



PERU:

The Land of the Andes, Incas and Machu Picchu

WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 2 TO 11, 2010

Awaken your spirit in magical Peru, during a journey that weaves together ancient history, culture and contemporary issues. This exciting program offers opportunities for discovery at every turn: explore the powerful civilizations that once dominated this verdant land and the spectacular ruins they left behind, including those in Urubamba, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and legendary Machu Picchu. Set against a backdrop of cloud-covered Andean peaks, the abandoned temples, houses and terraces remain a glorious and mystifying glimpse into the ancient world. Discover dramatic history, magnificent architecture and vibrant modern culture in Lima and Cusco, where you'll have the chance to learn from guest speakers, sample local cuisine and wander amidst bustling plazas filled with local craftspeople and musicians. Take in the stunning beauty of the mountainous terrain, rocky gorges, lush valleys and fragrant eucalyptus forests. An optional extension is also available to experience the natural wonders, interesting past and modern life of Lake Titicaca, Arequipa and Colca Canyon. Along the way, first class accommodations allow you to unwind and relax. We hope you'll join us.



YOUR ITINERARY

OCTOBER 2/3 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/MIAMI/LIMA
Fly to Miami and connect with your overnight flight to Lima. Upon arrival, transfer to your elegant hotel. Visit the Plaza de Armas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, marvel at pre-Columbian artifacts at the Archaeological Museum and take in the spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Peruvian meal and meet the chef at La Huaca Pucllana, a restaurant built in an ancient temple. HOTEL SONESTA EL OLIVAR. (Meals Aloft; B,D)



OCTOBER 4/5/6 ~ CUSCO/YUCAY/ OLLANTAYTAMBO/PISAC/SERVICE PROJECT
Fly to Cusco and embark on a scenic drive to Yucay, in the heart of the sacred Urubamba Valley. Built within a 300-year-old monastery, your hotel is a peaceful retreat with charming gardens and large, cozy rooms. Visit the town of Pisac, sitting high above the valley floor. Overlooking above a patchwork of farmland and rimmed by vast terracing, the stonework and panoramas of Pisac's Inca citadel are magnificent. Now in ruins, this fortress once controlled a major route through the canyon. Pisac also offers a very colorful "Market Day" where you can purchase handmade treasures. Next, tour Ollantaytambo, a massive citadel which served as both a temple and a fortress. It is one of the few places where the Spaniards lost a major battle during the conquest.



Your final day in the area will provide a rewarding opportunity at an SOS Children's Village. AI SOS is an international NGO focused on the rights and needs of disadvantaged children since 1949. The villages provide family-based, long-term care to children who can no longer grow up with their biological families. Your group will lend a hand by delivering much-needed educational supplies, playing games, helping in the kitchen or assisting with repair work. POSADA DEL INCA HOTEL YUCAY. (B,L Daily)



OCTOBER 7 ~ MACHU PICCHU
Depart on one of South America's most scenic rail trips to the legendary "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. In all directions, there are Andean peaks covered in forest green and the Urubamba River fills the canyon with a thunderous roar—a spectacular setting for this mountain-top sanctuary, which was hidden from the world until 1911. Explore temples, houses, terraces for growing crops, gardens, and even a sacrificial altar. No one knows why this city disappeared, adding to the allure and mystical beauty of this World Heritage site. Your hotel is in the nearby town of Aguas Calientes and offers panoramic views and modern comforts. HATUCHAY TOWER HOTEL. (B,L,D)

OCTOBER 8/9 ~ MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO
This morning you have the option to join a group hike along the Inca Trail through Inti Punku to the citadel of Winaywayna, or continue exploring Machu Picchu's many treasures on your own. The trek is just a few miles and the sights are rewarding, but the terrain is challenging. In the afternoon, return to Cusco by rail and enjoy the evening at leisure. Your hotel is a 17th century mansion with all modern amenities, ornate stonework and a charming open-air patio. Located along the city's main square, it is ideal for exploring on foot.

Next day, take a guided tour of Cusco, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western hemisphere. A picturesque blend of Incan and Spanish cultures, you'll discover ancient treasures, elegant colonial buildings and a vibrant modern culture filled with energy and excitement. Note the immense stone walls—which remain from Incan times—the lively sounds of Andean music and the colorful dress of the locals as they walk their llamas in the surrounding hills. Your excursion will include key archaeological sites such as the massive Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman; Kenko amphitheatre, with its unusual stone carvings; and Tambo Machay, the traditional bathing place for Inca royalty. Its water source remains a secret to this day. HOTEL PICOAGA. (B,L; B)

OCTOBER 10/11 ~ CUSCO/LIMA/EN ROUTE
Return to Lima where a dayroom awaits at the HOTEL SONESTA EL OLIVAR. Your afternoon is free to explore on your own; enjoy dinner at one of Lima's fine restaurants before transferring to the airport for your overnight flight home. (B)

POST-EXTENSION TO PUNO, LAKE TITICACA, AREQUIPA & COLCA CANYON

OCTOBER 10-16

In Puno, enjoy the fascinating cultures, folklore and unique islands of Lake Titicaca. Meet the warm people of Taquile and learn about their traditional textile art, a UNESCO Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. On the floating Uros islands, see how descendants of the pre-Incan Aymara civilization have sustained their ancient ways of life, living in reed huts and surviving mainly by hunting and fishing. Fly to Arequipa, a picturesque colonial city made from white volcanic stone. Tour historical sites like Santa Catalina Monastery and view a 500-year-old mummy. Depart on an exciting drive to Colca Canyon, the deepest gorge in the world. The rugged terrain is stunning and the local Quechua people have a rich and colorful heritage. The highlight of your visit is the "Cruz del Condor," where you'll watch as the sacred Andean bird takes off on its morning hunt, soaring high into the mountains with a wingspan of up to 10.4 feet. **Full itinerary available on request.**

YOUR PERU JOURNEY COSTS:

(All rates are per person)

\$3,995 land only, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$995

Airfare package (optional): \$1,700, includes international flights from San Francisco, flights within Peru, taxes & fuel surcharges (estimated)

Flights within Peru only (for travelers booking international flights independently): \$500 per person

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS:

\$1,995 land only, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$695

Flights within Peru: \$500 per person

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motor coach.
- First class accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Two lectures by prominent citizens on the main trip and one on the extension.
- A service project in Cusco.
- Services of English-speaking guides throughout the tour.
- Tour escort from The Commonwealth Club with a minimum of 12 travelers.
- All meals as specified in itinerary.
- Bottled water at all meals and on tour buses.
- All entrance fees on sightseeing tours as indicated in the itinerary.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.

The following are not included in program rates: Gratuities to guides and drivers (approximately \$150 per person on the main program and \$60 on the extension), passport and visa fees, excess baggage fees levied by airlines, meals other than specified and beverages other than bottled water during meals and in buses, departure taxes from Peru of approximately \$25 per person, and any items of a personal nature.

RESERVATIONS: Please complete enclosed reservation form and send by fax or mail to Commonwealth Club

Travel at 415.597.6729, or 595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. A deposit of \$750 per person for the main tour and \$300 for the extension must be submitted with each reservation. Deposits may be paid by check (payable to Classic Escapes) or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. **Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY** and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (July 19, 2010).

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, \$300 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **We strongly recommend that you obtain the optional insurance policy.**

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 10, 2009, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 12 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure, whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip, as outlined in the Conditions of Travel. The Commonwealth Club of California will forward insurance information upon confirmation.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: This program includes considerable walking/hiking at high altitudes (over 9,000 feet at Machu Picchu and 11,150 feet in Cusco and Puno) and uphill, on uneven ground. These conditions and altitudes may pose problems to participants with particular physical issues and you should always consult your personal physician before embarking on such an adventure.



RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

Commonwealth Club Travel

415.597.6720

travel@commonwealthclub.org

YOUR TOUR OPERATOR:

The Commonwealth Club of California has selected Classic Escapes, a family-owned tour operator committed to promoting sustainable travel in the global community. Classic Escapes recognizes that we have social and ecological responsibilities to the places we visit and the people who live there. In all business practices, we strive to protect the environment, respect local cultures and benefit local communities.

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October 2 to 11, 2010

- ◆ Experience the magic of **Machu Picchu**, the mysterious “Lost City of the Incas.” Begin with a scenic rail ride and hike part of the Inca Trail.
- ◆ Picture yourself at the height of the Incan empire in the sacred **Urubamba Valley**. Admire the magnificent stonework of **Pisac citadel** and the temple-turned-fortress, **Ollantaytambo**.
- ◆ Tour the ancient cities of **Lima** and **Cusco**, picturesque blends of Incan and Spanish heritage with impressive architecture and colorful modern culture.
- ◆ Spend a day volunteering at an **SOS Children’s Village** for an opportunity to meet with the local community.
- ◆ On an optional extension, discover the natural beauty of **Lake Titicaca’s** many islands and watch the **Andean Condor** soar through **Colca Canyon**.

RESERVATION FORM:

THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

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(Please print)

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main tour and \$300 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on Peru departing on October 2, 2010. Cost is \$3,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from San Francisco is estimated \$1,700, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Rates as of June 10, 2009 - subject to change).

Final payment due date is: July 19, 2010

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to Commonwealth Club Travel: 595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. You may also fax this form to (415) 597-6729.

OR Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover
(Please complete attached Credit Card Authorization form and return with reservation.)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if The Commonwealth Club of California or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount of \$995. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$995 for the main trip \$695 for the extension

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from San Francisco via American Airlines/LAN Peru Airlines.
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand that I will be billed for all domestic flights within Peru \$500 per person.

- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of: \$1,995 for Puno, Colca Canyon & Arequipa post-extension, plus \$500 for the flights within Peru (Puno/Arequipa/Lima)

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Please send completed form to:
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San Francisco, CA 94105
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travel@commonwealthclub.org

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference.)



CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to The Commonwealth Club of California along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize **Classic Escapes Inc.**, the tour operator for The Commonwealth Club of California's adventure to Peru departing October 2, 2010, to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

*Card Verification Number: _____ Card Type: _____

Billing address of credit card: _____

Phone number: _____ Amount of transaction: _____

Services rendered/Items purchased: _____

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 10, 2009 and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure (July 17, 2010). Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$300 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure: deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.