

GALAPAGOS WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC + PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

Discover celebrated Inca wonders, colonial cities, and a rich cultural heritage on an expedition to Machu Picchu and beyond. Begin with two nights in Lima, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Journey by rail through the Urubamba Valley. Explore the fabled city's agricultural terraces, waterworks, and sacred sites with local guides. Delve into the Sacred Valley of the Inca with a National Geographic expert.



ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrive in Lima, meet your guide and transfer to Belmond Miraflores Park, where you'll spend two nights. Set on a green promenade overlooking the Pacific in fashionable Miraflores, this much-loved hotel is the perfect base to explore.

Arrival Time: Anytime after 12:00 p.m.
Arrival City: Lima, Peru

Day 2

After breakfast, explore World Heritage-designated colonial Lima. Visit the extraordinary Larco Museum, dedicated to pre-Columbian art. Then stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private welcome lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. Tonight, dinner is on your own to sample Lima's amazing award-winning fare.



Day 3

Begin your day with breakfast, then board a short scenic flight to Cusco this morning and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site with dramatic agricultural terraces in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch, check into your hotel: Sol y Luna, an independently owned Relais & Châteaux property, where you'll stay in individual casitas set in verdant gardens. Unwind with dinner at the hotel.

Day 4

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost, who has lived and worked in Peru for decades. He or a colleague will join you for a talk at the hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. Lunch is at a working, family-owned hacienda, where you'll be treated to a show of Peruvian Paso horses, and National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. Dinner is at the hotel. Don't forget to pack your duffel bag (bags will be provided) for your 2-day trip to Machu Picchu.

Day 5

Start your day with breakfast and get ready to discover marvelous Machu Picchu. Marvel at the dramatic scenery and life along the river during your morning journey by train to this legendary Inca royal retreat famously introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of _National Geographic_ magazine. Check into the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, a luxury riverside retreat that blends Andean culture with upscale comfort. Over the next two days you will explore Machu Picchu in the company of your handpicked tour director and local guides. Enjoy lunch in town and dinner at hotel.

Day 6

Awaken this morning and return to Machu Picchu, where you'll explore with your guides. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—the center of the Inca universe, a burgeoning cultural capital and a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site. Check in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio on Plaza Nazarenas in the heart of Cusco for two nights. Occupying a monastery founded in 1592, the hotel—like much of colonial Cusco—is built atop Inca stones. Enjoy dinner amid this atmospheric setting.

Day 7

Explore the ornate 17th-century cathedral, the sacred Inca Temple of the Sun and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuamán, where a series of imposing terrace walls—the most impressive yet—command views over the city. Relax, shop or visit one of Cusco's many churches and museums this afternoon. Breakfast and lunch are at the hotel, while dinner is on your own tonight.

Day 8

After breakfast and a final morning at leisure, say goodbye to the Land of the Inca and fly from Cusco back to Lima, connecting to flights home. Depending on your flight schedule, optional rooms at the Wyndham Grand Lima Airport Hotel are available, or join the Upper Amazon Expedition aboard _Delfin II_ _._

Departure Time: Depart after 9:00 p.m. local time.
Departure City: Lima, Peru

DAY 14: Machu Picchu / Cusco



Awaken this morning at Machu Picchu, where options include an early hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco--the center of the Inca universe and a burgeoning cultural capital. Check-in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio on Plaza Nazarenas in the heart of Cusco for two nights. Occupying a monastery founded in 1592, our hotel--like much of colonial Cusco--is built atop Inca stones.(B,L,D)

DAY 15: Cusco

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DAY 16: Cusco / Lima / Home

After breakfast and a final morning at leisure, say goodbye to the Land of the Inca and fly from Cusco back to Lima. (B,L)

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Expedition Ship**
LENGTH:	**73 metres**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**96 guests (in 53 outside cabins)**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2005; Refurbished**

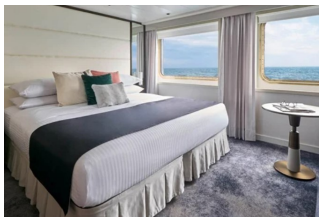


National Geographic Endeavour II is a purpose-built expedition ship that first sailed in 2005. After undergoing extensive renovation this year, she will redeploy to Galápagos. She is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable, with great viewing from all public spaces, large windows in cabins and suites, state-of-the-art tools for exploration, and a fast, seamless twin Zodiac loading platform. Public Areas : Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness centre; LEXspa; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for viewing and presentations; and sun deck. Our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our 'open bridge' policy. Cabins : All cabins face outside with windows. Each has private facilities and climate controls. Expedition Equipment : Kayaks, glass-bottom Zodiac, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft. Special Features : Guest internet access, laundry service, and wellness program. Ship's doctor and video chronicler are also on board.



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