pisac is located 33 kilometers from the city of Cusco, Peru. The Archaeological Park of Pisa is one of the largest in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. It is located east of the Cordillera de Vilcabamba. The site consists of groups of archeological remains with terraces, aqueducts, paths that are associated with walls and gates, water channels, cemeteries, bridges, and such. It covers and area of 4 square kilometers and is one of the few archaeological zones with two open tunnels cut into the hills, one which heads north for 15 meters and another 3-meter tunnel that leads to the summit.

#### Pisac Market

Pisac is a picturesque Andean Village, typical except for the huge, spreading pisonary tree that dominates the central square. Most people visit Pisac to see the market on Sunday, and despite its popularity, the market retains much of its local charm; villagers from miles around gather to barter and sell their produce.

In the tourist section of the market, a wide variety of handicrafts can be purchased, such as the local ceramics including a huge and varied collection of hand-painted multi-coloured beads. There are smaller markets in Pisac on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

# Hacienda Sarapampa

Sarapampa" is a word from the Quechua language meaning "cornfield". Situated in a privileged location in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the property is just 40 minutes from the city of Cusco and 5 minutes from the town of Pisac. Hacienda Sarapampa offers visitors the opportunity to have a unique cultural experience around traditions associated with corn production practices in an authentic and natural environment.

Hacienda Sarapampa offers a unique vivential experience in an working farm where you can learn first hand about the Cusco giant white corn and its production, the hacienda life and delight yourself with a farm to table lunch while you enjoy a traditional Marinera and Peruvian Paso horse dance. Be a guest and experience the real taste of the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

#### Included

Breakfast Lunch

# Day 6: Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado, The Sacred Valley of the Incas (Sun, 9 March)

## Day Itinerary

In the heights of the Sacred Valley there are humble and hospitable people who maintain traditions that have survived for thousands of years. They live in community and know how to read the signs of nature. They are sensitive people who own mysterious textile iconography, have unique flora and fauna, prepare exotic cuisine with delicate products, and share a common past linked to pre-Hispanic cultures.

This morning your guide and transport take you visit a **Quechua Andean Community** located in the heights of The Sacred Valley. After a warm welcome, the community members will invite you to participate in their daily activities. We will spend the morning with women and men doing traditional farming, animal breeding and astonishing weaving. You will be able to participate in what is going on according to the season. Finally, enjoy lunch at the community and get ready for the return.

Dinner is not included but you may enjoy one of the restaurants in Urubamba – we would be happy to assist you with a dinner reservation for you (Transport from/to hotel is included)

#### **Activities**

Lamay Community Day		
Transfer to the restaurant		

#### Included

Breakfast Lunch

# Day 7: Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado, The Sacred Valley of the Incas (Mon, 10 March)

# Day Itinerary

Today you will do a walking exploration in the village of **Ollantaytambo**, a still living Inca village set below ancient ruins retaining the stonework, narrow streets, and family courtyards of pre-Columbian times. Much of the Inca history in Peru was destroyed by the Spanish, but Ollantaytambo is an important ceremonial site and scene of a few battles between the Incas and the Spanish conquerors. Here you will also have the chance to walk the Inca-Ruins uphill steps; this is a steep ascent, offering great views to the valley as a final reward to the effort.

Then you will stop at Folk-art Alqa museum for a brief immersion in traditional Peruvian Folk-art.

Today's lunch is a whole experience during which we will visit an organic farm set on an old Inca Terrace and participate on the preparation of a traditional Pachamanca. The **Pachamanca** is an ancient Peruvian cooking technique consisting in an earth-oven in which native ingredients such as different kinds of tubers, vegetables and meats are wrapped in local herbs and cooked underground using wood-fire heated stones. The owner of this place just started a tiny traditional distillery, where he is developing fascinating products using different Andean ingredients. You may want to have a look at it and perhaps try one or two sips of the Andean Whisky! Return to your hotel to relax.

Dinner is not included but you may enjoy one of the restaurants in Urubamba – we would be happy to assist you with a dinner reservation for you (Transport from/to hotel is included)

### **Activities**

Ollantaytambo		
ALQA - Folk-Art Museum		
Traditional Pachamanca		
Transfer to the restaurant		

#### Ollantaytambo

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# ALQA - Galería de Expresiones Andinas

ALQA - Galería de Expresiones Andinas is located in Ollantaytambo, Cusco. It serves as a platform for the conservation and dissemination of traditional Peruvian art and seeks to generate close alliances with the indigenous communities of the Peruvian Andes. The gallery houses sustainably produced ethnographic art and popular art that respects the traditional parameters of development and historical-social significance.

#### Traditional Pachamanca

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Breakfast Pachamanca lunch

# Day 8: Tierra Viva Valle Sagrado, The Sacred Valley of the Incas (Tue, 11 March)

# Day Itinerary

During the morning your guide meets you at the hotel to lead you board the **Expedition train or similar**. The train-ride to Aguas Calientes lasting about 2 hours gives you the opportunity to admire how the landscape changes dramatically; from the typical Andean Valley, surrounded by might snow-capped mountains such as the Veronica, to a cloud-forest valley, full of exuberance and life. Your guide leads you straight to the bus station to take the bus up to the Machu Picchu citadel.

Lunch is included at Tinkuy restaurant by the Sanctuary Lodge.

The afternoon is definitely the best time of the day to explore Machu Picchu Inca Citadel, especially because by this time of the day most people have already left the area, which together with the wonderful afternoon sunlight allows you to appreciate one of the 7-modern-wonders of the world in a very particular way. Your guide will slowly lead you through the citadel, explaining the different theories about the buildings and temples. Then, you will board a bus down to Aguas Calientes, where you are led to the train station to board the train back to Ollantaytambo. Your private transport will be waiting to drive you all the way back to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

# **Expert Tips**

### **Important Notice:**

Please consider that the Train Companies covering the service to Machu Picchu don't allow passengers to travel with voluminous baggage, allowing only a small piece of hand-luggage that should travel with the passenger. Therefore, we suggest travelling with a small backpack or bag, where you can pack only what is strictly necessary for your stay in Machu Picchu. We will take care of taking your heavy luggage to your hotel in Cusco.

#### Activities

Machu Picchu	
Lunch at Tinkuy Restaurant	
The Sacred Valley of the Incas	

#### Machu Picchu

Located more than 6000 feet above sea level in Peru's mountain peaks, Machu Picchu is one of the world's most impressive archaeological sites. This legendary lofty city was abandoned by the Inca Empire, reclaimed by the jungle and lost to humanity until its rediscovery in 1911. Built by the Incas on the summit of "Machu Picchu" (Old Peak), in the middle of a tropical montane forest overlooking the canyon of the Urubamba, the 'Lost City of Machu Picchu' is a site of extraordinary beauty and enormous archeological significance. The complex reflects the Inca Empire at its height, with giant walls, terraces and ramps that appear to have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The phenomenal technological skills of the Incan engineers can be seen in multiple facets of the site: the exacting precision of the massive stone buildings, the water channels that reveal a deep understanding of hydraulics, and Intihuatana ("the highest point of the Sun"), which served as a solar calendar that regulated planting and harvesting.

#### Tinkuy Restaurant

Tinkuy Restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy a delicious Peruvian and international buffet when exploring the majestic citadel of Machu Picchu. The restaurant boasts friendly service and has vegetarian and vegan options.

## The Sacred Valley of the Incas

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Breakfast Lunch Buffet

# Day 9: Tierra Viva Cusco San Blas Hotel, Cusco (Wed, 12 March)

# Day Itinerary

This morning you will be driven to the **Maras "salt works"**, also called "salt mines". Here we find nearly 3000 small pools with an average area of 5 m² (53.8 ft²), constructed in a slope of the "Qaqawiñay" mountain. People fill up or "irrigate" the pools during the dry season every three days, with salty water emanating from a natural spring located on the top of the complex, so that when water evaporates the salt contained in it will slowly solidify. That process will be carried out approximately for one month until a considerable volume of solid salt is obtained.

Then, we will continue to **Moray**, a site which is neither the vestige of a city or a fortress, but an earthwork that served as an experimental agricultural station for the development of different strain of crops. This was possible thanks to the discovery of a fascinating phenomenon: the climates of many different ecological zones were present in one single site. After this visit we will continue to Maras town.

Today's lunch will be at a charming local restaurant near Maras town.

After lunch, your guide and transport will take you to **Chinchero Andean town**. Beyond its Inca origins and its pictures streets, Chinchero is very much known for the extraordinary textile art developed by its inhabitants. Here you have the time to appreciate how this people are devoted to recover some of the extraordinary techniques used by their ancestors.

Finally, we will continue to Cusco city. Check in at your hotel.

### Cusco

Once called the 'Navel of the World' by the Incas, Cusco remains a city that blends colonial Spanish charm with older, more austere remains of pre-Columbian glory – one can still see the foundations of Inca structures on many of its city streets today.

# Overnight: Tierra Viva Cusco San Blas Hotel

Located in the heart of the artistic neighboorhood of San Blas, Tierra Viva Cusco San Blas Hotel is just three blocks from the main square and nearby the Temple and the Plaza of San Blas.

The hotel is home to 24 spacious rooms which surround an inner courtyard and marvellous garden. Rooms at the hotel feature a double and single bed or a king sized bed and Wi-Fi. Guests can look forward to a complimentary buffet breafkast, as well as access to a business centre during their stay at the hotel.



#### Activities

Salt Mines of Maras		
Moray		
UNU restaurante Maras		
Chinchero		
Cusco		

### Salt Mines of Maras

The town of Maras is best known for its salt mines, which have been exploited since Inca times; this arrangement of terraces filled with hot spring waters contain an astonishing percentage of salt. It is a thing of great beauty and an unforgettable experience to see the sun reflected on the hundreds of white salt pools.

### Moray

Four natural depressions in the landscape it the small town of Moray were used by the Incas to build terraces that served as a botanical laboratory to establish methods for improving their harvests. The circular-shaped terraces still remain intact today.

#### UNU restaurante Maras

UNU restaurante Maras is a one-of-a-kind Peruvian restaurant located in Maras, Peru. This eatery serves traditional Peruvian dishes with a modern twist to create an unforgettable dining experience. The restaurant has an open kitchen, allowing patrons to watch their food being prepared and observe the chefs in action. All ingredients are locally sourced from Maras and the surrounding area, ensuring that all dishes are made with fresh, quality ingredients. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed yet elegant. The restaurant also hosts special events such as cooking classes, wine tastings, and more. Whether diners are looking for a delicious meal or an exciting culinary experience, the restaurant is the perfect place to experience the best Peruvian cuisine.

#### Chinchero

Charming Chinchero Village is known for its picturesque colonial church, its vibrant Sunday flea market and nearby archaeological sites.

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### Included

**Breakfast** 

Lunch

# Day 10: Tierra Viva Cusco San Blas Hotel, Cusco (Thu, 13 March)

# Day Itinerary

Although Machu Picchu is to be considered the symbol of the Inca Empire, reputation earned thanks to its spectacular location and architecture, the true Inca jewel is Cusco, ancient capital of the Empire, where the Incas did rule and were considered god-kings. In addition, the arrival of the Spanish Conquerors and the Catholic faith brought another huge architectural transformation, resulting in a completely unique City.

We will start visiting the **San Pedro Market**, Cusco's main market, where you will be able to experience the real Cusco and its people's customs. Then, we will continue to the Santo Domingo Convent, once the Sacred temple of the Sun, also known as the **Qoricancha**, which inner walls were, according to the chronicles, once completely covered in gold, housing natural-size gold statues.

Then, we will continue our drive to Sacsayhuaman. On the way you find the opportunity to watch Cusco from above, clearly appreciating the original Inca design of the City, over which the Colonial and Modern Cusco have been built.

**Sacsayhuaman**, commonly called "fortress", because of the huge stone blocks that make up its walls, but really not designed for the purpose of being a fortress, but an important worship area. Return to the city for lunch.

After enjoying some free time for lunch (not included).

Visit the "Chocolate Museum", where you will participate on a hands-on workshop making your own chocolate. This activity will allow you to learn the entire process from the Cacao seed all the way to the chocolate. Consider that Peruvian Cacao is recognized for being one of the best quality organic coffees in the world.

Tonight, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at "Cicciolina's restaurant".

#### Activities

San Pedro Market	
Qorikancha Temple	
Sacsayhuaman	
Pachapapa Restaurant	
Chocolate Museum	
Cicciolina's Restaurant	

#### San Pedro Market

Get a taste of the real Cusco at this bustling local market – stocked to the brim with fresh fruit and veg, meats and cheeses; as well as a variety of weird and wonderful local delicacies. Local crafts, clothing and other supplies are also available here.

#### **Ooricancha**

Qoricancha, also spelled Coricancha or Koricancha, is a former Inca temple complex located in the city of Cusco, Peru. It was dedicated to Inti, the sun god, and was considered the most sacred and important site in the Inca Empire. The temple was adorned with gold and silver, and its walls were covered with precious metal plates. The complex also had shrines for the moon, the stars, the thunder, and the creator god Viracocha. Travellers who visit Qorikancha can admire the impressive architecture and stonework of the Inca, as well as the colonial church of Santo Domingo that was built on top of the temple after the Spanish conquest. They can also learn about the history and culture of the Inca, and their astronomical and religious beliefs.

### Sacsayhuaman

This impressive Inca archaeological site, perched atop a hill outside the city of Cuzco, is believed to have served a dual purpose as both a temple and a fortress. Like many other Inca complexes, it is built from large stones, carefully crafted to fit tightly together without the use of mortar. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983.

#### Pachapapa Restaurant

With an open wood-burning oven at its centre, Pachapapa Restaurant offers a cozy and comforting dining experience. It is renowned for doing traditional fare well, with the cuy, trout and lomo saltado all coming very highly recommended.

#### Chocolate Museum

The Chocolate Museum (ChocoMuseo), one of the city's most unique attractions, is two blocks from the Plaza de Armas in Cusco's San Blas district. Chocolate lovers will be in their element at the quirky ChocoMuseo. Inside, visitors will be taken on a journey through the history of cocoa production from Mayan times to today, learning about the cacao tree and its cultivation, the cacao harvest and chocolate production, and the health benefits of cacao. Guests can sign up for a tour of a local cacao plantation, where the growing and harvesting practices can be witnessed and you might even get to take part in the harvest. The museum also offers two-hour chocolate making workshops where you can learn the process from start to finish.

### Cicciolina's Restaurant

You will find Cicciolina on the second floor of an old colonial house in Cuzco. A restaurant with a distinct ambiance, perfect for a glass of wine and tapas in the bar area, or for more formal dining in the comfort of the intimate restaurant.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

# Day 11: End of Itinerary (Fri, 14 March)

# Day Itinerary

Morning at leisure to enjoy the city on your own. Today you may want to walk the City, perhaps visit the local market, visit a museum, enjoy the local food in a nice restaurant, make some shopping, or just relax. When the time comes your transport and guide will drive you to the airport for your flight.

Upon arrival in Lima, your representative will assist you at Lima airport to connect your international flight.

# **Expert Tips**

**Note1:** Check out at 10am.

Note2: suggested schedule flight time back to Lima subject to confirm based on the international flight departure.

## Included

Breakfast

# **Transport**

# Flight Information

Date 6 Mar 8 Mar	Flight LA2119 (Scheduled)  LA2324 (Scheduled)  Scheduled	Airline LATAM Airlines Peru [LP] LATAM Airlines Peru [LP] LATAM	Departure Airport Jorge Chavez International Airport [LIM] Rodriguez Ballon International Airport [AQP] Alejandro Velasco	<b>Time</b> 09:00	Arrival Airport Rodriguez Ballon International Airport [AQP] Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport [CUZ] Jorge Chavez	<b>Time</b> 10:30 09:05	Class  ECONOMY -  NOT  CONFIRMED  ECONOMY -  NOT  CONFIRMED  ECONOMY -	Ref
Mar	Scheduled	Airlines Peru [LP]	Astete International Airport [CUZ]		International Airport [LIM]		NOT CONFIRMED	

# **Journey Information**

Date	Train	Agency	Departure Platform	Time	Arrival Platform	Time	Class	Ref
12 Mar	Train	Perurail or similar	Ollantaytambo Train Station	10:32	Aguas Calientes Train Station	12:11	Expedition or similar	
12 Mar	Train	Perurail or similar	Aguas Calientes Train Station	18:20	Ollantaytambo Train Station	20:05	Expedition or similar	

# **Urgent Contact Numbers**

Company Name Telephone Email Address Contact Person

Frisco's Travel (859) 492-3859

## **Terms and Conditions**

# **Itinerary Terms and Conditions**

We are holding rooms without penalty until Dec 4, 2024.

#### **FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By booking any services / products from FJD PARTNERS LLC you agree to comply with all of our terms and conditions. These Conditions of Contract constitute the entire agreement and understanding between you and FJD PARTNERS LLC in relation to their subject matter. By proceeding with a booking, you acknowledge that you have read and understood all of the Conditions of Contract and agree to be bound by them.

# Our responsibility for your holiday

We will arrange for you to receive the services that make up the holiday that you choose and that we confirm. These services will be provided either directly by us or through independent suppliers contracted by us. We are responsible for making sure that each part of the holiday you book with us is provided as was confirmed by us (or as changed and accepted by you). If any part of your holiday is not provided as described and this spoils your holiday, we will make responsible for compensation unless this is due to reasons beyond our control (see: "Events beyond our control"). We have taken all reasonable care to make sure that all the services which were confirmed by us, are provided by efficient and reputable businesses. These businesses should follow the local and national laws and regulations of the country where they are provided. However, some local standards may differ from those in your homelands.

# **Booking and Payment**

Once you have accepted the itinerary and quote sent by FJD PARTNERS LLC, a deposit is required to confirm the services. The deposit amount will be specified by us when your booking is made. Full payment for a particular service such as your flights may also be required at the time of booking. The balance is to be paid 60 days prior to departure. If the full amount is not paid on time, FJD PARTNERS LLC reserves the right to treat the booking as cancelled and the deposit shall be forfeited.

International and / or national airfares, shown in any of our programs, are to be taken just as a reference, since they may vary constantly according to availability. We will proceed purchasing the requested flight-tickets only once we have received your deposit. May the rates have changed at that point; we will inform you, and will wait for your final confirmation before purchasing the tickets.

If the booking is done within 60 days of tour departure, your space will be secured once we get the full amount of the trip price.

The Company reserves the right to alter the published price of any tour due to increasing tariffs, transportation charges (fuel, airport charges, scheduled air fares and other transport charges which form part of our contract with

the transport provider), currency fluctuations and government action. Any surcharge or price decrease will be fully explained and justified by FJD PARTNERS LLC before implementation at least 60 days before departure. Any surcharge will not exceed 10% of the specified program price.

A booking is accepted and becomes definite only from the date when the Company sends a confirmation invoice to the client who makes the booking or their authorized travel agent. It is at this moment that a contract between the Company and the client comes into existence.

#### **Services Included**

Your reservation with FJD PARTNERS LLC may include accommodations, meals, excursions, specified ground transportation, and other services agreed to in your proposal. Prices do not include the 18% V.A.T. on lodging, applicable only to Peruvians and foreign residents in Peru. For tax exemption on lodging and hotel meals, foreign travellers must show their ORIGINAL passport during hotel check-in together with their original Andean Immigration Card, which will be supplied and stamped to you upon your arrival in Peru.

#### **Services Not Included**

National and international airport departure taxes or visa fees, airport security charges if levied by any airport to cover the costs of security arrangements, excess baggage charges, park entrance fees where not specified, additional nights or expenses during the trip due to flight cancellations or any circumstances outside our control, alcoholic beverages, bottled water, drinks, snacks or meals other than specified, gratuities, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages, reconfirmation of flights and other items of personal nature, special programs, optional excursions or other services not specified in the program, the single supplement payable on all bookings where only one person is travelling.

#### **Cancellations**

If you must cancel your reservation, cancellation charges may apply, depending on how long in advance you cancel the tour. The Cancellation charges shown below are those which will apply to most tours. However, some suppliers have conditions which require the payment of higher or different charges. You will be advised at the time of booking if this is the case for your tour.

Period before departure within notice of	% of total booking price
cancellation is received	
Scheduled date for first deposit to 61 days	The deposit (*)
prior to arrival	
60-46 days	50% (not less than the deposit)
45-31 days	75%
30-0 days	100%

(\*) This deposit may include services or tickets that need to be purchased in advance such as Inca Trail permits; down-payment for cruises, some hotels, train tickets; domestic flights or similar. This deposit will be defined according to each journey.

The amount paid for flight-tickets will not be subject to any refund, unless the airline itself agrees to the refund.

Cancellations received Fridays for tour departures that weekend (Saturday, Sunday or Monday) will be treated as day of departure cancellation. We cannot give any allowance or refund for meals, rooms, excursions, etc. not taken, when these are included in the price of the tour. No refund can be made on lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets. There will be no refunds made for cancelled or unused services whatsoever.

Any person joining a tour after the departure date, not joining the tour at all without previous notice, or leaving before the completion of the tour for any reason, is not entitled to any refunds from FJD PARTNERS LLC, or entitled to claim any costs for any added expenses.

#### Cancellation by FJD PARTNERS LLC

FJD PARTNERS LLC reserves the right to cancel any tour at its sole and absolute discretion, without prior notification if: a) the client has not paid the balance of the holiday price on time; b) quality of the trip or the safety of travellers is judged to be compromised. In the last event (b), we will be totally flexible to offer all the facilities to re-program the trip to a later date or help with all the arrangements to deal with the guest's travel insurance company. In any circumstance, FJD PARTNERS LLC cannot assume responsibility for any loss incurred on account of non-refundable air tickets.

**Important notice:** your journey or any part of it, is not refundable under no circumstances and subject to the company terms & conditions.

We strongly recommend guests to purchasing a trip cancellation / interrupt insurance directly after the reservation is confirmed. This coverage reimburses guest for most non-refundable costs of the tour should he or she need to cancel due to illness, injury or other reasons covered under the policy.

### **Changes**

We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday but, since a holiday may be planned many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you know about any important change as soon as we can, if there is time before your departure. Flight timings shown by us are for guidance only and may change. A final trip itinerary (sent between 30 to 10 days prior to arrival) will show the latest confirmed timings, but still some variations may occur.

#### **Insurance**

We highly recommend purchasing insurance for the following: trip cancellation, lost/stolen baggage, extended medical and evacuation costs. An unforeseen illness or unexpected event may require you to cancel your trip. In order to protect you, your baggage and/or personal property, a short-term traveler's insurance package should be purchased directly by you before the departure of the trip. FJD PARTNERS LLC will not be responsible for any costs incurred by customers for such occurrences and circumstances.

#### Risk and Health

Please note that our trips entail risks beyond those encountered at home. Our primary objective is to take the hassle out of a great travel experience. In return, we require

you to ensure you are healthy and in a good physical condition; to appreciate that in some countries, local living standards, practices, services and accommodations may differ from those in your home lands; and to understand the fact that a road less travelled means a more unpredictable and more rewarding adventure. Neither FJD PARTNERS LLC nor any of its agents shall be held liable in any way for any injury, loss of life or damage to property, occurred during the trip. The client hereby indemnifies and holds FJD PARTNERS LLC, its agents and staff harmless from any such claim, and accepts, at the same time, full responsibility for all risks involved.

### Conduct before and while travelling

We reserve the right to refuse to accept you as a customer or continue dealing with you if your behaviour is disruptive or affects other travelers or is threatening or abusive towards our staff or agents, on the telephone, in writing or in person.

The decisions of the FJD PARTNERS LLC guide on tour shall at all times be final and binding. The client must at all times respect the laws of the visited country, and the internal regulations of the tour. If your behavior goes in any contravention of the above or is a nuisance to the group, the guide may order you to leave the tour without any claim to a refund. Then you shall be obliged to make your way home at your own expense.

### Accommodation

Any accommodation we arrange for you must only be used by those people who are officially part of your group. You are not allowed to share accommodation or let anyone else stay there. You are responsible for the cost of any damage caused to your accommodation or its contents during your stay. These charges must be assumed by you and will have to be paid locally.

#### **Travel Documents**

It is the client's sole responsibility to ensure that passports, visas, proof of vaccinations and any other required documentation are all in order for the trip. FJD PARTNERS LLC cannot be held liable for any consequences, damages or claims if the client, prior to the starting date of the tour, does not attend correctly to his documentation and related matters.

#### **Events beyond our control**

FJD PARTNERS LLC cannot control unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to riots, civil disturbances, industrial disputes, natural disasters, fire, health risks, mechanical breakdowns, technical problems with transport including changes due to rescheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline or alteration of the airline or aircraft type for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; closed or congested airports or ports, and other actual or potential severe weather conditions. FJD PARTNERS LLC shall not be held liable in any way for any of these possible occurrences or any consequences, which may arise as a result of these, including minor or major alterations to the original itinerary or even cancellation of the holiday.

#### Liability of independent suppliers

Although FJD PARTNERS LLC endeavors to choose appropriate independent suppliers to provide services on the tours, FJD PARTNERS LLC has no right to control their operations and therefore makes travel arrangements for the trips on the condition that FJD PARTNERS LLC will not be liable for any act or omission of any independent supplier or any unrelated third party. The services provided by independent suppliers such as airlines, train companies and others are subject to the laws of the place where the services are provided, and any conditions imposed by those suppliers. Liability of independent suppliers may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, tickets and vouchers, and international conventions and agreements.

## If you have a complaint

If you have a complaint about your arrangements whilst away, you must immediately notify the supplier of the service in question locally, or your tour guide. If they are unable to resolve the problem immediately, and a member of our staff is not available, you should contact us straight away by telephone/fax/e-mail and we will assist you. If you are still not satisfied on your return home, you must write to us within 7 days of returning from your holiday to allow your complaint to be investigated properly. If you do not give us the opportunity to resolve any problem locally by reporting it to the supplier, or calling and informing us, then we may not be able to deal positively with any complaint on your return.

#### Your contract

By asking us to confirm your booking, you are accepting on behalf of all persons travelling on this booking that the terms of this agreement constitute the entire agreement between us with regard to your booking and your travel arrangements. Your contract with us shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Peru. You agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Peru over any claim or matter arising under or in connection with your contract with us. Damage claims against FJD PARTNERS LLC shall be limited to the value of the particular item in dispute. Any liability is limited to the full price paid for the tour. In all cases the company specifically excludes all liability for indirect, incidental or consequential loss or expense including loss of profits.

# TRAVEL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Travel Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between **FJD Partners LLC**, hereinafter referred to as the "Trip Planner," and the undersigned customer, hereinafter referred to as the "Client." This Agreement outlines the terms and conditions governing the travel services provided by the Trip Planner for the trip described below.

# 1. TRIP DETAILS

- **Trip Dates**: March 4, 2025, to March 14, 2025
- See Itinerary (included above) for full details.
- Price (rates based on double occupancy):
  - o Regular Price: US\$ 5,400 per person
  - Early Bird Special (must sign up before August 1st, 2024): US\$ 4,800 per person
  - Single Supplement: US\$ 620 per person
- Payments:
  - o 50% deposit due at singing of this document.

o Remaining 50% due December 1, 2024.

# • Payment Options

- By check to FJD Partners LLC.
- By credit card add 3.5% credit card fee.

# 2. INCLUDED SERVICES

The following services are included in the trip price:

# 1. Tour Leader (TL):

- o A professional Tour Leader (Rafael) will accompany the group throughout the trip.
- TL services are provided in single accommodation (NOT included domestic flights).

#### 2. Transfers:

 All transfers from airports, hotels, and stations will be arranged in private service as detailed in the itinerary.

## 3. Guided Excursions:

- Transport and a bilingual guide (English-Spanish) will be provided for excursions listed in the program (except the Chocolate Workshop).
- Entrance fees for all specified sites are included.

#### 4. Meals:

Meals as described in the itinerary are covered during the trip.

#### 5. Train Service:

 Expedition or similar Train (Peru Rail or Inca Rail) from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes and back.

## 6. Accommodation:

Accommodations as described in the program are included.

# 3. EXCLUDED SERVICES

The following services are not included in the trip price:

# 1. International Flights:

Clients are responsible for booking their own international flights.

## 2. Domestic Flights:

Domestic flights (Lima-Arequipa / Arequipa-Cusco / Cusco-Lima) are not covered.

## 3. Unspecified Meals:

Meals not specified in the itinerary are at the client's expense.

### 4. Personal Expenses:

Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, soft and alcoholic drinks, etc., are not included.

### 5. Travel Insurance:

Clients are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance independently.

# 6. **Tips and Extras**:

o Tips, bag carriers, and other extras are not part of the trip price.

# 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions outlined in the earlier shared document titled "Terms and Conditions" apply to this Agreement. By proceeding with the booking, the Client acknowledges having read and understood all the Conditions of Contract, as well as all parts of the trip itinerary, and agrees to be bound by them.

# 5. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Peru. The exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Peru shall apply to any claim or matter arising under or in connection with this Agreement.

# 6. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

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- Damage claims against FJD Partners LLC shall be limited to the value of the particular item in dispute.
- Any liability is limited to the full price paid for the tour.
- In all cases, the company specifically excludes liability for indirect, incidental, or consequential loss or expense, including loss of profits.

By signing below, the Client confirms acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

CLIENT'S NAME:
DATE:
FJD PARTNERS LLC (TRIP PLANNER)
Authorized Representative:
DATE: