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9 DAYS INCA TRAIL SALKANTAY 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.

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.

Flight duration: 6 hours 45 minutes

Inca Trail Day 1

Tuesday/Friday Day 3: Cusco - Mollepata - Soraypampa

4:30 AM, this morning we will pick you up from your hotel and drive for approx 3 hours to Mollepata village, situated in the Apurimac river valley and over 9000 feet above sea level; here we will have breakfast and meet our Quechua folks who will have the horses (to carry the equipment) ready to start our adventure! After some rest, we start our trek heading to Sayallapata (11,000 feet above sea level), it will take approx 4 hours to arrive at this Andean community where will have an Andean lunch! After lunch, we continue our trek to Soraypampa (13000 feet above sea level) for about 2 hours where we will camp our first night and have dinner.

Inca Trail Day 2

Wednesday/Saturday Day 4: Soraypampa - Qollpapampa Salkantay

After having breakfast, we start our second day of adventure toward the Salkantay Mountain Pass (14,842 feet above sea level) for about 2 hours from where we will enjoy the most amazing views of the snow-capped Salkantay Mountain, then we will start descending towards our second camp site at Qollpapampa (9482 feet above sea level), a beautiful place with natural hot springs.

Inca Trail Day 3

Thursday/Sunday Day 5: Qollpapampa La Playa

Today, we will have an easy trek along the Santa Teresa River, enjoying beautiful scenery through this forest, passing a beautiful water fall, observing banana trees and coffee plantations. After a stop to have lunch and rest, we will pass by the passion fruit fields. In the afternoon we arrive at our next camp site located in the village of La Playa (7,068 feet above sea level).

Inca Trail Day 4

Friday/Monday Day 6: La Playa - Aguas Calientes

After having breakfast, we cross the river and continue to the village of Lucmabamba, a gradual uphill climb through lush sub-tropical forest leads us to Llactapata (8,700 feet above sea level), from where we will enjoy a back - side view of Machu Picchu and have time to rest. A descending trail will bring us to the Hydroelectric of Santa Teresa where we will have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we will take the local train to Aguas Calientes (45 minutes). Upon arrival, you will be accommodated at the hostel or hotel of your choice (included on this package).

Evening: Overnight in Aguas Calientes.

Machu Picchu to Cusco

Saturday/Tuesday Day 7: Guided tour of Machu Picchu

Early morning: short bus journey to Machu Picchu. In many ways today is the climax to your holiday. You will have a guided tour of the most amazing & mysterious of all Inca Sites. You will learn about the history of this site, who lived there, how it was discovered in modern times and why the Spaniards never found it. You will have some insight into the various features of the city and after that you will have some free time to really enjoy yourself alone in this spectacularly located site. This is an unforgettable experience that will stay with you forever. Afternoon: Train journey back to Cusco, on arrival in Cusco, you will be transferred to your Hotel.

Cusco to Buenos Aires to South Africa

Sunday/Wednesday Day 8: Buenos Aires to Cape Town & Johannesburg

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 in Buenos Aires you are transferred from Arpt. Jorge Newbery to Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini airport for departure to South Africa. The expected time of departure for Cape Town & Johannesburg is 21h45.

Flight duration: 7 hours 25 minutes

Cape Town to 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
1 night 4 Star Pestana Hotel including breakfast
2 nights San Agustin El Dorado Hotel including breakfast
5 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:

Lunch & dinner in Buenos Aires
Lunch & dinner in Cusco
Domestic departure taxes
Travel Insurance
Bottled water, soft drinks & alcoholic beverages
Tips for support team (about \$25USD)
Porter to carry your personal gear (about \$100USD)

Regards

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