



PRICEBUSTER RAIL TO PERU'S MACHU PICCHU AND LAKE TITICACA



October 22nd-29th, 2018/ 8 Days

TOUR PRICE:
\$2999.00

PER PERSON/DO
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$499
INCLUDES ROUND-TRIP AIR

ASK ABOUT OUR EXTENSION
TO LAKE TITICACA TO
EXPLORE THE FASCINATING
FLOATING REED ISLANDS OF
THE UROS PEOPLE

TRIP REGISTRATION

To register, contact
Alki Tours at (206)935-6848
or 1(800)895-2554
You may also register on our
web site at
www.alkitours.com

A deposit of \$500.00 per person
is due within 14 days of booking
to confirm your reservation. Full
payment is due 90 days prior to
the trip's departure.

Please make checks payable to:

**Alki Tours, 6417A Fauntleroy
Way SW, Seattle WA 98136**

Here's How Your Tour Will Unfold...

Day 1—USA—Lima, Peru

Upon arrival in Lima, we'll transfer you to our lovely hotel in the fashionable Miraflores District. It is one of Lima's exclusive residential areas offering cultural and artistic shops, a large variety of restaurants and a short walk to the ocean and city parkland.

Meals: Meals on own

Day 2—Lima—Hacienda Tres Cañas: Peruvian Pace Horse

All through its history, the Ranch Tres Cañas has demonstrated its quality in the breeding of the Paso Horse—the only breed of its kind in the world. Their excellent mares and stallions that have been award-winners in National, Regional and International Shows. Watch as these noble horses parade before your eyes on the specially prepared show grounds. Enjoy dinner at the Casa Aliaga. Built in 1535, it is the oldest home on the continent; still family owned after 17 generations. It is one of the best-preserved colonial homes in Peru, with a series of salons representing decor from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. The land for the home was first



deeded to Jerónimo de Aliaga, one of the 13 men who remained with Francisco Pizarro during his grueling exploration of Peru's coast in 1527.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3—Lima—Sacred Valley

Today we will fly to Cusco and meet our local guide. Upon arrival we will drive to our comfortable hotel which is located in the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River. To ease our transition to high altitude, we descend several thousand feet into this valley.

Sightseeing today includes exotic Pisac Market. This colorful marketplace is a photographers dream and a shopper's paradise. On the route, we'll drive to the small village of Awanacancha where skilled weavers introduce us to the ancient Andean art of backstrap weaving.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4—Sacred Valley

Relax this morning before lunch. In the afternoon, we'll visit a village of Inca homes



and see how the locals live. We'll travel through the sacred valley and visit a massive Incan fortress of Ollantaytambo. This is one of the few places where the Spanish lost a battle during the conquest of Peru.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5—Train to Machu Picchu: Lost City of the Incas

Today wake up early for a spectacular train trip into the gorge of the Urubamba River to Machu Picchu. (Train trip is approximately 3 hours). The station for Machu Picchu is a bit over 6,500 feet. We will disembark in Agua Caliente and then take a bus 30 switchbacks to the ruins. Our guide will take us on a complete and compelling tour of the fabled city. The story of the Inca Empire is a great historical epic, and our guide will tell you tales about Hiram Bingham's dramatic discovery. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before leaving the ruins. We stay in the ruins about 3 hours today, through most of the afternoon. At the hotel, we can quietly contemplate the achievements of the Inca monarchs who built this



mountaintop citadel. Due to the limited space on the train you will need to pack an overnight bag. Your luggage can be stored at the hotel. Be sure to bring clothing

you can layer and prepare for temperature between 40-70 degrees, sun and hard rain all in the same day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6—Machu Picchu—Train to Cusco

This morning you may wish to take an optional drive back to Picchu. Your guide can help arrange and will let you know the cost for those wishing to visit Picchu again. Some travelers appreciate the chance to see the ruins in morning light and without the crowds. You can wander the sprawling ruins on your own or you may wish to hike to the Inca Bridge, a beautiful trail leading to the top of the ruins. The second option is a steep, one-hour climb mostly on stone steps to the top of Huayna Picchu, the sharp peak seen behind the ruins of Machu Picchu in many photographs, or you can also remain at the hotel and shop

Agua Caliente. Later, we'll board the train for a tripback to Cusco.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7—Cusco—Lima or Lake Titicaca Extension

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart for San Blas. **(please note that if you are on the Lake Titicaca Extension please refer to that extension itinerary)** A magnificent city, a blend of Inca and Spanish cultures. We will visit the Koricancha or Temple of the Sun, the cathedral from the early 17th century; it is a fine example of colonial baroque art. San Blas is a popular sector known as the artisan's quarter, with steep streets and old Inca buildings and Spanish mansions.

The San Blas church located on the street of the same name, has the oldest parish in Cusco, built in 1563. Its most distinctive feature is the impressive pulpit carved out of a single piece of wood on which creator, Diego Tomas de Cerda, worked for 25 years. Later, fly back to Lima. We have day rooms available if you want some quiet time to relax in the late evening before we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY -8 Lima—Seattle

Arrive in Seattle the next morning. Upon arrival, our shuttles await to take you back to your Seattle area home. Welcome Home!

Meals: Breakfast



Its Included:

- ◆ At home pick up in the greater Seattle area
- ◆ Roundtrip airfare Lima to Cusco
- ◆ 6 night first class hotel accommodations:
 - 2 Nights Lima
 - 2 Nights Sacred Valley
 - 1 Night Cusco
 - 1 Night Machu Picchu
 - 1 Day room on departure
- ◆ 2 Dinners, 4 Lunches, 6 Breakfast
- ◆ Roundtrip first-class train to Machu Picchu
- ◆ Entrance Fees
- ◆ Locally guided sightseeing in Lima, Cusco and Sacred Valley
- ◆ **Fully escorted and narrated by a tour guide so you won't miss a thing with a minimum of 15 passengers booked**



CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days prior to departure:

Full Refund

89-60 days prior to departure date: 75% Refund

59-41 days prior to departure date: 50% Refund

40-31 days prior to departure: 25% Refund

30 days or fewer prior to departure: No Refund

There can be no refund for any unused portion of this tour once the tour has started.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Information regarding a variety of travel insurance policies is available upon request. We recommend that sufficient insurance be purchased to cover the possibility of lost or damaged baggage, accidents or illness



Here's How Your Tour Will Unfold...

Wed 28—Cusco—Juliaca - Puno

This morning we will be transferred to the airport. Take a morning flight to Juliaca. Your local guide will wait for your arrival at the airport and will transfer you to your hotel. The guide will inform you about the attractions and services that the city has to offer.

Meals: Breakfast

Thu 29 - Puno

Upon your arrival at Puno's lake port, a vessel will take us to the floating islands of the Uros. Uros are an ancestral society that inhabits a series of artificial islands built with totora, a reed that grows in the lake. The islands are built by weaving this reed in the places where they grow the thickest and form a natural layer. They build their totora houses over it and cook in the open air to prevent possible fires. After a one and a half-hour tour, you will continue your trip to the Taquile Island. Unlike other islands, inhabited by Aymara-speaking people in the lake, its residents speak Quechua. It was part of the Inca Empire and it is possible to note vestiges of said culture in their buildings. Nevertheless, when the Spaniards arrived, they forced its residents to get rid of their typical clothes and forced them to wear traditional farmers' clothes. Upon your arrival, you will receive a brief explanation on the island and will attend a cultural activity. We will return to Puno after lunch.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Fri 30 – Puno – Juliaca - Lima

This tour takes three and a half hours. Depart from your hotel and transfer to Sillustani, where a local guide will be waiting for you. In Sillustani, a peninsula of the Umayo Lagoon, you will visit one the world's largest necropolis, in which stand out over 90 chullpas, huge and primitive stone mausoleums of over 12m high, designed with a wider top than the base. At the end of the visit you will return to the Juliaca airport.

Later, fly back to Lima. We have day rooms available if you want some quiet time to relax in the late evening before we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Sat 31 - Lima—Seattle

Arrive in Seattle the next morning. Upon arrival, our shuttles await to take you back to your Seattle area home. Welcome Home!

Meals: In flight meals

Andean Explorer for Puno



Ancient Andean art of backstrap weaving.



Visit the Uros Indians on their reed islands.

