



# TOURS TO PARACAS NATIONAL RESERVE & MACHU PICCHU 6 DAYS

- ✓ **TOUR ITINERARY:** Tours to Paracas & Machu Picchu
- ✓ **TOTAL DAYS:** 6 Days / 7 Nights
- ✓ **TOUR SERVICE:** SHARED GROUPS
- ✓ **HIGHLIGHTS:** Lima city, Paracas, Ballestas islands, Cusco city, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu
- ✓ **ACCOMODATION :** 2 \*\* Hotels Economic Class ( 3 \* and 4 \* hotels available upon request )
- ✓ **MEALS:** Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)

## Tour itinerary:

### DAY 1 : LIMACITY

Upon arrival to Lima city, a local tour guide will meet you at international airport, the guide assigned will be waiting holding a sign and your name on it with a logo of Trippers Peru .Then will bring you to your hotel selected where you will have a pre briefing of your tour in Peru.

Overnight in Lima city hotel.

**01 night of accommodation in Lima**

### DAY 2 : DAY TOUR TO PARACAS RESERVE + BALLESTAS ISLAND

a.m. hotel pick and private transfer to bus terminal to Paracas. the bus trip takes about 3:30 hrs, located to 261 KM, a double-decker will bring us along the Lima's southern coast until your arrival to Paracas Bay..

Upon arrival to Paracas bay. you will be transferred to the harbor located nearby. At the Paracas dock you will board a speed-boat equipped with life vests and comfortable seats. At this point is advisable to wear a good jacket or wind breakers as it gets very windy once the boat gets in motion.

We will leave then towards the Ballestas Islands. Along the way we will see the famous figure known as The Candelabro, an enigmatic design etched on the desert floor hundreds of years ago. The Candelabra is overlooking the Ocean, so here you will have the chance to take pictures,

as well as to learn about the most popular theories about it. Afterwards we will continue to the Ballestas Islands. The Ballestas Islands are inhabited by an amazing marine life, with over 200 types of migratory and resident birds, including Peruvian Pelicans, Belcher's gulls, Humboldt penguins, guanay cormorants, red-legged cormorants, Inca terns, Peruvian boobies, turkey vultures, among others. In addition you will also see around the Islands hundreds of sea lions resting at the beaches, sleeping on the rocks or swimming nearby. The Islands





also provide shelter to the shy Humboldt penguins which are usually seen at the entrances of small caves near the cliffs.

After touring around the islands for about 1 hour we will return to the Paracas harbor where we will continue our excursion to the **natural reserve of Paracas**.you will visit the centre of interpretation of Paracas, an



interesting building that displays through photos, all the fauna, flora, and many other important facts about the Paracas Peninsula. Afterwards we will drive to the Paracas Peninsula, driving throughout a lifeless desert till we reach an area where once stood a great natural rock formation known as the Cathedral. Unfortunately this old formation did not withstand the 2007 earthquake that virtually left in ruins most of the cities near that zone. At the place our local guide will give you more details about it and then you will have free time to walk along the edge of the peninsula. At this zone you will have amazing views of the desert and the blue Pacific Ocean. Later on we will return to our private vehicle and continue driving along the shore of the ocean

passing the beach of Yumaque.After some time we will arrive in the little fishing village of Lagunillas, where we will have plenty of time to walk around and also to enjoy great Peruvian food at any of the local restaurants overlooking the ocean. Finally we will return to the the bus terminal of Paracas in order to take our double-decker that will bring us back to Lima city

Upon arrival to Lima pick up and transfer to your hotel.

**01 night of accommodation in Lima (B), (L)**

### **DAY 3 CUSCO CLASSIC CITY TOUR & 04 ARCHEAOLOGICAL RUINS**

Breakfast in your hotel, at estimated time, hotel pick up and private transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco city. Upon arrival to Cusco city, a representative of your Agency will pick you up in the airport and bring you to your hotel, you will receive information of your tour activities in the city.

Rest of the morning leisure to acclimatize.

Around 13:30 hrs. our guide will pick you up in your hotel and bring you to the meeting point for the classic Cusco city tour & main attractions that involves : - The Cathedral - : Cusco Cathedral is a Baroque-style cathedral built on the foundations of the palace of the Inca Wirachocha in Cusco. Construction began in 1550, using many stones looted from the site of the hillside Sacsayhuaman fortress, and was completed a century later. It is considered one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in America. Within the cathedral's high walls are some of the best examples of the Cusqueña School of painting, including a Marcos Zapata painting of the Last Supper with a local specialty, cuy (guinea pig), as main course.





The cathedral's centerpieces are its massive, solid-silver altar, and the enormous 1659 Maria Angola bell, the largest in South America, which hangs in one of the towers. The cedar choir has carved rows of saints, popes, and bishops, all in stunning detail down to their delicately articulated hands. Five chapels flank each side of the nave; one dedicated to Nuestro Señor de los Temblores (Our Lord of the Earthquakes) contains a solid-gold crucifix that, legend has it, minimized damage to the chapel during a 1650 earthquake. There's no-Christian imagery in Cusco Cathedral too: figures of pumas, the Inca representation of the earth, are carved on the enormous main doors. Normal access to the cathedral is not via those doors but through the adjoining Iglesias del Triunfo, the city's first Christian church.

- [The Koricancha Palace and Convent of Santo Domingo](#). Koricancha is a classic example of the fusion of Inca and Western cultures, and was one of the most important temples in the Tahuantinsuyu. Its finely polished stone walls were used as the foundations of the Convent of Santo Domingo. The temple walls were said to have been sheathed in gold and silver, it was dedicated to sun worship, as well as containing images of the gods of thunder and Wiracocha, deities brought from various regions and the mummified bodies of Inca rulers. The temple worship was reserved for the highest-ranking figures of the era, and was visited by representatives of communities all over the empire to render homage to the gods of the Tahuantinsuyu. The tour continues visiting 4 archeological complexes located around the city:

- [Sacsayhuaman](#).- Sacsayhuaman is one of the most amazing Inca constructions for tourists. Its Quechua name means "satisfied falcon", it was the falcon that guarded the capital of the empire, since it was possible to overlook Cusco from the hill in where it was erected. If, as it is known, Cusco was designed with the shape of a lying puma, Sacsayhuaman would be its head, and the Koricancha would correspond to the feline's genitalia. It is said that the work was started by Pachacutec and continued by Tupac Yupanqui, even though some chroniclers state that it was Huayna Capac who gave it the final touch. Inca Garcilaso de la Vega says that Apu Huallpa Rimachi was the main architect, and that Inca Maricanhi, Acahuana Inca and Calla Cunchuy successively took control of the works. Its construction took over seven decades and required the work of



20,000 men approximately, both for the foundations and hewn stone works, the transportation of materials, carving and stones setting. Hewn stones could have been located at Muina, Huacoto and Rumicolca, 20 kilometers away from Cusco, and at closer places such as Sallu, Rumi, Chita, Curovilca and Viracocha. Sacsayhuaman Some of its external walls exceed the 9 meters of height and 350 tons of weight.

Spectacular fortress built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy, this astounding sample of the Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyo. But, in addition, it proves the undeniable firmness of the great administrative capacity of the empire and its powerful logistic system capable of mobilizing and organizing such a work.

It is located 2 km away from the city of Cusco, that is, 10 minutes by car. As of the Spanish arrival its aspect has changed a lot, since this fortress was used as a hewn stone to build the colonial Cusco.



- **Qenqo**.- At 4 and 6 km, 5 minutes to the northeast of Cusco, by asphalted road, we can find the two archaeological sites of Qenqo: Qenqo Grande, which is located near the road that goes from Sacsayhuaman to Pisac; and Qenqo Chico, which is located at 350 meters to the west from the latter, on the hillside. Both of them are worship places whose nature has not been deciphered yet, but in which we can highlight the Inca's predilection for stone and their thoroughness with regard to the carving process. These sites are limestone outcrops on which intricate mythical representations had been carved. It is believed that it was destined to the worship of the land. Its Quechua name means zigzag, probably due to the labyrinthine underground galleries, or due to the small channels carved on rocks with that shape.

- **Puca-Pucara**.- Located at 7 km to the northeast of the city, by the road leading to Pisac (30 minutes by car and 2 hours on foot), we find this Inca site which Quechua name means "red fortress" due to the color of the rocks when the twilight reflects on them. (puca = red and pucara = fortress or defended place). It would deal about a military building made up by overlapping terraces, interior squares, aqueducts, watchtowers, high walls and staircases.

However, its presence along the road may also indicate that it was a wayside inn, though its structure does not belong to the standard outlining that characterizes those buildings along the Inca trails. On this possibility, there is a version that says the Inca accommodated there his numerous delegations each time he decided to visit the Tambomachay baths. The site occupies another typical rocky place standing out in the Sacsayhuaman plain. Towards the western side, it shows a facade on a free area like a small square. On the opposite site, there is a medium size building, which main characteristic is its strategic location since it controls the whole surrounding territory.

- **Tambomachay**.- **Tambo Machay**, 7 km northeast of Cusco, is believed to have been built around 1500 AD. This site, sometimes referred to as Inca's Bath or El Baño del Inca, is thought to have been used for religious functions. Some theories suggest Tambo Machay was involved in an Inca water cult. Fountains or waterfalls fed by spring water were used to channel water to a ceremonial stone bath. The fountains are still functional at this well preserved site. Above the baths is an Inca wall. Tambo Machay is located in a sheltered area about 300m off the road to Pisac. Frequency: everyday in the afternoons.

Around 18:00 p.m. we will return to Cuzco city and drop you off in your hotel, rest of the night leisure to explore the city by night.

**1 night of accommodation in Cusco. (B)**

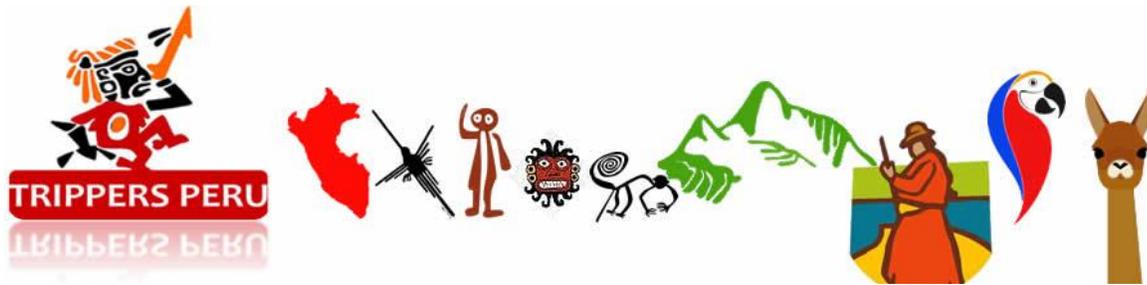
## **DAY 4. SACRED VALLEY TOUR TO THE HEARTLAND OF THE INCA EMPIRE**

Sacred Valley of the Incas or Urubamba Valley, the heartland of the Inca empire, close to the Inca capital of



Cuzco contains numerous archaeological remains and villages, due to its special geographical and climatic qualities this Sacred Valley was appreciated by the Incas.

The route crosses a spectacular geography crossed by the Vilcanota River a fertile valley which in turn is the most productive of the country where you can find the best corn in the world, various fruits proper of the region. At an altitude of 2800 m.s.n.m. surrounded by Snow Capped mountains like Apu Salkantay (Salkantay Mountain Range), its climate is marked by two seasons: wet and dry. The wet season occurs between the months of



November to April. Sacred Valley or Urubamba province is made up of the districts where the main architectural monuments of the Incas: Urubamba, Ollantaytambo, Chinchero, Huayllabamba, Maras and Yuca. 08:30 h. You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco by our local representative. Our excursion is done on a private tourist bus, which is shared with other travelers. Afterwards we will take a road that winds over the mountains north of Cusco. On the way we will stop at a point known as El Mirador, from where we will be able to see the whole Sacred Valley and receive a good insight of the Inca history.

The Sacred Valley was undoubtedly a key area of settlement to the Incas; its combination of agreeable climate and fertile plains bestow an unusual abundance for the high Andes. Here the Incas sculpted the mountain flanks with vast contour terracing and irrigation channels. Our driver and guide will suggest you the best points for pictures.

Later on, we will drive towards the ruins of Pisac. At the ruins you will see and learn about different aspects of Inca culture. You can see a great fine art of stone works and impressive agricultural terraces all over the place. After touring around we will get back to the car and will drive back to the modern town of Pisac, where there is a peculiar market that deserve to be visited.

At the market you will have free time to walk around and do some shopping. Afterwards we will meet for lunch in a nice local restaurant to enjoy good Andean food.

After lunch the tour continue along the Urubamba River towards the town of Ollantaytambo. Once we get there a guided visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo, an important Inca construction built during the Inca's heydays. This is an extraordinary Inca place where besides the ruins you may also see an amazing rock formation representing the Inca god Wiracocha. Afterwards, we will drop you off at the your hotel in Ollantaytambo village where you will spend the night.

**1 night of accommodation in Ollantaytambo. (B), (L)**

## DAY 5: FULL DAY TOUR TO MACHU PICCHU – ESCORTED TOUR

After your breakfast we will drive to Ollantaytambo train station and start our journey to Machu Picchu . After leaving the village of Ollantaytambo, the train will start to descend more and more, along the edge of the Urubamba River, till finally reach the cloud forest. After approximately 2 hours we will have arrived in Aguas Calientes, where a representative from our agency will welcome you and then will escort to the following bus terminal that will bring us to the main gate of Machu Picchu.



Guided tour in the Incan city of Machu Picchu will last about 2 hours, our professional and expert native guide will take you through the main streets and monuments of the temple, then the tourist will have free time to explore on your own the citadel taking pictures and enjoy an invaluable landscape.

At appropriate time we will return to our hotel, pick up your luggage and continue to the train station in order to boarding the train that will take us to Cusco city in a trip that takes about 4 hrs.

Upon arrival to Cusco city, we will transfer you to your hotel.

**01 night of accommodation in Cusco (B)**



## DAY 6: FLIGHT BACK TO LIMA

After your breakfast, pick up at your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight back to Lima city, Upon arrival to Lima, our guides will be waiting to assist prior to your international flight departure

## Tour includes:

- ✓ Professional guide in English or Spanish
- ✓ All private transfers In / Out . airport - Hotel - airport , hotel - bus terminal - hotel
- ✓ Double decker trip Lima - Paracas bay - Lima
- ✓ overland tour to Paracas natural reserve ( lunch included)
- ✓ Ballestas islands boat excursion
- ✓ 02 nights in Lima city
- ✓ Flight tickets Lima - Cuzco - Lima
- ✓ Cusco classic city tour + main attractions + 04 archaeological ruins + BTC ( Boleto Turistico Cuzco )
- ✓ Full day excursion to Sacred Valley of the Incas + Pisac Inka market + Ollantaytambo Inca Complex + lunch
- ✓ Travel to Machu Picchu
- ✓ Train tickets Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes - Cuzco .
- ✓ Round trip bus tickets to/ from the citadel Machu Picchu
- ✓ Entrance tickets for the Citadel of Machu Picchu
- ✓ Guided tour in the citadel of Machu Picchu (approx. 3 hours).
- ✓ 2 night in Cusco city hotel (food and beverages are on your own)
- ✓ 1 night in Ollantaytambo village hotel (food and beverages are on your own)

## Tour not includes:

- Foods
- International or domestic flights
- Extra tips or gratitude

## Accommodation:

- ✓ In Lima : [Hotel Tinkus In](#)
- ✓ In Cusco : [Carlos V Inn](#)
- ✓ In Sacred Valley : [Casa de Mama Valle](#)



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