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## Peru

March 18-28, 2005

### **March 18 - Friday – Minneapolis/ Miami/ Lima (D On Flight)**

Depart MSP airport on Northwest #570 at 7:05am. Arrive in Miami at 11:41pm. Connect with your Lan Peru flight #515 to Lima at 5:30pm. Enjoy complimentary dinner and movie as you wing your way south to Peru.

Upon arrival in Lima at 11:10pm and after clearing customs, you will be met by your guides. Once everyone has cleared the gates, you will be transferred to the **HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES**, located in the Miraflores district. Here your two (2) night stay includes breakfast and taxes. Your guide will assist with check in and will advise the pick-up time for your tour tomorrow afternoon

### **March 19 - Saturday - Lima (B, L)**

The morning is at leisure to relax and enjoy breakfast.

Depart for lunch. You will enjoy one of its Nouveau Andine specialties. After lunch, depart with your guide on your half-day City of "the Kings" Lima Tour. Begin with the visit to "Huaca Pucllana", a 2,000-old oracle temple. Afterwards, drive to the Pueblo Libre district for an overview of Peru's pre-Columbian history while visiting the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, the collection presents a panorama of cultural development in ancient Peru, from the first primitive hunters to the sophisticated and organized Incas. Then stroll to the Plaza de Armas to see the Government Palace and the Cathedral. Return to the hotel with the evening at leisure.

### **March 20 - Sunday – Lima/ Puerto Maldonado (B, L in-flight, D)**

Breakfast at hotel. An early transfer to the airport is in time to meet your flight #071 into Puerto Maldonado at 10:45am, gateway to the Peruvian Amazon. Upon arrival at 1:20pm you will be met and transferred to the pier to board motorboats for your 25 minute ride down the Madre de Dios River. Arrive in one of the most beautiful lodges **SANDOVAL LAKE LODGE**. Here your three (3) night stay includes meals, accommodations and activities.

After check in, visit the east side of the lake where the five species of monkey, including the brown capuchin make their home. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. After dinner, canoe expedition in search of the impressive black caiman.

### **March 21 - Monday – Sandoval Lake Lodge (B, L, D)**

Start the day with a sunrise tour of the lake. Hopefully the family of giant otters that live near the lodge will be up and about too. The early morning hours are the best time for birding. There are excellent chances of viewing the very rare Hoatzin. Return to the lodge for breakfast. After, trek with your guide through the upper jungle to see the towering Brazil nut trees. Your guide will give a demonstration of the collection, opening and packing of this product, vital to the economy of the area.

After dinner, night walk to observe the nocturnal wildlife.

### **March 22 - Tuesday – Sandoval Lake Lodge (B, L, D)**

Wake up at dawn to board the catamaran to explore the west area of the lake. After breakfast, exploration of the rainforest trails guided by a knowledgeable resident naturalist. After lunch, time at leisure for exploration on your own of some of the nearby trails. Late in the afternoon, board the catamaran to explore the east end of the lake while enjoying a spectacular sunset. After dinner, final chance to look for black caiman on the lake or go for a short night walk through the forest.

### **March 23 - Wednesday – Puerto Maldonado/ Cusco/ Sacred Valley (B, L)**

After breakfast at the lodge, you will be transferred back to the airport in Puerto Maldonado for your Lan Peru flight#072 to Cusco at 1:50pm.

Upon arrival in Cusco, at 2:35pm, you will be met by your guide and drive to the main plaza for lunch at the Tunupa Restaurant; enjoy one of its Andean specialties. After lunch, a brief City tour including the Santo Domingo Monastery - The Legendary Koricancha. Pass by the Hatunrumiyoc street with its twelve-angle stone and visit the Cathedral at the Plaza de Armas. Continue to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas", beautiful scenery on the way.

Arrive in Urubamba Valley late afternoon and check in at **SOL Y LUNA LODGE**. Here your two (2) night stay includes hotel taxes and breakfast daily. At night, visit the workshop of a renowned local artisan.

### **March 24 - Thursday – Sacred Valley (B, box lunch)**

After breakfast, depart to Pisac Market and visit its colonial town located in the lower part of the valley. This picturesque town, with its blend of mestizo and colonial architecture, belongs to the province of Calca at the entrance to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Founded during the reign of Viceroy Francisco de Toledo, the town has both Western and native features that make it an original and typical town of the region. In Pisac you will also find the handicrafts Market. Here merchants offer for sale all sorts of handicrafts, the most important of which are the textiles and ceramic goods such as ceremonial goblets called "Q'eros", plates, ashtrays, necklaces and replicas of pre-Hispanic pottery. There are also ponchos, sweaters and bags.

Excursion to Maras, pre-Inca salt pools constructed from a natural salt spring. Terraces were carved from the hillside and through a system of natural irrigation and gravity (still in perfect use today) the water courses along channels to form pools of water, which evaporate in the sun to leave salt deposits. There are over 3000 pools still in use, co-owned by 400 indigenous families. Proceed to Moray, an excellent example of greenhouse terraces used by the Incas for agricultural research. Box lunch included.

Late afternoon return to the hotel.

### March 25 - Friday – Machu Picchu (B, L)

Your guide will meet you after breakfast in the hotel lobby to take you to the train station in Ollanta for your trip to Machu Picchu located on a valley plateau in the Andes. The train will take about 1-½ hours, as it takes a “z” formed track up the mountains. The Lost City of the Incas is a remote fortress/sanctuary abandoned by the Inca, reclaimed by the jungle and hidden from view until Hiram Bingham of Yale University rediscovered it in 1911. With altars, temples, staircases and terraces, this is one of the world's most extraordinary sites.

Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of the marvelous citadel, an awe-inspiring experience. This in-depth tour of the ruins visits the main plaza, the royal quarters, the Temple of Three Windows, the circular tower and the sacred Sun Dial and burial grounds. After your tour you will be transferred to the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Hotel for lunch. Late afternoon, you will be taken to the **MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL**. Here your one (1) night stay includes hotel taxes and breakfast.

Tonight, you will take part in a Shaman session.

### March 26 - Saturday – Machu Picchu/ Cusco (B)

Start the day with a sunrise tour of the Citadel. The balance of the morning is at leisure to relax or sightsee at the ruins on your own. You can return to Machu Picchu and stroll by these extraordinary Inca remains, climb up to the Inti Punku or Sun Gate or hike up the Huayna Picchu.. Your guide will arrange when to meet for your transfer back to the city of Cusco.

Arrive in Cusco in the late afternoon where you will be met and transferred to the **LIBERTADOR CUSCO HOTEL**. Here your one (1) night stay includes taxes and breakfast. The balance of the evening is at leisure.

### March 27 - Sunday – Cusco/ Lima (B)

After breakfast, this morning meet your guide in the hotel lobby for your excursion to the archaeological Inca remains of Tambomachay Baths - this complex is called the "Inca Baths," and is comprised of fine stonework, aqueducts, and waterfalls fed by neighboring cold and hot springs. Continue to visit Kenko amphitheater - which is a limestone formation that has been intricately carved with depictions of beings, as well as winding underground passageways and a semicircular amphitheater. Visit the red fortress of Puca Pucara and the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman, overlooking Cusco.

After an early lunch at La Cava de San Rafael restaurant, continue to the airport, assistance on departure flight#095 at 3:50pm.

Arrive in Lima at 5:15pm. You will meet your guide and be transferred to the **HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES**, for your one (1) night stay. Breakfast and taxes included during your stay. The balance of the day is at leisure for relax and enjoy as you wish.

### March 28 - Monday – Lima/ Departure (B)

Early morning transfer to the airport for your International flight Lan Peru#510 to Miami at 8:25am. Arrive in Miami at 2pm, and then connect to your Northwest flight #575 to Minneapolis at 5pm.

Arrive in Minneapolis (St. Paul Airport) at 7:51pm and clear customs.

\*\*\* END OF SERVICES \*\*\*

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Roundtrip Airfare: International flight Minneapolis/Miami/ Lima / Miami/ Minneapolis
- Domestic flight Lima / Puerto Maldonado / Cusco / Lima
- Accommodation:
  - 03 nights at Hotel Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lima;
  - 03 nights at Sandoval Lake Lodge in Puerto Maldonado;
  - 02 nights at Hotel Sol&Luna in Urubamba;
  - 01 night in Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel;
  - 01 nights at Hotel Libertador in Cusco;
- Meals & Services
  - Daily breakfast at the hotels;
  - Meals as per detailed program;
  - All airport transfers and local transportation for tours as per detailed program;
  - Cusco tourist tax, train to/from Machu Picchu;
  - Second entrance to the Machu Picchu citadel, additional bus tickets to ascend/descend to the citadel.
  - Local guides services throughout

### Not included

- Beverages at meals
- Articles of a personal nature such as room service, phone calls and mini-bar
- Tips to guides/drivers;
- Anything not specifically mentioned above.
- Peru airport departure tax to be paid locally (\$28.24 per pax)

