

Mystic Machu Picchu and Glorious Galapagos

May 16-31, 2011

\$5299 per person based on double occupancy

Airfare to Lima and from Quito upon request

Once in a lifetime adventure

The Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu reveals itself 8,200 feet above the Sacred Valley. Indian markets at Ollantaytambo and Otavalo await exploration. A Peruvian cooking class begins with the preparation of the famous Pisco Sour. That is only half of the adventure.

The Galapagos Islands with footed boobies and giant tortoises are bound to captivate. Sitting 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, they inspired Charles Darwin to develop his theory of natural selection. Let their amazing natural beauty become part of your vacation memories.

INCLUDED

Lima – 1 night with transfers – all transfers and tours by private A/C buses

Sacred Valley – 2 nights with transfers and flight to Cusco

Maras Salt Pools and Quechua Village with lunch

Machu Picchu – 1 night with Vistadome train and lunch with afternoon admission to ruins and ability to visit ruins again the next morning

Cusco – 2 nights with walking tour of city and Peruvian Cooking Class with market visit – Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo fortress

Quito – 3 nights with airfare and transfers

City tour and excursion to Otavalo with lunch

Galapagos Cruise – 4 nights including airfare and transfers. Itinerary includes Santa Cruz, Bartolome, Ferdinandina and Santiago Islands. All meals and \$100 Galapagos Entrance Fee included.

Quito – 1 night with transfers and airfare. Flight schedules necessitate this stay before return to US

NOT INCLUDED – Departure and air taxes approximately \$261

Your \$500 deposit will hold your space immediately with final payment due March 15

Travel insurance is strongly recommended and available

A minimum of 10 passenger and a maximum of 20 required.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

MON 16 MAY - Lima

Arrival in Lima with greeting and transfer to hotel with time to explore this colonial and modern city.

TUE 17 MAY - Sacred Valley - flight to Cusco

The drop in altitude from Cusco allows your body time to acclimatize to the altitude. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

WED 18 MAY - Sacred Valley

Maras Salt Pools, Moray and Authentic Quechua Village with lunch.

THU 19 MAY - Machu Picchu

Vistadome train to Machu Picchu with guided visit and lunch.

FRI 20 MAY – Cusco

Optional morning visit to Machu Picchu. Afternoon return to Cusco, foremost city of the Inca Empire.

SAT 21 MAY Cusco

Peruvian Cooking Class with market visit followed by city walking tour

SUN 22 MAY - Cusco

Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo. Bargain for handicrafts and jewelry and visit Ollantaytambo with its fortress.

MON 23 MAY – Quito

Transfer airport for Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Balance of evening at leisure.

TUE 24 MAY – Quito

City tour

WED 25 MAY – Quito

Otavalo Tour for the largest indigenous market in South America. After lunch visit Peguche for the handmade textiles and to feel the energy of a sacred waterfall and Cotacachi leather market.

THU 26 MAY – 30 MAY Galapagos Cruise aboard Galapagos Legend

Transfer to airport for Galapagos flight. Board Galapagos Legend for 4 nights of wildlife viewing, snorkeling or hiking. This 100-passenger air-conditioned mega yacht provides a staff of naturalists to guide our observations of the Galapagos fur seals, penguins, seabirds, tropical fish, manta rays, or even harmless white-tipped reef sharks. Then there are the iguanas, lava lizards, and famous blue footed boobies. This all plays out in lava flows, grottos and white sand beaches. Amazing is the only word to describe it all.

May 30 – Quito

Disembark with transfers and flights back to Quito.

May 31 – Return to US