

# PERU TOUR AND TOURNAMENT

## 9 Days/8 Nights

### October 4-12, 2013

#### ***Day 1: Friday, October 4 – Lima***

Individual arrivals today in Lima. Check into your executive floor ocean view room at the [JW Marriott Hotel](#) with its stunning central location and awe-inspiring architecture. Enjoy executive lounge access with complimentary food, daily wine tasting and other special amenities. The rest of the day is free to relax.

#### ***Day 2: Saturday, October 5 – Lima (B,D)***



In the morning, our city tour starts with a visit to [Huaca Pucllana](#), an adobe pyramid structure in the heart of the seaside district of Miraflores. We take a short walk through the historic center following Paseo de la República, taking in the colonial architecture of the Plaza San Martín and the Plaza de Armas, with grand buildings like the Government Palace, the Cathedral (housing the tomb of Pizarro) the Archbishop's Palace, and the Municipal Palace. Next, we visit the [Convent and Church of San Francisco](#), which hold the oldest collection of colonial art in the Americas with paintings by Zurbarán and Rivera. The grand courtyard of the main cloister is decorated floor-to-ceiling in blue and white Sevillian tiles which date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Moroccan arches lead us to the Catacombs, a subterranean crypt from the colonial period where the bones of 25,000 colonial-era Lima residents are entombed. This evening join the group for our welcome dinner at the Restaurant "[Pampa de Amancaes](#)".

#### ***Day 3: Sunday, October 6, – Lima (B)***

After breakfast, the day is free to explore the city on your own. In the afternoon, the Scrabble® tournament begins.

#### ***Day 4: Monday, October 7 – Lima to Sacred Valley (B)***

This morning, we transfer to the airport and fly to Cusco. We then drive to the Sacred Valley where we check in to the beautiful [Hotel Aranwa Valle](#) in Urubamba. The hotel is on the site of a 17<sup>th</sup> century colonial hacienda that has been restored to its former grandeur. The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the beautiful grounds.

#### ***Day 5: Tuesday, October 8 – Sacred Valley (B)***

This morning, we head to the small town of [Pisac](#) where you will have free time to stroll through the famous Pisac Market, or visit the Pisac Incan ruins. After time for lunch, we return to our hotel.

Scrabble® tournament continues in the afternoon.



## ***Day 6: Wednesday, October 9 – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Cusco (B)***



This morning, we take the [Vistadome](#) train with its large panoramic windows, which offer incomparable scenic views on the route to Machu Picchu. Our detailed guided tour will cover the main features of one of the “Seven New Wonders of the World.” You will also have some free time to walk around the complex at your own pace. We take a late-afternoon Vistadome train for a scenic ride to Cusco. Snacks and entertainment are provided on both Vistadome train segments.

Check in to the [Libertador Palacio Del Inka](#), which was built on the site of an ancient palace of the Inca Empire in the style of a colonial convent.

## ***Day 7: Thursday, October 10 – Cusco (B)***

In the morning our city tour will explore the history of the Incan culture and the vast changes that took place with the Spanish conquest. We’ll visit the main plaza, the Cathedral and the Temple of the Sun or [Koricancha](#). We then visit the ruins on the outskirts of the city, stopping at the Inca ritual site of [Qenqo](#), the water temple of [Tambomachay](#), the customs house of [Puca Pucara](#) and the impressive Fortress of [Sacsayhuaman](#), built strategically on the hill above city of Cusco. Afternoon is free.



## ***Day 8: Friday, October 11 – Cusco (B, D)***

After breakfast, we will head to the [The Maras salt pans](#), a stunning ancient patchwork of terraced pools filled with mineral-rich water that cascades down the side of the Qaqawiñay mountain. The local inhabitants have tended the Maras salterns for centuries, producing salt by evaporation.



From Maras it is a short drive to Quechuyuc Muyu, the central Inca terraced monument of [Moray](#). Inca civil engineers constructed the geometric landscape masterpiece from giant natural sink holes during the 15<sup>th</sup> and early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Covering 92 acres, the four terraced amphitheatres, known as Muyus, range from 130 feet to nearly 400 feet in diameter. The agricultural terraces were fed by a complex drip irrigation system, the remains of which are clearly visible today. Small holding reservoirs, hydraulic channels and carved stone “paqcha” conduits controlled the flow of natural spring water to a precise trickle.

The Scrabble® tournament concludes in the afternoon. In the evening, say goodbye to new friends and old at our gala farewell dinner at the [Restaurant “LIMO”](#).

## ***Day 9: Saturday, October 12 – Cusco (B)***

Individual departures or extend your stay in Peru.

## Details and Registration Form

Price for this spectacular trip is \$1950, per person double occupancy, \$2950 single occupancy.

Trip includes:

- 8 nights accommodation in spectacular hotels with breakfast daily
- Arrival and farewell dinners at top-rated restaurants
- Deluxe travel on the Vistadome train to and from Machu Picchu
- Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- All tips for guides

Note: one-way airfare from Lima to Cusco is *not* included in the above price. Individual tickets are approximately \$200 to \$250. Contact Rich for more details about this flight.

There will be an NASPA rated scrabble tournament with twelve games. Divisions will be determined by number of entrants. Tournament entry fee is \$100.

There will also be a nonrated social tournament for those who are interested. Entry fee \$10.

For more information, please contact Rich Baker:

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A deposit of \$750 is required to secure your space in the trip. We will be traveling to high altitudes, and individual travel insurance is strongly encouraged. Full payment is due by June 15, 2013. To register for Peru Tour and Scrabble® Tournament, please send a deposit of US \$750 per person to:

Rich Baker  
PO Box 450  
Eureka, CA 95502

Please include the following information with your deposit:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Snail Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs or Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

A pre-tour and post-tour extensions are also being considered. Are you interested?

Amazon Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_ Lake Titicaca Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_

Iguazu Falls Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you are planning to play in the Scrabble® Tournament? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to play in the rated or social tournament? \_\_\_\_\_