



PERU:

HIKING SALCANTAY & BEYOND

DURATION	:	14 days / 13 nights (6 nights camping)	
SEASON	:	May through October	
DEPARTURES	:	Guaranteed with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 12 participants	
TRIP RATING	:	Moderate/Strenuous Trek, Grade (III) - This activity-oriented program includes class II & III whitewater rafting, easy day hikes, and 7 days of horse-supported trekking averaging 6.2 miles per day at elevations starting at 9,187', climbing to a high pass of 15,580', and then descending to 6,002'.	
2007 DATES	:	MAY 20 - JUN 02	AUG 19 - SEP 01
		JUN 12 - 26 ✨	SEP 16 - 29
		JUL 22 - AUG 04	

✨ Special Inti Raymi Departure ○ Most departures coincide with the full moon

INTRODUCTION:

Mount Salcantay's imposing, glacier-clad summit reaches 20,575', dominating the peaks of the surrounding Vilcabamba Range. It is one of the last majestic Andean peaks before the landscape shifts dramatically to the Amazon Basin, and is still worshipped as a god by the Indians in the Cusco region. In the forests and valleys at its base, the rebel Incan leader, Manco, found refuge from the Spanish Conquerors whose horses could not negotiate the high passes that must be crossed in order to reach the splendid paradise of the lower elevations beyond the Vilcabamba mountains. Join us on this scenic trek, the same path that Manco followed, one of the most diverse and pristine trails in the Andes. We are frequently the only group on this route! With visits to Quechua villages, traditional markets, remote settlements and stunning Machu Picchu, this outstanding trip is one of the most complete, culturally-rich, active adventures in Peru!

Our journey begins in Cusco where we spend two days learning about the Incas as we adjust to the higher elevations. We visit the Indian market in Pisac, explore impressive Inca sites such as Sacsayhuaman and Ollantaytambo, meet with weavers in the Quechua community of Chinchero, and raft or hike in the Urubamba Valley. From Yukay, we drive to the farming town of Mollepata where our trek begins. Our trail heads up to the highlands at the base of Mount Salcantay before crossing the only high pass of our route, Portachuelo (15,580'), which brings us within touching distance of the mountain's glaciers and ice walls. We then descend toward the warm, subtropical valleys on the other side of the Andes. Losing elevation, we pass waterfalls, small hamlets and natural hot springs, stopping at night to camp near Quechua communities until we arrive at the Urubamba River gorge. From this point we make our final journey to the village of Aguas Calientes and spend two days exploring the world-famous "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Afterwards, we return to Cusco by train and fly to Lima to catch our flight home.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 01 (SUN): USA/LIMA OR CUSCO

Those arriving this evening to Peru's capital city, **Lima**, are met at the airport and transferred to El Pardo Hotel in the coastal suburb of Miraflores. Those arriving to **Cusco** (11,150') directly are met at the airport and transferred to the historic Libertador Hotel (Palace of the first governor of Peru, Francisco Pizarro, which was built over the foundations of the Inca's *Aclla Huasi* or "house of the chosen women") where the remainder of the day is at leisure to begin acclimating to the altitude. Meals are on your own.

DAY 02 (MON): LIMA/CUSCO

Guests who arrived to Lima last night are picked up at the hotel early this morning and accompanied to the airport to catch the one-hour flight to **Cusco**, the former Inca capital (participants already in Cusco have the morning at leisure). Group members are met upon arrival and transferred to the Libertador Hotel near the main plaza. For those just arriving, the remainder of the morning is at leisure to begin acclimating to the 11,150-foot elevation. Lunch is on your own. Our local guide picks us up in the early afternoon for an orientation tour of the city and the nearby Incan ruins. Our visits include the *Coricancha*, the Inca's Sun Temple, whose stonework is some of the finest in the country; *Sacsayhuaman*, the spectacular mountaintop complex overlooking the Cusco valley and surrounding hills; and *Tambo Machay*, where the clear cool springs of the ceremonial baths continue to flow 500 years after they were built. We return to the hotel and later join our guide for a trip briefing and welcome dinner. (B,D)

DAY 03 (TUE): CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY

After breakfast, we drive to the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** for our warm-up adventure of 2-3 hours of easy whitewater rafting on the Urubamba River (April through mid-May; October and November departures). From late May through September, low water levels make rafting less enjoyable, so we'll hike and explore the Inca Salt Mines. Following our morning activities, we enjoy a hearty lunch, then drive to the charming town of **Pisac** (9,708') where our knowledgeable guide shows us the main plaza and narrow side streets so typical of Andean communities. We proceed to the Pisac ruins, perched on a ridge high above the Sacred Valley, observing how the Incas directed the meandering Urubamba River into a canal in order to make the rich bottomland available for farming, and viewing the impressive stretches of agricultural terraces that trace the contours of the mountainsides. A 1½-mile hike, along a stone-paved trail with expansive views of the adjacent valleys, leads us to Pisac's religious complex with its exquisite stonework and view of the *Intihuatana*, or Hitching Post of the Sun. At the end of our journey we drive to the village of **Ollantaytambo**, whose street plan still maintains its original Incan layout. With our guide, we explore some of the town's ancient side streets, then enjoy a tour of the massive, terraced fortress where Manco Inca made his last stand against the Spanish Conquistadors. We return to the valley to stay in a lovely, century-old hacienda, the Posada del Inca Hotel in **Yukay**. (B,L,D)

DAY 04 (WED): MOLLEPATA/CRUZPATA CAMP

We leave **Yukay** early this morning, traveling westbound for a visit to the quaint, colonial and Inca town of **Chincho** (12,335') and then to the historic Anta plateau where the Inca Royal Army, under the command of Pachacutec, defeated the Chanca tribe after a strenuous battle, thereby starting the expansion of the Inca Empire in the mid-15th century. We continue up **Huilque Pass** (12,795'), where we view a superb panorama of the eastern side of the Vilcabamba Range, and descend into the warm Limatambo Valley. On the way down, we stop to visit the Inca ruins of *Tarahuasi* and then proceed to **Mollepata** (9,187'), a typical mestizo farming community. After exploring town (time permitting), a short drive takes us to the trailhead where we meet the *arrieros*, or mule drivers, who accompany us on the trek. After loading our gear onto the horses and/or mules which serve as our pack animals, we begin a short warm-up hike to our first camp at **Cruzpata**. This location is high on a ridge overlooking the deep Apurimac and Blanco river gorges. Upon arriving to camp, we are free to relax and enjoy the spectacular setting. Given clear skies

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this evening, we might ponder the thousands of sparkling stars that form Southern Hemisphere constellations such as the Southern Cross. **Driving distance:** 86 miles or 4 hours; **Trek length:** 3 miles or 2½ hours; **Camp elevation:** 12,300' (B,L,D)

DAY 05 (THU): SORAYPAMPA CAMP

After breakfast, we start our gradual uphill hike, north into the Vilcabamba Range. Along the way we see a variety of colorful wildflowers, including lovely *retama* plants (Scotch broom), whose bright yellow blossoms dot the hillsides. Scattered forests of non-native Eucalyptus trees are used extensively for firewood, enveloping the countryside in an unforgettable fragrance whenever the wood is burned. Since this is an agricultural area, we also watch local villagers at work, either plowing their fields, planting seeds or harvesting their crops according to the season. We might have the chance to talk with these hard-working farmers before continuing across a small saddle called **Choquek'asa**, or “processed gold pass”. We then descend until we reach a water canal which we follow to the hamlet of Challacancha. From this point we can clearly observe the snow-capped summit of Mount Humantay (19,390') looming ahead of us in the distance. After crossing several small streams and passing through some bushy areas, we spot our second campsite, near shepherds' huts, on the high meadows of **Soraypampa**. **Trek length:** 7 miles or 5 ½ hours; **Camp elevation:** 12,464' (B,L,D)

DAY 06 (FRI): PAMPA SALCANTAY CAMP

This morning we have an easy trek along a trail that gently ascends into the heart of the Vilcabamba Range. We begin by crossing the length of **Soraypampa**, then turning east into a narrow gorge leading more steeply into the mountains. We hike slowly, allowing for full acclimatization before we cross the high pass of our route tomorrow morning. The south face of **Salcantay** (20,575'), the Inca's Sacred Mountain, comes clearly into view as we climb. Our next camp is set by a babbling stream, in the boulder-strewn meadows of **Pampa Salcantay**, below the extensive glacial moraines that blanket the massif. The afternoon is at leisure to relax and contemplate the changing light across the peak's fluted rock and ice walls and hanging glaciers or you may choose to follow a trail that leads toward Incachiriasca Pass for excellent opportunities to photograph the mountain's glaciers. **Trek length:** 3½ miles or 3 hours; **Camp elevation:** 13,223' (B,L,D)

DAY 07 (SAT): HUAYRACMACHAY CAMP

Today we hike up the southwest side of Salcantay's moraines. In this rocky area, we may glimpse the lively vizcacha, a unique type of Andean rodent similar to a rabbit. Or perhaps, we'll see a condor, the world's largest flying bird whose wing span can reach up to 10 feet, soaring against the vertical, seldom-climbed south face of the mountain. After a couple hours of steep uphill hiking, we feel the exhilaration of having reached the highest point of our trek, **Portachuelo Pass** at 15,580'. Here we find small stone cairns called *apachetas* which locals have set up, asking for good luck and strength from the *apus*, or spirits of the mountains. The impressive view from the top includes the snow-covered Pumasillo peaks in the distance. Here our route begins its descent toward the Andean cloud forests. The first part of our downhill hike is short, but steep, following a clear trail until we reach a swampy area just before the **Huayracmachay** valley. We camp nearby, enjoying inspiring views of Mount Humantay. **Trek length:** 7 miles or 6 hours; **Camp elevation:** 13,448' (B,L,D)

DAY 08 (SUN): COLLAPAMPA CAMP

We start another moderate hiking day, following the route the Incas used in their escape from the Spanish, into the remote Vilcabamba region. A clearly marked trail descends along the left bank of the Sunchucata River to the point where three streams meet to form the Santa Teresa. On our way down, we observe how the landscape and weather change dramatically as we leave the snow-covered peaks and barren, alpine highlands and enter the warm, subtropical valleys where we see more plant and animal life. A short distance above the rivers' confluence near the village of **Collpapampa**, we set our next camp. There should be time in the afternoon to explore the surroundings, meet the locals, and enjoy a chance to clean up in the warm waters of the nearby hot springs. Those who wish to can watch as our cook prepares a

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Huatia, or Andean dinner, which involves cooking food in a makeshift, underground oven. **Trek length:** 6½ miles or 4½ hours; **Camp elevation:** 9,020' (B,L,D)

DAY 09 (MON): LA PLAYA CAMP

Today our well-marked trail continues descending along the left bank of the Santa Teresa River. As we lose altitude, the weather warms up significantly and our route crosses several streams which cascade down from the ridges above us in delightful waterfalls. We observe masses of multicolored flowers and orchids as well as flocks of the little green parrots called *Cordilleranos*. Brilliantly hued butterflies flit across the trail. We break for lunch by the river, then continue on to our camp in the village of **La Playa**. The few families living in the valley still live as their Incan ancestors did, in an *Aymi* or cooperative system, through which they accomplish communal construction and farming projects. In the afternoon, we should have an opportunity to visit the school, meet the teachers and, perhaps, play with the local children. **Trek length:** 7½ miles or 6 hours; **Camp elevation:** 6,888' ○ **Full Moon** - Jul 30, 2007 (B,L,D)

DAY 10 (TUE): URUBAMBA RIVER

On our final trekking day we continue descending through the rich, subtropical Santa Teresa valley, passing several small communities and individual farms that grow orange, avocado, banana and granadilla (the fruit of the passion flower), as well as larger coffee and sugar cane plantations. We arrive to **Lucmabamba** (6,724') before heading uphill to an 8,856-foot pass. From here we descend to the deep Urubamba River gorge and the former Hydroelectric Station (6,002'). After saying goodbye to our *arrieros*, we board the local train for a short journey to Mandorpampa, then walk the final stretch to the Machu Picchu station to catch a local bus to the town of **Aguas Calientes**, situated at the foot of the renowned Machu Picchu citadel. We stay at the beautiful Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, one of the finest hotels in the area, set amid 13 acres of lush, natural gardens overlooking the Urubamba River. After a refreshing hot shower and a chance to relax, we meet for dinner in the hotel's charming dining room. **Trek length:** 9 miles or 7½ hours; **Hotel elevation:** 6,560' ○ **Full Moon** - Aug 28, 2007 (B,L,D)

DAY 11 (WED): MACHU PICCHU

Following an early breakfast, we join our guide for a tour through the main sections of **Machu Picchu**, enjoying a couple peaceful hours before the tourist trains arrive. Perched atop a crest high above the meandering Urubamba River and surrounded by the rugged, forested slopes of the Andes, this archaeological treasure is more than just the crown jewel of Incan architecture. It is a city in harmony with its surroundings, the perfect union of man and the natural environment. Our visit includes the Temple of the Sun, the Royal Tomb, the ceremonial fountains and baths and a walk across the Sacred Plaza. This afternoon is at leisure for personal explorations of the ruins before catching the last bus down to Aguas Calientes. An optional 30-minute walk brings us to the Inca drawbridge, an intriguing engineering feat designed to protect one of the entrances into the city, or a visit to Intipunku (8,860'), the Gateway of the Sun, allows us to hike on the final section of the famous Inca Trail. We return to the Pueblo hotel where we have dinner this evening. ○ **Full Moon** - Sep 26, 2007 (B,L,D)

DAY 12 (THU): MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Rising early, those that wish to may head to the ruins to catch the early morning light as the sun rises over the mountains to strike the Sacred City. Later, there are several optional activities to choose from, in and around **Machu Picchu**. At 8,860' **Huayna Picchu**, or Young Peak, looms in the background over the citadel. An optional one-hour climb along a very steep and exposed trail ends at the terraces and ruins on top and provides an excellent, bird's-eye view. Another hour- and-a-half hike downhill through the forest ends at the partially excavated *Temple of the Moon*, or an uphill climb of the same length brings us to the top of Machu Picchu mountain. As the day is flexible, those who prefer to can relax or explore their favorite spots at their own pace. We meet for a buffet lunch at a restaurant by the river before catching the tourist train for the scenic 3½ -hour ride back to **Cusco**. We are met upon arrival and transferred to the Libertador Hotel for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B,L)

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DAY 13 (FRI): CUSCO/LIMA OR USA

We are picked up at the hotel this morning and driven to the airport in **Cusco** to catch the flight back to **Lima**. Upon arrival, we're met and transferred to El Pardo Hotel. This afternoon we join a local guide for a private tour of colonial Lima and the fascinating Larco Herrera Museum with an extensive collection of pre-Columbian artifacts. Lunch is on your own. This evening we join our guide for a delicious *Criollo* farewell dinner and pisco sour. Participants leaving tonight have a day-room at the hotel and return transfer to the airport this evening. ○ **Full Moon** - Jun 01, 2007 (B,D)

DAY 14 (SAT): LIMA/USA

Group members remaining in Lima are picked up early this morning for the drive to the airport where they are assisted with checking in for their return flight. (B)

NOTES ON THE ITINERARY: Although we do our best to adhere to the schedule listed above, the itinerary is subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control, including weather, roads, river or trail conditions, and train or airplane schedules. Hiking distances and altitudes are approximate and times indicated are NET hiking times not including lunch break, rest stops, time to explore the ruins, etc. This program is suitable for physically fit participants accustomed to outdoor activities, ages 12 and up. On **Day 13** the farewell dinner may be offered as a lunch in Lima or may take place in Cusco the night before depending on the group's flights.

2007 LAND COST:

\$4,025	p.p.d. (4-5 participants)
\$3,725	p.p.d. (6-9 participants)
\$3,475	p.p.d. (10-12 participants)
\$ 675	Single Supplement

p.p.d.= per person based on double accommodations.

✧ **2007 INTI RAYMI DEPARTURE - JUN 12-26** (15 days/14 nights):

Our June 12 departure is 1 day longer, beginning on Tuesday rather than Sunday in order to incorporate the fabulous *Inti Raymi Celebration* in Cusco, one of the most spectacular and important Andean festivals. The schedule of activities is as follows:

JUN 12 - 23: As described on page 2-4 for DAYS 01-12.

JUN 24 (SUN): This is the principal day of the **Inti Raymi Festival**, the greatest of all Inca celebrations, which is re-created each year on June 24th, the time of the Winter Solstice, in honor of *Apu Inti Tayta*, or the Sun God—the source of life in the Andes. The current event is a re-enactment of the original pageantry. It is possibly one of the most spectacular Andean festivals in South America, with parades, processions, dance contests and folk music culminating in the main ceremony on June 24th. We join our local guide shortly after breakfast and head first to the Coricancha, or Sun Temple, where the Inca (a local resident selected to play this role) starts the celebrations with an invocation. Dancers and musicians offer their praises to Inti Tayta. Then the Inca and his procession goes to the main square where we witness the rite of coca—in which the future of the Empire is made known through the sacred leaf. Afterwards, we continue up to the Sacsayhuaman ruins where we have excellent seats to watch as the Inca rekindles the sacred fire and offers sacrifices to bring the sun back from its long journey north. We return to the Libertador Hotel. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

JUN 25 - 26: As described on page 5 for DAYS 13 &14.

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2007 INTI RAYMI LAND COST:	\$4,295 p.p.d. (4-5 participants)
	\$3,975 p.p.d. (6-9 participants)
	\$3,705 p.p.d. (10-12 participants)
	\$ 775 Single Supplement

p.p.d.= per person based on double accommodations.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Comprehensive **pre-departure planning packet** and expert travel advice.
 - All **in-country transfers** as scheduled (transfers on different days are additional). Ground transportation in spacious and comfortable private vehicles with professional drivers. Occasionally, other Southwind travelers may share the same vehicle, particularly for transfers or tours in Lima.
 - Local and return flight reconfirmation, **in-country airport check-in and luggage assistance**.
 - Local train tickets from the former Hydroelectric Station to Aguas Calientes, plus Machu Picchu bus and **first-class Vistadome train** service back to Cusco.
 - All **accommodations in first-class (4-5 star) hotels** as listed (or at similar hotels) on a shared basis with private bath. Note: As reservations for early arrivals or late departures are not placed at the same time as those for our group space, we may have to use a different hotel for those nights. Advanced bookings are recommended if you plan to arrive early or extend your stay. Double beds for couples (primarily queen-sized) can be requested in advance, but cannot be guaranteed, as most hotels offer few rooms with double beds.
 - Single Supplement includes single room and single tent on trek. Due to the lack of space in the campsites & the small size of the hotels in Cusco & Machu Picchu, the number of singles available per group are limited to 2. If you require single accommodations, making reservations well in advance is recommended.
 - All **meals** indicated on the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner); **Vegetarian diets accommodated** on request (advance notification required).
 - All **guided tours** (as listed) conducted on a private basis (except the Inti Raymi Festival, where other Southwind travelers may join for the same tour) by knowledgeable, English-speaking local guides (includes applicable entrance fees).
 - Rafting service (during May & October) includes expert river captain, Avon or Hyside rafts, life vests, helmets, paddles, and dry bags.
 - **First-class trekking service** includes:
 - Experienced, licensed, English-speaking, Andean guide & assistant guide (provided for groups with 8 or more participants).
 - Expert camp chef & kitchen assistant, camp assistant & local *arrieros* with their pack animals (*arrieros* are treated & compensated well, horses carry a maximum of 45 lbs of an individual trekker's personal gear).
 - All group camping equipment: spacious 3-person all season Eureka K-2 or North Face VE-25 tents (shared by just 2 members), Thermarest™ sleeping pads, kitchen & dining tents, folding tables & camp stools and an environmentally friendly toilet tent.
 - All meals: we serve a variety of healthy food with fresh & native ingredients. A cup of hot wake-up tea is brought to your tent door followed by a hot breakfast, box or picnic lunch, and a 3 course served dinner.
- Tips to the *arrieros*.
First-aid kit.

NOT INCLUDED:

- US domestic, International flights, nor local flights within Peru.
- Peruvian airport departure taxes (approx. \$50 per traveler).
- Four (4) meals at approx. \$15-20 each.
- Tours or other services not listed on the itinerary.

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- Tips to the tour guides & drivers, plus main trekking staff (trekking guide, assistant & chefs).
- Alcoholic beverages nor items of a personal nature; such as clothing, equipment, laundry & phone calls.
- Sleeping bag & other personal gear. Southwind has a **limited** number of REI Kilimanjaro or similar synthetic sleeping bags rated to 0°F available for rent for \$60 per person. Advance reservations and prepayment are required.
- Expenses incurred in preparing for this program such as, but not limited to, non-refundable airline tickets or traveler's insurance, nor additional expenses resulting from flight delays, schedule changes, cancellations, or missed connections.

We strongly recommend all travelers take out some form of **Travel Insurance** —plan information and an application are sent upon receipt of your deposit (sooner if requested). Policies with **Travel Insured International** can be purchased online through our website at www.southwindadventures.com/insurance.html. **If you or a family member has a pre-existing medical condition**, you need to purchase this policy within 14 days of booking your trip to qualify for reimbursement of non-refundable trip costs in the event that a recurrence of the pre-existing condition forces you to cancel your trip (some restrictions apply). For more information or to purchase Southwind's recommended travel insurance plan, please visit our website.

EARLY ARRIVAL TO CUSCO: Participants living at sea level and travelers with an extra day of vacation time are **strongly encouraged** to consider arriving to Cusco on a direct or connecting flight on Day 01 of this Itinerary (e.g., leaving home the afternoon or evening before). Not only does this provide a head start in the process of acclimating to the higher elevations (a definite advantage when you are trekking), but also allows more time to explore this lovely, historic city and enjoy some of the great shopping that is available. Another benefit is avoiding the short, uncomfortable overnight stay in Lima, a busy city of eight million people (it is a 45-minute one-way drive between the hotel and the airport).

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSIONS: Travelers with extra days may wish to extend their trip to the Galápagos Islands, Amazon Basin, Lake Titicaca or the Nazca Lines. All extensions require a minimum of 2 participants. Please request our **2007 Peru: Summary of Trip Extensions** or view them on our website, click on *Trips>Hiking Salcantay & Beyond>Extend Your Trip*.

ANDEAN GUIDES: Raúl Montes - An Andean native and renaissance man. He is a master tour organizer and an enthusiastic Mountain Guide with 19 years experience leading groups. An excellent outdoorsman, Raúl has an easy-going personality and intimate knowledge of trekking, biking, rafting and climbing routes throughout the Andes of Peru and beyond.

Jorge Olivera & Odon Medina, each have a minimum of 5 years experience leading groups in the southern Andes of Peru. These native bilingual guides are among the finest professionals working with Southwind groups.

WEATHER: Normally weather from May through October, is clear, dry and cool. Despite scheduling our departures during the best months in terms of weather, this program takes place in the cloud forests on the eastern slopes of the Andes, **so rain should be expected any time**. Short hail, sleet or snow storms might also occur at the highest elevations. Daytime highs along the **trekking route** average 74-86°F on sunny days (higher elevations have cooler temperatures) but may only reach the mid-50's on overcast days. At the highest campsites (Soraypampa, Pampa Salcantay and Huayracmachay) you should expect nighttime lows of 20-28°F while nighttime lows at the lower camps (Collpapampa & La Playa) will be in the 40's. **Cusco** has daytime highs in the mid-70's and nighttime lows in the upper 30's. The likelihood of rain at **Machu Picchu** is high. Expect showers or mist on most departures. The daytime temperatures are hot

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(80-88°F), with mild nights (lows around 45-50°F). Trekking during the Andean rainy season, December-March, is not recommended because of the high risk of mud slides, rock fall or lightning. Also, trails and high passes may be closed due to heavy snow fall.

ESTIMATED AIRFARE: The Land Cost DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FLIGHTS. Round-trip **international** air from US gateways (New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Atlanta) is approximately \$700-900 per person. **Local flights** are estimated at \$250 per person for Lima-Cusco-Lima. Upon receipt of your deposit, Southwind will send you more information about booking your flights to match your land itinerary.

Please send us your flight schedule at least 45 days before departure so we can arrange your transfers. We recommended that you **DO NOT** purchase any airline tickets until your trip is guaranteed to operate. Southwind sends a trip confirmation letter once a trip is guaranteed or you may call to check the status of your departure.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Submit Southwind's Trip Reservation form along with a \$500 per person per trip deposit (payable by check or credit card) to make a reservation. Both the form and deposit may be completed securely online at www.southwindadventures.com by clicking on "Book a Trip" at the top of our homepage. Or you may print the Trip Reservation Form and mail/fax it to our office with your deposit. If you prefer, you may call us at 1-800-377-9463 to make payment arrangements (**your deposit will be charged and your reservation confirmed once we receive your Trip Reservation Form**).

Due to the popularity of Cusco & Machu Picchu, we recommend making reservations 4 to 6 months in advance. Once your trip is guaranteed to operate, you will receive a comprehensive pre-departure packet.

Land Balance: Final payment is due at 60 days by Visa, Mastercard, Discover or check. American Express balance payments are due 90 days in advance. An invoice is sent with your pre-departure packet. Rush Service: A rush fee of \$150 per person will be applied to your invoice for reservations placed 45 to 21 days before departure.

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