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9 DAYS INCA TRAIL 2009

Johannesburg - Cape Town - Buenos Aires

Sunday/Wednesday Day 1: Overnight Buenos Aires

Depart from Johannesburg at 06h50, arrive Cape Town at 08h50. Depart Cape Town at 10h20, arrive in Buenos Aires at 15h40. After clearing customs, you are transferred to the Pestana Hotel for a good nights rest.

Accommodation in Buenos Aires is double sharing and includes breakfast.

<http://www.pestana.com/hotels/es/hotels/southamerica/BuenosAiresHotels/BuenosAires/Home/>

Buenos Aires to Cusco - 3 350m

Monday/Thursday Day 2: Overnight Cusco

After an early breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for departure to Cusco. Expected time of departure from Buenos Aires at 08h00, expected time of arrival in Lima is 09h45. You will then connect at 11h30; expected time of arrival in Cusco is 12h45. On arrival you are transferred to the San Agustin Eldorado Hotel to freshen up and start the acclimatisation process. After a hot shower or bath you should rest and recover from the long flight.

Accommodation in Cusco is double sharing and includes breakfast. <http://www.hotelessanagustin.com.pe/>

Flight duration: 6 hours 45 minutes

Start Inca trail - approximately 5 hour hike

Tuesday/Friday Day 3: INCA Trail Day 1

After early breakfast you are transferred from your hotel and driven through the Sacred Valley until the starting point of the Inca Trail. Native Quechua Porters will be waiting for you, after all formalities are concluded; you will hike through eucalyptus groves to the ruins of Patallaqta. You will have amazing views of the Vilcanota Mountain Range and the snow-capped peak Veronica. Later you will pass the indigenous community of Wayllabamba close to the first campsite. Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served.

Dead Woman Pass - approximately 8 hour hike

Wednesday/Saturday Day 4: INCA Trail Day 2

After an Andean dawn, you will hike through the cloud forest. On this day you will meet the Dead Woman Pass (13,734 feet), the highest point of the Trail. The secret is to get there before the sun sets, but before you do, you will stop in Lulluchapampa (12,589.5 ft.), where the guide will brief you on the history of this place. You will now be close to reaching the highest point of our adventure, once reaching the top you will take a well deserved break. A delicious refreshing Peruvian Pisco is served to help you keep warm. From here you will have an impressive view of the route to Paqaymayu, the next camp site. You will then start descending huge rock steps, slowly, and carefully. Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served.

Wiñaywayna - approximately 7 hour hike

Thursday/Sunday Day 5: INCA Trail Day 3

Today sees the start to one of the most interesting parts of the Trail. The Forest forms green tunnels along the way turning it into fantasy walkways. Beautiful orchids start to appear; it is so impressive how the Incas built these roads along the mountains and humid forest. You continue hiking among the great Inca works, Runkurakay ruins (12,436 feet), descending upon the Inca Complex of Sayaqmarka (11,772 feet) and visiting the archaeological center of Phuyupatamarca (11,722 feet), a strategic point with a beautiful view. Finally, you camp at Wiñaywayna (8,829 feet), the most spectacular archaeological complex of the whole Trek. Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served

Guided Tour of Machu Picchu - approximately 4 hour hike

Friday/Monday Day 6: INCA Trail Day 4 - Overnight Cusco

Very early morning, after having left Wiñaywayna, you will arriving at Inti Punku (Sun-gate), from this point you will have the most amazing picture of Machu picchu; then you arrive in the Lost City itself for a guided tour of this spectacular lost city. You are then transferred by bus from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes train station, the journey takes about 25 minutes. From Aguas Calientes train station you embark on another 4 hour train ride to Cusco, transfer from the station to San Agustin Eldorado Hotel takes about 10 minutes. Accommodation in Cusco is double sharing and includes breakfast.

Cusco to Buenos Aires

Saturday/Tuesday Day 7: Buenos Aires

After an early breakfast you are transferred to the airport for departure to Buenos Aires. Departure Cusco at 09h25, expected time of arrival in Lima is 10h45. The connection for Buenos Aires is at 12h35; expected time of arrival is 18h50. On arrival you will be transferred to the Pestana hotel for check in. Accommodation in Buenos Aires is double sharing and includes breakfast.

<http://www.pestana.com/hotels/es/hotels/southamerica/BuenosAiresHotels/BuenosAires/Home/>

Flight duration: 7 hours 25 minutes

Buenos Aires - Cape Town - Johannesburg

Sunday/Wednesday Day 8: Buenos Aires

This is your final day to catch up with last minute shopping, time of departure for Cape Town & Johannesburg is 21h45.

Johannesburg

Monday/Thursday Day 9: Johannesburg

Expected time of arrival in Cape Town is 09h30 and Johannesburg 12h40.

Tour package includes:

Return H or Q Class seats from Johannesburg/Cape Town to Buenos Aires

Return N Class seats from Buenos Aires to Lima

Return B Class seats from Lima to Cusco

3 nights/1 day 4 Star Pestana Hotel including breakfast

2 nights San Agustin El Dorado Hotel including breakfast

4 days Inca Trail including all meals

Guide & porter support (porters only carry camping equipment & food)

Train ticket from Machu Picchu to Cusco

All hotel, airport & station transfers

Tour package excludes:

Luch & dinner in Buenos Aires

Lunch & dinner in Cusco

Domestic departure airport taxes

Travel insurance

Extra porter to carry your personal gear (about \$100USD for 15kgs)

Tips of about \$25USD)

Bottled water, soft drinks & alcoholic beverages

ADD ON OPTIONS:

1 - IGUAZU FALLS

2 - PATAGONIA

3 - RIO DE JANEIRO

4 - AMAZON RIVER

Regards

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