



**Itinerary prepared for:** Single Parent Tours

**Traveling to:** Peru

**Dates:** July 15-23, 2016

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**Please note:**

- Visas are not required for U. S. citizens for Peru. Vaccinations not required.
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months from date of arrival.
- You must have a notarized letter of permission from the absentee parent allowing you to take your child out of the country. Forms available upon request.
- Peru Rail, and Machu Picchu entrance tickets cannot be confirmed without full personal client information. Copy of front passport page required for children under 12 at time of confirmation.
- Hotel check in times are typically mid-afternoon and check out is typically mid morning (exact times vary).
- Please read important Peru Fact Sheet below Terms & Conditions which provides answers to many of your questions.

### **July 15, (Friday)**

### **Arrive Lima**

Welcome to Peru! After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will proceed on your own, on foot, for a 3 minute walk to the airport hotel, located just outside the airline terminal.

Peru is said to be a country of contrasts and Lima encapsulates many of them. Called the "City of the Kings" by the 16th C Spanish conquistadors, today's Lima combines traces of pre-Inca and Inca civilizations with colonial architecture and modern commercial and residential neighborhoods. Lima is home to some of the best museums of South America and beautiful churches and convents that are reminders of Peru's rich religious and colonial past. Underrated as a tourist destination, Lima has excellent restaurants, good music, great neighborhoods for walking, and is also home to the famous Peruvian Paso horses.

### **July 15 – 1 night**

### **Lima**

Costa del Sol Wyndham is a 4 star airport hotel conveniently connected to Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima. Clients are able to transfer on their own via two entrances from the airport terminal. The hotel offers all first class hotel amenities. Connect to your friends and family using the free Wi-Fi Internet access, break a sweat in the fitness center, or relax and rejuvenate in the sauna, steam room or Jacuzzi. Cool off and go for a swim in the indoor pool, or book some time with the hotel masseuse.

**You stay at the Costa del Sol Wyndham Airport Hotel (standard room)**

**Includes: Breakfast & airport assistance next morning**

***For those of you who prefer to fly on a night flight to Lima and arrive Lima early morning on July 16, please advise and we will adjust your pricing to include airport assistance on arrival and deletion of the airport hotel cost for one night.***



### **July 16 (Saturday)**

### **Flight Lima To Cusco**

At the pre-appointed time, the group will meet with our representative in the airport hotel lobby and will be given assistance for check in and boarding passes for your morning scenic flight to Cusco. Try to secure window and adjoining seats on the port (left) side of the plane for best viewing. (If Maxim Tours is booking the local flights, we will handle seating for you).

### **Transfer to Sacred Valley**

### **Maras Salt pans & Moray Ruins Tour (Full Day)**

After collecting your luggage at Cusco Airport, you are met by your private guide, who will be holding a paging board with your group name. You will depart for the Sacred Valley, a picturesque one hour drive. This fertile valley of the Urubamba River was once used by the Inca nobility for their country homes.

Head to the ruins of Moray, passing the impressive snowcapped Vilcanota Mountains on the way. These ancient agricultural terraces are circular, concentric shapes, built by the Inkas as a seed producing area for their principal crops: maize and potatoes. You will hike through the countryside toward the town of Maras, now surrounded by farmland.

A picnic lunch is included on the grounds of the deluxe Rio Sagrado Hotel and will include fun activities for the family such as ping, pong, care and feeding of the animals at the hotel, and painting in the garden. (Painting in the garden is limited to 3 people at a time so **advance reservation will be required for the painting activity should you wish to participate**).

Continue on toward the salt pans on the trail used by the locals to move their cattle, and to transport the salt from the pans to Maras by donkey. Your guide will explain how the salt draining process works. Descend into the Sacred Valley on a narrow path alongside a gorge, down to the Urubamba River. You may spot Andean gulls, hummingbirds, and caracara. Cross the Urubamba River on a hanging bridge, and you will be taken to your hotel.

This evening enjoy a welcome/get together dinner around the bonfire in the garden area of your Sonesta Hotel.

**Includes: Private guide & vehicle, standard entrance fees & lunch & bonfire welcome dinner**



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### July 16 – 2 nights

### Sacred Valley

In the heart of the Sacred Valley you find the Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay, a former ancient monastery that maintains its colonial style of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, surrounded by beautiful gardens. An indoor/outdoor dining area faces the beautiful colonial chapel on the grounds.

**You stay at Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay (standard room)**

**Includes: Breakfast**



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### July 17 (Sunday)

### Pisac Market & Ollantaytambo Ruins & Quechua Village Visit (Full Day)

Today you are taken on a full day excursion to the Sacred Valley. Visit the lively Pisac market, which completely takes over the town on Sundays. You'll find handicrafts of all qualities along

with plenty of opportunities to photograph the local people with their pet llamas, but you'll also find today's residents bartering potatoes, herbal remedies, or kitchen utensils, and trading gossip. You'll also visit an authentic Quechua Village to experience the way of life of the Inca's ancestors. The Inca himself was a noble Quechua. They live off the land and are known for their colorful ponchos. See Quechua children scamper about while women weave their family's clothes.

Stop for a delicious lunch at Wayra Ranch, followed by a Paso Horse Show. After the show there will be an opportunity for a short horseback ride. Then continue on to explore the magnificent ruins of Ollantaytambo. Dinner on your own this evening.

**Includes: Private guide & vehicle, lunch & standard entrance fees**



### **July 18 (Monday)**

### **Vistadome Train to Machu Picchu**

You'll be picked up at your hotel early this morning and transferred by private vehicle to the Ollanta train station. You'll be riding on the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu. Your guide accompanies you on the train and will assist with boarding formalities and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Carriages have beautiful panoramic windows offering enhanced scenic views and photographic opportunities.

Machu Picchu is reached by a 90 minute train ride from Ollanta Station in the Sacred Valley through the spectacular scenery of the Urubamba Valley. High on jungle-covered hilltops in the midst of the cloud forest, Machu Picchu was not known to the Spanish Conquerors, so much of the ancient city remains – temples, palaces, and astronomical observatories of intricate stonework. Surrounded by verdant landscapes and misty mountain peaks you'll surely speculate about the true origins of this unique site.

***Due to space limitations, you should take only one overnight bag with you to Machu Picchu, preferably a duffel, with a weight limit of 11 pounds per person. (The extra duffel bag will come in handy for bringing home souvenirs) When leaving the Sacred Valley, your guide will have your excess luggage transferred for you to your hotel in Cusco. .***

On arrival at the train station, you'll see personnel from the various hotels standing outside the train. They will transfer your luggage to your hotel while you proceed with your tour. Look for a sign with your hotel name on it. Your guide then accompanies you on the shuttle bus up the mountain where you will have a private guided visit to the ruins. After the tour of the ruins, you enjoy lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge located at the entrance to the ruins. At this time, your guide leaves you and you are able to return to the ruins after lunch at no additional cost or you may take the bus down the mountain at a time of your choosing. If you do decide to stay longer, consider the 15 minute hike up to Watchman's Tower to take the famous photo looking down and over the ruins. The last bus leaves around 6:00pm. The driver will stop the bus at the entrance to your hotel or nearby. Just mention the name of the hotel to the driver when you board the bus. You can walk to the Sumaq Hotel across the street.



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### July 18 – 1 night

### Machu Picchu

The 60 room Sumaq is a 4 star hotel, located near the arrival train station in the village of Machu Picchu. It offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. The property has an Andean health spa with sauna, massage, steam rooms, Thai massage, and Jacuzzi.

**You stay at the Sumaq Hotel (superior deluxe room)**

**Includes: Breakfast & dinner**



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### July 19 (Tuesday)

### Vistadome Train to Cusco

Check-out is 9:00am. You will give your bag to the hotel reception for safe keeping and can use the hotel facilities until departure. The hotel porters will transfer your bags to the train station this afternoon.

This morning you are met at the hotel by your private local guide for a vigorous hike up Huayna Picchu (the sugar loaf) or to the alternate (also vigorous) Machu Picchu Mountain hike. The hike takes about 60 to 90 minutes each way. Afterwards there will be a short revisit to the ruins, exploring other areas with your guide, such as living quarters or recently excavated areas.

**Please note these are vigorous hikes and may prove tiring for little children. They must also be pre-reserved. Our tour price includes the \$10.00 hike entry fee. For those of you who prefer not to do the hike or who prefer to be at leisure this morning, please advise and we shall make alternate arrangements.**

After the morning tour, you may choose to spend a couple of hours exploring the bustling town of Machu Picchu with its many cafes, shopping stalls and art galleries.

Late in the afternoon, you will walk to the train station in time to board your afternoon Vistadome train for the three hour return journey to Cusco (departure time to be advised locally - your guide will have given you boarding time instructions). Pick up your bag from the fenced-in area before boarding your train. Please arrive at the station 30 minutes prior to departure.

You will be met at the Cusco Poroy train station and transferred to your hotel by shuttle bus.

Cusco was the most important city of the Incas. Mighty rulers of the 15th century, they excelled in architecture, engineering, agriculture, and administering an empire that extended from modern Colombia to the middle of Chile. Their most important gift to us is mysterious and strikingly beautiful Machu Picchu. Lunch & dinner is on your own today.

### July 19 - 2 nights

### Cusco

Hotel Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel, is located within the historical center of the city, occupying the fabulous "Casa de los Cuatro Bustos", where Francisco Pizarro, first Spanish governor of Peru, used to live. Only three blocks from the hotel, you find the Main Square, where you can appreciate the majestic cathedral of Cusco. The 254 comfortable rooms and charming bar and restaurants make this a favorite in Cusco. Dinner is on your own this evening. Cusco offers a selection of charming cafes and restaurants, many located around the main square.

**You stay at Palacio del Inka Cusco (superior rooms)**

**Includes: Breakfast**



### July 20

### Cusco Tour with 4 Ruins & Dinner Show (Private / Half Day)

This afternoon, you'll have a tour of Cusco, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere! The tour includes important landmarks of Cusco and the nearby ruins of Kenko, Pucapucara, Tampumachay, as well as the Sacsayhuaman fortress. Once the center of the Inca civilization, modern Cusco is a delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture. During the tour, you will visit Cusco's cathedral, Santo Domingo Church, and the Plaza de Armas. Afterward, you are dropped off at your hotel.

Tonight we have included dinner and a show at Tunapa Restaurant off Plaza de Armas. You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the restaurant for a fun evening of excellent Andean and international cuisine, along with a dinner show consisting of local music and traditional dances.

**Includes: Private guide & vehicle & standard entrance fees & dinner show**



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## July 21

## Flight Cusco to Juliaca

You are picked up from your hotel and transferred by private vehicle to the airport for your afternoon short flight to Juliaca.

## Arrive Juliaca

After collecting your luggage, you are met by a representative of Maxim Tours and transferred to your hotel, about a 45 minute drive. Your driver will be holding a paging board with your name.

High altitude and crystal clear air make Lake Titicaca stunningly beautiful. Home to Aymará and Quechua Indians, this region is rich in spectacular landscapes, wildlife, and archeological remains as well as folklore and legends. The Uros Indians still live on floating reed islands. Taquile Island is renowned for its hand weaving techniques and its people's communal culture which has served them well in the transition to modern times. The archeological site of the Sillustani Chullpas (funerary monuments) is one of the largest necropolises in the Americas.

## July 21 - 2 nights

## Lake Titicaca

On the shores of Lake Titicaca, Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno is a haven for warm and traditional Peruvian hospitality. From its guest rooms, restaurant and bar, the Posada offers panoramic views of the world's highest navigable lake, surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks. Only 3 miles from Puno's Main Square, the Posada on Lake Titicaca offers easy access to all tourist activities and attractions. A visit to the fascinating floating reed islands of the Uros people and Taquile Island is a must. Lunch & dinner is on your own today.

**You stay at the Sonesta del Inca Puno Hotel (standard room)**

**Includes: Breakfast**



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## July 22

## Uros & Taquile Islands Tour (Full Day / Private)

Enjoy a full day excursion to the Uros Floating Islands and Taquile Island. You'll be transferred to the dock for your motor launch trip. Although there are 46 floating islands (built on woven totora reeds) only two are located conveniently for the tourist circuit. The residents will welcome you with opportunities to buy their handicrafts. Continue by boat for a three-hour ride to Taquile Island. The island's agricultural fields and simple dwellings contrast with the clear azure of Lake Titicaca in strikingly beautiful landscapes. The island's inhabitants seem to have comfortably resolved many of the conflicts between their traditions and the 20<sup>th</sup>

century. You'll hike up to the center or one of the villages, enjoy a local lunch, and return to Puno by boat later this afternoon. Dinner is on your own this evening.

**Includes: Private guide & vehicle, lunch and standard entrance fees**



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### July 23

### Flight Juliaca to Lima

This morning you are picked up from your hotel and transferred by private vehicle to the Juliaca airport for your flight to Lima.

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### July 23

### Lima City Tour, Magic Water Circus & Dinner

Upon arrival Lima you will be met by your driver outside baggage claim, who will take you downtown to meet your guide. Enjoy a half day city tour of Lima. Lima's historical heart is filled with beautiful colonial buildings and churches. Visit the Plaza Mayor, dominated by the rich ochre hues of the Cathedral and the Government Palace. San Francisco Monastery is beautiful in its own right with an interior with Moorish features and with interesting underground catacombs. San Martín Plaza is quite photogenic with its terra cotta-colored buildings. Outside the historical center you'll see the upscale residential areas of Miraflores and San Isidro, including a stop overlooking the coastline. At the end of the tour we visit the Magic Water Circuit of Lima, the largest water fountain compound in the world, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records, a magical end to your city tour.

Afterwards you will be dropped at the Huaca Pucllana Restaurant for a farewell dinner. Dinner is included with a set menu. ) This sophisticated restaurant offers a wide array of Peruvian specialties while overlooking the beautiful illuminated ruins. After dinner you are transferred to the airport in time for your evening flights home. There will be one transfer for the entire group, based on late evening departures from Lima. Please note that transfers are driver only. Your private guide will join you only for the city tour.

Your luggage will be kept safe by the driver while you enjoy your touring and dinner in Lima.

**Includes: Private guide & vehicle & standard entrance fees & water circuit & dinner**

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### **PRICING:**

<b>Land Cost for two (Parent plus child under 12) * *</b>	<b>\$5688.00</b>
<b>Land Cost for two (Parent plus child over 12)</b>	<b>\$6996.00</b>

\*\* Child must be under 12 at time of travel.

\*\* Airfare not included in land cost, see section on airfare below

**Pricing for triple rooms, or other variations, available upon request.**

### **Pricing is based on 3 families or more signing up for this trip.**

If the trip falls short of 3 families, remaining families have the option to cancel out with full refund of deposit less \$20.00 processing fee per person or to take the tour as a private tour with a slightly higher cost.

### **AIRFARE**

**International Airfare:** International airfare is not included in the tour cost. Tour members will be coming from different cities in the USA and possibly Canada. We recommend booking your own international airfare to and from Lima, Peru. You need to arrive Lima the evening of July 15 or early morning of July 16 (should you choose to travel to Lima on an overnight flight. For the return flight, you should book a late evening flight leaving Lima the evening of July 23. If your flight leaves shortly after midnight, then you must book it for July 24. Most flights leave between 10:00pm and midnight.

If you wish, Maxim Tours can secure an international airfare quote for you from our consolidator. Then you can decide which fare is best for you.

**Domestic airfare:** Domestic airfare is not included in your tour cost. Maxim Tours will be happy to provide confirmation and air tickets for you or you may choose to book your own local flights. Again it is always a good idea to compare airfares. Lan Air has not yet announced local flight times for 2016 but they will be similar to the times mentioned below:

July 16 – leave Lima around 8:00am,/arrive Cusco around 9:20am

July 21- - leave Cusco around 3:30pm/arrive Juliaca 4:25pm

July 23 - leave Juliaca around 8:20am/arrive Lima 11:10am

**All tour members must fly on the same local flights:**

The current airfare quote is \$626.00 per person including taxes for all 3 flights. Maxim Tours charges a \$35.00 ticketing fee per person, in addition to the airfare.

These fares and schedules are subject to change prior to departure.

What's Included	What's Excluded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All accommodation as indicated in the itinerary including hotel taxes.</li> <li>• All transfers as indicated in the itinerary. All transfers are private for the SPT group unless otherwise indicated.</li> <li>• All meals as indicated in the itinerary. Included is breakfast daily, 4 lunches &amp; 4 dinners.</li> <li>• All tours as indicated in the itinerary. All tours are private for the SPT group, unless otherwise indicated. Standard entrance fees included.</li> <li>• Roundtrip Vistadome train fare to Machu Picchu</li> <li>• 2 day entrance fee to the ruins of Machu Picchu including second day guide with Huayna Picchu hike</li> <li>• 24/7 local assistance in Peru</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International and domestic scheduled flights.</b></li> <li>• Gratuities</li> <li>• Optional activities offered by lodges and payable directly</li> <li>• Travel Insurance</li> <li>• Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages unless specified in the itinerary</li> <li>• Meals not specified in the itinerary</li> <li>• Items of a personal nature</li> <li>• Laundry unless specified in the itinerary</li> <li>• Airport departure taxes</li> <li>• Any items or services not specified in the itinerary</li> </ul>

**Domestic luggage weight restrictions in Peru**

*Subject to change*

Peru	Lan Peru: 50 lbs plus 17 lbs carry-on Star Peru: 55 lbs plus 8 lbs carry-on Taca: 70 lbs total
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**Terms & Conditions**

- **A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. If cancelled on or before May 16, 2016, deposit is fully refundable less a processing fee of \$20.00 per person. .**
- **Balance is due on or before May 16, 2016 and is non refundable.**
- Payment may be made by check, wire transfer or credit card.
- Cost increases due to currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or other reason beyond our control are payable by the client at final payment.
- **We strongly recommend purchase of Trip Cancellation Insurance.**
- Any changes to the confirmed itinerary within 2 weeks of final departure will incur a \$75 fee per change.
- Transfer service includes carriage of one suitcase and a carry on, per person. If you plan to bring additional luggage, please advise so that we can arrange a larger vehicle, at additional cost.

- All descriptions and photographs are approximate renderings and not a guarantee of what you will see or necessarily depict your specific accommodation. All tours are subject to change based on local conditions.
- Hotel check in times are typically mid-afternoon and check out is typically mid morning (exact times vary). If you wish to guarantee early check in or late check out at any hotel, please advise us in advance. Additional costs will apply.
- All tour and transfer pick up times will be advised locally by your guide in each destination.
- If you have requested special bedding (king or queen bedded room, for example) or a special request for a room (such as non-smoking), every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. However, these room types may not be offered in some hotels, or, if offered, may not be available upon check-in. The individual hotels are responsible for the actual room allocation. **Non smoking rooms will be automatically requested unless otherwise advised. Bedding will be twin beds or 2 queen beds unless otherwise advised.**
- Visa and passport requirements vary for each country. It is the travelers' responsibility to familiarize themselves with latest requirements for the countries they are visiting.
- Airport departure taxes are not included in land cost. Unless included in your airline tickets, International taxes are approximately \$25 - \$45 and domestic taxes approximately \$6 - \$15 (subject to change) and are payable directly at the airport.
- All airfares are subject to change prior to ticketing.
- It is the travelers' responsibility to familiarize themselves with the latest health requirements for the countries they are visiting.
- All itineraries are sold as complete packages and we cannot break out pricing.
- Payment of a deposit constitutes your acceptance of our full Terms & Conditions.
- **Maxim Tours will NOT provide refund or credit in the event you miss your trip for circumstances beyond our control. We strongly recommend that you invest in COMPREHENSIVE medical, accident, trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance at the time of your reservation. This investment will protect you and your financial commitment in the event of unforeseen travel delays/ airline cancellations, personal or family illness or injury, etc. which may not allow for you to travel as planned. Insurance policies are widely available through companies such as Travel Guard, Access America, Allianz and through websites such as [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) Payment of deposit constitutes acceptance of Maxim Tours' Terms & Conditions and cancelation/refund policies.**

## PERU FACT SHEET

### PHYSICAL ABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Sacred Valley, our first destination, is at 8000 feet. Machu Picchu is 8500 feet, Cusco is 10,000 and Lake Titicaca is at 13,000 feet. Lima is at sea level. For those of you who reside at sea level, this will be a gradual increase in altitude, but you may suffer some discomfort the first 24 hours such as lightheadedness, headache, or queasy stomach. You must drink plenty of water, even if you are not thirsty and avoid liquor and heavy meals the first 24 hours. If you have altitude concerns, please check with your local physician about possible preventive medication for altitude sickness.

There is no minimum age limit for children on this tour, but your child must be able to keep up with a steady pace of touring on most days. The most strenuous activity will be the optional Huayna Picchu hike at Machu Picchu and a one hour hike uphill (on sturdy Inka steps) during the full day Lake Titicaca excursion. These hikes are not rushed, as the guide will go at the pace of the Single Parent Tour group, but you and your child must have the stamina to complete these uphill hikes. If you have concerns about your

physical abilities or that of your child, feel free to email or call me. Contact info is on first page of the itinerary.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

- U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport valid for at least 6 months from date of entry into Peru.
- Visas not required for U. S. citizens.
- Vaccinations not required.
- You should bring with you a notarized letter of permission from the absentee parent allowing you to take your child out of the country. Forms available upon request.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Lima's climate will be warm and humid. All other destinations are in the Andes Mountains where you can expect dry pleasant weather in the daytime, usually 60's, with temperatures dropping into the 40's at night. Bring a sweater or light jacket for evenings or buy one or more of those beautiful alpaca sweaters. Hats and sunscreen are a must for this sunny high altitude climate. Light cotton long sleeve shirts also come in handy as sun protection during touring.

Lima is now the gourmet capital of South America with the rest of Peru following suit. Like France 20 years ago, it is almost impossible to get a bad meal in Peru, even in the simplest of restaurants. Food is varied and always fresh – meats, chicken, seafood, plus a variety of fruits, vegetables, potatoes and corn. Try some of their local soups, like locro, a delicious mixture of potatoes and cheese, handed down from the Inka Empire. Meals are prepared and presented with pride. Try the local popcorn, a crunchy delight, also handed down by the Inkas.

Peru has a very strong and well organized tourism infrastructure. Although it is still a third world country, you will find the trains and hotels to be very comfortable. They are clean and neat and things run on time. Tourism is a major factor in the Peruvian economy and Peruvians want all visitors to enjoy themselves while they learn about their fascinating and beautiful country. We have carefully selected first class boutique hotels for you, which offer local character and history, as well as modern facilities. Non smoking rooms will be requested throughout and bedding will be twin beds or 2 queen beds, depending upon the hotel.

Shopping is everywhere. Expect to be approached by local indigenous vendors selling everything from woven water bottle carriers to alpaca sweaters and blankets. These ubiquitous mobile vendors offer some of the best bargains and do remember to bargain!