

## GLA031



### The Great Inca Route

**Buenos Aires + Salta + La Paz + Lago Titicaca + Cusco + Machu Picchu + Lima**

**(18 days / 17 nights)**

#### DAY 1 - BUENOS AIRES

Meeting and assistance upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Accommodation.

#### DAY 2 - BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. In the morning panoramic city view. This tour gives you the emotion of a multiple Buenos Aires. We will see the symbol of our city: the obelisk. We will visit different squares such as Plaza de Mayo, Plaza San Martín, Plaza Congreso. Avenues like Corrientes, Mayo, 9 de Julio, among others. Historical neighborhoods: La Boca, San Telmo, Montserrat. Elegant neighborhoods such as Palermo and Recoleta, and the most modern: Puerto Madero. Parks such as Lezama and Tres de Febrero. We will also visit financial and commercial areas and a Soccer Stadium. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, experience one of the true highlights of your tour, a Dinner & Tango Show. The Tango was born in Argentina, and a visit to one of the tango show houses features the best artist and dancers accompanied by traditional Argentine cuisine.

#### DAY 3 - BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Day at leisure. Accommodation.

#### DAY 4 - BUENOS AIRES / SALTA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Salta (flight not included). Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation

#### DAY 5 - SALTA

Breakfast. Today you'll have a full day tour to Humahuaca (14 hours total tour). Departure from Salta to Jujuy visiting León, Tumbaya, Purmamarca, the "Hill of Seven Colors", the Pucara de Tilcara (a fortress), where we will stop in the Archaeological Museum and the Uquia Church. Visit to Humahuaca town, his handcraft market and Belgrano's monument. In the eay back visit of San Salvador de Jujuy to see the historical core and its monuments. Return to Salta to overnight.

#### DAY 6 - SALTA / SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Santa Cruz de la Sierra (flight not included). Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

#### DAY 7 - SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA / LA PAZ

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to La Paz (flight not included). Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

#### DAY 8 - LA PAZ

Breakfast. Transfer from the hotel to our next adventure: a typical Indian market followed by the famous Witch Doctor's Market and The San Francisco Colonial Church. Our tour continues to Murillo Square where the Metropolitan Cathedral, Presidential Palace and the National Congress buildings are located. We visit the famous colonial street Jaen where several interesting museums are clustered together followed by an open-air



museum in which we appreciate a replica of the semi-underground temple of the Tiwanaku Culture. For a change of scenery our tour continues to the residential areas of Obrajes, Calacoto and La Florida. We culminate the day with a visit to the unique and spectacular Moon Valley, where we have the opportunity to explore the area and visit a ceramic workshop. Accommodation.

#### DAY 9 - LA PAZ / PUERTO PEREZ

Breakfast. Journey along the path less traveled as you explore Bolivia's rich cultural heritage against the backdrop of the 6000-meter high Andes Mountain ranges. This tour takes you across the haunting Altiplano (high plateau ranges) with spectacular views of Andean fields and small mud houses. Puerto Perez is a small village on the shores of the magnificent Lake Titicaca and was established by the English for the Lake Titicaca steamship service. Accommodation and welcome cocktail.

#### DAY 10 - PUERTO PEREZ / ISLA DE SURIQUE / COPACABANA / PUNO

Breakfast. Cruise along the sapphire blue waters of Lake Titicaca, the 'highest navigable lake in the world'. Legends and mystique surround this lake, sacred to the Aymara Indians and the Inca civilization.

Arrival in Copacabana and visit to the the Brown Virgin's Sanctuary. Lunch included. Then continue by bus to Puno. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

#### DAY 11 - PUNO

Breakfast. In the morning, short excursion to Sacred Lake of Incas "Titicaca" to visit the Floating Islands of the Uros Community an old pre-inca community that took refuge on the waters of this lake, running away from Colonist Empire. We will see how native people make their rafts using totora reeds, junco (plant) of the lake. In the afternoon, departure by bus to pre-inca cemetery of Hatun Colla Chiefs in Sillustani at the shore of the Lake Umayo. Such burial tombs called "Chullpas" may reach as high as 6 meters tall. Return to Puno. Accommodation.

#### DAY 12 - PUNO / CUSCO

Breakfast and transfer to the train station to get aboard the first class area of train Andean Explorer [www.perurail.com](http://www.perurail.com) and have an awesome trip to Cusco. This is considered the highest train in the world, crossing the antes at 4,319 mts. higher, this place is known as La Raya, and here the train is going to stop. During our trip we will enjoy the beautiful Andean landscape and snow-covered mountains of "cordillera Chimboya", where River Vilcanota is born, some kilometers north it will reach the jungle of Machu Picchu and Sacred Valley. The train has a panoramic coach from where you can enjoy the beautiful landscape. Lunch aboard. Arrival, reception and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

#### DAY 13 - CUSCO

Breakfast. During the morning, we will ascend to the Archaeological Park of Sacsayhuaman and we will visit Q'enqo, old temple of the Puma where you can see a sacrifice altar inside a huge stone; Tambomachay, Sacred fountain of life and health; Puca Pucará, "atalaya" (watchtower) safeguarding the city gates and Sacsayhuaman fortress, beautiful place that radiates peace and calmness, we will enjoy the view of huge stones reaching 4 mts. high each and that were used in its construction.

In the afternoon, we will visit the imperial city; we will go into the Cathedral where you will enjoy beautiful woodwork and colonial paintings containing extensive Inca iconography. Then, we will visit the Korikancha, the Temple of the Sun where the Convent of Santo Domingo was built; legend says this temple was completely laminated in gold that impressed the conquerors at their arrival. Then we will go to the Artisans' Quarters of San Blas and visit the church to see the pulpit with its impressive carved woodwork. It is time to do some shopping at the most famous artisans' market in the city. Lodging.

#### DAY 14- CUSCO / VALLE SAGRADO DE LOS INCAS

Breakfast. Visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will visit the artisans' market of Pisac, where colorful clothing is shown and we will also get familiar with old traditions of the empire. Time to do some shopping. Buffet lunch. In the afternoon visit to fortress of Ollantaytambo, where we will see the technique used by Incas to sculpt stones. Night at the Sacred Valley. Accommodation.

#### DAY 15 - VALLE SAGRADO DE LOS INCAS / MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast. Transfer to the Ollantaytambo station to get aboard the train to the Sacred City of "Machu Picchu". We will go through the corridors, visiting the ceremonial centers and terraces. Buffet lunch. We will return to Cusco by train in the afternoon. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

#### DAY 16 - MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Breakfast. Day at leisure. Time to have a new visit to the city or meditate to receive the energy of this sacred place and also to have the opportunity to ascend Intipunku, entrance of Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. In the afternoon, return to Cusco by train. Accommodation.



#### DAY 17 - CUSCO / LIMA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima (flight not included). Arrival and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit to the city, we will stroll around the main streets, squares and avenues. We will go to the Main square where we will have a view of the Presidential and Municipal Palaces. We will visit the Lima's Cathedral in which lies the tomb of the Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro, and the museum of Religious Art. We will continue our way for the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores until a viewpoint where we will have a spectacular view of the beaches of the Pacific Ocean. Accommodation.

#### DAY 18 - LIMA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Prices are in US Dollars per person and comissionables.

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Internal Flights are not included