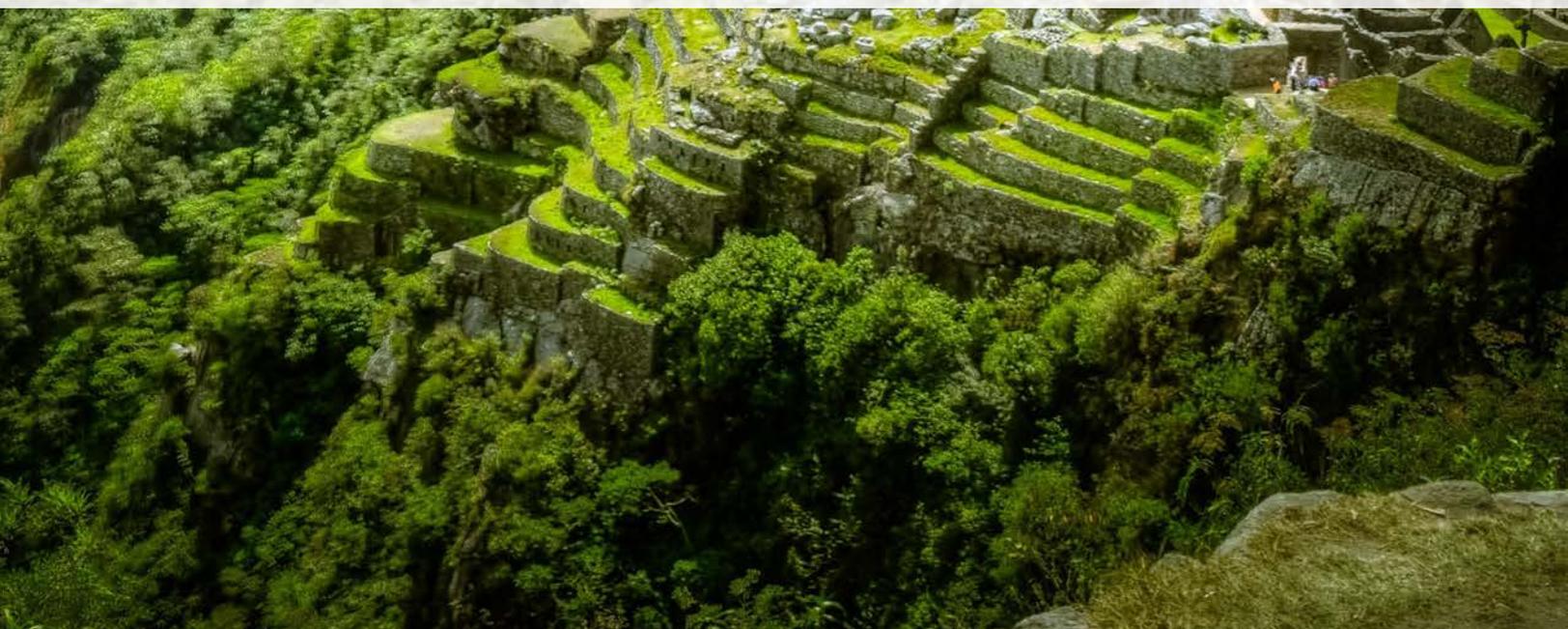


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***MACHU PICCHU ADVENTURE EXPEDITION TO PERU
JUNE 20-27, 2021***



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BC BEYOND EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL



Dear BC Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to BC Beyond Educational Travel!

Please join fellow alumni and friends as we explore the wonders of Peru to experience a land of breathtaking scenery, rich heritage, and mystical appeal. This exciting excursion will highlight our threefold mission to provide lifelong learning through educational travel, to showcase BC faculty, and to expand the global reach of Boston College.

Beginning in the former Incan capital of Cusco, explore the region of the Sacred Valley and visit ancient ruins. Our visit is timed to behold a truly once in a lifetime experience, the Inti Raymi Festival of the Sun, an Incan festival in Cusco that marks the winter solstice. After celebrating this sacred occasion with locals, we head to summit the prize jewel of Peru, Machu Picchu. The journey to the mysterious archaeological ruins will not soon be forgotten, as our expert guides take us through this beautiful site. Finally, conclude the trip in cosmopolitan Lima, soaking in culinary delights and modern culture while traversing the colonial city.

With space for only 24 guests, we expect this exclusive tour to fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this unforgettable tour of Peru and Machu Picchu!

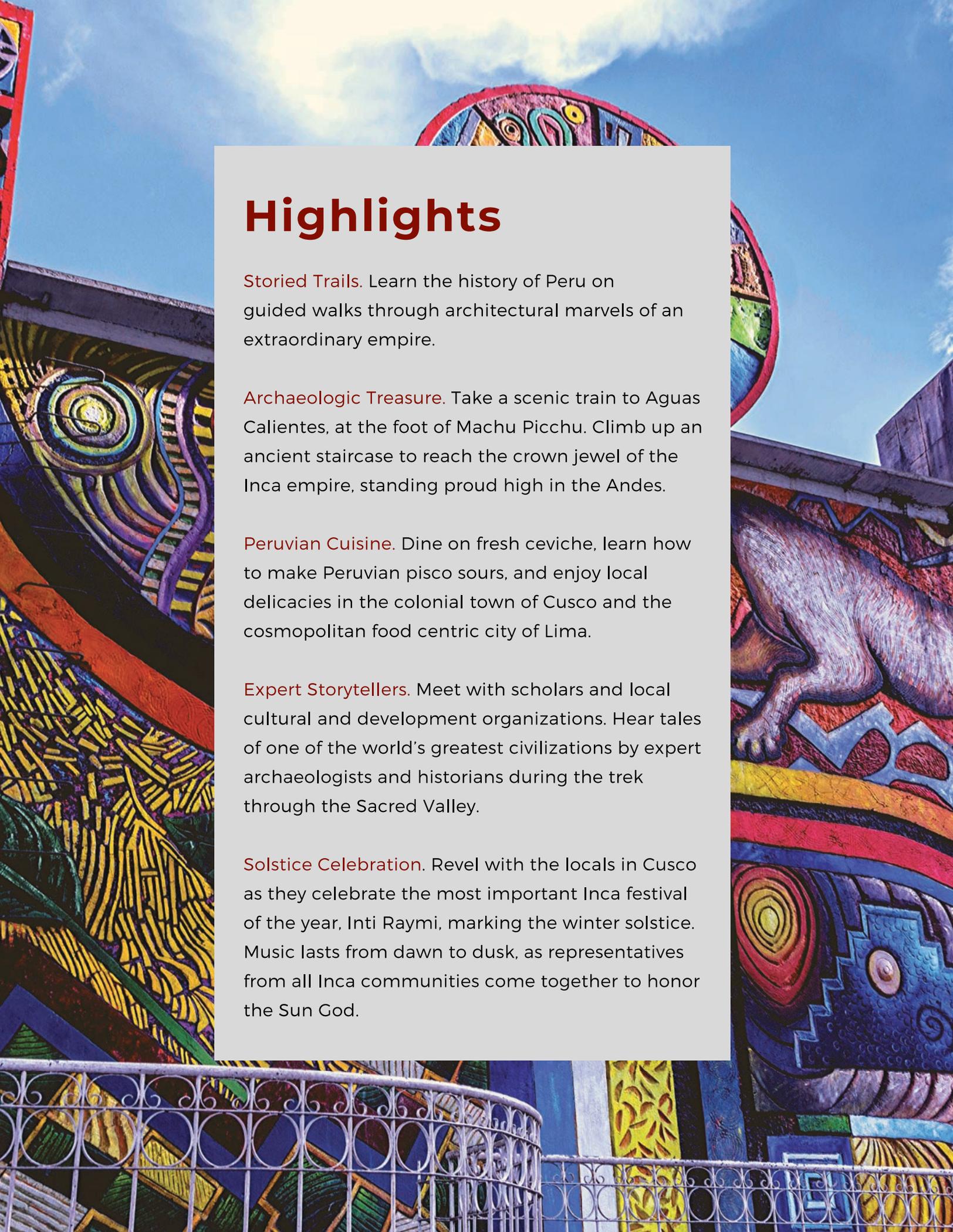
Explore the world through BC,

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Patricia Tyler, Director
BC Beyond Educational Travel
Boston College



Explore the legendary Inca Trail with a group of fellow Boston College travelers, winding through the Andes with views of snow-capped peaks, massive granite precipices, and the Amazon tropical jungle basin. Get ready to make lifelong friends while gaining unforgettable memories as we explore the best of Peru's archaeological treasures, featuring a full day at Machu Picchu, the mythical "Lost City of the Incas". Our trip is timed to experience the winter solstice at the festival of the sun, Inti Raymi, with VIP access to the formal celebrations. Enjoy a variety of walking and hiking opportunities with epic vantage points. Delight in the fusion of African, Andean, and Spanish music with new friends and likely a few alpacas and llamas. We will also dine on fresh ceviche, learn how to make the frothy Peruvian cocktail - a pisco sour - from the experts, and enjoy fabulous dinners and celebrations in the colorful colonial town of Cusco and the cosmopolitan capital city of Lima.



Highlights

Storied Trails. Learn the history of Peru on guided walks through architectural marvels of an extraordinary empire.

Archaeologic Treasure. Take a scenic train to Aguas Calientes, at the foot of Machu Picchu. Climb up an ancient staircase to reach the crown jewel of the Inca empire, standing proud high in the Andes.

Peruvian Cuisine. Dine on fresh ceviche, learn how to make Peruvian pisco sours, and enjoy local delicacies in the colonial town of Cusco and the cosmopolitan food centric city of Lima.

Expert Storytellers. Meet with scholars and local cultural and development organizations. Hear tales of one of the world's greatest civilizations by expert archaeologists and historians during the trek through the Sacred Valley.

Solstice Celebration. Revel with the locals in Cusco as they celebrate the most important Inca festival of the year, Inti Raymi, marking the winter solstice. Music lasts from dawn to dusk, as representatives from all Inca communities come together to honor the Sun God.



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Day 1: Adios, America! **Sunday, June 20**

Depart the U.S. and travel overnight to our meeting point in Cusco, gateway to the Sacred Valley. Low cost flights are available from many major American hubs.

Day 2: A Window into Inca Culture **Monday, June 21**

Arrive in Cusco in the morning and settle into our centrally located, Incan-inspired hotel. Enjoy a walking tour of Cusco, exploring the city that was once the bustling capital of the Inca empire. Visit the Jesuit Church of Cusco, built in the 1500s on the site of a pre-Colombian ceremonial space, embodying two central influences of Peru intertwined in history. Enjoy a welcome lecture by our faculty host, and sip a pisco sour as you dine on traditional Peruvian food at our welcome dinner this evening.

Meals: Dinner





Day 3: Secrets of the Inca Trail **Tuesday, June 22**

Explore the Sacred Valley and its towns and ruins. Visit the stunning Salinas de Maras geometric salt pools that cascade down the hillside: these pools have been vital for salt harvesting by locals for centuries. Arrive at the Andean terraces outside of Ollantaytambo and wander through ancient cobblestone streets and canals. In the afternoon, take a scenic train to Aguas Calientes, rolling along the Urubamba River and framed with stark canyon walls on both sides. Enjoy conversations on history and archaeology while we make our way to the valley at the foot of Machu Picchu. Over dinner, enjoy presentations by local experts on topics ranging from the preservation of the surrounding ruins to Incan astrology.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Mystical Machu Picchu **Wednesday, June 23**

This morning we depart early to walk (or shuttle) up the ancient staircase to the former stronghold for the Inca empire. Take a private guided visit of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu, the once-lost ancient marvel, with plenty of time for self exploration and pictures amidst the wondrous archaeological feats. Some may even brave an optional hike to Huayna Picchu for further, stunning views. You will have plenty of free time to explore and discover the many secrets of this magical site on your own, as well. After reflecting on the beauty of the “old peak”, return to Cusco and enjoy a restful evening at your leisure.

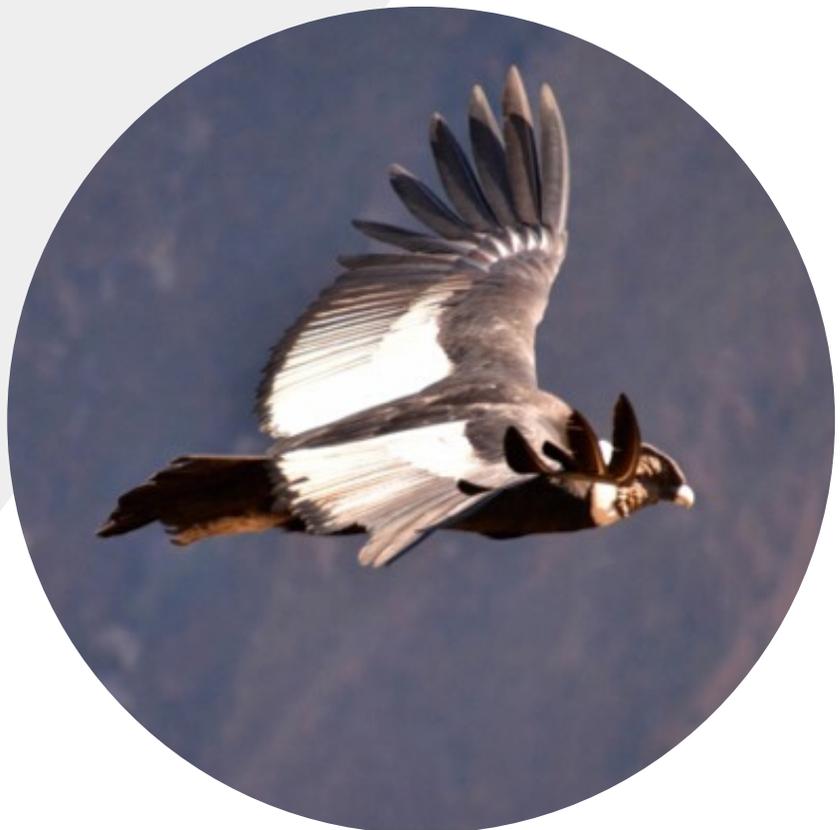
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 5: Inti Raymi Festival of the Sun **Thursday, June 24**

In the time of the Incas, the end of the harvest was marked by a great festival each year, Inti Raymi. People would gather to perform rituals, songs, and dances to celebrate the beginning of a new year. After enjoying an enlightening presentation on the festivities, behold the beginning of the celebrations at Qorikancha, once a major Inca temple and now a beautifully preserved ruin in the heart of Cusco. Mingle with locals as we take in the music and performances that grace the entire square and spill out into the city. Follow the procession to Saqsaywamán, an ancient site where the final rituals and ceremonies will be performed. After a taste of chicha, a local fermented beverage made of corn mash, enjoy a celebratory dinner at one of the best restaurants in this ancient city as jubilation continues throughout the city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 6: La Capital **Friday, June 25**

After a final breakfast in Cusco, board our short group flight to Lima, the Peruvian capital. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of the bustling city, focusing on the city center, Plaza de Armas, and Plaza San Martín – another UNESCO World Heritage Site. End the afternoon at the LUM, a modern museum documenting the memories of Peru's social movements and political upheavals, followed by a final lecture by our faculty host. Then, savor a farewell dinner at one of Lima's famous restaurants in the trendy Miraflores neighborhood to celebrate our Peruvian adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Onward Journeys **Saturday, June 26**

Begin your final day in Peru with a tour of the vibrant fish market in the Chorillos neighborhood. Learn about the different seafood of the Peruvian coastline that is used in many traditional dishes. Wander the markets for local artisanal goods and final souvenirs. Then head to the airport and say goodbye as we head home to our respective destinations, carrying incredible memories and friendships with us.

Meals: Breakfast

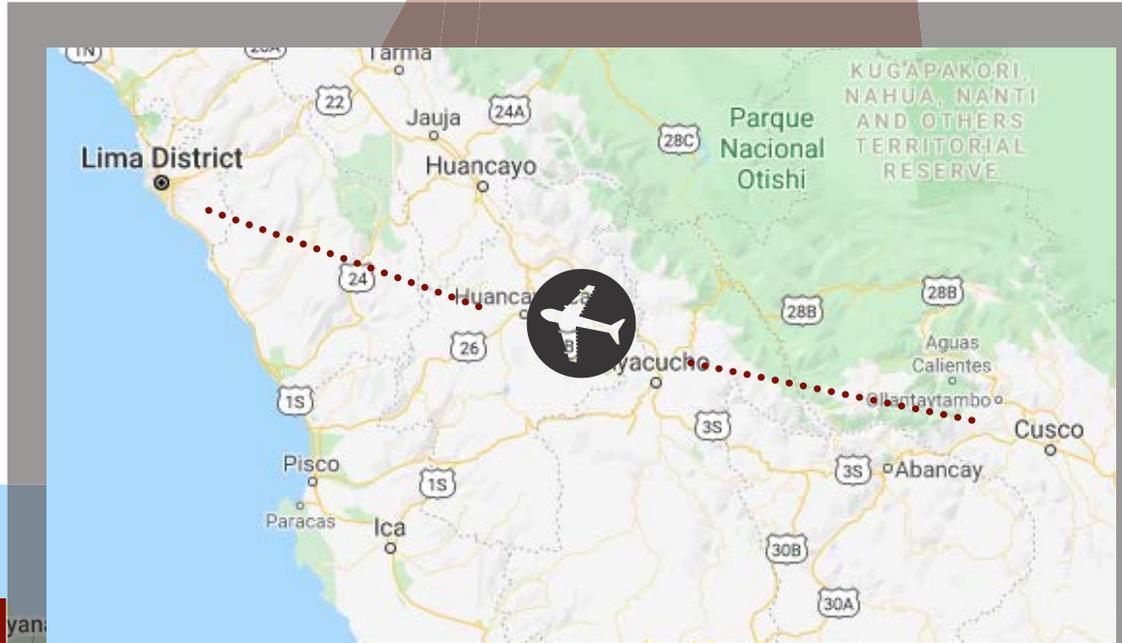
Day 8: Hola America! **Sunday, June 27**

Arrive in your home destination after your overnight international flight.

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change.

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See South America's Sacred Valley with Boston College



From Cusco to Lima

Program Details

Program Includes

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including the choice of water, soda, coffee, or tea at all meals.
- Transportation by private, air-conditioned motor coach, as well as transfers for the group.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- The services of an exceptional bilingual tour guide as described in the itinerary.
- The services of a full-time Insider Expeditions tour manager.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover drivers, wait staff at group meals, guides, and tour directors.
- Domestic one-way flight from Cusco to Lima.



Rates

8-day Peru Program

\$4,199

Single Supplement

\$489

Deposit

\$500



Program Does Not Include

- International flights to and from Peru.
- Expenses of a purely personal nature (including cab fares, laundry and other personal items, room service charges, passport application fees, etc.).
- Transportation of luggage in excess of weight allowance.
- Travel insurance.
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies, or other causes beyond our control.

**This is a moderately active program. Travelers should feel comfortable walking a couple of miles throughout a day, which will include some uneven surfaces especially around the ruins, such as at Machu Picchu.*

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Not included in Tour Price

Airfare; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as cab fares, room service charges, beverages not specified in the itinerary, laundry, and meals not specified; airport transfers unless specifically noted; communication charges; transportation of luggage in excess of weight allowance, optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Insider Expedition Tour Director, which are at your discretion; costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies, or other causes beyond or control; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motor coaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, neither Insider Expeditions, LLC nor Boston College assumed any financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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Insider Expeditions, LLC does not include airfare in its tour price, unless listed in Program Inclusions. Neither Insider Expeditions, LLC nor Boston College have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Please Note

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