

PERU 2009

Ascent to the Heavens

A Mystical Trip to the Andes

December 26, 2008 to January 5,
2009

Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit exotic Peru! Our 11 day excursion includes two days in Lima, five days in Cusco, and three days in Machu Picchu. Price includes airfare Houston to Lima, domestic air travel to Cusco, three star (or better) hotels, all tours, tips and taxes. Continental breakfast and lunch daily included.

New Years Eve party at Machu Picchu.

Most days tours conclude by 3:30, leaving you all afternoon and evening to explore! Better yet, it will be summer in Peru, so pack your bathing suit.

The historic city of **Cusco** sits 12,000 feet up in the Andes. This ancient capital of the Incan empire is an impressive mix of Indian and Spanish cultures. Many buildings have Spanish colonial style buildings erected upon the walls of ancient Incan structures. Quaint narrow streets meander up mountain sides, with stores containing some of the finest weavings, religious arts and paintings available anywhere. Numerous museums and churches house countless works of priceless art. Lots of free time has been built into our schedule in Cusco to allow you to explore the place the Incans called, "The Navel of the Universe."

Machu Picchu, "The Lost City of the Incas", is a four hour train ride through the Andes Mountains away from Cusco. We will spend three days (December 30 to New Year's Day) at a hotel on site.

You will be able to explore the hundreds of structures, thousands of steps, and miles of ancient irrigation terraces, that sat undiscovered in the Peruvian jungle from 1500 to 1911. We will have our New Year's party under the stars where Incan emperors lived 500 years ago.

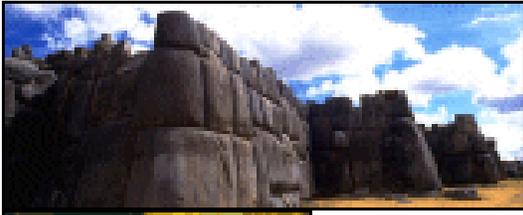
Lima is a vibrant city of 7 million. We will spend two days in Lima. We will be staying in the fashionable Miraflores district, along the Pacific Ocean. We will take tours of the Pachacamac oracle. We will tour the Gold Museum, an unequaled collection of ancient Indian and colonial riches. We will also take a city tour that includes the Lima cathedral and catacombs that house remains of Spanish and Indian settlers from the 1500s. You will have afternoons free to frequent the handicraft fair, antique shops, and upscale stores throughout Miraflores.

Peru's time is one hour ahead of Houston in the winter.

See a photo album power point show of this tour on our website:

www.kennieser.com/andean_endeavors.htm





Friday, December 26—Depart Houston Intercontinental, arrive Jorge Chavez International Airport, Lima.

Saturday, December 27 — Lima city tour in the morning, afternoon visit to the impressive Lima Gold Museum.

Sunday, December 28—Depart Lima arrive in Cusco. Free day of adjustment to altitude. Optional evening Kusikay dance, music and theater spectacular.

Monday, December 29—Cusco city tour including the Cathedral, Q'oricancha (a marvel of pre-Colombian architecture, an Incan temple upon which the Santo Domingo church was built) and Archbishop Museum (one of the finest collections of colonial art in the world). In the afternoon, visit the ancient ceremonial grounds of Sacsaywaman, Q'enko, Puka Pukara, Tambomachay, etc...in the outskirts of Cusco.

Tuesday, December 30— Early morning train ride to town of Aguas Calientes. Tour of Macchu Picchu ruins. Lunch on your own with dinner in the town in the evening.

Wednesday, December 31, 2008-- Day 2 in Aguas Calientes. Return to Machu Picchu, visit Mandor Waterfalls, or try the mineral baths just outside town. New Year's Eve Party overlooking the Urubamba River.

Thursday, January 1, 2009—Short day in Aguas Calientes. Butterfly tour and New Years lunch at the fancy Inka Terra restaurant. Return to Cusco in the afternoon.

Friday, January 2,—FREE DAY in Cusco.

Saturday, January 3— Sacred Valley of the Incas tour, including the ruins at Ollantaytambo, the ruins and huge marketplace in PISAQ, the indigenous village of Chinchero and beautiful Urubamba. a picturesque village in the Sacred Valley.

Sunday, January 4— Return to Lima. Visit the Pachacamac ruins. Shopping at the Jockey Plaza Shopping Center if time permits.

Monday, January 5— Arrive in Houston 6am

REGISTRATION FORM

(Attach photocopy of picture page from your passport)

Name(s) as on passport, passport # _____

Address _____

Telephone: (most accessible) _____

Alternative phone _____ E-mail _____

Sharing Room With: _____

In case of emergency, please notify Name _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Program Cost:

	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Before May 1, 2008	\$2595	\$2795
Between May 1 and May 31	\$2695	\$2895
After May 31	\$2795	\$2995

Tour includes all airfares, lodging, tours, two meals a day, tips and taxes.

Space is limited to 25 participants. \$500 deposit per person required for reservation.

Payment Schedule: \$1000 due by July 1. \$1000 due by September 1
Remainder due by October 15. Full refund available until July 1. After July 1, full
refund minus deposit. **No Refunds After October 1st.**

Depending upon local celebrations and developments, the above schedule may be
modified.

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