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Peru March 2011 11 Days/ 9 Nights

Day 1: Friday 25, March 2011

You will depart Calgary on your flight to Lima
Meet and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight - [Casa Andina P.C. Miraflores](#)

Day 2: Saturday 26, March 2011



Buffet breakfast.
Transfer to Lima airport.
Arrival in Arequipa. Reception and assistance.

CITY TOUR + SANTA CATALINA
Today you will have a half-day tour of Arequipa that lies at the foot of the extinct "Misti" volcano. On the main



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the Plaza de Armas, you will see the Cathedral with its Carrara marble huge Belgian organ and the magnificent pulpit, carved in Lille, France. then continue on to the Jesuit church of La Compañia with its beautifully painted chapel and carved volcanic stone arcades. The highlight of the tour is a visit to the Santa Catalina convent. This convent, closed to the public for almost 400 years until 1970, is still home to a few cloistered nuns. The tour provides an insight as to the isolated lives the nuns, mostly daughters of the wealthy Spanish nobility, led in this attractive setting with its quaint narrow streets and courtyards.

Overnight - [Casa Andina P.C. Arequipa](#).

Day 3: Sunday 27, March 2011



Buffet breakfast.
COLCA CANYON
Today you will be picked up from your in the morning for the scenic bus ride Colca Canyon. On leaving Arequipa drive through the Aguada Blanca Reserve where you will see herds of and alpacas grazing. After 4 hours you



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the beginning of the Colca Canyon with its green valleys and Andean A box lunch will be provided. After lunch, an optional visit to La Calera relaxing and joyful bath in its hot springs. Your journey will end at your Hotel

Overnight - [Colca Lodge](#).

Day 4: Monday 28, March 2011



Buffet breakfast.
COLCA CANYON



Day After breakfast, an early morning departure for the drive to the "Condor Cross", the best point for a breathtaking view of the Colca Canyon with the Colca river flowing 1,200 meters below and the majestic condors in flight above. Visit the Hanging Tombs at Choquetico before continuing on to the towns of Maca, Achoma and Yanque with its lovely white church. Return to Chivay for lunch before driving to your hotel in Arequipa.
Overnight - Casa Andina P.C. Arequipa.

Day 5: Tuesday 29, March 2011



Buffet breakfast.
Transfer to Arequipa airport.
Arrival in Cusco. Meet and assist.
CITY TOUR + RUINS



The tour will show you the amazing colonial city built on the foundations of the Inca palaces. You will visit the Koricancha or Temple of the Sun, where you can appreciate the incredible masonry of the Incas, the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral with its carved woodworks, altars and paintings. Then you will be driven to the Inca fortress of Sacsahuamán, to the underground cave and temple of Kenko and to Tambomachay, known as the Baths of the Inca.

Overnight - [Novotel Cusco](#).

Day 6: Wednesday 30, March 2011

Buffet breakfast.

PISAC MARKET & OLLANTAYTAMBO & LUNCH

You will be driven through a scenic landscape to the Urubamba Valley, the "Sacred Valley of the Incas". Arriving at the town of Pisac, an hour drive from Cuzco, you will visit the colorful Pisac Market, where the local indians meet to sell their merchandise as they have done it for centuries. There is also a handicraft market. The tour continues to the town of Ollantaytambo from where you will climb up to its imposing Inca fortress at the top of the mountain. Lunch will be provided at local restaurant.

Overnight - Novotel Cusco.

Day 7: Thursday 31, March 2011



Buffet breakfast.
MACHU PICCHU
Transfer to Poroy train station. 3 in a Vistadome coach. You will arrive Aguas Calientes Station in Machu- where you will be transported by bus of the mountain and citadel of Machu- one of the most renowned examples



hours ride to the Picchu to the top of Inca not a guided

architecture, surrounded by lush cloud forest. Lost in history, it was discovered until 1911 by the American explorer Hiram Bingham. After visit of the ruins, you will have a self-service lunch at local restaurant. Return to Cuzco by train. Reception and transfer to hotel.

Overnight - Novotel Cusco.

Day 8: Friday 1, April 2011



Buffet breakfast.
Transfer to Cusco airport. Meet and Meet and transfer to your hotel.

LIMA CITY TOUR

Our guided visit to Lima allows you to Historical Center: Plaza Mayor ("Main the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the City Hall and



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with colonial mansions and Moorish balconies. You will also visit the Francisco Convent, which has the most magnificent monumental of colonial art in America. The tour will continue through the most traditional residential areas of Lima which include San Isidro, Miraflores and Larco Mar, a stop of international thematic attractions which offers a spectacular panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight - Casa Andina P.C. Miraflores.

Day 9: Saturday 2, April 2011



Buffet breakfast.

Transfer to Lima bus station. 3-hour ride in a Cruz del Sur tourist bus service. Along this way, you will pass through the different types of desert and oasis, landscapes while your guide will introduce you to the new Peru coastal population as well as to the various vestiges of ancient civilizations. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Transfer to Pisco airport. Then, we will take a light aircraft and enjoy an over flight over the Nasca Lines. There, you will spot various figures drawn on the

sandy soil, representing animals and stylized plants, distributed in a huge labyrinth of lines, trapezes, triangles and hairsprings recorded over the land and preserved for almost 2000 years, according to the specialists.

Overnight - [Doubletree Guest Suites by Hilton Paracas](#)

Day 10: Sunday 3, April 2011



Buffet breakfast.

BALLESTAS ISLANDS

Starting from the Paracas Hotel pier in the Pisco 2 hour boat ride will lead you to visit the Islands situated off the coast of the Paracas Peru's largest coastal wildlife sanctuary. These beautiful islands are home to thousands of migratory sea birds. These include pelicans,



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cormorants, gulls among others, who share their habitat with colonies of sea the way you will also see one of the mysteriously drawing etched on the desert Candlestick.

Return to your hotel. At the scheduled time, return in Cruz del Sur tourist bus Lima. Upon arrival, transfer to Lima airport to board your international flight.

Day 11: Monday 4, April 2011

You will arrive into Calgary about noon.

Included in the Cost of the tour

- return airfare Calgary/Lima
- airport taxes
- 9 night's hotel based on twin occupancy
- breakfast everyday
- guides and entrances as stated in the itinerary

Not included in the cost of the tour

- Domestic airport taxes US \$6.82 - \$8.00 per person.
- International airport taxes \$31.00 per person.
- meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- personal expenses
- tips and gratuities for the driver and/or escort

Price per person based on 10 passengers **\$4929.00**

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