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AN INTIMATE JOURNEY . . . June 5 - June 14, 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the charm of Cusco with a private guide
- Hike the famous Inca Trail with a private guide, chef, and porters
- Take a majestic train ride through the Andes mountains
- Stay at historic hotels with 5 star service
- Journey to the heart of the Andes where you will have lunch with a local weaving couple, learn about the history of the coca leaf, and be introduced to traditional weaving and hand-dying of natural fibers
- Private ground transportation
- Exploration of local food market in Urubamba and/or pottery class at the famous Semanario, time permitting.
- Have free time to hike in the Andes Mountains with a local guide (depending on time and interest).
- Walk to a glacier waterfall for those interested
- Explore local artisan markets
- Opportunities to engage in relaxing spa experiences

DAY 1 - TRAVEL DAY

- Travel to Cusco most flights leave the USA in the late afternoon and arrive in Cusco the next morning after a short layover in Lima (there are no direct flights to Cusco)
- Plan on arriving in Cusco no later than 11:30 on June 6
- Private transportation to the Sacred Valley.

DAYS 2-3: SACRED VALLEY

- Stay at <u>Aranwa</u>, a gorgeous hotel in the heart of the Valley
- Hike through the mountains as a warm-up or relax by the pool
- Journey to the mountain home of Heleria & Felipe, traditional weavers who will cook a meal for us and teach us about their weaving traditions.
- Visit the Pisac market before returning to your hotel

DAYS 4 - 8: INCA TRAIL & MACHU PICCHU

- Private transfer to hike base
- Hike the magical Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and soak in the magic as your feet walk the thrilling journey to Machu Picchu
- Connect with friends at some of the deepest levels possible as you experience profound intimacy with yourselves, others, and sacred history.
- Private tour of Macchu Pichu
- Train return to Sacred Valley then on to Cusco

DAYS 9 - 10: CUSCO

- Arrive in Cusco and explore this ancient city
- Stay at the Cosana San Blas, a beautiful boutique hotel
- Learn about bartering and some favorite places to shop
- Opportunity to visit a number of museums and/or historic sites
- Take a chocolate class or enjoy a pisco tasting experience.
- Visit local markets

DAY 10: RETURN TO USA

- It is recommended that you book a late afternoon or early evening flight from Cusco to the USA to maximize your time in Cusco.
- Explore the architecture and history before returning home.



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*This is a small private journey, reserve your space early

THE DETAILS: WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All Lodging double occupancy
- Daily breakfast; all meals on trek
- All entrance fees to Machu Picchu
- Private ground transportation
- All tour fees unless otherwise noted
- Train transportation from Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes)
- Private guides, porters, chef Machu Picchu
- Extra guided hiking for those interested (Guide is not responsible for people's safety)
- Demonstration and cultural immersion at Heleria & Felipe's home for weaving demonstration, meal and cultural experience.

THE DETAILS: WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare to Cusco
- Additional tours or excursions (can be arranged as add-ons)
- Tips for guides, porters, and chef
- Daily meals, except breakfasts unless the meal is associated with the trek
- Personal gifts, souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Anything not explicitly named in the "What's Included" section above

ZOOM PREPARATION

• Two ZOOM session will be offered to help people prepare for the journey. One in the Fall of 2024 and the other shortly before travel.

THE COST

- \$3200-\$4000/person depending on excursion choices
- Single occupancy available for upcharge

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 deposit (nonrefundable)
- \$1000 DUE September 1, 2024
- \$1300 DUE January 15, 2025
- \$400 DUE April 1, 2025

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

- All money paid minus \$500 is refundable through December 1, 2024
- December 2 February 1, 2024/5 \$500 is refundable
- February 2 March 30, 2025 \$800 is refundable
- April 2 Travel time, 2025, \$0 is refundable

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