Cornell’s Adult University
Peru: A Rainforest Adventure in the Amazon

Extension, June 5–11, 2015: Machu Picchu and Cusco
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Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. After our morning flight to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire, we will transfer to the lovely town of Yucay in Urubamba Valley. We will overnight in Yucay, which is located at a lower elevation, to allow for an easier acclimatization.

On our journey to Yucay, we’ll explore the massive fortress of Sacsayhuamán, the sacred bathing place of Tambo Machay and the temple and amphitheater of Qenko. In the afternoon, we’ll stop at the colorful native market in Pisac.

The next day a dramatic train ride through the Urubamba Valley will take us to the enchanting and mystical site of Machu Picchu. Here we’ll overnight at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel. On our return we will spend two nights in Cusco, where we’ll absorb a colorful mix of past and present.

This five-night, six-day extension (one night in Lima at the Ramada airport hotel and four nights in the highlands) includes first-class accommodations; all excursions; five breakfasts, three lunches, and three dinners; a folkloric show; air transportation from Lima to Cusco and Cusco to Lima; airport taxes; airport-to-hotel transfers; and the services of a Peruvian guide and a tour director.

Fri., June 5
Aria / Iquitos / Lima

Upon arrival in Lima, take a short walk to the Costa del Sol Ramada Hotel located at Lima’s airport.

Costa del Sol Ramada Hotel

Sat., June 6
Lima / Cusco / Urubamba (Sacred Valley of the Incas)

Depart on a morning flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, meet at the airport and transfer to the lower elevations of the Sacred Valley. Visit Pisac town and Indian market.

Lunch at the private Hacienda Huayoccari, which stands regally in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This hacienda houses a fine collection of Peruvian Art. The Lambarri family, owners and hosts, grow their own produce to be used in their meals.

Continue to Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay and have free time to explore the hotel’s property, including lush gardens. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Sonesta Posadas del Inca

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Sun., June 7  
**Urubamba / Ollantaytambo / Machu Picchu**

Transfer to the train station of Ollantaytambo to board a train for a dramatic journey through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World (altitude 7,600 feet). Located above the rainforest on the eastern slopes of the Andes, Machu Picchu was abandoned by the Incas and remained hidden in the jungle until 1911, when Hiram Bingham rediscovered it.

Visit the citadel and go through its temples, observatories, water systems, dwellings, watchtowers, and gardens. After a buffet lunch at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, enjoy a free afternoon to explore the ruins.

**Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**  
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Mon., June 8  
**Machu Picchu / Poroy / Cusco**

This morning is unscheduled for independent exploration of Machu Picchu. Those who wish may walk to the “Gate of the Sun” or climb one of the surrounding peaks that dramatically rise above the ancient ruins.

Lunch at the hotel and return by train to Cusco (Poroy station) and transfer to Cusco, former capital of the Incan Empire.

**Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco**  
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Tues., June 9  
**Cusco**

In the morning, tour the city of Cusco, including the Plaza de Armas, the cathedral, and Santo Domingo Church (Koricancha), followed by visit of the surrounding ruins of Puka Pukara, Kenko, Tampu Machay, and the renowned fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuamán, famous for its cosmic energy. Afternoon at leisure.

Farewell dinner at the Pre-Columbian Museum of Art (MAP Café), dedicated to the preservation of the arts and crafts of ancient Peruvian cultures. Prior to becoming a museum, the building was an Inca ceremonial court and then a residence of a Spanish conquistador.

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Wed., June 10  
**Cusco / Lima / U.S.**

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for a flight back to Lima. Upon arrival, we’ll be assisted on our connection flights back to the U.S.  
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Thurs., June 11  
**Arrive U.S.**

Arrive back in the U.S. and transfer to flights home.