



# 2018 Cusco and Machu Picchu Extension

*Exclusively for participants of the Educator Academy in the Amazon*

**Extension cost is \$1595 land only** plus approximately \$375 air roundtrip Lima/Cusco. *Land cost based on a minimum of 4 travelers with double occupancy. Single supplements available for an additional \$395pp.*

## ITINERARY

### July 10: Day 1 - IQUITOS / LIMA

After breakfast at Ceiba Tops and a chance to say our goodbyes, we board boats to Iquitos and are transferred to the airport. Our flight takes us to Lima where we are met on arrival and transferred to our Lima hotel. Dinner is on your own. (B, L)



### July 11: Day 2 - LIMA /CUSCO

After breakfast at the hotel, we leave the coastal city of Lima for Cusco, nestled in a valley more than 11,000 feet above sea level and surrounded by some of the most majestic peaks in the Andes. On arrival in Cusco, we transfer to our hotel near the central plaza. We have a walking tour to explore this quaint town with the balance of the day on our own. The tiny shops are open and there are lots of special places to browse and people-watch while we acclimate to the Andes. (B, L)



### July 12: Day 3 - CHINCHERO / MARAS SALT MINES / CUSCO

This morning we travel by private bus into the historic Urubamba Valley (known as the “Sacred Valley”), stopping at Chinchero to learn about the Quechua and a cultural perspective of the Andes that is often overlooked. Dress and weaving design distinguish the Quechua of Chinchero. Many women still wear multiple braids and handmade clothes. Here in Chinchero we’ll have lunch and visit the family of Nilda Callanaupa Alvarez. On our way back to Cusco, we’ll stop at the Maras salt mines for a fascinating look at how the precious commodity of salt is extracted from underground springs and channeled through terraced ponds engineered by the Incas and still in use today. (B, L)



### July 13: Day 4 - CUSCO / MACHU PICCHU

Today we depart early for our tour of Machu Picchu. We board the Vistadome train, the first class train with beautiful panoramic windows offering unsurpassed scenic views and photographic opportunities. We arrive at Aguas Calientes in time for lunch with our guide. Then we continue to our destination, Machu Picchu. Climbing 2,000 feet up a steep winding road we are afforded beautiful views of the valley and sheer mountain faces that fall abruptly toward the Urubamba River. (B, L, D)

### July 14: Day 5 - MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

This morning visit Inkaterra’s spectacled bear project. Once common throughout the Andes, the spectacled bear is now critically endangered. Visits to the project give insight into the world of these large mammals (the only bear species native to South America), and teach about the challenges they face to survive in today’s world. In the early afternoon, we board the train for the return trip to Cusco through the Urubamba Valley. (B, L)



### July 15: Day 6 - CUSCO / LIMA

We return to the Cusco airport for our afternoon flight to Lima to connect with flights that will be departing near midnight for the United States. (B, L)

### July 16: Day 7 - USA

Note that your international flights will land early morning in the United States.