

## **S3 Adventures - Peru Itinerary**

### **May 17th - 26th, 2025**

#### **High Level Itinerary**

- May 17: Arrive in Lima. Casa Andina Premium in Lima.
- May 18: Lima City & Catacombs tour. Water Show. Casa Andina Premium in Lima.
- May 19: Peruvian Culinary Experience. Flight to Cusco. Hilton Hotel in Cusco.
- May 20: Cusco City Tour. Hilton Hotel in Cusco.
- May 21: Sacred Valley Tour with Andean Experience. Sol Natura in Ollantaytambo.
- May 22: Short Inca Trail OR Train to Aguas Calientes. Hot Springs. El Mapi Hotel in Aguas Calientes.
- May 23: Machu Picchu Tour. Train Back to Cusco. Hilton Hotel in Cusco.
- May 24: Maras and Moray Tour. Hilton Hotel in Cusco.
- May 25: 7 Lakes Day Tour. Hilton Hotel\* in Cusco.
- May 26: Flight from Cusco – Lima – Home.

#### **Tour Includes**

- 4 transfers (airport – hotel – airport)
- 9 nights in 4-star hotels across Peru
- Tour of Lima, the Catacombs, the Water Show, and 1 Culinary Tour
- Tour of Cusco
- Tour of the Sacred Valley
- Inca Trail Day Hike OR a train ride from Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes
- Tour of Machu Picchu
- Tour of Maras and Moray
- Tour of 7 Lakes
- Train Ticket from Aguas Calientes - Cusco
- Domestic Airfare (Lima – Cusco – Lima)
- Private coach transportation throughout
- English – Spanish speaking guide
- Meals described in the itinerary (9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 2 Dinners)
- All entrance fees, permits for the activities described

#### **Tour Does Not Include**

- International flights
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, lunches and dinners not described
- Tips, gratuities & personal expenses

## Detailed Itinerary

### **May 17, 2025: International Flight to Lima**

**Meals Included:** None

**Accommodation:** Casa Andina Premium

You will be picked up from the Lima Airport by a Kusa Treks representative who will meet you outside baggage claim with a Kusa Treks sign and take you to your hotel in the Miraflores district of Lima in our private shuttle van. You will have the rest of the afternoon / evening to yourselves. Rest up because tomorrow will be a full day.



## May 18: Lima City Tour, Catacombs Tour, and Water Show, Group Dinner

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, and Group Dinner

**Accommodation:** Casa Andina Premium

You will have the morning free to explore Lima on your own or sleep in after a long day of travel. Breakfast will be served at your hotel. In the afternoon, your Kusa Treks guide will pick you up from your hotel at ~1:00 P.M. We will start our visit with the archeologic and ceremonial center Pre-Inka Huaca Pucllana. After that we will visit the historic center of Lima, a declared world heritage by UNESCO. This city was founded by The conquistador Francisco Pizarro and is known as the “City of the Kings”. The visit of the center of Lima will be walking as many of the important places are near to each other, we will visit the Cathedral of Lima, the government Palace, the Municipal Palace, the archiepiscopal Palace, the church and the convent of San Francisco, where we will visit the famous catacombs.

We will continue our tour with the visit of the Larco where we will appreciate a fascinating collection of art of Pre Inca cultures; this museum has approximately 45,000 archeologic pieces. This museum is located in an old house hacienda that was constructed above ancient Pre Inca structures. This museum will teach us more about the Andean cosmovision and about the development of the Pre Incan cultures. Here we will see the finest gold and silver collection of ancient Peru and the collection of erotic art. The museum is divided in seven sections: the gold and jewels, the lytic, the vault, the ceramic, the metal, the cultures, the textiles, the erotic art and the deposits section.



After the tour of Lima and the Catacombs, you will drive to the Parque de la Reserva park in downtown Lima and visit the 13 computer-controlled neoclassical-style fountains for the 7:30 PM showtime, after sunset. You will see a fountain with a jet that soars to over 80 meters. This Monumental Urban Environment was designed by the French architect Claude Sahu, and after the show, you will head to the Hacienda de Paso for a delicious Peruvian buffet dinner (Group Dinner, included in package). Enjoy dinner and a show as skilled dancers display traditional

dances from the three regions of Peru. As part of the show, admire the training of Peruvian Paso horse during the horse show. After the show, you will return to your hotel around 9:30 or 10:00 PM.

## **May 19: Peruvian Culinary Experience. Late Flight to Cusco**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hilton Hotel in Cusco

This morning, you will explore Peru's culinary culture in small groups to enjoy your Lima food experiences, including exclusive tastings and hands-on activities. Your tour will begin with a 9:30 AM pick up from your hotel and lasts about 5-hours.

The ultimate Lima food Tour: Explore Peruvian superfoods, a colorful market, and the secret corners of the city. Enjoy Peru culture and flavors at each outdoor stop and even get your fill of pre-Inca ruins. This tour includes great views of the city, Organic Peruvian coffee, Exotic Peruvian fruit smoothies, a gourmet tasting at a top-ranked superfood restaurant, a fruit tasting, a second gourmet Peruvian tasting amid Pre-Incan ruins at La Huaca Pucllana.

Note: All food and beverages in the program are included.

Note: Vegetarian, gluten-free, and other diet accommodated

**Includes:** Walking tour of Barranco, Lima's bohemian art district, organic Peruvian coffee, colorful market visit and tasting, amazing views of Miraflores, exclusive selections of Peru's best dishes and cocktails, multiple neighborhoods, and dessert amid the pre-Incan ruins of the Huaca Pucllana.

After your food tour, you will be driven to the airport in time for your domestic flight to Cusco. A Kusa Treks representative will either email or give you physical copies of the airline tickets the night before. Upon arrival, you will again be met outside of baggage claim for your private shuttle service to your hotel in Cusco. You will have the rest of the afternoon to explore Cusco on your own.





## May 20: Cusco City Tour

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hilton Hotel in Cusco

A morning half day tour starting with pick up from your hotel lobby at 8:30 AM will leave behind the crowds. Experience the impressive Incan architecture of the ancient fortress and temple at the archeological park of Sacsayhuaman. Our tour will go up through the three levels discovering the remains of the towers.

Afterwards, we continue to the local San Pedro Market. Spend some time exploring the various items for sale and have an immersion-filled experience into the lives of the local people. Then, an exclusive stroll in the city that starts with a visit to the Plaza de San Cristóbal (San Cristobal Square) to enjoy a panoramic overview of the city. Afterwards, we will visit the San Pedro Market, where we will absorb the local flavors and learn more about the products of the area in this market that has it all and supplies the entire city. The last stop of the tour will be at the Qorikancha Temple, which will welcome us with all its splendor and magnificence, with walls that used to be covered in gold. After the tour, ending ~1:30 PM, you will have the rest of the day to yourselves.



## May 21: Sacred Valley Tour with Andean Experience

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Sol Natura

Experience a full-day tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, visiting the charming towns of Pisac and Ollantaytambo. Immerse yourself in ancient history and stunning landscapes.

The Sacred Valley of the Incas is waiting for you. We will explore the Pisac Market with enough free time to go around and buy handcrafts and if you feel like tasting something traditional, stop by the wood ovens for a delicious empanada or Peruvian breads. After your time around the local markets, we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, after lunch, your tour continues to Ollantaytambo, a small town full of local color and inhabited since Inca times. Here, we will visit the main temple used as a fortress during the Inca resistance, a breathtaking spot with incredible views for amazing pictures. After the tour you will be dropped off at your hotel.



## May 22: Short Inca Trail OR Train to Aguas Calientes. Hot Springs

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

**Accommodation:** El Mapi

You will be picked up from your hotel in the morning and taken to the train station where those completing the Short Inca Trail will ride the train for ~2 hours to the KM 104. Here, you will disembark with your tour guide and go on the 8-mile hike along the famous Inca Trail to the Sun Gate for your first view of Machu Picchu. You MUST SHOW YOUR PASSPORT AT THE CHECK IN STATION BEFORE BEGINNING THE HIKE. BRING YOUR PASSPORT. You will have a packed lunch along the trail and the famous ruins of Wiñay Wayna. After scaling the steps to the Sun Gate, you will take the path down into Machu Picchu itself to get photos at the end of the day and potentially at sunset.

You will then exit Machu Picchu and take a bus down to the town of Aguas Calientes where you will be taken to your hotel to shower and change and then head to dinner at a local restaurant. Here, the hikers will meet the rest of the group who took the train the rest of the way to Aguas Calientes and enjoy the hot springs after a long day of hiking.

After the hikers deboard, those who will take the train ride to Aguas Calientes will enjoy this incredible train ride as it follows the Urubamba River through the rest of the Sacred Valley. Upon arriving in Aguas Calientes, you will be taken to your hotel and have the rest of the evening to yourselves to explore the city until the evening, where you will meet the part of the group that went on the hike and join them to the hot springs and later for dinner at your hotel, El Mapi.





## **May 23: Machu Picchu Tour. Train Back to Cusco.**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hilton Hotel in Cusco

We'll wake up early so that we can catch one of the first buses in order to witness the striking sunrise at Machu Picchu. You'll have a two-hour guided walking tour by your private English speaking Kusa Trek guide. After that you'll have time to explore Machu Picchu by yourself. Those who have tickets to Huayna Picchu\* will have time to climb the mountain, which takes approximately an hour and a half round-trip. \*Climbing Huayna Picchu is an additional cost of \$75 USD per person.

After your time is up inside Machu Picchu, you will go to the bus stop and again ride down to Aguas Calientes for your Vistadome train back to Cusco. You will arrive in Cusco ~9:40 PM and be taken to your hotel.



## **May 24: Maras and Moray Tour with Andean Experience**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hilton Hotel in Cusco

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco at 8:00 AM and driven to two incredible sites along with lunch at an Andean Village. Your first view will be at Moray, ~ 1.5 hours from Cusco, one of the largest and best-preserved examples of Incan terraced farming.



You will then drive a few miles down the road to the salt pools of Maras, which is over 1,000 years old. After that, you will travel to a local Andean town and visit temples, cathedrals, and then sit down with the locals and eat lunch and see a demonstration of the famous weaving technique. You will return to Cusco ~4:00 PM and have the rest of the evening to yourselves. Get some rest because tomorrow is a very early start!



## May 25: 7 Lake Day Tour

**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hilton Hotel in Cusco

You will be picked up from your hotel in Cusco at 4:00 AM and take the 3.5-hour drive through some incredible scenery that will end at the small village of Pacchanta. At this higher elevation, make sure you bring some warm clothing, as the temperature drops compared to Cusco. At Pacchanta, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast and then you will start the 1.5-hour hike to the 7 Lakes. During the course of the hike, you will pass by the famous lake that this hike is known for, as well as a gorgeous display of the local flora and the intimidating Ausgante snow-capped peaks. If you prefer to ride horseback for this activity, horses will be provided free of charge. The altitude affects everyone differently. You will then return to Pacchanta for lunch, which will include a hot and delicious spread of chicken, rice, fruits, and vegetables (any dietary needs/restrictions must be made known beforehand so as to accommodate) and then after lunch, you will board the van to return back to Cusco around 6:00 PM.

## May 26: Flight Home

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** N/A

You will be picked up from your hotel in time for your departing flight from Cusco to Lima for your connecting flight home.



## Miscellaneous Information

### Tipping:

We generally recommend the following structure:

- \$10 for the group for any drivers
- \$20 - \$30 / person for the porters/support staff
- \$15 - \$20 / person for assistant guide
- \$30 - \$40 / person for head guide
- In total, we recommend bringing ~\$100 - \$150 for tips per person

### Domestic Transportation:

Sprinter Vans Used for Domestic Transportation:

- 8 – 10 passenger sprinter vans
- Private transportation
- Air Conditioned



### Train Information:

The Vista Dome Train is an upgraded train, which provides entertainment and a meal. It also has a glass domed ceiling which provides better views of the Sacred Valley on your way from Aguas Calientes to Cusco. The Vista Dome train will end at the Poroy station, a 30-minute drive to Cusco from where we will pick you up in our private sprinter vans. The arrival station is based on the time the train leaves Aguas Calientes.