



LUCIBELLO

ENLIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

A PRIVATE JOURNEY TO PERU

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019





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DAY 1

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER

Arrive Lima International Arrival

Transfer to hotel

An English-speaking Lucibello representative will be expecting you from your international arrival from Amsterdam, with a sign bearing your name. He will greet you with a welcome pack, brief you on your trip, and escort you to your hotel to assist you with check-in. Within the welcome pack, you will find a hard copy of your itinerary for your trip with local times, maps, recommended shopping and eating and background information of the sites you will visit. He will talk you through everything, giving additional information according to your interests, and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have at this point. All hotel reservations are confirmed before you arrive, so you will only need to present your passport at the time of check-in. Train tickets will be given to you the day of your train journey.

2 nights at Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel, Presidential Pool Suite

Impeccable service is the standard at Miraflores Park Hotel, considered by many to be Lima's smartest hotel. This hotel features superb ocean views, elegant European style décor, and a variety of luxurious amenities while being conveniently located within minutes of historical museums, colonial architecture, and fashionable shops, bars and restaurants in the district of Miraflores.

Check-In time: 15:00 hrs / Check Out time: 12:00hrs

Includes: Breakfast





DAY 2

FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER

Into the Past

8-hour tour led by one of our specialist guides

One of the main fascinations of Lima is the concentration of ancient history in the area; not only do the origins of the city pre-date the Spanish foundation of the city by several millennia, its museums are full of the artistic treasures of magnificent pre-Columbian civilizations that flourished throughout the coastal deserts of Peru. Begin to unravel this multifaceted history and discover the complex past of this fascinating city with a visit to an ancient adobe pyramid right in the middle of the city. Huaca Huallamarca, which dates back to around 200 BC, served a variety of functions, including a religious temple and a cemetery, for the populations that inhabited the area.

Next, journey to the Larco Museum, where your knowledgeable guide will turn thousands of years of complex ancient history into an easy-to-understand story for kids and adults alike. Through the museum's innovative approach, you will become enthralled with the variety of animals, deities and figures represented in pre-Columbian ceramics as well as the vibrant and vivid designs, allowing your curiosity to run wild. As you move further into the museum, you will begin to notice a subtle change in the design and themes in the artefacts themselves, displaying the influence of the Spanish conquest on the natives in the region. This influence is visible beyond the native artifacts; as the previous capital of the Spanish Viceroyalty in Peru, Lima maintains many remnants of its past supremacy, revealed in its civil and religious buildings, which still stand and are well preserved.





DAY 2

FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER CONTINUED

Lunch at Cafe del Museo Restaurant

This afternoon, you will enjoy lunch at Cafe del Museo restaurant. We have booked a table for you.

Afterwards, continue your journey to the colonial area of Lima featuring the Cathedral, the Convent of Santo Domingo, and the Main Square with its beautiful neo-colonial style buildings. You will also have a chance to visit Casa Aliaga, reportedly the oldest home on the Continent and still family-owned after 17 generations. It was first deeded to Jerónimo de Aliaga after he became one of the 13 men who stayed with Francisco Pizarro during his gruelling exploration of Peru's coast in 1527. Today, the house is in superb condition, exemplifying life in the period of the Viceroyalty. Marvel at the series of salons representing décor during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Explore the courtyard and chapel where the walls used to be covered in silver sheets prior to the 'sacking' of 1826 before transferring back to your Lima hotel.

** The above sequence of visits is a suggested tour. Depending on your interests, within the specified time of 8 hours, this program can be reorganized to feature the following sites: the Convent of San Francisco and its catacombs, Huaca Pucllana and the Museo de la Inquisition.*

Dinner at Central Restaurant

This evening, you will enjoy dinner at Central restaurant.

We have booked a table for you at 20:00hrs. #6 (2018) on the World's Top 50 Restaurants List, Central delivers ambitious and worldly fusion from chef Virgilio Martínez Véliz, who has crafted a series of modern, molecular dishes using ingredients native to Peru. You will pay the restaurant directly for your meal and any other consumption.





DAY 3

SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER

Transfer Hotel to Airport for Domestic Flight to Cusco

An Aracari representative will meet you in the lobby of your hotel, three hours before your flight departure, in order to assist you with checkout, and then escort you to the airport for your flight to Cusco. After you have checked in your luggage, he will accompany you until you pass through to the departure area. You will be met by your expert guide at the Cusco airport and be escorted by private vehicle to Pisac, one of the most important Inca sites in the Urubamba Valley.

Llama & Alpaca Ranch

Along the way to Pisac, stop for a short visit of Awanacancha, where you will have the opportunity to see the different camelids that live in the Andes such as llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos. Alpacas have thick wool commonly used for textiles while the vicuñas are smaller and have delicate fur that is considered the finest in the world.

Guided Visit of Pisac Market and Ruins

Following your visit to Awanacancha continue on to Pisac where you will experience the sights and sounds of the town's famous market, with a variety of handcrafts and fresh produce. Afterwards, continue on to the Pisac ruins. With Inca masonry of superlative quality, the stunning terracing following the contours of the mountain and superior view of the valley will leave you in awe. Explore at your own pace in this marvellous setting.





DAY 3

SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER CONTINUED

2 nights at Sol y Luna

We adore this stunning and environmentally-integrated hotel, one of our most highly recommended in all of Peru.

The standard bungalows all have comfortable beds and ample amenities and are well decorated and appointed. The sophisticated casitas are ideal for those looking for an extra grade of intelligent luxury, with meticulous attention to detail and ample amenities. The property boasts two exceptional restaurants, and the spacious grounds and inviting outdoor swimming offer lots of space to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Sacred Valley. Aside from being a gorgeous luxury property, Sol y Luna funds the Sol y Luna Association – which generates sustainable funding for education projects, including running its own school for children from the local community.

By staying at this social enterprise you are directly helping support the education, cultural and social projects run by the hotel.

Check-In time: 11:00 hrs. / Check Out time: 10:00 hrs.

Casita Premium

Includes: Buffet Breakfast





DAY 4

SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER

Guided Visit to Maras & Moray

Today, you will visit Maras, the site of the remarkable and unusual Salinas, located in the heart of the Sacred Valley and not far from Urubamba. This site consists of a huge number of watered terraces that collect salt by evaporation from the saline waters that gush from an underground stream. Built in a similar way to agricultural terraces seen throughout the Andes, the Salinas have been in use since pre-Columbian times. Visually, the shining, salt-encrusted terraces are extraordinary. Nearby Maras lie the most enigmatic Inca terraces at the site of Moray. This unique site, probably used for agricultural experimentation, consists of several enormous terraced circular depressions. Following your visit, enjoy a private picnic lunch, as well as an authentic Andean Shaman ceremony, before transferring back to your hotel.

Gourmet Picnic Lunch

Enjoy a delicious Andean-style al fresco picnic lunch, with time to pause and enjoy the magnificent landscapes around you. Hot and cold home-made dishes using local ingredients are served by friendly waiting staff for a sit-down lunch, with perennial local favourites, salads and sweet treats, accompanied by cold drinks and a glass of wine. Our spacious picnic tents will protect you from the elements, where you can enjoy the fresh air in comfort.

Shaman Andean Offering

To mark your spiritual visit to the Urubamba Valley we can arrange for you to participate in an intimate, special ceremony to be undertaken by a shaman whom we trust. We are careful of who we use for these ceremonies as they can become very touristy and artificial. We try to preserve its authenticity by showing it only to very interested and well-informed guests, and small groups.





DAY 5

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Luxury Glamping in the Andes

For the ultimate off-the-beaten-path luxury experience, go glamping in the Andes.

During the day, explore the incredible natural wonders of the Sacred Valley, and at night sleep beneath the stars in a spacious tented suite that combines the raw beauty of open-air camping with the sophistication and comfort of luxury accommodation.

In the morning, your expert guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel, and take you to the glamping site. Here you will drop your things, and settle into your luxury tent before your morning activity. There are 7 ways to discover the area, on foot, by bike or in the nearby lake you can choose to kayak, bird watch, or stand up paddle board to take advantage of your remote outdoor location. Then enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch. A bonfire and deluxe dinner will be awaiting you upon return, so you can relax in the peaceful outdoors before retiring for the night.

Your tent will be gorgeously appointed with hand-carved furnishings, traditional textiles and fresh flowers. The four post bed provides a comfortable nights rest between days of adventure, and the bathroom allows steaming hot showers and silver-basin vanities even in the heart of the outdoors. This is a truly 5-star, one-of-a-kind experience.





DAY 6

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

Second day of Glamping

This morning, wake up well-rested after a night glamping and freshen up before an alfresco breakfast. After that you can pick up your things to continue on to your next adventure.

1 night at Sol y Luna

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Casita Premium

Includes: Buffet Breakfast





DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER

Transfer from Urubamba Valley to Ollantaytambo train station

Today you will be collected from your hotel and driven by private vehicle approximately 20 minutes to the train station in Ollantaytambo to begin your journey to Machu Picchu.

Vistadome Train – Ollantaytambo to KM104 (start point for 1-day Inca Trail)

As the name implies, the Vistadome train features spectacular panoramic windows to make the most of the incredible scenic views during the amazing journey. This service has a total of five cars and is PeruRail's mid-range option, offering comfort and quality as well as snacks and refreshments. The focus of the Vistadome is engaging guests with the breathtaking and ever-changing surroundings while giving them the opportunity to take some spectacular photos of the journey. The ride from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes is approximately 1.5 hours.

***The luggage allowance for this service is one hand luggage (bag or backpack) with a maximum weight of 5kg/11pounds and a maximum size of 157cm/62 inches (length + height + width).*





DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER *CONTINUED*

One Day Inca Trail

Grade: Moderate

Highlight: Archaeology, scenery

Distance Covered: 12km (7.5mi)

Approx. Hiking Time: 6-7 hours

Max. Altitude: 2,800m (9,186ft)

Important note: Hiking the Inca Trail requires a permit and must be booked well in advance as the excursion is popular and has limited entry. In addition, please bear in mind that distances and altitudes are subject to variation as the route undertaken may vary slightly. Trekking time may also vary for each hiker and any times detailed in the description below are averages.

For those wanting to arrive at Machu Picchu by foot and avoid the usual crowds that arrive by train and bus, the one day Inca Trail is the perfect option. You will disembark from the train half an hour before arriving at Aguas Calientes (the station that serves Machu Picchu) and cross a hanging bridge to the small but interesting Inca archaeological complex of Cachabamba. After a brief visit of this site, you will begin a three to four hour ascent to the ruins of Wiñay Wayna, a remarkable Inca site that is only approachable by foot. From here you will hike approximately 2 hours along the main Inca Trail to Inti Punku, or the Sun Gate, where you will catch your first glimpse of Machu Picchu below. Most of the trek is uphill with a fair number of precipices and views of the Vilcanota River. After a guided visit of Machu Picchu, walk a short distance to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge.

1 night at Belmond Sanctuary Lodge

The Belmond Sanctuary Lodge is the only accommodation located adjacent to the Machu Picchu archaeological site. The lodge offers guests a unique opportunity to access the ruins in the early morning when it first opens and later in the evening when it closes, avoiding the crowds of other visitors and viewing the magnificence of the area in a more intimate setting.

Check In time: 13:00hrs / Check Out time: 11:00hrs

One Bedroom Suite

Includes: Full Board





DAY 8

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER

Second Day at Machu Picchu

Accompanied by expert guide | This morning, head back early to Machu Picchu with your guide for an activity-filled day at the ruins. Depending on your interests, there are a variety of excursions available.

- Hike to the Inca Bridge – This is a nice, 40-minute round-trip walk. It starts from the site itself and takes you on a narrow Inca road amidst lush vegetation to a stone Inca bridge. Grade: Easy
- Hike to Inti Punku or “Sun Gate” – Inti Punku is the original Gateway into Machu Picchu when approaching the site along the Inca Trail. Inti Punku is the first point in the Inca Trail where the ruins of Machu Picchu are visible. The views of the site and surrounding landscape are superb. The approximate total time for this excursion is 2 ½ hours (1 ¼ hours there, and 1 ¼ hours return). Grade: Moderate
- Hike up to Huayna Picchu* – Huayna Picchu is the mountain behind Machu Picchu. This hike is strenuous and is only recommended for people who are not scared of heights and who have a good fitness level as a fair amount of climbing is required. There are fabulous views of Machu Picchu from the top. You may want to extend your visit and go to the Moon Temple as well, which is close to Huayna Picchu. This will add an extra hour total to this excursion. The approximate total time for this excursion is 2 ½ hours, or 3 ½ hours if you visit the Moon Temple. Grade: Rigorous
- Hike up to Machu Picchu Mountain* – The hike starts at the site itself. It is strenuous and steep and takes you up to 3,050metres (10,007 feet). The approximate total time for this excursion is 3-4 hours. Grade: Rigorous

** Please note that the treks to Huayna Picchu and Machu Picchu Mountain must be booked well in advance, as there is a limit to the amount of people allowed to enter and due to their popularity. Following your visit to Machu Picchu, you will take a bus to the town of Aguas Calientes to catch the train back to Cusco.*





DAY 8

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER CONTINUED

Hiram Bingham Train – Aguas Calientes to Poroy

Operated by Belmond, the Hiram Bingham Train is a must for those seeking the utmost level of luxury. This train guarantees the highest quality of service and has a total of four cars with room for 84 passengers, including two dining cars, a bar and observation car and a kitchen. Aboard the train a team of dedicated wait staff will attend to guests' needs and ensure that the journey is as comfortable and convenient as possible. Guests enjoy a gourmet dinner during their spectacular journey through the Sacred Valley, passing by lush landscapes and Andean villages. Enjoy views of the beautiful mountains and Urubamba River before arriving to the Poroy train station after approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes of travel.

***The luggage allowance for this service is one hand luggage (bag or backpack) with a maximum weight of 5kg/11 pounds and a maximum size of 157cm/62 inches (length + height + width).*

Transfer from Poroy train station to Cusco

Upon arrival at the Poroy train station, you will be welcomed by an Aracari representative and transferred approximately 20 minutes to your hotel in Cusco.

Includes: Full Board





DAY 8

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER *CONTINUED*

2 nights at Belmond Palacio Nazarenas

This gorgeous hotel, a colonial convent refurbished by Belmond, is a refined and fashionable property featuring 55 suites lavished with the most luxurious décor and amenities. Guests will enjoy the highest quality of personal attention, with private butlers, fresh flowers in the room and such personalized details as a pillow menu, an iPad preloaded with advice about Cusco and a selection of Oscar-winning movies at your disposal. Amongst the ample facilities in each suite are a minibar, tea and coffee makers, telephones, satellite TV with Bose sound system, daily newspapers, a DVD player, a safe deposit box, free Wi-Fi, oxygen-enriched air system, laundry service and housekeeping twice a day. Each private bathroom is fitted with a hairdryer, towel warmer, a spacious shower, bathrobes and slippers. There are also two restaurants and a gift shop on the property.

Check-In Time: 14:00 hrs / Check-Out Time: 11:00 hrs

One Bedroom Suite

Includes: Buffet breakfast





DAY 9

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

In and around Cusco

4-hour tour accompanied by one of our expert guides

Cusco (3,400m/11,155ft) is without a doubt the most beautiful town in Peru and arguably in South America. It was considered the navel of the earth and was the capital of ahuantinsuyo (the Inca Empire), an empire that, at its peak, stretched northwards to the south of Colombia, southwards to northern Chile and Argentina, and eastwards across the Andes to the Amazon basin. After being transported from your hotel, begin your visit in the Plaza de Armas in the city centre. Make your way around the city as you are filled in with all of the enriching history and important moments that took place in the streets and buildings before you. Visit the renaissance-style Cathedral, certainly one of the most imposing structures in the city, and admire the exquisite stonework of Koricancha, or the Inca "Sun Temple." You'll also get to walk around the bustling, open-air San Pedro market, where you will be mesmerized by the variety of unique fruits and potatoes, before sojourning to the outskirts of the city to view the important Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman. Following this series of most informative visits, you will be escorted to the Palacio Manco Capac for a private BBQ Lunch.

Barbeque with a View

From atop an Inca wall, enjoy panoramic views of Cusco during a private BBQ with your own dedicated cook. Sample a variety of local meats – including alpaca – accompanied by fresh, leafy salads from the on-site vegetable garden for hearty, home-cooking at its best.

Dinner at Cicciolina Restaurant

This evening, you will enjoy dinner at Cicciolina restaurant. We have booked a table for you. You will pay the restaurant directly for your meal and any other consumption.





DAY 10

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

The Chef's Food Tour *Half-day culinary experience led by a professional chef*

Peru boasts an almost unbelievable number of ingredients and rich culinary history, sitting firmly on the international food scene as a must-visit culinary destination. Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire, is surrounded by the Andes which are recognized for its wide array of natural ingredients. Ancient superfoods like quinoa and kiwicha sit alongside the seemingly humble potato; nearby, the Sacred Valley lays claim to a special variety of corn, the giant choclo. Ingredients and their diversity from Cusco and beyond have helped inspire the country's leading chefs to deliver internationally-acclaimed fare, consolidated Peru's position as a gastronomic epicentre. On this food-focused morning, you'll be led on foot by one of the city's top professional chefs to discover more about Peruvian food.

In the neighbourhood of San Blas you'll begin at a local bakery, Pantastico, which uses traditional Andean grains like quinoa, kiwicha and maca to create delicious wholesome loaves. At San Blas market, you'll see these types of ingredients on display alongside a multitude of exotic fruits and vegetables. The chef will take you to his favourite vendors to showcase and teach you about different ingredients – where they come from and what they're used for. Head to a popular juice stall to sample some of the new fruits discovered in the market while tucking into a local sandwich from the stall next door. Next you'll walk to an ice cream shop to enjoy a sweet taste of Peru's flavours.

Your chef will then take you to Pachapapa restaurant where you'll have the opportunity to learn to make Pisco Sours at the bar. Head out to the courtyard patio for a private cooking lesson, where under expert guidance you'll prepare trout ceviche before sitting down to enjoy your own creation. Your tour ends at Pachapapa in San Blas, from which you can make your own way back to your hotel or continue exploring.

Your chef, Rodrigo Balbontín

Born in Chile, but raised gastronomically in Peru, Rodrigo took his first cooking class at the age of 9. Studying at Le Cordon Bleu in Peru's culinary capital of Lima, he has worked in the kitchens of many of the country's top restaurants including Astrid y Gaston, Rafael and Maido, as well as gaining experience abroad in London, Madrid and Barcelona. Rodrigo is passionate about food and experimenting in the kitchen, and enjoys sharing his love of cuisine with visitors.





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