



PERU: THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

**Mountains, Jungles &
Machu Picchu**

10-DAY PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Cusco, South America's oldest inhabited city
- Journey to the greatest icon of ancient South America, the historic Inca citadel of Machu Picchu
- Travel through the Sacred Valley, known for its mystical significance for the Incas
- Hike the Rainbow Mountain, famous for its brightly colored sediment layers
- Unveil Ollantaytambo's ancient marvels amid the fertile land of the Sacred Valley
- Stop at a Quechua village for a ceramic workshop and to enjoy lunch and conversation in a community that still practices many Inca traditions

2024 PROGRAM DATES

- June 22 - July 1, 2024
- July 6 - July 15, 2024

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ITINERARY

Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, site visits, activities and service work vary depending upon a number of factors, such as the weather, scheduling and constraints of the location.

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to Peru!

Our TTN Trip Leaders will meet you in the Cusco airport arrivals terminal wearing their TTN t-shirts.

We will spend this first day settling into our accommodation and building connections with fellow travelers. Before we sleep off our jetlag, we will enjoy a local welcome dinner.

Days 2 - 3: Pisac & Sacred Valley

Step into a world where history and culture intertwine in the legendary Sacred Valley of the Incas. Our journey begins in Pisac, a quaint artisan village cradled by majestic peaks and fertile valleys.

Explore the ancient mysteries of Písac archaeological site, said to be aligned with the solar system. Unleash your creativity in a ceramics workshop, crafting traditional pottery techniques with a modern twist. Our local guide will teach us how ancient civilizations created music with traditional Andean wind instruments.

Our journey will take us to a community that preserves traditional agricultural and artisanal practices from Inca times. Set out on a short hike to the unique Moray archaeological site, where terraced round depressions tell tales of Inca agricultural innovation. Savor a feast of local flavors – potatoes, beans, corn – during a hearty lunch. Then, witness the breathtaking Maras Salt Mines. The stunning white salt pools glimmer when the sun begins to set behind the mountain peaks of the Sacred Valley. From here, we'll drive to the historic town of Ollantaytambo, where we will rest for our next expedition.

Days 4 - 6: Ollantaytambo & Machu Picchu

Witness the genius of Inca engineering as you explore Ollantaytambo's ruins, a testament to their mastery of aqueducts and dams on the Urubamba River. Fit together with precision, colossal stones tell stories of a bygone era. Embark on a hike, unraveling history step by step.

The next leg of our adventure is the one we've all been waiting for: Machu Picchu. A scenic train ride sweeps us through majestic mountains and lush jungles, mirroring the Incas' path to Aguas Calientes, the small town at the base of the ruins.

At last, Machu Picchu appears. Traverse this architectural marvel of temples, palaces and dwellings against a backdrop of verdant peaks with stones so impeccably placed, they defy the ages. Learn more about this UNESCO World Heritage Site with our expert guide.



Days 4 - 6: Ollantaytambo & Machu Picchu (continued)

Pause for meditation and introspection amidst the ancient energy of Machu Picchu. Depart with memories etched and head back to Cusco. Enjoy well-deserved R&R, wander the vibrant streets or simply unwind at your accommodations. Learn the ropes of Peruvian cuisine, where we will learn how to make a traditional dish from a local chef.

Days 7 - 9: Rainbow Mountain & Cusco

Gear up for exhilaration as we set out on a day trip to explore the area via water with a rafting adventure through the rapids of the Urubamba River. Marvel at the wildlife as we head downstream. We'll work together as a team to paddle hard through this rushing river!

Lace up your hiking boots and set your sights on the summit! Venture south to uncover the awe-inspiring Rainbow Mountain--this trek will reward us with sweeping vistas of nature's artwork, painted with vibrant hues of mineral deposits located far off the beaten path.

Wrap up by exploring the art, architecture and local ways of the historic city of Cusco. We'll stroll around the San Blas artists' quarter and visit the colonial arch and Inca aqueduct of Sapantiana. We'll take in the view of this old Inca capital city from the neighborhood of San Cristobal. We'll visit an open-air market to cap off our Cusco experience with some local fruit tastings.

Finally, it's time to pack and prepare for our travels home. Spend some high quality time with new friends before it's time to say goodbye.

Day 10: Departure Day

Before we know it, our Peruvian adventure has come to an end. Head to the airport with incredible memories, new friends, and confidence that will benefit you for life!

TTN Trip Leaders will accompany travelers to the Cusco airport and check them in for their flights home.

As you settle into your seat for the journey home, reflect on the things you saw, the people you met, and places you went. We'll see you on your next adventure! Welcome to the Network!

ABOUT TEEN TRAVEL NETWORK

Teen Travel Network was founded in 2022 by the leadership team of its 'sister company' Global Leadership Adventures. Global Leadership Adventures has been in operation for 15+ years and has sent tens of thousands of students on life changing international service related trips. Teen Travel Network was founded on the basis of discovery, insight and fun and operates trips for teens across Asia, Europe and Latin America. Our mission is to build confidence, curiosity, and connection in the next generation of global citizens through travel.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- Tuition: \$3,999
- Ages: 14 - 18
- Accommodations: Hotel Blocks
- Arrival Airport
 - Peru: CUZ (Cusco)
- Departure Airport
 - Peru: CUZ (Cusco)