

BESPOKE PERU JOURNEYS

11-Day Exploring Southern Peru with Belmond, Hiram Bingham and Andean Explorer trains

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Explore ancient wonders, witness breathtaking landscapes, and savor cultural richness, creating a seamless blend of luxury and exploration.

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Embark on a 11-day odyssey through Peru's wonders with the luxurious Hiram Bingham and Andean Explorer trains. Discover ancient marvels in Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and the incredible Machu Picchu. Traverse high Andean landscapes, explore Lake Titicaca's gems, and witness condors in the Colca Canyon. Each day promises cultural immersion, scenic vistas, and culinary delights, creating an unparalleled fusion of elegance and adventure. Nights on board offer restful luxury, completing an unforgettable Peruvian journey.



Lima, the vibrant capital of Peru, is a captivating blend of ancient history and modern urban life. Situated on the Pacific coast, this sprawling metropolis boasts a rich colonial heritage, evident in its stunning architecture and UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic center. Lima is also a culinary hotspot, renowned for its diverse gastronomic scene, from traditional cevicherias to world-class restaurants. With its lively atmosphere, cultural attractions, and a unique mix of old-world charm and contemporary energy, Lima offers an unforgettable experience for every traveler.

Cusco, Peru, is a city that seamlessly blends its rich Inca heritage with Spanish colonial influence. Situated high in the Andes mountains, it was once the capital of the mighty Inca Empire. Today, it's a captivating destination where you can wander through cobblestone streets, marvel at impressive Inca walls and foundations, and explore stunning colonial architecture. The city's vibrant culture is reflected in its colorful festivals, traditional crafts, and delicious cuisine. As the gateway to Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley, Cusco is an essential stop for any traveler seeking to immerse themselves in the fascinating history and natural beauty of Peru.



The Sacred Valley of the Incas, nestled amidst the breathtaking Andes Mountains in Peru, is a must-see for any tourist. This fertile valley, once the heartland of the Inca Empire, is dotted with fascinating archaeological sites like Pisac, Ollantaytambo, and Chinchero, showcasing impressive Inca stonework and terracing. Beyond the ruins, the valley offers stunning natural beauty, from snow-capped peaks to vibrant green fields, and opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking, rafting, and mountain biking. Charming villages like Urubamba and Aguas Calientes provide comfortable accommodations and delicious Peruvian cuisine, making the Sacred Valley a perfect blend of history, culture, and adventure.

Colca Canyon, located in southern Peru, is a breathtaking natural wonder and one of the deepest canyons in the world. Carved by the Colca River, it boasts stunning landscapes, from towering cliffs and plunging ravines to verdant valleys and traditional Andean villages. The canyon is renowned for its diverse flora and fauna, including the majestic Andean condor, which can often be spotted soaring above the dramatic scenery. Visitors can explore the canyon through various activities like hiking, trekking, and horseback riding, immersing themselves in the rich cultural heritage and enjoying panoramic views of this awe-inspiring geological masterpiece.



Arequipa, Peru's second-largest city, is a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. Known as the "White City" for its stunning colonial architecture built from white volcanic stone, Arequipa boasts a UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic center. Visitors can explore the impressive Santa Catalina Monastery, a city within a city, and marvel at the intricate facades of the city's churches and mansions. Surrounded by majestic volcanoes, including the iconic El Misti, Arequipa offers breathtaking landscapes and is a gateway to the dramatic Colca Canyon, home to the majestic Andean condor. With its vibrant culinary scene, pleasant climate, and rich heritage, Arequipa is a must-visit destination for any traveler to Peru.

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Day 1: Welcome to Lima

Friday

Meet and greet at Lima International Airport. Our guide will escort you, providing details about this wonderful Peruvian journey. Accommodation at the luxurious **Belmond Miraflores Park (Ocean View Junior Suite)**, an ocean front retreat perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the vast Pacific Ocean. This iconic property offers world-class amenities, refined elegance, and breathtaking panoramic views, making it the perfect haven to relax and soak in the beauty of Lima's coastline. From the tranquil rooftop pool to the exceptional dining experiences, every detail has been carefully designed to provide an unforgettable stay by the sea.

Day 2: Lima, Viceroyal City of the Kings and Larco Museum (B)

Saturday

An exclusive and intense tour of the Historical Center of Lima will take us to know and admire the architectonic relicsthat are part of the old Lima, which has been recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The **Convent of Santo Domingo** is the beginning of this magnificent experience. It was built during the foundation of Lima. The Universidad Mayor de San Marcos (University of San Marcos) was founded on this site, the oldest in America. Inside, the choir with the oldest stalls in the country and the library, with 25,000 books, some printed in the XV century, has an invaluable historical value. The mortal remains of San Martín de Porres, San Juan Masías and Santa Rosa de Lima lie inside. Crossing the Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace and the Municipality, going into the **Cathedral**, a jewel in the historyof Lima, with artworks that will make us feel closer to colonial Lima. Leaving downtown Lima and heading to the **Larco Museum**, where we will get a clear vision of the cultures that inhabited ancient Peru. We shall admirethe gold pieces, textiles and erotic ceramics that are part of the collection which will introduceus to the cosmo vision of the ancient Peru. The warehouse of this museum will be open during our visit to appreciate the expressions of art that were reflected in their ceramics.

Free afternoon to continue exploring the Peruvian capital at your own pace.

Day 3: First Glimpse of the Sacred Valley of the Incas (B/L)

Sunday

Your journey begins with a transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and escorted to your hotel in the Sacred Valley, a perfect location to help you acclimate to the altitude. On the way, enjoy a visit to a **local textile center**, where you'll uncoverthe ancient techniques of Quechua weavers. Learn to distinguish between alpacas, guanacos, vicuñas, and llamas with newfound expertise.

For lunch, you'll stop at a charming **traditional family hacienda**. Take time to explore their small but fascinating museum, soak in stunning valley views, and savor a homestyle meal served with care.

Afterward, visit the vibrant **Pisac market**, an excellent spot to shop for colorful ponchos, wide-brimmed hats, and other unique souvenirs that will make for fantastic photos. Finally, head to your hotel for some well-deserved rest or indulge in a rejuvenating spa treatment.

Accommodation at the Belmond Rio Sagrado hotel.

Nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley, **Belmond Rio Sagrado (Deluxe Terrace room)** offers an idyllic escape surrounded by lush landscapes and the majestic Andes. This luxurious retreat blends seamlessly with nature, offering elegant rooms and villas with stunning river views. Relax in the tranquil gardens, indulge in gourmet dining, and unwind at the serene spa. With its intimate atmosphere and rich cultural experiences, Belmond Rio Sagrado is the perfect sanctuary to immerse yourself in the beauty and history of the Sacred Valley.

Day 4: Moray Terraces, Maras Salt Mines and Inca Village of Ollantaytambo (B/L)

Monday

Today, we will embark on a journeythrough the most extraordinary sites of the Sacred Valley. Our adventure begins with a visit to **Maras**, home to the stunning salt mines that have been in operation since pre-Inca times. These thousands of shimmering salt pools offer a fascinating glimpse into ancient methods of salt extraction, still used by local families today.

Next, we continueto **Moray**, an impressive Inca archaeological site featuring concentric agricultural terraces. This site served as a sophisticated laboratory for the Incas to recreate diverse microclimates and study crop cultivation.

Lunch will be served in a unique and picturesque setting, offering a chanceto relax and take in the surrounding beauty. After lunch, we visit **Ollantaytambo**, the last living Inca village. Here, we will explore the awe-inspiring Temple of the Ten Windows, the Ñusta's Baths, and the iconic Temple of the Sun. From the heights of Ollantaytambo, the panoramic views of the valley will leave you breathless, a perfect conclusion to a magical day in the Sacred Valley.



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Your evening will be spent at accommodations in the area, allowing you to rest and reflect on the day's unforgettable experiences.

Day 5: Journey to Machu Picchu on Belmond Hiram Bingham train (B/L/D)

Tuesday

From the Rio Sagrado or Ollantaytambo train station (depending on season), we will embark on one of the most spectacular train journeys in the world aboard the **Hiram Bingham**. The experience within the train is top-notch. Its incredible classic style is well complemented by the train's dining car setup, making it easy to indulge in the delicacies that the chefs will prepare for us onboard. The route is imposing. Following the course of the Urubamba River as it delves into the canyon, we will reach the town. From there, we will transfer to minibuses that will ascend to the Sacred Citadel of the Incas: **Machu Picchu**. In this incredible archaeological monument, we will be touched by an indescribable magic and energy. We will explore terraces, passageways, temples, and see the sacred places, all amid a special atmosphere and with experienced guidance. After a "high mountain cocktail" at the Sanctuary Lodge, we will descend to return to Cusco, entertained by onboard entertainment and a sophisticated gourmet dinner. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Step into the heart of Cusco with a stay at **Belmond Palacio Nazarenas**, a stunning former convent turned luxurious hotel. Set against the backdrop of the Andean mountains, this elegant property combines rich colonial history with modern indulgence. Relax in beautifully restored suites, dine in world-class restaurants, and unwind in the serene courtyard or the relaxing spa. With its exceptional service and prime location, **Belmond Palacio Nazarenas (Junior Suite)** offers a perfect blend of culture, comfort, and sophistication for a truly unforgettable stay in Cusco.

Day 6: Cusco, Capital of The Inca's Empire (B)

Wednesday

In the morning, ascent to the **Sacsayhuaman archaeological site**, and start of the journey visiting the fortress of the same name, a beautiful place that radiates peace and tranquility, we will also admire the huge rocks of up to 4 meters high, that were used in its construction. Later, tour of the **Temple of the Sun Qorikancha**, over which the Santo Domingo Convent was built, the legend says that this Temple was completely gold plated, which amazed the conquerors when they first arrived. Enjoy a **private pisco experience**, and visit the **local market**, famous for its fresh produce and vibrant atmosphere. To end our journey, walk around the Plaza de Armas (Main Square) and enter the **Cathedral**, which amasses invaluable colonial art works and paintings, as for example the Cross that arrived with the first conquerors. Free afternoon to continue discovering this vibrant city full of history and charm.

Day 7: Belmond Andean Explorer Train to Titicaca Lake (B/L/D)

Thursday

The first day aboard the **Andean Explorer Train** promises an unforgettable journey. Travelers are welcomed with luxury and comfort as the train glides through the fascinating landscapes of the Andes. From Cusco, the ancient Inca capital, to the heights of the highlands, passengers immerse themselves in the rich history and culture of Peru. With panoramic windows revealing picturesque valleys and majestic mountains, the first day is a sublime introduction to the magic of the journey on this exceptional train. Overnight on board in Puno (**Twin Bed Cabin**). Lunch and dinner included.

Day 8: Titicaca Lake and Belmond Andean Explorer Train to Arequipa High Lands (B/L/D)

Friday

Your adventure continues as you journey to the breathtaking Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. Begin with a visit to one of the renowned **Uros floating islands**, an extraordinary community living on handmade reed islands, offering a fascinating glimpse into their centuries-old way of life. From there, set sail to **Taquile Island**, where you'll be warmly welcomed by its proud Quechua-speaking inhabitants. This UNESCO-protected community is celebrated for preserving its ancient traditions, vibrant textiles, and distinctive culture. Enjoy a delicious lunch overlooking the shimmering lake and take a leisurely walk along the idyllic Collata Beach, soaking in the tranquility of this enchanting destination. Upon returning to the Puno station, savor a delightful afternoon tea before departing for Saracocha. Witness the awe-inspiring transition of landscapes, as the journey takes you from the dramatic peaks of the Andes to serene valleys. Relax with high-quality onboard services, complemented by panoramic windows that frame the majestic Andean scenery. This day promises to be an unforgettable blend of cultural immersion and natural beauty. Spend the night on board at a picturesque high Andean point, surrounded by the serenity of the mountains.



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Day 9: Belmond Andean Explorer train and Colca Canyon (B)

Saturday

The third day aboard the Andean Explorer Train is a captivating finale, taking you through the breathtaking high Andean marshlands and the lagoons of the wildlife reserve near the Colca River Valley. Marvel at the region’s diverse ecosystem, home to vibrant birdlife and serene landscapes. Delve into historywith a visit to the ancient **Sumbay Caves**, where you’ll encounter fascinating cave paintings that tell stories of early Andean civilizations. The surrounding area offers stunning vistas and an enrichingexploration of the region's natural and cultural heritage.

Before lunch, disembark at kilometer 93 to continue your journey to the stunning **Colca Valley**. Upon arrival, settle into the luxurious **Belmond Las Casitas (Valley View Casita)**, nestled at the base of the majestic Colca Canyon. This exclusive retreat promises an unforgettable stay with unparalleled comfort, offering the perfect setting to unwind and reflect on your incredible journey. Enjoy the serenity of the canyon’s rugged beauty, preparing for the adventures that await in this iconic Andean destination.

Day 10: Flight of the Condors, Private Tour of Arequipa City and Santa Catalina Monastery (B/D)

Sunday

At dawn, we will head towards the Cruz del Cóndor viewpoint, eagerly anticipating the majestic flight of the condors, enormous Andean birds that are the symbol of the Andean countries. The view allows us to appreciate the vastness of the canyon, considered one of the deepest in the world. We will visit the villages of Maca and Yanque, which still preserve their colonial churches. Departure by land to the city of Arequipa. City tour: colonial district of Yanahuara, Santa Catalina Monastery, and the Church of the Society of Jesus.

Overnight in Arequipa. Enjoy dinner at your hotel restaurant.

Nestled in the heart of Arequipa, **Cirqa (Aposento Room)** offers an exceptional blend of history, luxury, and contemporary design. Set in a beautifully restored colonial mansion, this boutique hotel captures the essence of the city’s charm with its elegant rooms and intimate atmosphere. With stunning views of the surrounding volcanoes, guests can enjoy personalized service, exquisite local cuisine, and a tranquil retreat in the city’s cultural hub. Cirqa is the perfect base for discovering Arequipa’s rich history and vibrant surroundings in a setting that exudes both sophistication and comfort.

Day 11: Farewell day (B)

Monday

Transfer to the airport to take your flight to Lima.

REFERENTIAL NET RATE PER PERSON BASED ON 2 PEOPLE SHARING A DBL ROOM

Starting from USD 9,488.00

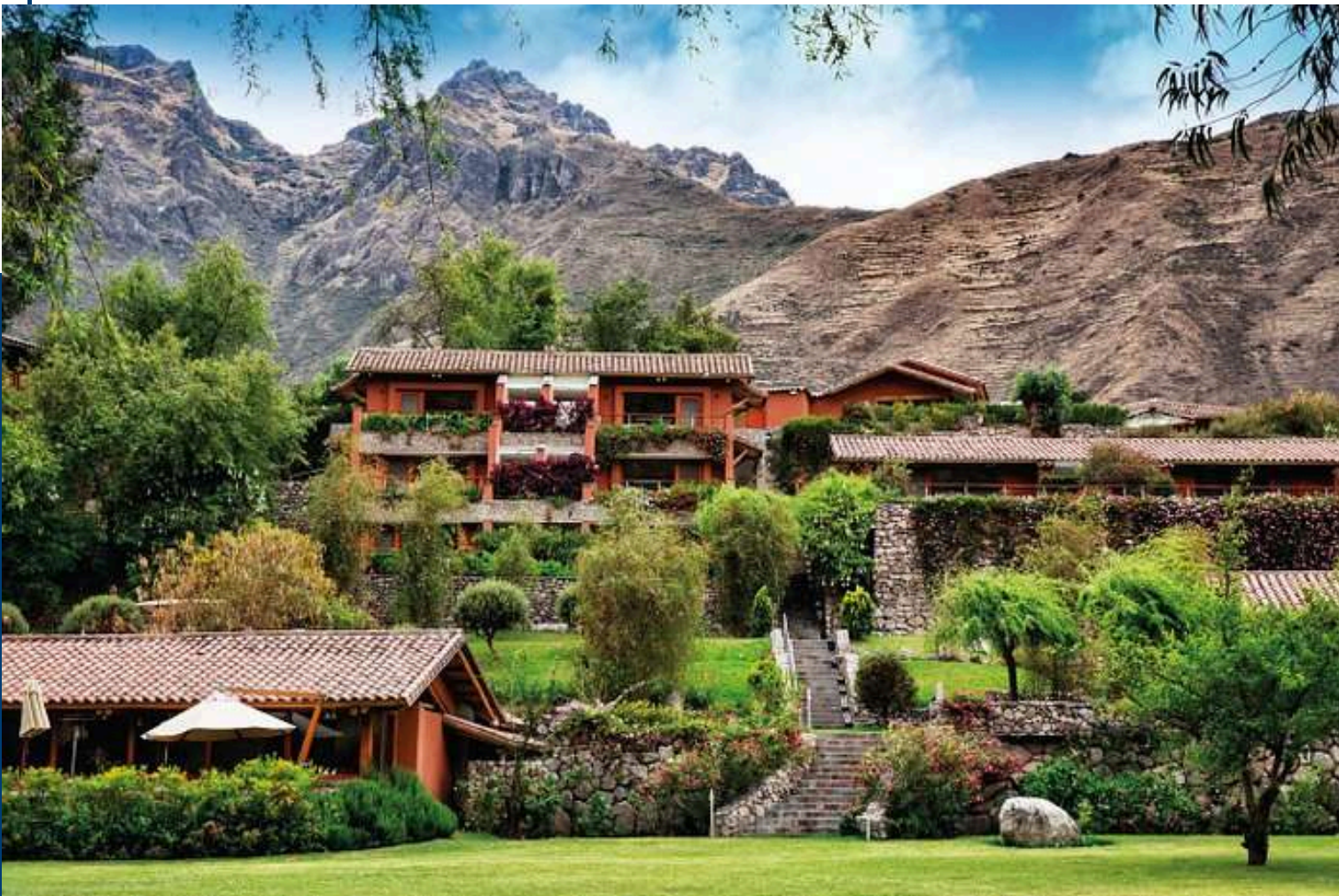


Belmond Miraflores Park (Lima)



Ocean View Suite

Belmond Rio Sagrado (Sacred Valley)



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Aldean Explorer, a Belmond Train



Belmond Las Casitas (Colca Valley)



Cirqa (Arequipa)





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