

## Highlights of Peru & Inca Discovery

March 2 – 11, 2027 (10 Days)

### *Tentative Itinerary*



Welcome aboard our tour of ancient and mysterious Peru! You will experience this South American paradise in style. From the once-thriving capital of the Incan Empire, Cusco to modern and metropolitan Lima, you can enjoy this unique country to the fullest. Ride aboard the luxurious Vistadome Observatory train before being taken to the summit of the Machu Picchu lookout. Feast your eyes on one of the world's most breathtaking views. Relax and put your feet up in any of the fabulous hotels we have chosen for this adventure. Outlined below is the itinerary for this exceptional getaway. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and providing an exciting, carefree, and well-managed tour.

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

### Day 1: Tuesday, Mar 2 – Overnight Flight to Peru

- For those who have purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package – you will depart from your local airport and meet your tour manager in the Toronto airport for your connecting flight. After departing Toronto, we will have a brief layover in Lima continuing onward to Cusco, where stunning views of the Andes greet us as we approach. Adjusting to elevation is a customary process today and local teas and leaves will help your breathing. Please note: altitude medication can help but all guests are to check with physicians before taking any such medication.

### Day 2: Wednesday, Mar 3 – JW Marriott El Convento Cusco

- ¡Bienvenidos al Perú! Welcome to the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere, Cusco which sits at an elevation of 11,200 feet.
- Transfer from the airport to our hotel will be included today. Our hotel is the beautiful 5-star JW Marriott Hotel located in Cusco historic centre offering a blend of historic grandeur and modern comforts. This luxurious boutique hotel is housed inside a restored 16th-century convent and features two exhibition halls filled with ancient Peruvian artifacts.
- Your tour manager will take care of the check-in process, distribute the room keys and have your luggage sent to your rooms – all a part of the Collins Tours signature service you will receive throughout the tour.
- You will have the remainder of the day at your leisure to relax and acclimatize to the change in altitude. Please ensure you avoid drinking alcohol and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated to lessen the symptoms of altitude sickness. Also, it is recommended to drink coco tea and coco leaves to help prevent altitude sickness.
- Dinner this evening is on your own (your expense). There are many options near our hotel to choose from.



### Day 3: Thursday, Mar 4 – Cusco (B, Group D)

- Enjoy your included buffet breakfast, located in the hotel restaurant, this morning.
- Following breakfast, meet your local professional guide, tour manager and fellow travellers in the lobby for our tour of Cusco and nearby ruins. Be prepared for the excitement of touring the ancient capital of the Inca Empire with its delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture.
- Please note that because access for larger vehicles is limited in Cusco's historic centre, our sightseeing will begin with a guided walking tour. This allows us to comfortably explore key landmarks including the Plaza de Armas, Qorikancha, the Temple of the Sun (**entrance included**), Cusco's Cathedral (**entrance included**), and the lively San Pedro Market. After the walking portion of the tour, we will meet our driver and continue by motorcoach to visit the nearby archaeological sites of Qenqo, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, and the impressive Sacsayhuamán fortress (**entrances included**).
- Once our guided tour concludes, we will return to our hotel for lunch (on own) where you will enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure.
- Tonight, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers, in the lobby of the hotel, for our fabulous group welcome dinner (**included**) in this incredible city!
- **Please note: Before going to bed, everyone must pack accordingly, as our train ride tomorrow requests that you only bring one carry-on bag per person weighing up to 12kg and measuring a total of 115 cm (height + length + width).** Our checked luggage will be put in secured storage at the hotel and upon our arrival in Sacred Valley on the 6<sup>th</sup>, will be waiting for you in your hotel room.

### Day 4: Friday, Mar 5 – Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu, El Mapi ByInkaterra Hotel (B, L, Group D)

- After an early morning breakfast, meet your tour manager and fellow traveller in the lobby for our private transfers via minibuses to the Wanchaq Railway Station in Cusco. Please note that your Peru Rail ticket includes **Bimodal Service**, which combines travel by private bus and train departing from Cusco. From Wanchaq Station, a private Peru Rail bus travels to Ollantaytambo Railway Station (approximately 2 hours), where you will board the train for the scenic journey to Aguas Calientes (approximately 2 hours and 21 minutes).
- This morning, you can enjoy your Vistadome Observatory train ride through the Andes! The Peru Rail Vistadome Observatory train offers a unique and luxurious experience including an open-air balcony where you can breathe fresh air and feel closer to nature. It features traditional music as you enjoy the stunning panoramic views (**a box containing a selection of exquisite snacks such as cookies, bars, chocolates and a choice of a hot or cold beverage are also included**).
- You will journey through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Perched 8,200 feet above the valley, it was hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungles for 400 years until discovered by Hiram Bingham of Yale University in 1911. Archaeologists believe that the Inca "Virgins of the Sun" took refuge from the Spanish Conquistadors here.
- Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes train station (Machu Picchu Pueblo) we will head directly to our hotel for a buffet lunch (**included**). Please note that Aguas Calientes is a compact town with very limited vehicle access, mainly reserved for shuttle services to Machu Picchu, so we will walk from the train station to our hotel, just a short five-minute stroll.
- Porters will be awaiting our arrival at the train station and walk with us to the hotel. They will take our luggage once we arrive at hotel and deliver it to your rooms during lunch.
- After lunch, we will begin our bus transfer (**included**) to the top of amazing Machu Picchu for our guided tour of the ancient Inca ruins - a definite highlight of your tour! (**entrance tickets and guided tour included**) *Please note: Our visit to Machu Picchu will focus on the lower terraces and main archaeological areas,*



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*following a relaxed sightseeing route that offers classic viewpoints and close access to the ruins. We will spend approximately 2.5 hours on site. Please note that all guests must be able to walk unassisted, as the visit involves some uneven stone paths, steps, and walking throughout the complex.*

- We will return as a group to the amazing 4-star El Mapi ByInkaterra Hotel for two nights, later this afternoon.
- Meet your tour manager this evening after some rest for another fantastic group dinner **(meal, beer or wine are included)**. Time to share your stories with your new friends about the breathtaking scenery of Machu Picchu.

### Day 5: Saturday, Mar 6 – Machu Picchu (B, Group D) **\*\*\*Visit to Machu Picchu Citadel Optional Excursion**

- Wake up this morning and enjoy another buffet breakfast **(included)**.
- For those wishing to return to Machu Picchu for a deeper look, please join your tour manager on an optional second day visit to the citadel. This experience follows a different route than our first included visit, revealing new perspectives and areas not seen the previous day. The visit is self-guided, allowing you to explore at your own pace, take photos, and fully enjoy the setting on your own terms. With fresh viewpoints and a new path through the site, this second visit offers a memorable way to experience Machu Picchu from a different angle.. Please note that all guests must be able to walk unassisted, as the visit involves uneven stone paths, steps, and continuous walking throughout the complex. **(Price TBA)**.
- This afternoon, we return to our hotel in time for lunch **(on own)**.
- Tonight, meet the group in the hotel restaurant for another fantastic group dinner **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

### Day 6: Sunday, Mar 7 – Machu Picchu – Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley (B)

- Enjoy one last buffet breakfast in this breathtaking location **(included)** before we make our way back to the train station, heading to the Sacred Valley region via the Vistadome train.
- We suggest bringing a small snack to enjoy on the train, as we will be arriving at the hotel in the late afternoon and food service on board the train is limited.
- We will arrive at the Ollantaytambo train station, where we will board our transfer to our hotel. Enjoy the 5-star Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado for our two-night stay - your bags that were left in Cusco will be waiting for you upon your arrival.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening is free to enjoy as you please (your expense).



### Day 7: Monday, Mar 8 – Sacred Valley (B, Group D)

- Enjoy an early morning buffet breakfast at the Casa Andina **(included)**.
- Today, we will take a full-day guided tour of the Ollantaytambo and Moray ruins, with some free time to shop in one of the local artisan markets.
- Pay close attention as we pass through the unspoiled, picturesque Andean communities on our way to Moray, the Incan agricultural experimental center. Famous for its striking sunken amphitheater of four circular terraces, Moray unfolds before us like an immense, artfully crafted crater carved into the earth. Our journey continues to the impressive Maras salt pools, where mineral-rich water flows from deep within a mountain in the Urubamba Valley, forming a breathtaking patchwork of evaporating ponds dedicated to centuries-old salt extraction. We will learn about ancestral techniques, which are still used, in agricultural, irrigation and salt recollection tasks, as well as in Andean festivals and rites.

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- During our tour, we will make a stop for lunch to ensure a convenient and relaxing break for the group. Given the limited dining options in the area, lunch will be served buffet-style at a well-regarded local restaurant, offering a taste of traditional Peruvian flavours and a glimpse into Andean culinary culture.
- Tonight, meet the group and your tour manager in the hotel restaurant for another fantastic group dinner **(wine or beer included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).



### Day 8: Tuesday, Mar 9 – Sacred Valley – Cusco Airport – JW Marriott Lima (B)

- Enjoy your last buffet breakfast in Sacred Valley before checking out of the hotel for our transfer to the Cusco airport for our flight to Peru's capital, Lima. **(For guests who have purchased Collins Tours' All-Inclusive Air, your intra flight is included).**
- Lima is known as the "City of Kings" and famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture and cuisine. Lima is internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its cuisine is considered among the world's most diverse.
- Upon arrival in Lima, we will transfer from the airport to our luxurious 5-star hotel for the next two nights, the JW Marriott Lima. This hotel is just steps from the scenic Malecón (coastal promenade) with panoramic Pacific views and easy access to the upscale Larcomar shopping and entertainment center making it convenient for exploring Lima's cultural sites.
- We will arrive at our hotel late afternoon, and your tour manager will handle the check-in process, distribute the room keys and have your bags sent to your rooms – all a part of the Collins Tours signature service.
- Dinner and the remainder of the evening are to yours to explore as you please (your expense)!

### Day 9: Wednesday, Mar 10 – JW Marriott, Lima (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Wake up and enjoy an amazing JW Marriott buffet breakfast in the hotel's restaurant **(included)**, offering many different options to start your day.
- Join your tour manager, and fellow travellers for a professionally local guided city tour of Lima and the Larco Museum **(entrance fee included)**. This city tour visits both the colonial and modern sections of Lima. Colonial sites include the lovely Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, San Francisco Church, and the exquisite Torre Tagle Palace's modern-day seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In modern Lima, enjoy a scenic drive through the exclusive residential districts of Miraflores and San Isidro, showcasing the city's most refined neighborhoods.
- Once back at our hotel, the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure.
- This evening, we will gather for the last delicious farewell group dinner **(wine or beer included)** as we toast to a wonderful tour and a collection of lasting memories.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own (your expense).



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## Day 10: Thursday, Mar 11 – Lima – Home (B)

- Since our flight departs early in the morning, a to-go breakfast has been arranged so you can enjoy a quick meal before heading to the airport.
- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, step aboard our private motor coach as we depart for the airport and our flights home to the Maritimes (**Included in Inclusive Air price**).

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction, changes to concert or sporting event times, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, travel vouchers, or liable for costs associated to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due from any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**

- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **SIX MONTHS AFTER** the date of your arrival in Peru. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag each way). Airline fees for any checked baggage overages or additional bags (both outbound and inbound flights) are **NOT** included in your tour package and any additional costs are your responsibility paid directly to Air Canada.
- Currency used in Peru is the **Sol (Soles for 2 or more)**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 CAD per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids/gels you plan to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carryon & placed in bin for TSA screening. Prescription medication should be kept in original container or carried with you during travel.
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- REMEMBER: your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
  - **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**

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- Collins Tours tour manager - from \$8 - \$10 per person, per day
- Bus driver \$4 – \$6 per person, per day
- Private city tour guides- \$3 per person, per day

### **Hotel Information**

Cusco: JW Marriott - Esquina De La, Ruinas 432, Cusco – Phone: +51 84 582200

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