

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO PERU

Under spiritual guidance of Fr. Steven Szakaczki, Pastor of St. Aidan Church in Scarborough

Sep 18 - 29, 2024 - 12 days - CA\$4,990 (Taxes & Tips Incl.) for Toronto departure

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Sep 18 Depart Toronto for Lima.

Sep 19 Upon arrival, we will approach the colonial history of **Lima**. During the conquest and the Viceroyalty, the role of the priestly orders was fundamental, and proof of that is the large number of churches we can find throughout the country. Today, we will focus on three of the most impressive in the capital's historic center, such as the Cathedral in the Plaza de Armas, whose fascinating interior houses beautiful altarpieces and fine works of art. We will have the opportunity to enter one of the most iconic ecclesiastical spaces in Lima, the Convent of Santo Domingo, also declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity and where the relics of three Peruvian saints are found: Santa Rosa de Lima, San Martín de Porres and San Juan Macías. The Convent of San Francisco and its church cannot be absent, another representative point of Lima's fervor and considered one of the most recognized artistic corners for its imposing baroque style façade and the fantastic pieces that contain its interior rooms. Dinner and overnight in Lima.

Sep 20 After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flight from Lima to **Cusco**. Then transfer to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, which will show us their ingenuity as architects and farmers: Maras, Moray and Chinchero. From the top, we will have a majestic view of the ancient Maras salt mines, where the coveted Maras salt - one of the finest in the world - is collected. We will see almost 3,000 pools that in Inca times were an important center for the imperial economy. We will also arrive at the Moray archaeological site, which resembles a natural amphitheater. We will enjoy a delicious lunch based on local products before visiting the Chinchero archaeological complex, one of the most impressive in the area that during the Tahuantinsuyo, was an agricultural and livestock center, with terraces and aqueducts. Nearby, we will see the exterior of the Nuestra Señora de Monserrat church, built in 1607 on top of the old Inca palace and which today is an example of the confluence of Andean and Spanish culture during the Viceroyalty, especially in the artistic aspect of its decoration. Dinner and overnight in Yucay.

Sep 21 Today, we will learn about the tradition and history of the **Sacred Valley**, the traces left by its ancient inhabitants, and the culture of its current towns. We will stop at 3,200 meters above sea level. at the Taray viewpoint, from where we can obtain a stunning panoramic view of the valley. We will reach the top of the Apu Inti Huatana hill where we will find the archaeological complex of Pisac, which houses dazzling stone platforms and offers a privileged view of the traditional town that bears the same name. Walking through its buildings we will see why it is one of the most relevant in the valley, both for its urban planning and for the variety of environments or "neighborhoods" dedicated to religious ceremonies, rooms, and temples. We will also visit Pisac town, characterized by its quiet streets and its market where it proudly lives its millenary heritage represented in its textile art, ceramics, jewelry pieces and other handicrafts. We will visit the main temple, terraces, and fountains while enjoying an unbeatable view of the town. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Sep 22 After breakfast, you will be transferred to Ollanta Station.

One of the most important tourist landmarks in the world awaits us: **Machu Picchu!** Our adventure will begin aboard the train to Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo, a picturesque town at the foot of the emblematic Inca citadel. During the train ride, we can enjoy the natural beauty of the surroundings, with impressive views of majestic mountains, the Vilcanota river and small towns of the Peruvian Andes; a visual feast that fills us with anticipation for the visit to the wonder that is Machu Picchu. After a short bus ride from Aguas Calientes we will find ourselves in front of one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. From there, we will explore the ancient ruins, learning all about the history and mysteries that this mystical and impressive place holds. Dinner and overnight in Aguas Calientes.

Sep 23 Transfer back to Cusco. Dinner and overnight in Cusco.

Sep 24 After breakfast, explore the picturesque, historic city center of Cusco, also known as the Imperial City, and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1983. We begin with the charming neighbourhood of San Blas, also known as the 'artists' district'. Here we'll visit the church, said to have been built on the site of an Inca sanctuary. Walking down the San Blas hill or 'cuesta', we'll pass the legendary 12-angled Inca stone on our way to the Plaza de Armas (main square), where we'll visit the Cathedral. We will then continue through some of the most emblematic streets in the city center towards the Koricancha, also known as the golden temple. Dinner and overnight in Cusco

Sep 25 After breakfast, you will leave for **Puno**, enjoying the wonderful landscapes of the Southern Valley of Cusco on the way. First you will visit Andahuaylillas, where you will find the church of San Pedro, a beautiful 17th-century building that has an impressive organ, decorated with angels and cherubs. Then, you will visit the Raqchi ruins -also known as The Temple of God Wiracocha- which have different areas that were used for various purposes. Then, you will head to La Raya, the highest point between Cusco and Puno, where you will make a short stop to appreciate the landscape. Afterwards, you will go to Pucará, where you will visit the town and the museum of this Inca military construction, which also functioned as an administrative center. Dinner and overnight in Puno.

Sep 26 Private | Full Day Uros and Taquile After breakfast, tour **Lake Titicaca**, home to unique communities with which we will share unforgettable moments learning about their culture and traditions. As we hike to the top of the island, we can see different types of crops with the lake and the Illimani Mountain range in the background, a fascinating combination of green and blue. After touring the island and connecting with its customs, we will share a moment with the community amidst dances and traditional music. Dinner and overnight at Lake hotel.

Sep 27 After having breakfast, we tour Sillustani, an unmissable spot on any visit to Puno. Later, we will head to the Atuncolla district to meet local alpaca herding families who will share some dishes that showcase the best of their cuisine. After tasting its diversity of potatoes, fresh cheese, and chaco, we will visit the community to learn more about its customs, crafts, natural medicine, and all the richness of its Andean origins. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Lima. Dinner and overnight in Lima.

Sep 28 After breakfast, we go on a journey full of art, culture, and flavour awaits us in Lima's bohemian neighbourhood par excellence: Barranco. We will explore its streets that still keep their colonial and republican legacy as the Saenz Peña Boulevard, which stands out for its old houses influenced by the Gothic style. Barranco is characterized by the energy breathed into its beautiful boardwalk, with an extraordinary view of the Pacific Ocean. Following it, we will arrive at the Bridge of Sighs or [Puente de los Suspiros], one of the most important attractions of the district, inspiring unique legends and motivating songs and poems. For the shopping fanatics, we will take a look at some Peruvian art and handicraft stores to take a souvenir home before ending our adventure in Barranco. Dinner and overnight in Lima.

Sep 29 After breakfast, transfer to airport for your flight home.



TOUR COST CA\$4,990.00 INCLUDES:

- air transportation including local flights Lima - Cuzco, Cuzco - Lima,
- hotel accommodation 4 stars based on double occupancy
- All taxes and tips
- 2 meals breakfast and dinner daily
- all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide

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