**LETS DO PERU!** 

A Douglas Henderson Photo Safari
10 Days/ 10 Nights

October 12-22, 2022

#### **PRE TRIP**

Before we head for Peru, let's get together, get to know one another and let the excitement build. I'll educate you on what to expect, what the best gear, and how to get those great photos of one of the world's most photogenic places.



# **DAY 1. GETTING THERE**

First day is a travel day. We'll leave fromTulsa International Airport. Or...you can leavefrom somewhere else and meet up with us in Miami or elsewhere. Late afternoon we'll arrive at the capital city of Lima and transfer to the Tour Hotel. Hotel to be announced.

### DAY 2. LIMA, THE CAPITAL CITY

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll start our first day on the ground about 9 am with a tour of the some of the most important places in the capital, such as the Main Square, the Cathedral and the monumental Convent of San Fransciso. Late in the day, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Arequipa. Lunch is included. Overnight in Arequipa. You are free for dinner.

#### **DAY 3: AREQUIPA / COLCA CANYON**

7:30am we'll start our visit with the Santa Catalina Convent and the Main Square. From there we will head to Chivay. Along the way we'll see the beautiful towns of Yura, Vischachani, Sibayo and the Volcanos Chachani and Misti. Evening free. Box Lunch is included. Overnight in Chivay. Free for dinner.



After an early breakfast, we will go to the Condor's Cross at Colca Canyon and see, and photograph, the spectacular flight of the majestic condors. These amazing creatures will come and fly only yards away, but they depend on thermals. So... if it's clear, that could be 8am, if foggy could be 11am. The Valley is SPECTACULAR! From there we'll take our bus to Puno. Box Lunch is included. Early evening arrival to Puno, where we'll overnight.



After breakfast, 7:30am transfer to the pier to take our boat to the floating islands of Uros. In Uros, we will learn about the modus vivendi of these native Quechan communities. We will continue the route towards Taquile Island inhabited also by native Quechuas who have developed a weaving technic which stands out by its great cultural wealth, emphasizing its textile art. Lunch is included in typical rural house. Afternoon return to the hotel. Overnight in Puno. Free for dinner.



After breakfast, 8am we'll take our bus to Cusco. We will stop at important spots during the trip, including Pukara, La Raya, Raqchi and Andahuaylillas. Lunch is included at Sicuani in route. Overnight in Cusco. Free for dinner.

Day 7: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

Today is a Full and exciting day!! After breakfast we will have a full day excursion to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas". We'll have many surprises, including seeing the Incan agricultural center Moray and an easy hike through the Salt mines Salinas de Maras. After having lunch (included) in a local countryside restaurant, we will visit the Inca Fortress and Citadel of Ollantaytambo, built to guard the entrance to this part of the Valley. Afternoon train to Aguas Calientes, which winds down a narrow gorge. Overnight in this charming lush Outpost town. Overnight in Aguas Calientes. Free for dinner.



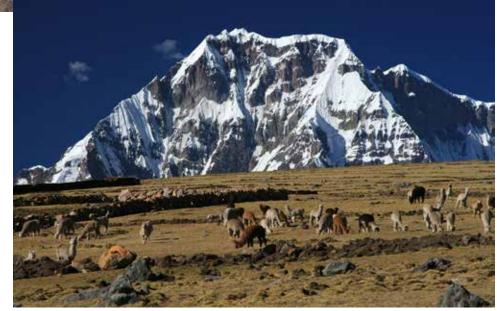


Machu Picchu is on many people's bucket list. Today is a long and exciting day!! After an early breakfast, (07:00) we will take a shared bus for @25-minutes up the winding road, to "The Lost City of the Incas". Once we get there, we will tour The Historical Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Sun Clock, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds. We will return by bus back down to Aguas Calientes. Late afternoon we'll take the train back to Cusco and transfer back to our hotel. Lunch is included. Arrival & Overnight in Cusco. Free for dinner.



# **Day 9: CUSCO CITY TOUR**

Full day Cusco city tour, we will be taken on a guided sightseeing tour visiting the Main Square, the Cathedral and the Temple of the Sun or Koricancha. Then, we'll visit Inca sites in the surrounding areas of Cusco, including Kenko, Tambomachay (the Inca baths), Puca Pucara and the impressive Fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Return to the hotel. Free for Dinner. Overnight in Cusco, Lunch Not included



# Day 10: CUSCO / LIMA

After breakfast, transfer to Cusco's airport for our flight back to Lima and international flight out.

#### **POST TRIP MEETING**

Sometime in November, we'll get back together for a post-trip meeting, meal, sharing of photos and memories.

#### **END OF OUR PERU SAFARI**

Tour Includes:

Air fare from Tulsa to Lima, Peru

All ground transportation (Private bus, Boat excursion and Train)

International flight to and from Lima

Domestic flights \$180-\$200

English speaking guides

All Transfers during the tour

All Entrance fees

Lodging in double rooms in unique hotels with breakfast

All Lunches (except for 1 in Cusco)

Activities of mentioned itinerary

All local taxes

#### Tour Does Not Include:

Anything not mentioned in the above itinerary

Meals Not detailed in Itinerary

Personal spending or Tips for guides and drivers

Excess baggage charges

Any additional hotel nights due to any flight cancellations

Water, adult beverages, snacks, souviners, etc...

#### COST

My goal is to keep the cost of this trip to under \$4,000. I can't, at this time predict exactly what that will be as airfare and fuel costs keep changing. But that's the plan.

A \$500 deposit(non-refundable) secures your place.

This information is as accurate as we can make it as of 6/17/2022. But things will almost certainly change. We keep finding things to add, and things get canceled or closed. But... if it was completely predictable... what fun would that be?

#### MORE INFO LATER!!!

Call or text me with any questions you have. I'm happy to talk to you.

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