



TAILOR MADE RAIL

Andean Explorer & Machu Picchu

From £3,299 per person // 12 days



Take the luxurious Belmond Andean Explorer from Arequipa to Cusco, along one of the highest and most beautiful rail routes in the world. Your holiday includes a stay in Lima at the start of your holiday and an unforgettable day trip to Machu Picchu.

The Essentials

- Explore Lima, Peru's vibrant capital
- Arequipa, the 'White City', ringed by volcanoes
- A fantastic 2-night journey aboard the luxurious Belmond Andean Explorer
- Historic Cusco and a day trip by train to the breathtaking Inca citadel of Machu Picchu

Tailor make your holiday

- Choose your departure date
- Upgrade hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Return flights from London to Lima and Cusco to London
- Twin Bed Cabin on board the Belmond Andean Explorer from Arequipa to Cusco with 2 nights on board the train and full table d'hôte dining
- 8 nights' 4* hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Private transfers to your hotel on arrival in Lima, Arequipa and Cusco
- Escorted tour to Machu Picchu including hotel pick up, train to Aguas Calientes, bus transfer and tour guide.
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Itinerary -



Day 1 - Arrive In Lima

Arrive into Lima today, and make your way to the Del Pilar Miraflores (or similar), where you will be staying for 3 nights. Head out for a wander along the clifftop and visit the large mall of Larcomar, with panoramic views across the Pacific Ocean. After familiarising yourself with the local area, why not head out for your first Peruvian dinner at one of the excellent seafood restaurants in the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas"?



Days 2 & 3 - Lima

Peru's capital since independence from Spain in 1821, Lima is a cosmopolitan city of nearly 10 million people. From the wide boulevards of glitzy Miraflores and Barranco, to the fascinating historical centre with its 16th-century cathedral, explore all that this happening city has to offer. After a long day of exploration, indulge in a cool Pisco Sour, Peru's national drink, at the rooftop Souk Bar at the Radisson hotel before strolling back to your hotel in the evening warmth.



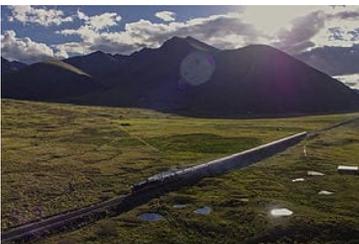
Day 4 - Lima To Arequipa

Today its time to head back to the airport for the short domestic flight of just over an hour to Arequipa. Look out for the unmistakable shape of El Misti volcano as you make your dramatic entrance by air into Arequipa Rodríguez Ballón Airport. On arrival, you will be met by your private transfer driver who will take you directly through to the Casa Andina Premium (or similar) located a short walk from the main focal point of the city, the Plaza de Armas. For your first evening in Arequipa, you may choose to dine at the superb Restaurant Alma at the hotel, with its array of beautifully-presented local cuisine.



Day 5 - Arequipa

Arequipa is the second-most important city of Peru after Lima, and the second-most visited after Cusco. Dominated by the 19,000-ft majestic El Misti volcano, Arequipa dates back to the 16th century and much of the historical centre is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. TMR RECOMMENDS: Take an overnight excursion to the spectacular Colca Canyon where you can see magnificent condors soaring over (and under) you as you stand close to the edge of the 13,000-ft canyon at Cruz del Condor, an unforgettable experience.



Day 6 - Arequipa And Departure Aboard The Andean Explorer

Spend your final day in Arequipa browsing the market stalls at the San Camilo Market, and visiting the ornate Convento de Santa Catalina, an oasis of calm away from the hectic city. Take your last pictures at the Plaza de Armas before heading back to your hotel in anticipation of the spectacular rail journey ahead. ?Make your way to the station for a 20:00 departure aboard the Andean Explorer. Settle into your cabin before making your way to one of the elegant dining cars for dinner onboard as the train heads towards Lake Titicaca.



Day 7 - Andean Explorer: Puno And Lake Titicaca

Make sure that you are up early today to watch the sun rise over Lake Titicaca. Breakfast is served onboard before you disembark for a tour. Start with a traditional boat ride across the lake to the island of Uros, man-made with interwoven reeds. The tour continues as you visit Taquile Island, known for its terraces of crops. Lunch is served at Collate beach, followed by a traditional dance by local performers. ?Return to the station and indulge in afternoon tea before re-boarding the train for your onward journey. Dinner is served in the restaurant cars.



Day 8 - Andean Explorer: Marangani, Raqchi And Arrival In Cusco

A delicious breakfast will be served up with fabulous views as the train sets off from Marangani. This morning, you will be disembarking for a visit the fascinating Inca remains at Raqch'i. Back onboard, the last stretch of your unforgettable journey brings you into the former capital city of the Inca Empire, Cusco, where a transfer will be waiting to take you to the Antigua Casona San Blas Hotel (or similar). You have a 3-night stay here. Spend your first afternoon here exploring the main sights of the city including the dramatic Cusco Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas, the Museo Inka and the citadel of Sacsayhuaman



Days 9 & 10 - Cusco With Machu Picchu

Waking today in your centrally-situated hotel in Cusco, you have two full days to spend here. On your second day, you have another of the undoubted highlights of this beautiful country, as you visit Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, rediscovered in the early 20th century by American explorer Hiram Bingham. Take the train to the small town of Aguas Calientes, where buses are waiting to take you to the entrance. Once inside, there are official tour guides who can take you around the site for around \$20 (or the local Sol equivalent), if you would like to do this.



Day 11 - Depart Cusco

Your holiday comes to an end today as you check out of your hotel and leave Cusco. TMR RECOMMENDS: Extend your stay in Cusco and explore more of the area. We can offer day trips to the Sacred Valley, Rainbow Mountain, Ollantaytambo and more! Ask us for more details.

Pricing

Prices from £3,299 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room in the hotels and a Twin Bed Cabin onboard the Belmond Andean Explorer. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy.

?There are upgraded cabin options aboard the train. Please ask for details or visit our Andean Explorer page [here](#).