

# Fabulous Peru! April 2026

# The perfect extension after your Galapagos Adventure or join us to explore this amazing country!

**April 9, 2026: ARRIVAL TO LIMA:** Upon arrival you will be welcomed at the Lima airport and transferred to your hotel. After check-in you will have a briefing in which you will be receive your "Travel Kit" which includes all your travel documents.

Accommodation : Casa Andina Select Miraflores

Type of Room : Superior

**Altitude** : 144 m.a.s.l. / 472 ft.

Ave. Temperature : 22°C / 72°F

#### April 10, 2026: LIMA

In the morning, you will visit colonial Lima & the Cathedral. Located in the Main Square, it is in the same place as the original building of 1555. After the earthquake in 1746, the Cathedral was rebuilt on the same site under the direction of Jesuit priest Juan Rehr. Both its facade and interior are austere with its remarkable wooden choir stalls, altars and the tomb of Francisco Pizarro, who died in 1541. Later, you will visit the Church of San Francisco, its convent, Art Museum, cloisters and catacombs. Afterwards, you will have a panoramic view of the Main Square with the Government Palace, the Municipal Hall, the "Desamparados" Train Station,

before driving through the old streets where you will have a spectacular view of traditional mansions and Moorish style balconies. You will then continue through classic and modern Lima and you will enjoy an amazing view of the Pacific Ocean. After, visit the Gold Museum, where your tour includes viewing a unique and amazing collection of gold objects from many Pre-Hispanic Andean civilizations. This private collection of



pieces and jewels worked in gold is of incalculable value. Appreciate pre-Inca textiles and an exhibition of one of the largest and most interesting of its kind anywhere in the world "weapons of the world". Finally, you will return to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight.

Activity of the Day : Tour of Colonial Lima & Gold Museum (Private Tour - 5 hours)

Meals : Breakfast

Hotel : Casa Andina Select Miraflores

Category : Superior

**Altitude** : 144 m.a.s.l. / 472 ft.

Ave. Temperature : 20°C / 68°F

# **April 11: LIMA - CUSCO**

In the morning, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Cusco departing approximately 1030hrs arriving 1130hrs. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, you will be picked up from your hotel in order to begin your City Tour, visiting Cusco's

Historical Inca and Spanish Colonial Monuments, such as the Main Square, known in Inca times as Huacaypata or the Warrior's Square; it was the scene for many key events in Cusco's history. Then onto the Cathedral, originally built on the site of the old temple of Suntur Wasi (House of God), now the church of El Triunfo, a particular interest are the choir cloisters, the pulpit, the engravings on the altar and furniture. Continue onto the Church and Convent of Santo Domingo, a Spanish construction belonging to the Dominican Order built upon the foundations of the Inca temple of Koricancha or Temple of the Sun. Koricancha (in Quechua, site of gold) was the main religious building of the Incas dedicated to the worship of the Sun and whose walls, according to the chroniclers, were plated with sheets of gold. Magnificent blocks of finely carved stone were



used in its construction. Afterwards, you will visit the surrounding ruins of the city of Cusco: Sacsayhuamán, this huge Inca fortress is built on three overlapping platforms, each of them over 360 m long. Then onto Tambomachay, known as the Inca baths. It was apparently a site dedicated to the worship of water and a resting place for the Inca Museum and Kenko. There is a huge 5.9 m high stone block that looks like a puma. There are also passages, canals and stairways with stone engravings representing animals. Finally, Puca Pucará, which was an administrative and military centre formed by terraces, stairways, passages, turrets and vaulted niches. At the end of the tour, you will return to your hotel. Overnight.

Activity of the Day : City Tour of Cusco & Surrounding Ruins (4 hours)

Meals : Breakfast
Hotel : Abittare
Category : Superior

**Altitude** : 3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.

Ave Temperature : 16°C / 61°F

#### **April 12: CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY**

In the morning, at around 08:30, you will be collected from your hotel and driven overland to the Sacred Valley and to the archaeological complex of Pisac, a journey which will take approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes. On route, you will stop to take some pictures and admire the Pucara Bulls on the roofs of Andean houses. These small bulls are thought to be amulets that bring wealth to each family who owns them. They are usually given as gifts at weddings. On arrival to the archaeological complex of Pisac, you will begin our tour of the site, during the course of our hike around this area; appreciate the magnificent Andean terraces, which were built to expand the agriculture lands.



Afterwards, you will visit the artisan market of Pisac a colourful local event that over the centuries has attracted local traders and remote communities from all over the valley, dressed in their traditional and colourful costumes. Enjoy the opportunity to interact with local people, appreciate their craftsmanship, handicrafts and local fruit and vegetable stalls. After lunch, you will make your way to the town of Ollantaytambo, with its distinct Inca urban planning, visit the religious, astronomical and military complex and observe how the ancient Peruvians moved

boulders of nearly 60 metric tons from one mountain to another and across the river and valley. Finally, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight.

Activity of the Day : Pisac Ruins, Market & Ollantaytambo (Private Tour - 7 hours)

Meals : Breakfast - Lunch

Hotel : Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay

Category : Standard

**Altitude** : 2,800 m.a.s.l. / 9,186 ft.

**Ave Temperature** : 15°C / 59°F

#### **April 13: SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU**

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Alowance	Weight per
Train: Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes	Vistadome	09:15	10:52	1 piece	5 Kgs.

In the morning, you will walk to the train station to board the first-class train to Aguas Calientes,

a small town located below Machu Picchu. You will enjoy a spectacular train journey crossing valleys, mountains and typical communities. The altitude will descend to 1,900 metres crossing from the sierra to the cloud forests. Upon arriving at Aguas Calientes you will be transferred to the hotel to leave your luggage. Next, transfer to the bus station to board your scenic bus uphill to your first spectacular views of Machu Picchu (approximately 20 minutes). On arrival, lunch will be at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge.



After lunch, you will take the tour of the Sanctuary. This stone citadel, located 112 km from



Cusco, was discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911. The citadel was built on a very special spot covered in vegetation between two mountains: the Machu Picchu (old mountain) and Huayna Picchu (young mountain), at the foot of which meanders the Urubamba or Vilcanota River (lower Jungle featuring abundant flora and fauna). After completing the tour, you will have free time to walk by the surroundings and then return to Aguas Calientes, where you will spend the night. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Activity of the Day : Tour of Machu Picchu (Private - 3 hours)

Meals : Breakfast – Lunch - Dinner

Hotel : <u>El Mapi by Inkaterra</u>
Category : Superior Deluxe

**Altitude** : 2,300 m.a.s.l. / 7,546 ft.

Ave Temperature : 16°C / 61°F

# April 14: MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Alowance	Weight per
Train: Aguas Calientes - Poroy	Vistadome	16:43	20:23	1 piece	5 Kgs.

After an early breakfast, you will walk to the bus station to board your bus to Machu Picchu for a second visit to Machu Picchu sanctuary to feel the energy at the first light of day (without a guide). You will have free time to walk around and capture some breathtaking views and photographs. Take the shuttle bus back to Aguas Calientes after the visit.

Lunch is included at "Café Inkaterra". In the afternoon board your return train to Poroy. Upon arrival at the train station, you will be transferred to your hotel in Cusco. Overnight.

Activity of the Day : Second entrance to Machu Picchu (NOT GUIDED)

Meals : Breakfast - Lunch
Hotel : Abittare Hotel
Category : Superior

**Altitude** : 3,399 m.a.s.l. / 11,152 ft.

Ave Temperature : 16°C / 61°F

April 15: CUSCO - LIMA - PARACAS

Type of Transport	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Alowance	Weight per
Flight: Cusco – Lima	10:18	11:45		
Tourist Bus: Lima – Paracas	14:00	18:00	1 piece	23 Kgs.

In the morning, you will be transferred to the airport to take the flight to Lima departing approximately 1020hrs arriving in Lima at 1145hrs. Here you will transfer to the bus station to board the bus to Paracas, located in the South of Lima, 4 hours approx. Arrival to Paracas, reception at the bus station and transfer to hotel. Overnight.

**Activity of the Day** : Journey Lima – Paracas (Group – 4 hours)

Meals : Breakfast

Hotel : San Agustin Paracas

Category : Standard

Altitude : 10 m.a.s.l. / 33 ft. Ave Temperature : 22°C / 71°F

April 16: PARACAS: In the morning, discover the Ballestas Islands, home to peculiar and



diverse coastal fauna. This two-hour journey takes us around several small islands while hearing location cries from sea lions, spotting Humboldt penguins and a wide variety of guano birds. On the way to the islands, you will be able to appreciate the magnificence of the "Candelabro" (the Candlestick), an enormous and mysterious geoglyph carved on the desert soil, making this a morning of archeological & natural history discovery.

Next, you will be transferred to Pisco's Airport. Upon arrival, take the 1 hour and 40-minute

flight over the Nazca Lines. A once in a lifetime chance to see and photograph this immense Pre-Incan astronomical calendar comprised of extraordinary and mysterious designs that were

discovered in the 1930's. The lines are known as geoglyphs - drawings on the ground made by removing rocks and earth to create a "negative" image. The rocks which cover the desert have oxidized and weathered to a deep rust colour and when the top 12-15 inches of rock is removed, a light-coloured, high contrasting sand is exposed. Because there's so little rain, wind and erosion, the exposed designs have stayed largely intact for 500 to 2000 years. After the overflight, transfer to local restaurant for lunch and then transfer back to hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore.



**Activity of the Day** : Ballestas Islands (Group Tour – 2 hours)

Overflight Nasca Lines (Group Tour – 1 hour 40 minutes)

Meals : Breakfast - Lunch
Hotel : San Agustin Paracas

Category : Standard

**Altitude** : 10 m.a.s.l. / 33 ft.

Ave Temperature : 22°C / 71°F

#### **April 17: PARACAS – LIMA – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE**

Type of Transport	Specification	Departure	Arrival	Baggage Alowance	Weight per
Tourist Bus: Paracas – Lima	Morning - afternoon			1 piece	23 Kgs.
Flight: Lima - Home					

At a coordinated time, you will be transferred to the bus station for your bus ride to Lima where you will be met and then and transferred to the Lima airport to board your international flight.

**Activity of the Day** : Journey Paracas – Lima (Group – 4 hours)

Meals : Breakfast



# Fabulous Peru! April 2026 (prices are per person)

2-3 Guests (without Tour Leader Mona and gratuities) \$4695USD per person

4 or more guests include tour leader Mona and gratuities 4 - 6 guests - \$ 4795USD pp 8 - 10 guests \$4395USD pp Single Supplement \$775USD

#### Payment options -

- USD Bank Draft USD amount
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#### What's Included:

- Transfers, tours & activities in this itinerary and Entrance Fees
- English speaking guide for each tour
- Meals and Accommodation as per itinerary.
- Gratuities for guides, porters, drivers with over 4 guests
- Tour Leading services by Mona Keith for a group over 4 guests



**What's Not Included:** Services not specified in the program, extras; Travel medical/cancellation insurance; Personal laundry or dry cleaning; Room service and mini bar

https://www.casa-andina.com/en/destinations/miraflores/hotels/casa-andina-select-miraflores

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choice for business travellers who expect efficiency, excellent service and a comfortable design. We have a fully equipped fitness room so you can stay in shape while working, as well as sauna, Jacuzzi and hairdressing services. This is a hotel of 155 rooms, 100% nonsmokers, distributed on 11 floors. Hotel Facilities: Gym, Sauna, ATM, Complimentary Wi-Fi internet I, Boarding Pass Printer, Virtual Concierge, Internet Centre.

Abittare CUSCO

## https://www.abittarehotel.com/en

Located in Cusco Historic Center, this hotel is steps from Temple of the Sun and Qoricancha.



Hotel Facilities: Concierge services, dry cleaning, and laundry facilities are available at this smoke-free hotel. Free buffet breakfast and free Wi-Fi in public areas are also provided. Additionally, a 24-hour front desk and tour/ticket assistance are onsite. All 44 rooms offer free Wi-Fi, LED TVs with cable channels, and safes.

Sonesta Posada Del Inca Yucay SACRED VALLEY

https://en.sonestapiyucay.com/? ga=2.31055615.1135263642.1621437268-939387330.1621437268

The 87-room Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay is located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, a one-hour drive from the ancient Inca capital of Cusco and close to Machu Picchu. The



Sonesta Yucay Posada is a former 18th century colonial-style monastery and a small town surrounding the hotel with their magnificent mountains with a climate of peace and beauty. **Hotel Facilities:** Alpaca clothes shop, Bar, Business center, Crafts and jewelry store, Currency exchange, Front desk, Hair dryer, Heating, Housekeeping, Internet, Restaurant, Internet is free in all hotel facilities.

# https://www.inkaterra.com/byinkaterra/el-mapi-hotel/the-experience/

Andean style hotel located in the heart of Aguas Calientes, a colourful town at the foot of Machu Picchu. El Mapi's design brings together a blend of classic, modern, restored and recycled materials. The influences are smart, informal, fanciful and snazzy. The feel is function and a lack



of pretension. The flowing lobby creates a sense of vitality. Lofty ceilings, panoramic windows and an open cafeteria layout allows natural light suffused through the fence of tall eucalyptus trunks into an ambience, which create a sense of order and wellbeing. **Hotel Facilities:** restaurant, bar, private bathroom, telephone, minibar, laundry, room service.

#### San Agustin Paracas



## **PARACAS**

The San Agustin Paracas Hotel Resort is in the midst of beauty that only the Paracas Bay can offer you. The resort has been modelled on a modern and environmentally friendly architecture. This allows travellers to appreciate the intricacies of nature from their room.

**Hotel Facilities:** restaurant, bar, terrace, laundry service, room service, free internet



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# **About Your Destination Specialist/Tour Leader - Mona Keith**

Zookeeper and Naturalist, Mona's lifelong interest in the animals of our world make her a great part of our team. She has a BSc in Zoology and started her career as a Field Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, working on the endangered Vancouver Island Marmot Project, and the effects of clear-cut logging on the forest birds of Vancouver Island. She began her Zoo-keeping career in 1982 at



the Calgary Zoo, and has nurtured her passion and honed her skills working closely with animals ever since. She strives to ensure that the animals under her care have the best life possible while they serve as ambassadors for their species educating people about the crucial role all wildlife plays in our lives and the world we live in.

For over 35 years, she has worked almost exclusively with African species, dedicating most of her time to giraffes, hippos, lions and zebra. Besides the basic cleaning and feeding, she spends time providing behavioural

enrichment to enhance their lives both physically and emotionally. Mona also works in training the animals to participate willingly in essential animal husbandry needs such as weighing, hoof trims for the giraffes and tooth trims for a hippo.

Mona's role as a Zookeeper includes educating the public about the animals under her care. She has given numerous talks to school groups, special behind-the-scene tours and many TV, radio and newspaper interviews. Mona is an avid birdwatcher keeping lists of sightings in North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. She loves to share her passion for our avian friends and her enthusiasm is sure to rub off. As an experienced trip leader, Mona will provide valuable knowledge and enjoyment to your trip to see the wonders of Peru. Mona can be reached at <a href="mona@natureencounterstours.com">mona@natureencounterstours.com</a> for more destination information. Contact Carol to coordinate and book all your travel

#### About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! We have extensively researched destinations that will put you in touch with our passion – nature and culture! Our 35+ years of experience, including personally traveling to these areas regularly, coupled with the experience of our guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps our guests returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location, to the start of your small group or custom departure, we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is not only memorable but the "best vacation ever!"

In Ecuador and Peru, you will have experiences like no other... walking on lava spewed from ancient volcanoes, swimming with sea lions and even penguins, carefully picking your way though a maze of land iguanas, marveling at the bulbous red pouch of the Frigate Bird, enjoying the colourful people at a local market... and so much more. Your binoculars and camera's will get a very good workout!

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our guests are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. We support villages and schools as well as conservation groups that are near and dear to us – Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Painted Dog Conservation Project, Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Mara-Meru Cheetah Project, Wildlife SOS in India and Friends of the Galapagos to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our guests an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to enjoying watching the antics of a pair of tiger cubs playing in India to photographing the mating dance of Blue Footed Booby's in Galapagos. You will marvel at the many species that live in our great world.