Treasures of Peru with Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

11 days from $5,187 total price from Miami
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $692 airline taxes and fees)

A land of treasures archaeological, cultural, and natural, Peru draws those eager to learn about the distant past – and encounter a fascinating present. As our small group takes in some of the country’s highlights – Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca – we marvel at the riches of an intriguing land somewhat off the beaten path.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru  We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: Lima  We meet our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at today’s briefing about the journey ahead, then embark on a tour of colonial Lima. A highlight is our visit to treasured Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest homes in Lima (circa 1535), with a rich architectural heritage and a collection of Peruvian art and artifacts. Given the land by his friend conquistador Francisco Pizarro, Jeronimo de Aliaga, one of Lima’s founders, built the home that has been continuously occupied by his descendants ever since, some 18 generations. Next we tour Larco Herrera Museum, whose ceramics collection (including a renowned set of erotic pre-Columbian figures) is unparalleled. We enjoy our welcome dinner at the museum.  B,D

Day 3: Sacred Valley  This morning we attend a native ceremony, “Offering to the Earth,” then set out for Ollantaytambo, a living town and site of massive Incan ruins dating to the 15th century that still inspire wonder today. After touring here we continue on to the Incan farming town of Chincheros, set on a broad plateau presided over by a snowcapped mountain. Here residents live much as their ancestors did, wearing traditional clothing and conducting business and local government by time-honored means. They also weave as their ancestors did, as we see at a demonstration of this traditional craft. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight.  B,L,D

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Day 6: Machu Picchu/Cuzco  This morning before the crowds of day trippers arrive, we take
Day 7: Cuzco  After a morning at leisure, we set out on a tour of the archaeological hub of the Americas, the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city, and UNESCO World Heritage site. Dynamic and historic, Cuzco is rich with the legacies of its Inca and Spanish forebears. We stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an Incan masterpiece, then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. B,L

Day 8: Cuzco/Puno  This morning we depart for the day-long journey by coach to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. As we travel through the rugged snowcapped Andes dotted with small villages and herds of llama and alpaca, we make several stops along the way, beginning with Andahuaylillas, an attractive village known for its lovely 17th-century church. We continue on to the ruins at Raqchi, once the holiest site in the Incan empire; and La Raya, perched on Peru's altiplano (high plain) and home to the Llama and Alpaca Research Center. We reach our hotel on the shores of Esteves Island on Lake Titicaca late this afternoon; it's a short distance to the center of Puno from our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

Day 9: Puno/Lake Titicaca  We spend the day exploring the fascinating life of Lake Titicaca, South America's largest lake and at 12,500 feet above sea level, among the world's highest navigable lakes. Up here the air is clearer, the colors sharper, and the horizon farther. By boat we visit the Floating Islands of Los Uros, where the top-hatted Uros people live on “islands” made of the reeds that grow in the lake's shallows; in fact, the Uros rely on these reeds for their boats, the small huts in which they live, household items, and the handcrafts they sell to visitors. We also visit Isla Taquile, known for the high-quality textiles crafted by the indigenous people who live here; sales of their textiles support the self-sustaining Taquilenos. On our visit, we see the men in their signature woven woolen caps with floppy earpieces, and women in tailored waistcoats and multi-layered skirts. We also witness the breathtaking natural beauty surrounding us, with Bolivia's snowcapped Cordillera range a striking backdrop to the deep blue of Lake Titicaca. Tonight we celebrate our Peruvian adventure at a farewell dinner at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 10: Puno/Lima/Depart for U.S.  This morning we visit the mysterious burial towers (chullpas) at Sillustani overlooking Lake Umayo. After lunch we transfer to the airport for the flight to Lima, where we check into our day rooms at an airport hotel. Late this evening we depart on our flight to the U.S. B,L

Day 11: Arrive U.S.  We arrive in the U.S. today and connect with our return flight home.

Meet Your Faculty Lecturer

Stella Nair  Department of Art History
Stella Nair is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Art History and the Archaeology Interdepartmental Program at UCLA. Nair’s current book project, Inca Architecture: Chapters in the History of a (Gendered) Profession, offers new perspectives on the Inca built environment by highlighting the profound ways in which women designed, constructed, used, and gave meaning to Inca spaces and places. For this work, Nair has received the “Research Excellence Award” from the UCLA Center for the Study of Women. Nair directs the Andean Laboratory and the Archaeology laboratory at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.
Important Information About Your Tour

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Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2025, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; services of a UCLA Lecturer or Host with a minimum of 15 travelers; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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95 days or more: $200
94-65 days: 50% of tour price
64-30 days: 75% of tour price
29-0 days: No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any
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or your travel companion cancel your participation
during the tour. If because of low participation
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will
receive a complete refund of all payments you have
made to us.

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Upon reservation, you will be able to access all
information regarding your tour in My Odyssey,
our secure on-line portal. This material includes
your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa
requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final
tour documents, including airline itineraries (with
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to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers
We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited
number of single accommodations on each tour.
Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room
or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations
occupied by one person is higher than that shared
by two people. We will endeavor to keep single
supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that
single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller
than those to which you are accustomed.

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We will not charge a fee for any changes made
to your reservation outside of 95 days before
departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure,
if you make any changes to your reservation, a
$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in
addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines,
hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject
to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your
reservation changes from double occupancy to
single occupancy for any reason or at any time,
you will be charged the single supplement.

Please note that no changes to your name(s) or
departure date are allowed within 95 days of
departure. No changes to your reservation can
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Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you
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Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight
program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well
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– your full name as it appears on your passport,
date of birth, and gender;
for domestic tours
– your full name as it appears on the accepted
form of government-issued photo identification
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In addition, airlines may require that we provide them
with your contact information prior to departure.
In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect
information you have provided, or if you use a
different passport (international tours) or other form
of government issued photo identification (domestic
tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible
for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the
completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens
on all of our international tours. For all domestic
tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour
or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a
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photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you
can present an alternate form of ID, such as a
passport). Visit www.dhs.gov/real-id or contact
your local DMV for more information. If your tour
requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you
have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours
not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your
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will send you specific visa and entry requirements
after you make a reservation. You are responsible for
obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain
a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3
Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor,
please contact us for special entry requirements.
If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your
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proper documentation.
Smoking
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

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Air Transportation
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated departure cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2 1/2 months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. In addition, we recommend that you not purchase your tickets until final payment is due. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the UCLA Alumni Association will incur no liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes therein. In any event, neither Odysseys’s Unlimited, Inc., nor the UCLA Alumni Association is responsible for losses, direct or indirect, or missed components of a trip which result from air delays, cancellations, rerouting or any other air-related problem.

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