



Adventure tours that delve deeper

Massive Multisport Adventure

TRIP LENGTH: 9 days
STARTS AND ENDS: Cusco

This one's for true adventure junkies, with active, adrenaline-fueled activities every day and a serious tropical twist. Getting far off the tourist trail, into the outdoors paradise of Peru's Amazon Basin, is the icing on the cake!

Day 1 Pisac

We'll pick you up in Cusco and drive 45 minutes to Pisac - a cute, cobbled Inca town that's the gateway to the spectacular Sacred Valley of the Incas. It's also the perfect place to acclimatize to the altitude, ready for our hardcore active adventure in the Andes that starts tomorrow!

Pisac has plenty to do, including a spectacular ruined fortress and the biggest handicraft market in the region. Your guide is on hand to share the sights with you and get you oriented in Peru!

Accommodation: Cosy boutique accommodations in Pisac

Meals: Lunch and dinner included

Day 2 Bike the length of the Sacred Valley

We'll dedicate today to riding the length of the iconic Sacred Valley, along the Urubamba River. The riding (around 56k total) is flat and suitable for all levels of riders. The scenery all around us - jagged peaks, lush farmland, sleepy villages and a rushing river - is a delight, and along the way we'll visit two little-known Inca sites. Late in the afternoon we'll hop on a train (1.5 very scenic hours) to Aguas Calientes, Machu Picchu's bustling little support town and our home for the night.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: All meals included

Day 3 Machu Picchu!

A spectacular stone city surrounded by incredibly steep, incredibly green mountains, Machu Picchu is a site that needs no introduction! Mystical, thought-provoking, and absolutely massive, it's deservedly one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

Your guide will show you around Machu Picchu's main citadel, as well as some of our favourite hidden nooks and crannies, and there's time for some exploring on your own too, before we head back down to Aguas Calientes for the night.

Accommodation: 4-star hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: All meals included

Day 4 Hike to the heart of the high jungle

Today we'll hike up Patallacta mountain to the ruin of Llactapata. From here we get an awesome, unique view back across to Machu Picchu, as well as Salkantay and other mountains of the Cordillera Vilcabamba - one of the highest ranges in the Andes.

Then it's down the other side of the mountain - we'll gain and lose 700 meters today, ending up in the remote high-jungle outpost of Santa Teresa.

In the evening we'll soak in the Cocalmayo hot springs - some of the most beautiful natural hot springs you'll ever see, and the perfect place to spend the evening, soaking away any aches from our hike today and any remaining cares, as we gaze up past the jungle at the stars!

Accommodation: Eco Quechua Lodge, Santa Teresa

Meals: All meals included

Hiking distance: 17 km or 25km (depends on you)

Day 5 Raft from Santa Teresa to Quillabamba

Today we'll experience the best rafting in the region.

We'll spend most of the day on the river, paddling close to 50 kilometers (31 miles), with rapids ranging from fun, exhilarating Class 3 to huge, heart-pounding Class 5. We'll finish up in the bustling market town of Quillabamba, Katy's favorite holiday destination! Utterly unknown to foreign tourists, Quillabamba is the hub of a thriving jungle agricultural region that produces much of Peru's coffee, tea, and chocolate. We'll enjoy an ice-cream in Quillabamba's convivial Plaza de Armas, wander through the huge local market with its incredible array of tropical fruits, then drive half an hour to our accommodation in a local-favorite family resort for another enjoyable poolside evening, surrounded by jungle foliage and mountain peaks.

Accommodation: Local eco-resort in the Quillabamba Valley

Meals: All meals included

Day 6 Hikes to waterfalls

Though the Quillabamba region is unknown to foreigners, it's a hotspot for Peruvian tourists, and today you'll see why - this is the jungle at its sweaty, splashy, delicious, quirky best.

We'll spend the morning at Illapani, a spectacular waterfall that requires a steep, 45-minute jungle hike to get to - which makes the plunge into the refreshing waterhole at its base all the more rewarding! It's a hard place to leave, but when hunger eventually gets the better of us, we'll head for a nearby cacao and trout farm for lunch (and the best chocolate ice-cream in the world!)

In the afternoon, if you're feeling energetic we'll hike and scramble up a river gorge to another amazing waterfall - or you might just want to hang out at our accommodation, soaking up the scenery and the extremely random tropical vibes of the poolside bar.

Accommodation: 3-star hotel with pool, Quillabamba

Meals: All meals included

Day 7 Via ferrata and ziplining in the Sacred Valley

This morning we'll take a 2.5 hour drive over Abra Malaga, a high (4,350m/14,271ft) mountain pass where we leave the tropical Amazon basin and re-enter the temperate Sacred Valley. You'll notice rapid changes in the climate and ecosystem as we ascend from steamy Quillabamba to the misty, freezing pass!

Back in the sunny Sacred Valley, we'll head for the *via ferrata*, ('iron path'): a safe, fun way for everyone to experience vertical rock climbing. Harnessed, helmeted and accompanied by a qualified guide, we'll climb 1300 feet (400 meters) straight up a cliff, using a series of metal staples in the rock for holds. Then we'll make our way back down by a series of seven ziplines! It's an unforgettable adrenaline hit that will be a highlight of your time in Peru!

Accommodation: 4-star accommodation near Ollantaytambo

Meals: All meals included

Day 8 Quad-biking and paddleboarding

Today we'll visit two of our favorite Inca sites: harmonious, thought-provoking, Moray and fascinating, photogenic Salineras.

We'll also fit in two activities: covering mellow rolling ground on quad bikes (ATVs), and paddling stand-up paddleboards or kayaks (the choice is yours) on serene, scenic Lake Piuray.

Then we'll head to Cusco (1.5 hours) for a final, spectacular dinner to celebrate our time in Peru together!

Accommodation: 4-star hotel in Cusco's historic colonial center

Meals: All meals included

Day 9 Departure day

Your transfer to the airport is included.

Meals: Breakfast included

What's included:

- All accommodation in double or twin room (*single supplement: add US\$700pp*)
- All ground transportation including airport transfers at start and end of trip
- All attractions and activities specified in itinerary
- Permit to climb an extra mountain at Machu Picchu (if available at time of booking)
- Dedicated Aspiring Adventures to look after you throughout the trip
- All meals, as specified in the itinerary
- Clean, safe drinking water throughout the trip

What's not included

- Tips for your guides & drivers
- Alcoholic beverages
- Laundry and room service

Accommodation

We stay in 4-star accommodation where available (Cusco, Aguas Calientes and Ollantaytambo). Other locations on this trip are somewhat remote, and here we stay in the best local accommodations available - these are clean, comfortable, character-filled and of 3-star level.