



The Association of Former Students of
Texas A&M University presents

TREASURES OF PERU

With Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

May 16-26, 2016

11 days for \$4,749 total price from Houston
(\$4,195 air & land inclusive plus \$554 airline taxes and fees)



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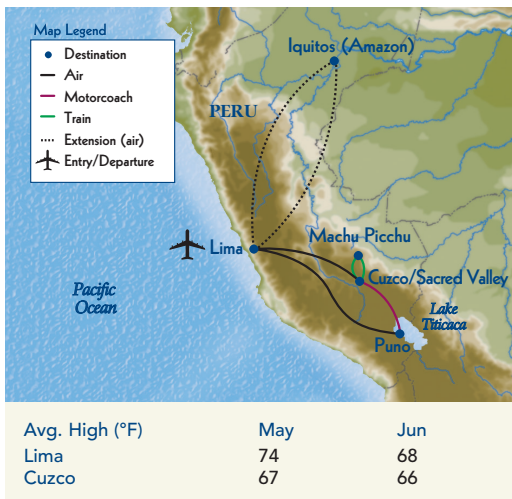
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A land of treasures archaeological, cultural, and natural, Peru draws those individuals eager to learn about the distant past – and encounter a fascinating present of colonial and indigenous influences. As our small group takes in some of the country’s highlights – Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca – we marvel at the riches of an intriguing land somewhat off the beaten path.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: Lima We meet our tour director and fellow travelers at this morning’s briefing about the journey ahead, then embark on a tour of colonial Lima. A highlight is our visit to treasured Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest homes in Lima (circa 1535), with a rich architectural heritage and a collection of Peruvian art and artifacts. Next we tour Larco Herrera Museum, whose ceramics collection (including a renowned set of erotic pre-Columbian figures) is unparalleled. We enjoy a welcome lunch at the museum; dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Day 3: Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley This morning we transfer to the airport for the brief flight to Cuzco. Upon arrival we visit the sacred sites of Koricancha and Santo Domingo then continue on to the beautiful Sacred Valley, a region of Inca sites and indigenous villages. We stop at the colorful Indian market at Pisac before reaching our hotel mid-afternoon. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Sacred Valley This morning we attend a native ceremony, “Offering to the Earth,” then set out for Ollantaytambo, a living town and site of massive Incan ruins dating to the 15th century that still inspire wonder today. After touring here we continue on to the Incan farming town of Chincheros, set on a broad plateau presided over by a snow-capped mountain. Here residents live much as their ancestors did, wearing traditional clothing and conducting business and local government by time-honored means. They also weave as their ancestors did, as we see at a demonstration of this traditional craft. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. **B,L,D**

Day 5: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu/Agua Calientes Early this morning we board a train for the 1½-hour journey to Aguas Calientes,

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Lima touring including historic Casa Aliaga ... Visit to Larco Herrera Museum ... Historic Cuzco ... Cuzco’s Incan ruins ... Sacred Valley touring ... Visit to Indian market in Pisac ... Lunch in the home of a Cuzco family ... Two guided visits to ruins at Machu Picchu ... Scenic drive from Cuzco to Lake Titicaca ... Full-day tour of Lake Titicaca ... Chance to visit Amazon on optional extension

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Lima	Casa Andina Private Collection	Sup. First Class
2	Lima	Casa Andina Private Collection	Sup. First Class
3-4	Sacred Valley	Sonesta Posada del Inca	First Class
5	Machu Picchu	Inkaterra Machu Picchu	Sup. First Class
6-7	Cuzco	Palacio del Inka	Deluxe
8-9	Puno (Lake Titicaca)	Hotel Libertador Puno	First Class
10	Lima/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
11	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Just 50 miles from Cuzco, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world until its rediscovery.



Uros Island residents weaving reeds in the traditional manner

where after lunch we board a bus for Machu Picchu and our first guided visit of the stunning “Lost City of the Incas.” Thanks to its small size, our group will move nimbly through the ruins and have the leisure to absorb the beauty and mystery of this site whose original purpose has been lost to time. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Machu Picchu/Cuzco This morning before the crowds of day trippers arrive we take our second guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site, when the early morning sun bathes the stones in a haunting, evocative light. After lunch in Aguas Calientes, we return to Cuzco, arriving early evening. **B,L**

Day 7: Cuzco After a morning at leisure, we set out on a tour of the archaeological hub of the Americas, the continent’s oldest continuously inhabited city, and UNESCO World Heritage site. Dynamic and historic, Cuzco is rich with the legacies of its Inca and Spanish forebears. We stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, the still beautiful “House of the Sun,” an Incan masterpiece, then enjoy lunch in the home of a gracious Cuzco family. **B,L**

Day 8: Cuzco/Puno This morning we depart for the day-long journey by coach to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. As we travel through the rugged snow-capped Andes dotted with small villages and herds of llama and alpaca, we make several stops along the way, beginning with Andahuaylillas, an attractive village known for its lovely 17th-century church. We continue on to the ruins at Raqchi, once the holiest site in the Incan empire; La Raya, perched on Peru’s *altiplano* (high plain) and home to the Llama and Alpaca Research Center; and the ceramics center of Pucara. We reach our hotel on the shores of Esteves Island

on Lake Titicaca late this afternoon; it’s a short distance to the center of Puno from our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Day 9: Puno/Lake Titicaca We spend the day exploring the fascinating life of Lake Titicaca, South America’s largest lake and at 12,500 feet above sea level, among the world’s highest navigable lakes. Up here the air is clearer, the colors sharper, and the horizon farther. By boat we visit

Post-Tour Extension

May 26-30, 2016

AMAZON RAINFOREST

4 days/4 nights for \$1,195 total price

Single Supplement: \$235

Discover the Amazon’s amazing flora, fauna, and even villages on this exceptional – and comfortable – tour.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation Lima/Iquitos
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 1 night in Lima at Costa del Sol Wyndham Airport (First Class); 3 nights in the jungle at Ceiba Tops Lodge & Resort (Superior First Class)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including guided Canopy Walkway tour and visit with *ribereños* (Amazon river people)
- Fully escorted by an Amazon-born naturalist guide as your Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private vehicle transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers

Please note that guests on extension will overnight in Lima on Day 10.

Land Only guests: \$1,295 total price

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ALL THE CITIES
I HAVE VISITED.”
-JORGE LUIS BORGES

the Floating Island of Los Uros, where the top-hatted Uros people live on “islands” made of the reeds that grow in the lake’s shallows; in fact, the Uros rely on these reeds for their boats, the small huts in which they live, household items, and the handcrafts they sell to visitors. We also visit Isla Taquile, known for the high quality textiles crafted by the indigenous people who live here; sales of their textiles support the self-sustaining Taquilenos. On our visit, we see the men in their signature woven woolen caps with floppy earpieces, and women in tailored waistcoats and multi-layered



Traditional Peruvian fabric

skirts. We also witness the breathtaking natural beauty surrounding us, with Bolivia’s snow-capped Cordillera range a striking backdrop to the deep blue of Lake Titicaca. Tonight we celebrate our Peruvian adventure at a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 10: Puno/Lima/Depart for U.S. This morning we visit the mysterious burial towers (*chullpas*) at Sillustani overlooking Lake Umayo. After lunch we transfer to the airport for the flight to Lima, where we check into our day rooms at an airport hotel. Late this evening we depart on our flight to the U.S. **B,L**

Day 11: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our flight home.



The beautiful and historic Sacred Valley

Tour Departs: May 16, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$4,349
Orlando, Tampa	\$4,649
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$4,749
Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,849
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$554, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight from Miami: \$1,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill, on uneven terrain and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. In addition, the high altitude of Lake Titicaca (12,500 feet) and Cuzco (11,150 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. You should consult with your physician if you have concerns.

For more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 9 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 4 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



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Howdy, Ags!

Join us on a special 11-day tour to the captivating country of Peru! In a small group of no more than 24 guests led by an experienced Peruvian guide, you will visit remote villages and lakes thousands of feet above sea level, explore ancient and enigmatic ruins, and discover a marvelous land.

Begin in Lima with a visit to the Larco Herrera Museum. Then, fly to Cuzco, the archaeological hub of the Americas and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Acclimate to the high altitude while visiting the beautiful Sacred Valley, the Indian market at Pisac, and the extensive ruins at Ollantaytambo. A thrilling train ride delivers you to Machu Picchu, the stunning "Lost City of the Incas" and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Finally, travel overland through Peru's rugged *altiplano*, with its snow-capped mountains and remote villages, to Lake Titicaca, one of the world's highest navigable lakes. You'll board a boat to the Floating Islands and Taquile Island, known for the superb locally crafted textiles.

With space for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em,

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs

TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: TREASURES OF PERU

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ people on **Treasures of Peru** departing **May 16, 2016**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and mail (along with completed form) to: **The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514. Or fax the reservation to 979-845-9263.**

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Amazon Rainforest" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Treasures of Peru, May 16-26, 2016**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional signage; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of The Association of Former Students, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Association of Former Students, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary, if unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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, The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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