



PERU

URUBAMBA WEAVER'S TREK (with Glamping!) An excellent alternative to the well-traveled Inca Trail



DURATION: 11 days/10 nights (2 nights upgraded tent camping)
SEASON: April through mid-November
DEPARTURES: Guaranteed with a minimum of 4 participants
TRIP RATING: Moderate/Strenuous Trekking, Grade (III): This Southwind original is an active, off-the-beaten-path, culturally oriented trip. It features a 3-day, fully supported trek averaging 7 miles per day crossing 2 high passes reaching elevations up to 14,764'. Early and late in the season, a 2.5-hour whitewater rafting adventure with class II-III rapids is included.

2024 DATES: On request any week during the season for a minimum of 4 travelers

INTRODUCTION:

This route is a fantastic alternative to the popular Inca Trail, which is regulated by a permit system and often sells out months in advance. Without permit constraints on this route, we are able to upgrade our gear, services and staff to bring you an impressive “glamping” experience – complete with cots, plush air mattresses, and spacious tents!

Trekking the trails of the Urubamba Range is a walk back in time. The region is populated with scattered Quechua communities. Meet extended families who live together in modest one-room adobe homes. You'll see them practice their rural Andean livelihoods of farming potato crops and raising guinea pigs, llamas and sheep.

Men and women also weave, producing the family's colorful ponchos, *chullos*, skirts, shawls and other items, on their backstrap looms, renowned throughout the Cusco area. By graciously welcoming us into their communities, they invite us to partake in this traditional craft and glimpse a simpler life, a world apart from our own!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shop and bargain your way through the traditional Sunday crafts market in Chinchero
- Visit the red tile shingle workshop in the village of Piñipampa and meet the craftsman
- Be welcomed into the homes of traditional Andean backstrap weavers
- Spend two nights “glamping” in outdoor comfort with top quality equipment, meals and support
- Stop by the classroom of a rural school house in the village of Cochayoq and meet the students
- Trek to the top of Coltambillo pass (14,764') to admire the peaks of the Urubamba Range
- Catch the early morning light as the sun rises over the mountains to shine on Machu Picchu

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 01: USA / LIMA

Participants arriving this evening to Peru's capital city, **Lima**, Clear customs and walk a short distance to check-in at the [Wyndham Costa del Sol Hotel](#) located near the International Terminal. Meals are on your own.

DAY 02: LIMA / CUSCO

Participants who spent the previous night in Lima are picked up early at the hotel and accompanied to the airport for the 1-hour flight to **Cusco** (11,150'), the former Inca capital. Reception upon arrival and transfer to the deluxe boutique-style [Aranwa Hotel](#), located near the main square. This restored colonial mansion from the XVI century brings the added benefit of oxygenated rooms, helping with acclimation. The remainder of the morning is at leisure to begin acclimating to the high elevation. Lunch is on your own.

In the early afternoon, we meet together with our local guide for an **orientation tour of the city** and the nearby Incan ruins. The city tour includes the main plaza and Cathedral; the Coricancha, the Inca's Sun Temple, whose stonework is some of the finest in the country; **Sacsayhuaman**, the spectacular mountaintop temple overlooking the Cusco valley and surrounding hills; and Tambo Machay, where the clear cool springs of the ceremonial baths continue to flow 500 years after they were built. Later, join our guide for a trip briefing and enjoy a light dinner on your own at one of Cusco's finest restaurants serving Novo Andino cuisine. (B)

DAY 03: URUBAMBA RIVER / CUSCO

After breakfast, we drive southeast to the Cusipata village for a 2.5 hour easy/moderate **whitewater rafting adventure** on the Urubamba River (April-May and October-November departures only). From June through September, low water levels make rafting less enjoyable, so we'll **hike and explore** the intriguing terraces and aqueducts of the Inca site of Tipón instead.

Following our morning outdoor activities, we'll have a picnic lunch, then drive a short distance to visit the **Andahuaylillas church**. Built in the 16th century, it represents one of the finest examples of Peruvian colonial art. We continue to explore the extensive archaeological site of **Pikillacta**, overlooking Lake Muina. This site was constructed as a provincial capital of the Huari Empire, which ruled over most of highland Peru between 600-1000 A.D. Together with Cusco itself, they comprise two major pre-Columbian centers in the valley. Almost everywhere we see the ruins of ancient cultures, including a royal Inca estate built by Huascar, the last of the Inca rulers, and Rumicolca, the Inca gate built over Huari foundations, an impressive sight from the highway.

Returning to Cusco we stop at Piñipampa, a town where the region's typical red tile shingles are produced. We **visit the workshop** of Francisco Hanco, a native of this land that has been working on this activity since he was 12 years old. Two of Francisco's sons, Ronal and Julio also work with him. The family is learning to play Andean instruments and hope to form a band. From April to November, they produce about 10,000 tile shingles each month, following techniques that has been passed along for three generations. Once back in Cusco, there will be time to relax at the elegant [Aranwa Hotel](#) and enjoy an evening at leisure with dinner on your own to try one of Cusco's gourmet restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 04: CHINCHERO / PISAC / SACRED VALLEY

Returning to the highlands by vehicle, we'll arrive to **Chincheró** (12,335'), a charming community with a characteristic blend of both Inca and colonial architecture. Sunday is the traditional crafts market day. We'll **mingle, observe and learn from locals** that gather to sell their crafts, textiles and pottery. We also visit the colonial church and ruins of Inca Yupanqui's palace. We continue driving across the highlands to the small town of Maras (11,070') to begin a two-mile downhill hike, past farm houses and fields en route to the **Pichincoto Salt Mines**. Still in use from Incan times, a series of over 2,000 terraced mountainside pools are fed by a natural spring.

Following a typical lunch back in the Valley, we drive to the charming town of **Pisac** (9,708') where our knowledgeable guide shows us the main plaza and narrow side streets typical of Andean communities. We walk a couple of blocks to visit the unique collection of cactus, plants and flowers at the small and private Felipe Moreno botanical garden. Later on, we'll tour the Pisac ruins, perched on a ridge high above the Sacred Valley. Here we can observe how the Incas directed the meandering Urubamba River into a canal to irrigate the fertile valley below. Impressive stretches of agricultural terraces trace the contours of the mountainsides. A **one-mile hike** along a stone-paved trail with expansive views will lead to Pisac's religious sector with exquisite stonework and views of the *Intihuatana*, or Hitching

Post of the Sun. In nearby Urubamba, we check-in to the Andean hacienda-style [Sol y Luna Lodge & Spa](#), a lovely Relais & Chateaux property. Dinner is together this evening at the Lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 05: OLLANTAYTAMBO / PALCA / JUNUNA PAMPA CAMP

After an early breakfast, we drive along the Sacred Valley, past burial tombs and fields of corn, wheat, barley and quinoa, to arrive at **Ollantaytambo**, a town whose street plan still maintains an original Inca layout. Here, the Huaman Quispe family (one of the town's original inhabitants) invites us to visit their typical house just a block from the main square. We'll bring them bread, coca leaves and other goods as a friendly gesture. Their house is simple with few rooms and has an inner courtyard where we can see their guinea pigs, farming tools and a variety of corn and other crops. We continue along a winding dirt road up to the Quechua communities of Huilloc and Patacancha. We'll see their small stone and mud brick homes with thatched roofs. Here, villagers go about their daily chores and wear their traditional dress, proud to maintain their cultural heritage.

On the final stage of our uphill drive, we reach the trailhead at **Palca** (13,451') where our trekking staff greets us. We begin our trek, ascending towards the first pass, Yanamayo (13,800'). Accompanied by local porters and their pack animals (either llamas or horses), trekkers only need to carry a light daypack with essentials; the camping and personal gear is transported by the pack animals. The ascent is gradual, following the river past outlying homes and farms of the Patacancha community. From the pass, we have expansive views of the Urubamba range and the glacier-clad summit of Mt. Verónica. Flocks of Andean geese, or huallata, as they are known locally, some caracaras and puna ibis may be present.

We descend along the Jatun Huayco valley towards the village of **Quelcanca** (12,190'), located at the confluence of the Jatun Huayco and Ocobamba rivers. Residents of this Andean hamlet produce some of the finest weavings in the Cusco region. We have **access to a weaver's home** to learn about the ancient weaving tradition and simple techniques with intricate designs and patterns reflecting aspects of their everyday lives and culture. We continue hiking into the Urubamba range for about an hour to our first campsite at Jununa Pampa (12,800'), where our staff has set up our high-quality equipment for "[glamping](#)" in comfort and style. Tonight our dinner delights will include delicious, organic and locally grown ingredients. **Driving distance:** 2 hours; **Trek length:** 7 miles or 5 hours of hiking; **Camp elevation:** 12,800'. (B,L,D)

DAY 06: COCHAYOQ CAMP

After a hearty breakfast, we ascend gradually up the valley following the Terijuay River. Local people living at these high elevations raise sheep or llamas and grow some of the more than 800 varieties of potatoes found in Peru. We continue gaining elevation as we head towards the second pass of our trek. At 14,764', Coltambillo pass stands along the southeastern shoulder of Mount Terijuay (17,487'), whose solid rock face rises dramatically above an emerald green lake, at the foot of the pass. Condors, the world's largest flying birds, can often be seen soaring silently above these valleys on their impressive 10-foot wingspan.

From the top of the pass, we enjoy views of ice-clad peaks and granite walls in all directions. After descending past Yanacocha Lake, we follow high ridges well above the valley's floor. These highlands are ideal for grazing llamas and alpacas, so we'll likely encounter a few shepherds as we walk down to the community of **Cochayoq** (12,520'), known also for its fine weaving traditions. We visit the school house, interact with teachers and students alike, and share classroom supplies that Southwind donates to the school on behalf of our guests. After setting up camp, we should be able to visit with one of the local artist weavers. Admire and perhaps purchase some of the high quality handmade textiles, such as ponchos, wool hats, shawls, scarves, blankets and other garments. If the evening is clear, we can try to identify some southern hemisphere constellations such as the Southern Cross or Corona before comfortably "[glamping](#)" for the night in our spacious tents. **Trek length:** 6.5 miles or 5 hours; **Camp elevation:** 12,520'. (B,L,D)

DAY 07: LARES / SACRED VALLEY

In the courtyard of a weavers' home, we might start the day watching colorful *ponchos* and *mantas* being made on **traditional backstrap looms** as children play nearby. Weavers use natural dyes from some minerals and native plants that we may see along the route such as mutuy, molle, tara, retama, chillca and quolle. Back on the trail, the trek today is mostly downhill as we follow a well-worn path on the bank of the Cochayoq River. As we lose elevation, the vegetation becomes lush, the temperature warmer and we may **spot exotic bird species** such as the giant Peruvian hummingbird, swallows, swifts and flocks of green parakeets, squawking noisily up the valley.

We have a picnic lunch along the way, recalling the genuine warmth and kindness shown by the many local people we visited. Afterwards we meet our vehicle to continue to **Lares** (10,225'), a more modern community with electricity and nearby medicinal hot springs. Then, we begin the winding drive on a scenic dirt road leading back to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We cross the Amparaes Pass at 15,026' with Andean views of the snow-covered Sawasiray peak (18,930'). Approaching the valley, we pass an extensive pre-Inca site situated at the top of the gorge guarding the

entrance to the sacred lands below. Passing through the town of Calca, we meet the main paved road to arrive at the familiar and charming [Sol y Luna Lodge & Spa](#). **Trek length:** 7.5 miles or 6 hours; **Driving distance:** 3 hours; **Final elevation:** 9,435'. (B,L)

DAY 08: MACHU PICCHU

At the Ollantaytambo station we board the Vistadome train for the 1.5 hour journey to Machu Picchu town (formerly Aguas Calientes). Ascending to **Machu Picchu** by bus, we'll join our guide for a private tour of the renowned archaeological site. Perched on a narrow crest high above the meandering Urubamba River and surrounded by rugged, green slopes of forested Andean mountains, Machu Picchu (7,973') is more than just the jewel of Inca architecture – it is a perfect union of engineering and nature. Never reached by the Spanish, Machu Picchu is a city in harmony with its surroundings. It was brought to the world's attention in 1911 by the American historian, Hiram Bingham. Our explorations include all of the various sectors of the ruins, the industrial area, the Temple of the Sun and Royal Tomb, the ceremonial water fountains and baths, and the Sacred Plazas.

For convenience, a buffet style lunch is served at the Tinkuy restaurant just outside the main gates. This afternoon we can take a 30-minute panoramic walk to view the **Inca Drawbridge**, an ingenious construction. The drawbridge is a natural gap in the stone-paved trail that the Incas used to prevent unwanted visitors from crossing by using logs that could be withdrawn easily. Once in the village below the ruins, we check-in to the charming [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel](#), a former National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, situated at 6,627' in 12 acres of cloud forest gardens beside the Urubamba River. (B,L,D)

DAY 09: MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Rising early, those who wish may venture up to the ruins to catch the early morning light as the sun rises over the mountains to shine on the sacred city. Several optional activities are available today around **Machu Picchu**. At 8,836' **Huayna Picchu**, or Young Peak, looms as a backdrop to the citadel. Active participants may choose to climb the very steep, narrow and exposed trail to the mountain top ruins for an amazing, bird's-eye view. Another choice is a 1.5-hour up and downhill trail through the forest to reach the partially excavated and intriguing **Temple of the Moon** (elev 7,220'). A series of caverns likely contained mummies during Incan times. The day is flexible and some people may prefer to simply choose a favorite spot to meditate, photograph, or continue guided explorations. Reality surpasses imagination at this mysterious sanctuary.

We'll meet together in town for lunch at the prestigious Sumaq restaurant before catching the Vistadome train for the scenic 1.5 hour ride back to **Ollantaytambo**. Tracing the course of the Urubamba River, we wind our way past Incan terraces and Quechua communities as we leave the lush cloud-forests and make our way back to the highlands. Reception upon arrival and transfer by private vehicle to **Cusco** (11,150') and the familiar [Aranwa Hotel](#). Enjoy a congenial farewell dinner and Pisco Sour on your own this evening. (B,L)

DAY 10: CUSCO / LIMA / USA

Morning at leisure to explore Cusco's colorful San Pedro market, go for last minute souvenir and crafts shopping at some of the fine boutiques available in the city, or discover the many historical side-streets, museums and plazas. We are picked up at the hotel at noon for the drive to the airport in **Cusco** to catch the flight back to **Lima**. Upon arrival, we join our local guide for a private tour of colonial Lima and the fascinating **Larco Herrera Museum** with an extensive collection of pre-Columbian artifacts. Lunch and dinner are on your own to try a typical seafood meal such as ceviche at one of the several gourmet restaurants in the upscale Miraflores district. Participants leaving tonight have a return transfer to the airport this evening. (B)

DAY 11: USA

Arrive home this morning after an overnight flight from Lima.

NOTES ON THE ITINERARY: Since this is a custom trip run on request around preferred dates, components can be modified to suit the group's interest. For planning purposes, the principal market day in the Cusco region is Sunday (both produce and handicrafts). Every day there are also handicrafts shops, centers or markets. Timing the departure to coincide with the full moon during the trek can add improved weather and scenery to the trip. Although we do our best to adhere to the schedule listed, the day-by-day activities are subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control including group, weather, road/river/trail conditions, and train or plane schedules. This trip is suitable for physically fit participants age 12 and up accustomed to outdoor activities. In Cusco, besides Aranwa Hotel, we may use the **JW Marriott El Convento** (a renovated XVI century convent with original colonial architectural details) or the elegant and historical **Casa Cartagena Hotel**. Both hotels are located near the main square and offer the benefit of oxygenated rooms (depending on availability).



2024 LAND COST: 4-6 participants: from \$7,250 p.p.d.
 7-12 participants: from \$6,750 p.p.d.
 Single Supplement: from \$1,550

p.p.d.=per person based on double or triple accommodation not including airfare.

ESTIMATED AIRFARE: The Land Cost DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FLIGHTS. Southwind's ticketing specialist can assist with all your air travel – providing an airfare quote to match your itinerary, personalized support for seating, monitoring schedule changes and coordinating directly with the airlines if any adjustments are needed. You'll also benefit from access to lower contract fares for some routes. Ask about Business Class which is often a good value flying to Peru (Delta, United and Latam offer lie flat seats in Business). Non-stop flights to Lima are available from these US gateways: New York/JFK (Latam 8 hr flight time), Newark (United 8 hr), Los Angeles (Latam 8 hr 30 min), Miami (American & Latam 5 hr 45 min), Fort Lauderdale (JetBlue 5 hr 45 min), Houston (United 6 hr 30 min) and Atlanta (Delta 6 hr 30 min). Estimated international coach fares are \$600-\$1,000/person and \$350/person for Lima-Cusco-Lima with Latam (part of SkyTeam Alliance). You have the option to arrange your own flights or redeem award travel yourself if you prefer. Tickets should only be purchased after Southwind notifies you that your trip is confirmed. The airlines request that tickets match your passport name. Upon receipt of your deposit, Southwind provides flight booking details for your travel dates.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Comprehensive **pre-departure planning packet** and expert travel advice.
- All **in-country transfers** as scheduled. Ground transportation in spacious and comfortable private vehicles with professional drivers.
- Local and return flight reconfirmation, **in-country airport check-in and luggage assistance**.
- **First-class round trip Vistadome or similar train** from Ollantaytambo to Machu Picchu town. Machu Picchu bus service to/from town and the archaeological sanctuary.
- All **accommodations in first-class (4-5 star) hotels** as listed (or at similar hotels) on a shared basis with private bath. Note: Advance bookings are recommended if you require double beds (King/queen) for couples, or plan to arrive early or extend your stay.
- Single Supplement includes single room and single tent on trek. If you require single accommodations, making reservations well in advance is recommended.
- All **meals** indicated on itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner); **Vegetarian diets accommodated** on request (with advance notification). For other diets, consult your travel specialist before making a reservation.
- All **guided tours** (as listed) conducted on a private basis by knowledgeable, English-speaking local guides (includes applicable entrance fees).
- Rafting service (April, May, October & November only) includes expert river captain, Avon or Hyside rafts, life vests, helmets, paddles, and dry bags.
- **First-class trekking/glamping service** includes:
 - Experienced, licensed, English-speaking, Andean guide and assistant guide (provided for groups with 9 or more participants). The main guide will have a satellite phone for logistics and emergencies.
 - Expert camp chef, kitchen assistant, camp assistant and Quechua Indian porters and horses or llamas with their handlers (porters and other camp staff are treated and compensated well).
 - All group camping equipment: spacious 4-person all season Eureka Grand Manan 9 tents (floor size

9ft by 9ft, center high 6ft), 3-4" thick inflatable sleeping pads atop raised cots, camp pillows, kitchen and dining tents, lanterns, folding tables with tablecloth, silverware and utensils plus camp chairs, sun shower enclosure/tent, an environmentally-friendly toilet tent and first-aid kit.

- All meals: we serve a variety of healthy and nutritious food with fresh and native ingredients. A cup of hot wake-up tea is brought to your tent door followed by a full hot breakfast, box or picnic lunch en route, and a 3 course served dinner.
- Tips to the porters and llama handlers.

NOT INCLUDED:

- US domestic, international flights, nor local flights within Peru.
- Local Peruvian airport departure taxes (currently included in airfare for USA and Canadian bound flights).
- Tours, meals (at about \$30-45 each per person) or other services not listed on the itinerary.
- Tips to the tour guides and drivers plus main trekking staff (trekking guide, assistant and chefs).
- Alcoholic beverages nor personal items such as; clothing, equipment, laundry or phone calls.
- **Sleeping bag** and other personal gear. Southwind has a limited number of synthetic or down sleeping bags rated to 0° or +10°F available for rent for \$40 per person. Reservations and prepayment required.
- Expenses incurred during trip preparation such as, but not limited to, non-refundable airline tickets or traveler's insurance, nor additional expenses resulting from flight delays, schedule changes, cancellations, or missed connections.

OPTIONAL HOTEL UPGRADES:

According to interest, Southwind can quote and reserve these **upgraded accommodations:**

Lima: the elegant 5-star **JW Marriott Hotel** in the Miraflores district overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Sacred Valley: **Tambo del Inka Hotel** (Luxury Collection) or **Belmond Rio Sagrado Hotel** (both with a heated pool).

Cusco: **Belmond Monasterio Hotel** (Cusco's original historic boutique hotel with oxygenated rooms, colonial arches and fine colonial artwork adorning the walls) or select the newer and luxurious **Belmond Palacio Nazarenas Hotel**.

Machu Picchu: **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** located at the entrance gate to Machu Picchu.

NOTE: Due to demand, we recommend booking these upgrades at least 4-5 months in advance. Space is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Please see the [Accommodations](#) tab on the trip page for details.

OPTIONAL MASSAGE ON TREK: On request we can provide an experienced massage therapist from Cusco to accompany the group while on trek. This professional will provide optional 15-20' neck and leg massage sessions early in the morning or at lunch break and more comprehensive individual neck/back massages at each campsite in the late afternoon. Please contact your Southwind Travel Consultant for details and extra costs.

OPTIONAL KM 104 INCA TRAIL DAYHIKE: A private trekking guide will accompany those group members who choose to disembark the Vistadome train at Km 104 on Day 08 of the itinerary and trek the classic stone-paved Inca Trail through the Gateway of the Sun to approach Machu Picchu as the Incas did centuries ago. The 7-mile hike is moderate/difficult but highly rewarding and takes approximately 6.5 hours. Extra costs apply for the required permit and logistics, advance planning is recommended (at least 4-5 months in advance). Please contact our office for details.

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSIONS: Travelers with extra days may wish to extend their trip to the Galápagos Islands, Amazon Basin, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa & Colca Canyon, Northern Peru, Paracas Reserve or the Nazca Lines. All extensions require a minimum of 2 participants. To view the extensions on our website, click on '[Extend Your Trip](#)'.

ANDEAN GUIDES:

Romulo Lizarraga - Romulo is one of the most knowledgeable, experienced and professional guides in the Andes. This University of Cusco graduate was born in Intihuatana, at the foot of Machu Picchu Mountain where his grandfather lived as well. Romulo has over 30 years of experience in the Peruvian Andes and has co-authored two guide books. He's an avid hiker having led trekking groups throughout the mountain ranges in the Cusco region and beyond. He is married with two daughters and is fluent in Quechua, Spanish and English.

Francis Casapino - A native of the Andes, Francis graduated with a degree in Tourism from the San Antonio Abad University in Cusco. Over the past 22 years he's had a variety of experiences in the travel industry, having worked as a guide, receptionist in hotels, at the regional tourism office, in travel agencies and as a guard in Manu National Park.

He speaks fluent English and has quickly become a favorite of Southwind clients receiving superb comments regarding his knowledge, charm and caring attitude.

Fredy Meza, Jose Ayerbe & Jesus Cardenas, each have a minimum of 10 years of extensive experience leading groups in the southern Andes of Peru. These native bilingual guides are among the finest professionals working with Southwind groups.

WEATHER: The Andean trekking season, **April-November**, is normally clear, dry and cool. During the transitional months (April and October/November), more unstable weather patterns may occur with afternoon cloud build-up and possible rain showers through the night. We have designed the trip around the best weather months, but **rain can be expected anytime** since the trip takes place in the cloud forests on the eastern slopes of the Andes. Short hail, sleet or snow storms might occur at the highest elevations. Andean nights are cold while days are pleasant and spring like. Daytime highs along the **trekking route** average 74-80°F on sunny days (higher elevations have cooler temperatures) but may only reach the mid 50's on overcast days. At high campsites, expect nighttime lows of 25-30°F. **Cusco** has daytime highs in the mid 70's when sunny and nighttime lows in the upper 30's. Rain is likely at **Machu Picchu**, so expect showers or mist. Daytime temperatures at the ruins will be hot (78-85°F), nights are mild (45-50°F). Despite warmer temperatures during the Andean rainy season (December-March), trekking is not recommended due to high risk of mud slides, rock fall or lightening. Trails and high passes may be closed during the rainy season due to heavy hail or snow fall.

Cusco	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AVE HIGH (°F)	65	65	66	67	67	66	66	67	68	69	69	69
AVE LOW (°F)	43	43	43	41	36	32	32	35	39	41	42	43
AVE RAINFALL	6.3	5.2	4.3	1.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.9	3.1	4.7

Rainfall amounts are in inches.

Machu Picchu	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AVE HIGH (°F)	77	75	77	79	77	77	77	79	77	81	79	77
AVE LOW (°F)	50	50	50	50	46	45	46	46	48	52	52	50
AVE RAINFALL	8.1	8.5	7.7	4.2	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.3	2.1	3.6	4.5	6.8

Rainfall amounts are in inches.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend purchasing coverage to protect your trip investment. Travel insurance is important in case of unexpected events prior to departure causing the need to cancel or change your dates. Weather, natural events, medical reason, quarantine, local strikes, personal injury/illness (for you, your traveling companion or family members at home), could require itinerary interruption or changes. Missed connections, delayed arrival, lost/delayed baggage or the need for medical attention or evacuation are also reasons why coverage is important. Southwind recommends **Travel Insured International** which offers coverage options at a good value. If you, your traveling companion or a family member has a pre-existing medical condition, you can still receive coverage if a recurrence of the condition forces you to cancel your trip, but you do need to purchase a plan **within 21 days of your deposit**. Southwind can provide eQuote for insurance to review upon receipt of your deposit and Trip Reservation eForm.

[Learn more about coverage offered by Travel Insured International](#)

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please complete Southwind's [Trip Reservation eForm](#). There are fields for up to 6 travelers per form with the same address. The deposit is **\$1,500 per person**, [please click here to pay your deposit](#) by any major credit card through our secure CardConnect system. In the total amount due box, enter your deposit amount (without a comma) based on the number of travelers in your party. If you prefer, you can also call us at 1-800-377-9463 to make payment arrangements by phone or send a check. You will receive confirmation of your deposit.

Due to the popularity of Cusco and Machu Picchu and the limited number of visitors, we recommend making reservations at least 4-5 months in advance. Once your trip is guaranteed to operate, you will receive comprehensive pre-departure planning documents by email.

Land Balance: Final payment is due at 120 days by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express or check. You will receive a trip invoice indicating your balance due. Provided services and space are available, reservations can be accepted up to 60 days before departure.

Cancellation Fees and other policies are outlined under the current [Terms & Conditions](#) on Southwind's website.

We look forward to having you travel with us in Peru!

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