



*Welcome to Rott's Manor*

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## Peru 2019 Trip Report

10 Day Affordable Peru with Gate1 Travel - Plan B (Friday Departure)

This 10 day "on-the-go" program features the highlights of Peru in an active itinerary which includes several walking tours as well as some early starts and long days.

**August 30, 2019 (day 1), Friday** - Depart for Peru Depart for Lima, Peru; arrival and transfer to your hotel.

AA 2717 ATL 9:13am - MIA 11:19am  
AA 1307 MIA 3:41pm - LIM 8:24pm

**August 31 (day 2), Saturday** - Lima City Tour This morning's tour of Lima, with its 2000 years of history, begins at the colonial center of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its historic buildings surrounding the splendid Plaza Mayor. View the impressive Palace of the Archbishop with its fine carved balcony, the opulent Government Palace, official residence of the President, and the 16th century Cathedral of Lima whose first stone was laid by Pizarro. Continue to the 17th century Monasterio de San Francisco complex with its magnificent tiles, ornate carved ceilings, exceptional paintings and world-renowned library. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure or join the optional Pachacamac Pre-Inca Ruins tour. Visit the archaeological site of Pachacamac, one of the largest religious centres in pre-Inca times on the Peruvian coast. This afternoon, join your Tour Manager for an orientation meeting about the wonderful journey that awaits you. *Tonight, we attend the optional Evening Larco Herrera Museum with dinner. Experience one of Lima's most magnificent museums by night on this tour, that also includes a light supper. Admire the world's largest collection of pre-Columbian masterpieces and a stunning exhibition of gold and priceless jewels* Optional: Pachacamac Pre-Inca Ruins (PM) Optional: Evening Larco Herrera Museum with dinner

Overnight: Lima Meals: Breakfast

**September 1 (day 3), Sunday** - Fly to Cuzco, Chinchero Weaving Demonstration Depart Lima this morning by flight to Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire and the oldest continuously inhabited city in South America. Upon arrival, drive through the rugged mountainous region with its magnificent panoramas, along roads with farms and small villages to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, stop in Chinchero. Here, enjoy an authentic Peruvian lunch followed by a demonstration of the ancient Andean tradition of making textiles from naturally dyed handwoven alpaca wool. Remarkably, the source for the vibrant colors are dyes that come from plants, minerals, and insects. Wander around the complex and shop for souvenirs among the fine textiles and other local treasures. This evening, dinner together with music at a lovely restaurant

Overnight: Urubamba Sacred Valley ▲ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**September 2 (day 4), Monday** - Sacred Valley & Ollantaytambo Ruins Enjoy this morning at leisure in the Sacred Valley to explore some of the ancient ruins independently or, *join the optional tour to Maras and Moray. The excursion begins in Moray, a remarkable agricultural center that demonstrates the ancient Inca's mastery of high-altitude crop growing. You'll be astounded by the large complex of perfectly circular depressions in the earth that historians believe were used to study climatic conditions. Next, travel to the colonial town of Maras, known for its nearby salt evaporation ponds in use since the time of the Incas. This afternoon, visit the impressive Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo, an ancient complex of temples and terraces towering high over the valley, the last stand of the Incas in their defense against the Spanish conquistadors. Marvel at the architecture of the Incas in this well preserved settlement, considered a living museum of 15th century life. Tonight, join the optional traditional dinner with a Peruvian Family in their countryside home. Sample delectable home-cooked Peruvian specialties along with a warm and friendly cultural exchange* Optional: Maras and Moray Tour Optional: Dinner with a Local Peruvian Family  
Overnight: Urubamba Sacred Valley Meals: Breakfast

**September 3 (day 5), Tuesday** - Discover Machu Picchu Early morning transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station to board the Expedition Train that travels through misty peaks to the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas", designated by UNESCO as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World . Machu Picchu was virtually unknown to the western world until Hiram Bingham's re-discovery in 1911. Spend the morning viewing the unforgettable wonders of this 15th century retreat, abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the conquistadors. See the highlights of the site including the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this significant archaeological site will be a long-lasting memory. Return to the Sacred Valley in the early evening and transfer to your hotel in Cuzco for overnight \*Approximate time spent at the ruins of Machu Picchu is 2 hours  
Overnight: Cuzco Meals: Breakfast

**September 4 (day 6), Wednesday** - Full Day in Cuzco Spend today independently discovering the "Imperial City" of Cuzco, once capital of the Inca Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This lively city, rich in history, reveals remains of both the Inca and the Spanish presence. Take time to explore some of the city's stunning sights, or, shop for some of the finest handicrafts and textiles in all of Peru. *Participate in the optional Cuzco "Behind the Scenes" tour, offering a glimpse into the other side of life in Cuzco. On this tour, visit a local market and taste fresh-baked Chuta bread. Stop at the Cuzco cemetery to learn more about Andean life and death and meet with a local "shaman" (holy man). After the cooking demonstration, enjoy a delicious meal. In the afternoon, we join the optional Highlights of Cuzco excursion that takes us to the impressive Colonial Cathedral with its collection of over 400 paintings, the Temple of the Sun and the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, which took over seven decades to complete.* Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a buffet dinner featuring delectable Andean specialties Optional: Half Day Cuzco Behind the Scenes (AM) Optional: Half Day Highlights of Cuzco (PM) Optional: Highlights of Cuzco & Cuzco Behind the Scenes Combo Package  
Overnight: Cuzco Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**September 5 (day 7), Thursday** - Raqchi & Puno Depart Cuzco early in the morning on a long drive today. Enjoy spectacular scenery as you drive through the Andes mountain range and the Andean plains to Puno on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca. In this area, South American camelids (llamas and alpacas) graze on the immense plateaus and plains. En route visit the 15th century Temple of Wiracocha, with its elaborate stonework, the largest Inca temple ever discovered. Today, Raqchi remains home to many farmers, ranchers and artisans. Then, arrive at pristine Lake Titicaca sitting majestically at 12,500 feet above sea level, backed by the snowcapped peaks of Bolivia's Cordillera Real range. This is the highest navigable lake in the world and South America's largest fresh water

lake. A box lunch will be provided en route. Time permitting, meet children at a local school before arriving in Puno for overnight

Overnight: Puno Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**September 6 (day 8), Friday** - Excursion to Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca This morning, an excursion by boat transports you from Puno to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands where the indigenous people of the area, the Uros, live on islands that dot the lake. The Uros live very much the same as their ancestors did and still follow the ancient customs and traditions. These islands are completely man-made structures, using the totora reeds from the lake to build the islands and houses. Return to Puno for the remainder of the day at leisure. Or, take the optional tour to the Sillustani Tombs, the pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo. The tombs here are built above the ground in tower-like structures called chullpas , vestiges of the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas in the 15th century. Evening is at leisure in Puno Optional Half Day Sillustani Tombs (PM)

Overnight: Puno Meals: Breakfast

**September 7 (day 9), Saturday** - Fly to Lima, Farewell Dinner Transfer to Juliaca airport, for your flight to Lima; rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, you bid farewell to your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at a special Farewell Dinner with Peruvian specialties

Overnight: Lima Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**September 8 (day 10), Sunday** - Depart Peru Transfer from the hotel to the airport for your departure flight\*

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| AA 2552 | MIA | 4:02pm | - | ATL | 5:56pm |