Intrepid

Premium Galapagos, Peru and Bolivia



Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

Premium: higher-end adventures, done right

With handpicked accommodation, exceptional included experiences, led by our most knowledgeable leaders or guides, Premium trips are the sustainable choice for higher-end, locally led adventures.







Accommodation

Handpicked for location and quality. All itineraries include a feature stay at an unforgettable and unique accommodation.

Transport

Primarily uses private transport, sustainable where possible. Use first class trains where we can, or carbon-offset internal flights where necessary, as well as comfortable 4x4s in Africa.

Inclusions

More included activities and extras than any other Intrepid trip. You'll be led by our most experienced local leaders.

Premium Galapagos, Peru and Bolivia
28 days / 27 nights

About Your Trip

Start Location
Quito, Ecuador

Finish Location
La Paz, Bolivia

Accommodation
Camping (with basic facilities) (3 nights)
Homestay (1 night)
Hotel (21 nights)
Jungle Lodge (2 nights)

Rooming Requirements
Twin Share

Included Meals
Breakfast (27)
Lunch (14)
Dinner (11)

Transport
Plane, Speed Boat, Canoe, Train, Private Vehicle, Public bus

Leader/Guide
English Speaking Naturalist guide throughout
English Speaking Leader throughout

Included Activities
Per Daily itinerary

Entrance/Admission Fees
Where applicable with included activities

Airport Transfers
Arrival and departure transfers are included on a group basis

Support
24-hour support from our local office

Exclusions
- International Flights
- Transit control card US$20 per person
  Galapagos National Park entrance fee US$200 per person
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

Why choose Intrepid?

Our business is global, but our expertise is local, with innovative products operated by our experienced teams in-destination. Each year we create and deliver incredible travel experiences in more than 90 countries.

All our local leaders are trained in first aid and crisis management, and our hotels, vehicles, and activities are audited regularly to ensure they meet international standards. We operate with full public liability insurance and OH&S policies and have rigid risk mitigation and emergency procedures, so your product is delivered safely.



Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people.



Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

About Your Tour Leader

Tour leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you were interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your leader can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

Premium Galapagos, Peru and Bolivia Itinerary

Day 1 / Monday, 17th April 2028
Quito
Meals included: Welcome dinner

Bienvenidos! Welcome to Ecuador. Your adventure begins in Quito – sitting at an altitude of 2850 m, this city offers stunning views of Volcan Pichincha. You'll have a welcome meeting at 2 pm to meet your group leader. After, join your local leader on a tour of Quito's historic centre. Catch the metro to the Parque de la Alameda and visit sites such as the Basilica Voto Nacional – a famous neo-Gothic church known for its atypical gargoyles and grotesques depicting Galapagos tortoises, Andean condors and Amazon alligators. You'll also visit La Compania de Jesus, a baroque church with an interior that's covered in gold leaf and etched with intricate carvings. Your tour of Quito will finish at San Francisco Square, then head out for dinner in Quito's Old Town.

Accommodation
Mama Cuchara Hotel

Arrival transfer
Included on a group basis

Included activities
Quito - Historic District Walking Tour
Quito - Welcome dinner

Optional activities
Quilotoa - Quilotoa Lagoon (Full day) - minimum 2 people - USD150
Quito - Papallacta Hot Springs (Full day) - USD70
Quito - Bellavista Cloud forest (Full day) - USD110
Quito - Otavalo Indigenous Market (Full day) - USD70
Cotopaxi - National Park Hiking Tour - AUD95

Special information
It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late, please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.

Due to the high altitude in Quito, the air is thinner, and some people can suffer from altitude sickness, regardless of age, gender or fitness. We recommend only partaking in strenuous activity once you have had time to gauge your reaction. For more details, please see the Medical and Health Information section of the Essential Trip Information.

Please note that some optional activities require a minimum of two passengers to operate, and the prices listed are subject to change.

You may wish to arrive a day or two early to explore further beyond the city, visiting Otavalo, Cotopaxi or the Cloud Forest – just get in touch with your booking agent ahead of time to organise additional accommodation.

Day 2 / Tuesday, 18th April 2028
Isla San Cristobal, Galapagos
Meals included: Dinner

Catch an early morning transfer to Quito airport for your flight to San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos. The flight includes a stop in Guayaquil to pick up additional passengers (you won't disembark the plane here). When you arrive on San Cristobal, you'll meet your local naturalist guide at the airport, then transfer to your hotel to drop off

your luggage. Maybe head out for an optional lunch to get to know your fellow travellers. Then, stop by a local shop to pick up snorkelling equipment, with the option to rent a wetsuit. Later, you'll travel by private minibus to La Loberia for the first Galapagos snorkelling experience of your trip. Swim alongside playful sea lions and maybe even sea turtles! Return to town for a free evening and head out with the group for some fresh seafood.

Accommodation
Indigo Hotel

Included activities
Isla San Cristobal- Snorkeling in La Loberia (1.5 Hours)
Isla San Cristobal - GroupDinner

Optional activities
Wetsuit hire for 5 days - USD60

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 4.5 hours.

Day 3 / Wednesday, 19th April 2028
Isla San Cristobal
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

Take a 45-minute boat ride to Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock) this morning. On the way, you might be able to spot nesting frigates and blue-footed boobies. You might even get the chance to swim among the sea lions again. At Leon Dormido, you can snorkel and look for sea turtles, manta rays and the harmless Galapagos shark. Eat lunch on the boat, then head to the Interpretation Center. Learn about the history of the 'enchanted islands' and the conservation projects that seek to preserve them. Next, walk to Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas) for stunning views of the bay. You'll return to town in the late afternoon for a free evening.

Accommodation
Indigo Hotel

Included activities
San Cristobal - Excursion to Leon Dormido or Lobos Islands
Isla San Cristobal - Interpretation Center (45 minutes)
Isla San Cristobal - Cerro Tijeretas View Point (1 Hour)

Special information
Currents can be quite strong, so to participate in snorkelling activities you should be a confident swimmer. If you have any concerns, please ensure you speak with your leader.

Depending on group size, the group may be split across two boats for the 45-minute boat ride to Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock) this morning.

Day 4 / Thursday, 20th April 2028
Isla Floreana / Isla Isabela
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

Rise bright and early today for a private speedboat trip to Isla Isabela – keep an eye out for dolphins and whales on the journey! On the way, you'll stop at Isla Floreana where you'll take a short walk to a black sand beach owned by the Witter family – descendants of some of the Galapagos' earliest settlers. Here, you'll learn about the island's small community and unusual history. Then, put on your snorkelling gear and head into the water to spot colourful fish and sea turtles. For today's lunch, you'll sit down for a traditional meal at Leila – a small, family-run restaurant with a

genuine community feel. Leila is part of the Floreana Community Tourism Association, meaning your visit directly supports local families and sustainable tourism on this little island. Later today, continue to Isla Isabela, where you'll spend the night.

Accommodation
Iguana Crossing Hotel

Included activities
Floreana - Snorkeling

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 4.5 hours.

When you arrive at Isla Isabela, you'll need to pay a port fee of USD 10.

Day 5 / Friday, 21st April 2028
Isla Isabela
Meals included: Breakfast

This morning, you'll hop on a small motorboat and cruise to Las Tintoreras (Shark Alley), looking out for blue-footed boobies and the famous Galapagos penguin. Take a short walk through a marine iguana nesting site (watch your step as they camouflage into the surrounding rock!), then stop at 'Shark Alley' – a narrow channel where white-tipped reef sharks rest in the clear, shallow waters. Head back to the boat, then put on your snorkelling gear and jump in to look for sea turtles, playful sea lions, colourful fish, eagle rays and sea stars. Return to Isla Isabela for lunch and then visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Tortoise Breeding Center, where you'll observe giant tortoises in all stages of development, then visit a brackish lagoon to observe flamingos. Later today, kayak around the Bay of Puerto Villamil, maybe spotting pelicans, frigatebirds and the brightly coloured Sally Lightfoot crabs along the way. Spend your evening resting in the sand and soaking in an Isla Isabela sunset – arguably the most beautiful of all the islands!

Accommodation
Iguana Crossing Hotel

Included activities
Isla Isabela -Tintoreras or Shark Alley
Isla Isabela - Flamingo lagoon visit
Isla Isabela - Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre
Isla Isabela - Kayaking

Special information
The order of today's activities is subject to change depending on weather or supplier scheduling. Your leader will update you about any changes to the itinerary.

Day 6 / Saturday, 22nd April 2028
Isla Isabela
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

After breakfast, travel by private minibus to the trailhead of Sierra Negra Volcano – one of the Galapagos' most active volcanoes and home to the world's second largest crater! Weather permitting, you'll take a challenging 17 km round trip hike up the rocky mountain. Starting amid lush highland vegetation, watch the landscape surrounding you transform into stark volcanic terrain as you walk. After your hike, make your way back to town for some free time to relax – maybe curl up with a book, soak your tired muscles or venture down to the water for a relaxing swim before dinner.

Accommodation
Iguana Crossing Hote

Included activities
Isla Isabela - Sierra Negra Volcano Hike (5-6 Hours)

Special information
Your travel time today will be about 1.5 hours. Your trekking time today will be approximately 5 to 6 hours.

Please ensure you wear comfortable walking shoes that offer good support for the hike today. During the rainy season, it can get quite muddy. There's an option to hire gumboots locally, should you wish to do so. During the hike, it can get quite hot, and there isn't much shade along the way, so be sure to come prepared with your hat, sunscreen and plenty of water (at least two litres per person).

The order of today's activities is subject to change depending on weather or supplier scheduling. Your leader will update you about any changes to the itinerary.

Day 7 / Sunday, 23rd April 2028
Isla Isabela / Isla Santa Cruz
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

Jump aboard a private speedboat this morning and head to Isla Santa Cruz. When you arrive, leave your bags at the hotel and head to the Santa Cruz Highlands. Your first stop is a family-run organic sugar cane farm for a tour of their trapiche (a sugar cane mill used in artisanal sugar production). Here, you'll learn how sugar cane, coffee and cacao are harvested and processed. Next, you'll watch a cooking demonstration featuring the famed encebollado – a local tuna soup that's widely considered one of the best in the world! Watch as slow-cooked albacore tuna is prepared in a savoury broth of onions, cilantro and spices. The dish is traditionally served with yuca (a starchy root vegetable) and garnished with lime and green onions. Settle in for a bowl of the soup for lunch, then take a leisurely walk around the grounds, where giant tortoises roam freely.

Accommodation
Blu Hotel

Included activities
Santa Cruz Highlands Visit (3 Hours)
Santa Cruz – Organic Farm Tour
Santa Cruz – Encebollado Cooking Class

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 2.5 hours.

Day 8 / Monday, 24th April 2028
Isla Santa Cruz
Meals included: Breakfast

Take a scenic morning walk in Tortuga Bay after breakfast. When you arrive, you'll have some free time to relax on the beach, go for a swim and watch marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies and other coastal wildlife. Later in the afternoon, you'll visit the Charles Darwin Research Station – an international non-profit organisation that's dedicated to the scientific research and conservation of the archipelago's environment and biodiversity. After, head to the Galapagos Conservancy to learn how the Intrepid Foundation supports the Women in Sustainable Entrepreneurship (WISE) program. The program provides grants and training to women-owned, sustainability-focused businesses, creating lasting benefits for local communities and the Galapagos' fragile ecosystems.

Accommodation
Blu Hotel

Included activities
Isla Santa Cruz - Tortuga Bay walk
Isla Santa Cruz - The Galapagos Conservancy (The Intrepid Foundation partner) visit
Isla Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Research Centre

Day 9 / Tuesday, 25th April 2028
Quito
Meals included: Breakfast

Say goodbye to these enchanting islands and your Galapagos leader, then take a flight back to Quito, making a stop in Guayaquil on the way. You'll arrive in Quito in the afternoon, where a representative from Intrepid will take you from the airport to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening in Quito and perhaps head out for a final dinner with your group.

Accommodation
Mama Cuchara Hotel

Special information
Your travel time today will be about 3 hours.

Day 10 / Wednesday, 26th April 2028
Lima
Meals included: Breakfast

Say hasta luego to Quito and take a flight to Lima, one of the most beautiful cities in South America. With Indigenous cultures dating back millennia, this country is a fascinating land of Amazonian rainforests, diverse wildlife and soaring mountains. You will be picked up from the airport and transferred straight to your hotel. In the evening you'll meet your new leader - perhaps get acquainted over some Pisco cocktails.

Accommodation
Pullman Miraflores

Included activities
Lima - Leader-led walking tour

Optional activities
Lima - Museum of the Inquisition - Free
Lima - Archaeological Museum (entrance fee) - PEN15
Lima - Coast Biking Urban Adventure (minimum 2 participants) - USD65
Lima - Guided tour of San Francisco Monastery, including The Catacombs Admission Fee - PEN20
Lima - Lima Discovery Urban Adventures (minimum 2 participants) - USD39
Lima - Lima Eat Street (Based on 4 participants) - USD75
Lima - Private Larco Museum (Based on 4 participants) - USD50
Lima - Lima Pisco Making (Based on 4 participants) - USD35
Lima - Bohemian Barranco (Based on 4 participants) - USD75
Lima - Lima Water Show (Based on 4 participants) - USD40

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 4.5 hours.

Day 11 / Thursday, 27th April 2028
Amazon Jungle
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Rise and shine early today for your journey into the wilds of the Peruvian Amazon. Take an early transfer to Lima airport, then fly to Puerto Maldonado. Here, you'll pack a small duffle bag with essentials for the next two days. Board a motorised canoe and cruise deep into the jungle. The journey to your eco-lodge in the Madre de Dios region will take a couple of hours, so you'll stop for lunch along the way. Settle into your thatched-roof lodge before a short orientation walk of your surroundings. Spend the evening taking in the sights and smells of the jungle and enjoy an I'm-so-far-from-home moment.

Accommodation
Hacienda Concepcion (Cabaña room)

Included activities
Amazon Jungle - Jungle activities

Special information
Your travel time today is approximately 6 hours.
Intrepid uses two different lodges in the same area. The activities may vary slightly according to which lodge you're at. The included night excursion may be tonight or tomorrow. As both lodges are in the same area of the jungle, you'll see the same wildlife and your overall jungle experience will be the same.

Day 12 / Friday, 28th April 2028
Amazon Jungle
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Get ready for an unforgettable day exploring the depths of the jungle! Set out on a half-day trek guided by local experts on the area's flora and fauna. Learn from your guides about the medicinal and practical uses for some of the plants that grow here, which Indigenous people have been studying and using for thousands of years. On your walk, keep an eye out for rainbow macaws and butterflies, and listen for the barking call of the peccaries and chattering of monkeys that call the jungle home. This part of the Amazon is also known to house capybaras, giant otters and jabirus, so keep your eyes peeled for these exotic creatures. Return to the lodge for lunch and some free time to relax. Once the sun goes down, venture out on a night walk in search of some of the jungle's nocturnal inhabitants (caimans, jaguars and anacondas).

Accommodation
Hacienda Concepcion (Cabaña room)

Special information
At times the paths can get quite muddy, and some people can find the trek a little exhausting, but the adventure is well worth it! Along the way there will be regular stops, and you'll encounter magnificent fauna and flora in their natural habitat.

Day 13 / Saturday, 29th April 2028
Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Leave behind the natural wonders of the Amazon for the man-made wonders of Cusco. Return to Puerto Maldonado to collect your luggage, then take a short flight. If Lima is Peru's head, then Cusco is definitely the heart. Once you've spent some time acclimatising to the altitude of 3450 m, head out on an orientation walk with your

leader. See the ancient and contemporary architecture styles, including the Plaza de Armas (Main Square), the San Pedro Market, the 12 Angled Stone, Regocijo Square and San Blas Square. This tour will also pass by the most significant temple in the ancient Inca empire–Qoricancha. Despite being covered with a Baroque facade in the 17th century by the Spanish, the original Inca masonry has been uncovered in some areas. In the evening, visit Casa Intrepid for your trek briefing, then you're free to explore at your own pace or find the perfect dinner spot with your group and try some local Peruvian favourites.

Accommodation
Casa Andina Premium Cusco Hotel

Included activities
Cusco - Leader-led orientation walk

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 2 to 5 hours depending on available flight connections. Your time in Cusco may be impacted but no included activities will be affected.

Day 14 / Sunday, 30th April 2028
Ollantaytambo
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

Hop on a private bus this morning and travel through the lush terraces of the Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo – one of the few places where the Inca defeated the Spanish. On the way, stop at a village to enjoy lunch and conversation in a community that still practices many Inca traditions. Visit the AMA Restaurant in Urubamba – this cafe provides employment opportunities and job training for single mothers throughout the Sacred Valley. Enjoy a snack and learn how this inclusive enterprise focuses on economic growth, gender equality and the support of vulnerable communities. Continue your journey to Ollantaytambo, tonight, maybe you'd like to sit down for a dinner of quinoa and alpaca stew at one of the local restaurants.

Accommodation
Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay Hotel

Included activities
Sacred Valley - Community visit & lunch
Sacred Valley - Snack & drink at AMA Restaurant social enterprise

Optional activities
Ollantaytambo - Archaeological site - PEN70

Day 15 / Monday, 1st May 2028
Inca Trail
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Depending on the travel arrangements you made before the trip, during the next four days you'll be either hiking the Inca Trail (Route 1), hiking the Quarry Trail (Route 2) or staying in Cusco for two days before taking the train to Aguas Calientes (Route 3). All routes visit Machu Picchu.

While away from Cusco, the bulk of your luggage will be stored at your hotel. If you're hiking the Inca Trail or the Quarry Trail, the evening before you leave, you'll receive a small duffle bag to carry your clothes in for the next four days (5 kg maximum). Your team of porters will carry these bags for you, together with the food and equipment for the trail. You won't have access to these items until the end of each day, as the porters will always be ahead of the group. If you're travelling to Aguas Calientes by train, you'll be able to leave most of your luggage at the hotel in Cusco and travel with only a small bag for the overnight stay in Aguas Calientes.

Route 1 Inca Trail
Today, travel by minivan to the 82 km marker and meet your crew of local porters, your cook and your guide. Your first day will include uphill trekking to the campsite, which sits at 3100 m above sea level. On the way, you'll see the Inca sites of Ollantaytambo, Huillca Raccay and Llactapata, as well as incredible views of snow-capped Veronica Peak. In the evening, unwind at the campsite with a nourishing meal prepared by your cook.

Route 2 Quarry Trail
Make an early start today and drive to Choquequilla, a small ceremonial place where Incas worshipped the moon. From here, you'll head to the small community near Qory Song'o (Golden Heart) hill, where you'll climb to the top for the incredible views of the Soqma Perolniyoc, Pachar and Huarocondo valleys. There are also several sacred tombs in the area, protected by the locals, which you can explore with your leader and even see some of the original structure crafted from wood and leather. These remains have never been seen by travellers before, so you can be a part of this exclusive experience. Carry on to the Perolniyoc Cascade lookout, where you can stop for some snacks and photos. Arrive at the campsite, 3700 m above sea level, around lunchtime. After, set off to explore the Q'orimarca archaeological site, which once served as a checkpoint to the Incas.

Route 3 Cusco:
After spending the night in Ollantaytambo, take a short drive to the town of Pisac. Pisac is well known for its market. Here you'll have the opportunity to shop for souvenirs and perhaps try some local empanadas. Arrive back at Cusco in the afternoon, where your leader can take you to San Pedro Market, where you have the option to buy some local favourites for a picnic tomorrow or enjoy having some free time. Perhaps head out for dinner– your leader will have plenty of local recommendations.

Accommodation
Camping (1 night)

Included activities
3 Night/4 Day Inca Trail (or 2 Night/3 Day Inca Quarry Trail) guided hike(s) with porters' support. Or guided Cusco stay (Machu Picchu by train)

Special information
Route 1 Inca Trail (starting elevation 2688m) - Your trekking time today will be approximately 8 hours or 12 km, with an elevation gain of 412m and a descent of 68m
Route 2 Quarry Trail (starting elevation 3220m) - Your trekking time today will be approximately 6.5 hours or 7 km, with an elevation gain of 480m and a descent of 0m

Included lunch and dinner today are for travellers on the trekking options only.

The Inca Trail is within the ability of anyone with a moderate level of fitness. The trail is 45 km long and often steep. Each day's journey generally consists of seven hours of walking (uphill and downhill), with stops for snacks and lunch. Trekking usually begins at 7 am (except on the fourth morning) and you reach the campsite around 5 pm. Accommodation on the trek is camping (three nights). Double tents (twin-share) and foam camping mats will be provided. The porters will set up the tents while the cook prepares meals.

The Quarry Trail is within the ability of anyone with a moderate level of fitness. The hike is 31 km long and its highest pass is at 4450 m above sea level. Horses will carry your gear and camping equipment. The first two nights are spent camping, and the third night you'll stay at a simple hotel. Double tents (twin-share) and foam camping mats will be provided. The porters will set up the tents while the cook prepares meals.

Day 16 / Tuesday, 2nd May 2028
Inca Trail
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Route 1 Inca Trail
This is the most challenging day of the trek, as you ascend a 5-hour long steep path to reach the highest point of the trail. Colloquially known as 'Dead Woman's Pass', Warmiwanusca sits at a height of 4200 m above sea level, providing amazing views of the valley below. The group will then descend to the campsite in the Pacaymayo Valley at 3650 m.

Route 2 Quarry Trail
This is the most challenging and rewarding day of the hike. A 3-hour walk takes you to the top of the first pass of Puccaqasa, about 4370 m high. After enjoying the picturesque views of the valley, it's a short walk before stopping for lunch. After, make the 2-hour hike to Kuychicassa, the highest pass of the trek at 4450 m. From here, descend to the sacred site that the Incas called Intipunku. This is a sun gate, where the sun will stream through at particular times of the year and there are views of the Nevado Veronica mountain year-round. The Incas built several sun gates, the most notable overlooking Machu Picchu. Head to the campsite, only a stone's throw away and at 3600 m.

Route 3 Cusco
Today, take a taxi to Tambomachay, an archaeological site just outside of Cusco. From here you'll take a 3 to 4 hours walk back to Cusco. On the way, stop to admire some of the archaeological sites, including Puka Pukara, Quenqo and Saksaywaman. Arrive back in Cusco in the early afternoon and enjoy some free time. Maybe visit the Merida, Mendivil and Olave art galleries and workshops before finding a great spot to sit down and enjoy some dinner.

Accommodation
Camping (1 night)

Special information
Route 1 Inca Trail - Your trekking time today will be approximately 8 hours or 12 km, with an elevation gain of 1127m and a descent of 627m

Route 2 Quarry Trail - Your trekking time today will be approximately 7.5 hours or 14 km, with an elevation gain of 750m and a descent of 700m

Included lunch and dinner today are for travellers on the trekking options only.

Day 17 / Wednesday, 3rd May 2028
Inca Trail
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Route 1 Inca Trail
Start the day with a climb through the Pacaymayo Valley to Runkuracay Pass at 3980 m. Enjoy views of the snow-capped mountain of Cordillera Vilcabamba before descending for around 2 to 3 hours to the ruins of Sayacmarca. Continue over the trail's third pass to the ruins of Phuyupatamarca at 3850 m, also known as the 'Town Above the Clouds'. Start the 2-hour descent down the Inca steps to the final night's campsite by the Winay Wayna archaeological site.

Route 2 Quarry Trail
Today's hike will all be downhill. The first stop is the incomplete Kachiqata quarry, where the Incas were intercepted by the Spanish. Explore the cobbled streets of Ollantaytambo when you finish your trek. This is where you'll meet with the travellers in your group who didn't hike, before taking the short train journey to Aguas Calientes.Spend the night in a hotel before tomorrow's visit to Machu Picchu.

Route 3 Train to Aguas Calientes
After a 1.5-hour drive to Ollantaytambo. This is where you'll meet up with the travellers in your group who hiked the Quarry Trail. You'll catch a 1.5-hour train through the winding Urubamba Valley to Aguas Calientes. The city is nestled in the cloud forest at the foot of Machu Picchu. Spend the night in a hotel before tomorrow's visit to Machu Picchu.

Accommodation
Camping (1 night)

Special information
Route 1 Inca Trail - Your trekking time today will be approximately 10 hours or 15 km, with an elevation gain of 400m and a descent of 1350m

Route 2 Quarry Trail - Your trekking time today will be approximately 4.5 hours or 10 km, with an elevation gain of 0m and a descent of 950m

Included lunch and dinner today are for travellers on the Inca Trail trekking option only. There is an included lunch for travellers on the Quarry Trail trekking option.

Day 18 / Thursday, 4th May 2028
Inca Trail
Meals included: Breakfast

Route 1 Inca Trail
This is the final and most spectacular leg of the trek to Machu Picchu – one of the famed Wonders of the World. The day starts before dawn, with breakfast at 4 am. Say farewell to the porters as they descend to the train station and begin hiking. Once the final checkpoint opens at 5 am, you'll begin the final 2.5-hour trek to Intipunku (the Sun Gate). Weather permitting, you'll enjoy unforgettable views over the 'Lost City of the Incas' as you enter Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate.

Route 2 and 3 Machu Picchu to Cusco
Take an early bus up to Machu Picchu at 6:00 am. The city was built around 1440 AD as a country retreat for the Incan nobility, but there's evidence that the land had been a sacred Incan site for much longer. Take a guided tour around the ruins of temples, palaces and living quarters. This is a day to remember!

For all travellers, after taking advantage of the seemingly endless photo opportunities, it's time to catch the bus to Aguas Calientes, where you'll stop for lunch together. From here, take a scenic train ride to Ollantaytambo, then drive back to Cusco, arriving in the evening.

Accommodation
Casa Andina Premium Cusco Hotel or similar

Included activities
Machu Picchu - Entrance and guided tour

Special information
Route 1 Inca Trail - Your trekking time today will be approximately 4 hours or 6 km, with an elevation gain of 81m and a descent of 331m

Due to safety reasons the final checkpoint for all trekkers opens at 5 am. The estimated arrival time at Machu Picchu's Sun Gate for Inca Trail trekkers is approximately 7.30 am. For Quarry Trail trekkers and train travellers, the first bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu departs at 6:00 am. The estimated arrival time is between 6.30 to 7:00 am. The sun rises at Machu Picchu at approximately 5.30 am, so it's not possible to be there in time for sunrise.

Due to Intrepid's internal safety policy, our leaders are specifically prohibited from recommending or assisting with booking trips to the mountaintop ruins of Wayna Picchu.

Day 19 / Friday, 5th May 2028
Cusco
Meals included: Breakfast

Enjoy free time to relax, shop and explore more of Cusco's many sights. Maybe rest your weary legs at a cafe on Plaza de Armas or head to the San Pedro Market where you can find vegetables, meats, local cheeses, chocolates, herbal medicines and many local handicrafts. It's a great place to pick up souvenirs or ingredients for a picnic. The market is also where many locals (and daring travellers) go to eat 'mystery soups.' Some may be just chicken – however, the most popular among the locals usually contain frogs or offal. For those looking for something active, why not try mountain biking in the hills that surround Cusco?

Accommodation
Casa Andina Premium Cusco Hotel

Optional activities
Cusco - Full Boleto Turistico Pass (access to 16 archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) - PEN135
Cusco - Half Boleto Turistico Pass (access to selected archaeological sites, transport & guides not included) - PEN75
Cusco - Coricancha Temple (entrance fee) - PEN20
Cusco - Cathedral Entrance Fee - PEN40
Cusco - Rainbow Mountain Hike (Based on 4 participants) - USD105
Cusco - Full Day Via Ferrata & Zipline - USD95
Cusco - Pisco Making Urban Adventure - USD35
Cusco - Full Day Stand Up Paddle Boarding (Based on 4 participants) - USD85
Sacred Valley - Mountain Biking (Price Based on 2 Participants) - USD170
Cusco - Palcoyo Rainbow Mountain Hike (Based on 4 paticipants) - USD100
Cusco - Humantay Lake Hike (Based on 4 participants) - USD130
Cusco - Cusco Cooking Class - USD70
Cusco - 4 Ruins + Qorikancha (Price based on 4 participants) - USD40

Day 20 / Saturday, 6th May 2028
Puno
Meals included: Breakfast

This morning after breakfast, travel through the dramatic scenery of the high altiplano to Puno – located on the shores of serene Lake Titicaca. At an altitude of 3800 m, Lake Titicaca is the world's highest navigable lake. Today includes a bit of a long drive in a local bus, but it's worth the first glimpse of immense Lake Titicaca, whose seemingly endless waters stretch into the horizon. Puno is a melting pot of Indigenous Aymara and Quechuan culture and traditional Andean customs, and it wears its traditions on its sleeve. If you're lucky, your trip will coincide with one of the many cultural festivals here. Ask your leader where you can get the best grilled trout tonight – a true local specialty perfect for dinner.

Accommodation
Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno Hotel

Special information
Your travel time today will be approximately 6 hours.

Puno continues to experience some occasional ongoing political unrest. With safety always our priority, on some departures, you may need to use alternative transportation to avoid affected areas. Your tour leader will advise of any specific changes to transport or the itinerary in this destination that needs to be put in place.

Day 21 / Sunday, 7th May 2028
Llachon community
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

This morning, you'll take a tour of the immense lake by motorboat, stopping at the floating Uros Islands that look like they could come from a Pixar or Studio Ghibli movie. Built by the Uros people to protect themselves from encroaching Inca forces hundreds of years ago, the islands are constructed from many layers of totora reeds that grow in the shallows of the lake. Get a closer look at contemporary life on the shores of the lake with a homestay in a local community. Help your host family with their daily activities, try out a few words in the Quechua language and maybe even join a local soccer game to make some friends on the makeshift pitch. Tonight, sit down and swap stories with your hosts, who will cook you a feast full of traditional Peruvian favourites.

Accommodation
Homestay (1 night)

Included activities
Lake Titicaca - Boat tour & Homestay

Special information
Your homestay tonight is a traditional mud brick house. Rooms have beds and many blankets, and there are shared drop toilets, but no showers.

Day 22 / Monday, 8th May 2028
Puno
Meals included: Breakfast

This morning after breakfast, board another motorboat and cruise to Taquile Island – known for the intricate, hand-knitted textiles the locals produce. Here, knitting is strictly a male domain and women do the spinning. It's a great place to pick up some high-quality, locally knitted goods, with the added bonus of supporting the local community. Then, take an hour uphill trek to the main area of the island, where you can shop for handicrafts. After, descend about 500 steps to the boat. Return to Puno, where you might like to gather your group and find a local watering hole to enjoy a drink or two – try a chilcano or indulge in another pisco sour.

Accommodation
Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno Hotel

Included Activities
Transfer from Puno to La Paz, with English speaking tour leader (Shared service from 5 to 8 passengers, private service from 9 to 24 passengers)

Special information
Your travel time today will be about 4 hours.

Day 23 / Tuesday, 9th May 2028
Puno / Desaguadero / La Paz
Meals included: Breakfast

Today, you will travel to Desaguadero, where you will cross the border into Bolivia. The first stop is the Peruvian migration office where you will be asked to leave the bus and proceed through Peruvian migration. (Here your Peruvian Tour Leader will say goodbye) Then walk via a bridge to the Bolivian side, submit your passport at the Bolivian migration office and reboard the bus, which will continue to La Paz (Here your Bolivian Tour Leader will meet you). About 30 minutes after crossing the border there is another stop where the army will again check your

documents. Bolivia is one to two hours ahead of Peru. Arrival in the impressive city of La Paz, sitting 3600 meters above sea level, and be transported to your hotel in the city for a free evening.

Accommodation
La Casona Boutique Hotel

Day 24 / Wednesday, 10th May 2028
La Paz / Uyuni
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

This morning, take a scenic journey across the Andean plateaus to the high-altitude frontier town of Uyuni, perched at the edge of the altiplano stretching toward Argentina and Chile. Upon arrival this morning, visit the Train Cemetery on the deserted outskirts of Uyuni. The town was once a distribution hub for trains carrying minerals on their way to Pacific Ocean ports but in the 1940s the mining industry collapsed, and many trains were abandoned. Spend the morning walking through the old and rusting antique train carriages and steam engines before heading out into Uyuni's Salt Flats. Explore the lake by 4WD, first visiting the small town of Colchani, where you'll see how the local farm processes salt from the Salar. Then, see the Salt Hotel – this hotel in the heart of the Salt Flats is built entirely from salt! After, discover the cacti and coral-like structures on the rocky island of Isla Inca Wasi before stopping for a picnic lunch in the middle of the salt flats. After, visit the iconic salt sculpture that rises from the endless white expanse – a striking tribute to Dakar Rally (a cross-county rally in all-terrain vehicles). Tonight, if the weather allows, maybe watch the sunset over the otherworldly landscape before heading back to your hotel for the evening.

Accommodation
Luna Salada Hotel

Included activities
Uyuni - Salt Flats exploration

Day 25 / Thursday, 11th May 2028
Uyuni / Siloli Desert
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Today, travel through the Andean Desert to Siloli Desert. Today is a bit of a long travel day, so it's a good idea to get stuck into your book or favourite podcasts. Along the way, you'll pass the active Ollague Volcano and small colourful lakes. Stop at San Cristobal de Lipez – a small village known for its relocated church (Iglesia San Cristobal Lipez), which was moved stone by stone when the original town was moved due to silver mining. Then, travel to Alota, known for its rock formations before continuing to Hedionda and the Canapa Lagoons – often home to a vibrant group of flamingos! Finish your day at the Siloli Desert, where you'll see a vast expanse of volcanos and arid terrain. When you arrive, settle into your accommodation in the middle of the desert before heading out to dinner with your group.

Accommodation
Tayka del Desierto Hotel

Included activities
Andean Desert - Andean Desert to Siloli Desert day trip

Day 26 / Friday, 12th May 2028
Siloli Desert / Uyuni
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

This morning, visit Laguna Colorada (Red Lagoon) - a shallow salt lake in the Eduardo Avaroa Andean Fauna National Reserve. Then, continue your journey to the Sol de Manana Geysers. After spending some time soaking in the hot springs of Polques, travel across the Pampas de Dali Desert to Laguna Verde – a green lagoon at the foot of Licancabur Volcano. Finally, visit Laguna Blanca before returning to Uyuni. for your overnight stay.

Accommodation
Luna Salada Hotel

Included activities
Siloli Desert - Sol de Manana Geysers and Polques hot springs visit

Day 27 / Saturday, 13th May 2028
Uyuni / La Paz
Meals included: Breakfast

This morning, you'll be picked up from your hotel in Uyuni and transferred to the airport to board your flight to the city of La Paz. Upon arrival in the city of La Paz, transfer to your hotel where your evening will be free to explore on your own pace.

Accommodation
La Casona Boutique Hotel

Day 28 / Sunday, 14th May 2028
Departure
Meals included: Breakfast

Your trip ends this morning after breakfast in La Paz. An included group departure transfer is included for your onwards flight.

Departure transfer
Included on a group basis

Important Information

- The quote and accommodation will be subject to availability at the time of booking
- This is trip spends time at altitude; you should refer to the Medical & Health Information for this trip to understand the risks.
- This trip involves a lot of walking to see the sites, and if you trek the Inca Trail or Quarry Trail, there'll be strenuous hiking. The trip is recommended for those with a good level of fitness. Please bring comfortable footwear suitable to hiking. See the 'Packing' section of the Essential Trip Information for more detail.
- This trip includes a 17 km hike (approximately 6 to 7 hours) on rocky terrain. We recommend bringing sturdy, comfortable hiking or trail shoes with good support. Please see Day 5 of the Itinerary for more information.
- For those who trek the Inca Trail or Quarry Trail, you'll be camping with basic facilities. It's definitely the journey as well as the final destination (Machu Picchu) that makes this way of exploring Peru worthwhile.
- This trip involves a lot of travel by speedboat between the various Galapagos Islands. The rides can be quite bumpy at times, but the good news is that seasickness can often be managed with medication. Please consult a health professional to assess your suitability for such medication.
- Proximity to the equator means the sun in the Galapagos is incredibly strong. Ensure you are prepared with sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. We also recommend a rash guard.
- This trip includes snorkelling on multiple days. Confident swimming skills are required to take part. Alternative activities will not be available.
- The Galapagos is a great place to switch off and take a break from your phone, as internet access can be patchy and wi-fi is not always available or reliable.
- Hot water can be sporadic in some parts of the Galapagos, so there may be a few cold showers on the trip.
- Temperatures in the Amazon can fluctuate from daytime humidity to night-time chill. Insects, especially mosquitoes, are common. We recommend tropical-strength insect repellent and light cotton clothing that covers your arms and legs, with warmer layers for the evening.
- According to Machu Picchu visiting regulations all visitors to Machu Picchu must follow a pre-determined circuit within the site as a way to relieve crowding. The circuit-based entrance tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. We will do all that is possible to get everyone traveling in a group on the same route, but be aware that it is possible that members of the same group might be visiting Machu Picchu on a different circuit and not be together during this visit. Once the guided visit concludes, visitors must exit the site and personal exploration of Machu Picchu is not permitted.
- All visitors to the Galapagos must have a Transit Control Card. We will use your passport details to complete the application process on your behalf. At the Welcome Meeting in Quito, you will be required to pay your leader US$20 in cash to cover the fee
- The Galapagos National Park fee (US$200) and Isabela Port fee (US$10) are payable upon arrival to the islands (cash only). These amounts are in addition to your trip payment.

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By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
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