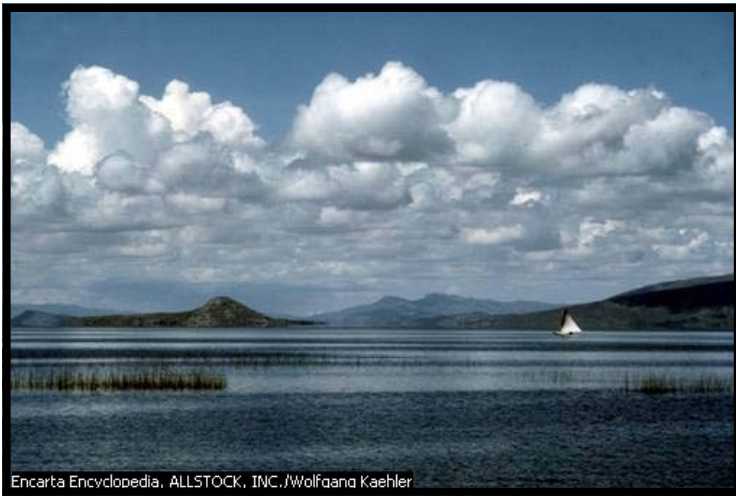


EXPERIENCE PERU

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Lima (1), Cusco (4), Puno (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Sacsayhuaman Fortress • Dinner Show • Ollantaytambo Ruins • Moray • Shaman Ceremony • Machu Picchu • PISAQ Indian Market • Lake Titicaca • Pikillacta • Sillustani • Uros • Taquile



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DAY 1 LIMA Board your flight to Lima, dubbed “The City of Kings” by its founder Francisco Pizarro in 1535. Your TSA Tours courier will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel in the residential district of Miraflores.

DAY 2 CUSCO From the Lima airport, take a short one-hour flight to the mystical Cusco, where your host families will be waiting to take you to lunch. After lunch, visit **Sacsayhuaman Fortress** in the surrounding mountains, a jewel of Inca architecture. On to **Q’ enquo**, a rock sanctuary with a monolithic altar representing a puma and **Tambomachay**, a beautiful fountain fed by a spring forming a series of basins. Visit a “**chicheria**” to see how the local people enjoy this indigenous Andean drink and pay tribute to the Pachamama or Mother Earth. Tonight, enjoy a **dinner show** with a magnificent view of the Plaza

de Armas.

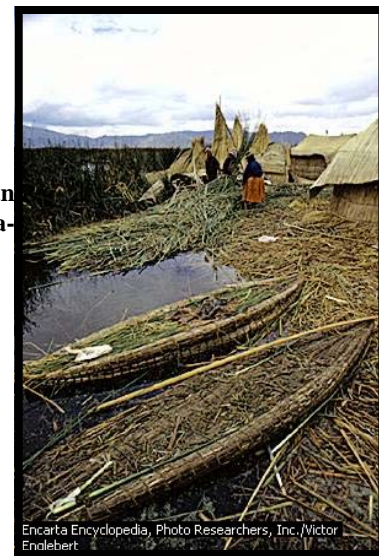
DAY 3 CUSCO Visit **Ollantaytambo**, a tribute to craftsmanship, as the entire town still has its original Inca-built stone walls, narrow streets and water system. After lunch, continue to —a huge system of circular platforms the Inca’s used as an agricultural “research laboratory.” A **shaman ceremony** will bless your trip and future wishes during your trip.

DAY 4 CUSCO Spend the day in **Machu Picchu**, often considered to have the most spectacular setting of any ruin in the world. This “Lost City of the Incas” was unknown to the outside world until it was discovered in 1911. The grassy central court is surrounded by nearly 200 houses, palaces and temples built from perfectly fitted stone blocks. Three sides of the city are terraces that were cut into the mountain for

farming and defense—the fourth side is a sheer cliff.

DAY 5 CUSCO Visit the world famous **PISAQ Indian market**. All over the Andean highlands, scattered in the Sacred Valley, you will find numerous markets displaying everything from wool textiles, native fruits and vegetables, and jewelry to ceramics, baskets, wood carvings, native paintings, embroidery, tools and even animals! The market in PISAQ is a rich cultural site where locals meet with friends and family to catch up and practice the ancient art of bargaining. It will captivate you and feel as if you have stepped back in time.

DAY 6 PUNO Travel to **Puno** and **Lake Titicaca**. According to legend, this lake gave birth to the Inca civilization. Prior to that, the lake and its islands were holy for the Aymara Indians, whose civilization was centered on the Bolivian side of Titicaca. You will learn about the development of the Aymara and Inka culture and visit **Pikillacta** and **Sillustani**, with its circular burial towers overlooking Lake Umayo. The



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age of the towers, which are up to 12 meters high, is still a mystery.

DAY 7 PUNO From Puno travel to the islands of **Uros** and **Taquile**. According to legend, the Uro Indians had black blood that helped them survive the frigid nights on the water and prevent them from drowning. The last full-blooded Uro was a woman that passed in 1959. Today, Uros is inhabited by a mix of Uro, Aymara and Inca descendants who follow the Uro ways. On Taquile you will find well-made woolen and alpaca goods made by skilled weavers, as well as colorful garments whose patterns and designs bear hidden messages about the wearer’s social standing. The residents on this island, which has no hotels, are careful not to let tourism destroy their delicate culture.

DAY 8 DEPART It’s time to say good-bye to Peru, but before you go participate in a Shaman ceremony to cleanse the soul. Transfer to the airport at Juliaca, then arrive in Lima for your flight home.

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