

Peru Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu Hiking with Premier Lodging

Ancient Wonders, Cultural Traditions & Spectacular Day Hikes

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Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

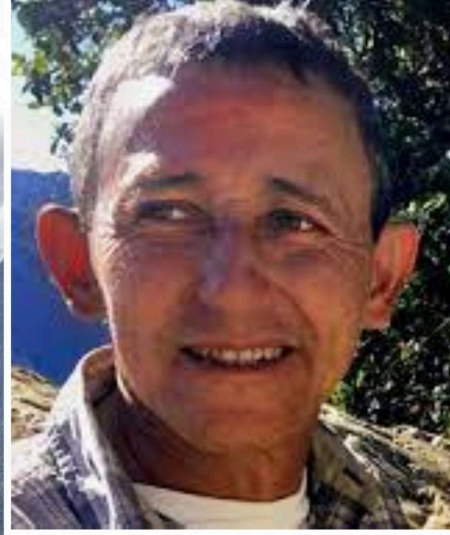
Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

Drawing on over 40 years of experience in Peru and the Sacred Valley, MT Sobek can be relied on for expert leadership and seamless logistics.

REASON 2

In 8 well-paced days, enjoy the region's best day hikes paired with authentic and immersive cultural and gastronomic experiences and a rich variety of fascinating ancient sites.

REASON 3

This adventure includes excellent regional food, perfectly located 5-star deluxe hotels, and longtime favorite MT Sobek local guides leading the way. Read our 5-star reviews!

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Exploring remote mountain villages on foot, a spectacular train ride, hiking the Inca trail, and discovering the splendor of Machu Picchu.



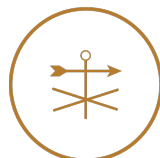
LODGING

A highlight of the trip, accommodations include a 16th-century palace, whitewashed casitas, and a hacienda-style hotel.



CLIMATE

Mild during the dry season, although it often cools down at night. Temperatures from 55F-75F. Jackets are necessary at night any time of the year.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Ancient Wonders, Cultural Traditions & Spectacular Day Hikes

Discover iconic Peru, from the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu. Combine awe-inspiring day-hikes through fertile valleys and highlands with a rich mix of ancient sites and interactive traditional village experiences—all from the comfort of perfectly located luxury hotels. Cap it off with a half-day hiking up the Inca Trail to legendary lost citadel Machu Picchu, and a full day to experience the site at a leisurely pace the following day. This inspiring eight-day trip captures the best of Peru in an achievable hiking adventure you won't soon forget!

8 Days

Start: Cusco, Peru

End: Cusco, Peru

Departing: May, June, July, August, September, October

Activities: Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Luxury Hotels

Group Size: 5-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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"The trip exceeded my expectations in every way imaginable. It has been really hard to come back to normal life after such a life changing experience! From the guides, to the accommodations and food, the trip was truly perfect. I would definitely consider doing the exact same trip in 5-10 years."

- Elisabeth B.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Cusco

Arrive in Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Meet your MT Sobek representative at the airport and transfer to your hotel near the city's main square. In the early afternoon, meet your expert guide for a walking tour that introduces you to the history of the Inca civilization and its former capital, exploring ornate cathedrals, adobe walls, carved balconies, hidden courtyards, and cobblestone streets. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant near the Cusco Main Square.

ACCOMMODATION: Palacio del Inka, Cusco

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute airport transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-hour walking tour of Cusco

DAY
02

Explore Chinchero and Hike at Moray & Maras

Depart Cusco this morning and head to the Urubamba Valley, known as the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop en route for the ultimate foodie experience! Located in Chinchero, half way between Cusco and the Sacred Valley, Agricultural Engineer Manuel Choque researches and experiments with native potatoes and tubers to improve their nutritional composition, and in the process produces a rich variety of colors, flavors and textures that are grabbing the attention of the culinary world. He welcomes you privately for a fascinating presentation about his work, as well as a chance to taste traditional uchucuta sauce, made out of Peruvian hot peppers, and his surprisingly delicious Andean tuber and potato wines. Also learn how traditional Andean textiles are made during a private demonstration, and stroll through Chinchero's lively market. Continue to the ancient site of Moray to see its impressive circular terraces that were used by the Incas as a botanical laboratory. Stop for a memorable lunch prepared by top chefs at the Iskay Maras Home, surrounded by a lovely landscape of high mountains and green fields. Visit the salt pans of Maras, where one of the finest salts in the world is extracted. The patchwork effect of hundreds of salt pans in varying shades of white, pink and beige is wonderfully photogenic. Hike from Maras down to the town of Pichingoto, at the bottom of the Sacred Valley, then drive the short distance to the hotel to check in. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private bus transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours / 3.4 miles hiking with 86' elevation gain & 500' elevation loss



DAY
03

Hike from Pisac Ruins to the Valley Floor

Explore the ancient ruins of Pisac, perched on a hill high above the valley, and featuring some of the finest Inca stonework in existence as well as beautiful, sweeping terraces that perfectly highlight the contours of the mountain terrain. Hike down through the ruins and then along a network of stairs, tunnels and walkways down to the town of Pisac. Enjoy lunch at Hacienda Huayocari, a gorgeous gem hidden in the lush fields of the Sacred Valley. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy the grounds of this contemporary hacienda-style property surrounded by flowers, mountains and trees.

ACCOMMODATION: Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private bus transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-4 hours/6.3 miles hiking with 939' elevation gain & 1,510' elevation loss

DAY
04

Hike Narrow Trails from Pumamarca to Ollantaytambo

Follow a dirt road high into the Andes, where you'll observe the native Quechua way of life in local villages. Hike an Incan path from the small archeological complex of Pumamarca to the Choquecancha agricultural terraces, with spectacular views of the Sacred Valley below. A picnic lunch awaits you at the conclusion of the hike. Next, explore the well-preserved ruins of the monumental fortress at Ollantaytambo, one of the few places where the Inca Empire won a major battle against the Spanish. Also explore the town, a former Incan settlement that retains fascinating vestiges of Incan town planning. On the way home, stop to see an award-winning ceramicist who uses ancient techniques to create unique pieces of art and sculpture.

ACCOMMODATION: Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private bus transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/4.5 miles with 350' elevation gain and 1,700' elevation loss; plus 200 steps up and down at Ollantaytambo

DAY
05

Experience the Legendary Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

Ride a classic train up the narrowing gorge of the Urubamba River, disembarking at kilometer 104. Then, begin your half-day hike along the Inca Trail to the lost citadel of Machu Picchu. Stop first to visit the small Incan site of Chachabamba, then begin to climb upwards, emerging into a lovely cloud forest, and past a waterfall to the ruins of Wiñay Wayna. Continue ascending ancient stone steps and the narrow trail up to Intipunku, the original entrance to Machu Picchu. Pause to absorb the awesome view, then follow the trail down to Machu Picchu itself, arriving mid-afternoon. Continue by shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes and relax at the hotel for the rest of your day. (Optionally, skip the hike, continue by train, and explore Aguas Calientes on your own in the afternoon.)

ACCOMMODATION: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour train ride

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,640' elevation gain

DAY
06

Explore Magical Machu Picchu

Enter the awe-inspiring ruins of Machu Picchu by morning light. Take a highly informative tour of the site's main structures and learn about their importance in the lives of the Incas. Take a challenging climb up either Machu Picchu Mountain or Huayna Picchu Mountain (optional and based on availability for the date) and be rewarded by breathtaking views of the citadel and the surrounding mountains. Enjoy lunch, then return to the hotel to relax, join an excursion, or stroll the lush gardens, including the world's largest native orchid collection with 372 species.

ACCOMMODATION: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute public bus

ACTIVITY: 3 hours guided walking tour of Machu Picchu, plus 2-3 hours/2 miles optional mountain hikes

DAY
07

Journey back to Cusco

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, with time for a short local hike or relaxing at the hotel. Mid-morning, catch the train back to Ollantaytambo, arriving around noon. Enjoy a traditional Pachamanca lunch of poultry, potatoes, and vegetables, cooked underground with hot stones according to a technique that has lived on since the Incan Empire. You are in for a unique experience! After lunch, continue back to Cusco and check in to the hotel. In the evening, explore Cusco before a festive farewell dinner at one of the city's best restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION: Palacio del Inka, Cusco

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour train ride, 1.5 hour private van transfer



Bid Farewell to Cusco & Fly Home

After breakfast at the hotel and a leisurely morning, depart on homeward-bound flights.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Palacio del Inka

Housed in a 500-year-old mansion, the exquisite Palacio del Inka is located in the historic center of Cusco, just a five-minute walk from the main square. The rooms are beautifully appointed, decorated with Peruvian art, handcrafted furnishings and modern conveniences and comforts, such as LED TV, high-speed Internet access, and comfortable beds.

Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba

This Inkaterra property is a modern, hacienda-style hotel set on 100 acres in the countryside between Cusco and Machu Picchu. With only 12 rooms and 24 casitas, guests can experience solitude, space, and serenity while taking in breathtaking views of the Sacred Valley. The hotel's architecture and interiors reflect the region's cultural history, with colonial furniture, Inca masks, and handcrafted woodwork throughout.

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

A village in its own right, Inkaterra Machu Picchu comprises 83 whitewashed casitas set among 12 acres of cloud forest complete with terraced hills, waterfalls, and lush gardens. The individual casitas feature inviting beds and rustically elegant decor. Diners in the first-class restaurant can indulge in Peruvian cuisine with a modern twist, while admiring views over the Vilcanota River.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: May, June, July, August, September, October

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 12-19, 2024

June 16-23, 2024

July 7-14, 2024

August 11-18, 2024

September 8-15, 2024

September 22-29, 2024

October 6-13, 2024

May 18-25, 2025

June 15-22, 2025

July 6-13, 2025

August 10-17, 2025

August 24-31, 2025

September 7-14, 2025

September 21-28, 2025

October 5-12, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities to drivers, and all gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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