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Fly to Lima, Peru, arriving late in the evening. An OAT rep will greet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel.

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Morning free for your own discoveries, and get acquainted with your fellow travelers. Lunch at a local restaurant. We'll take an orientation walk through the boulevards and plazas around our hotel, in the stylish Miraflores district, which is a cultural and artistic center full of small cafés, fine shops, and art galleries. The rest of your afternoon and evening on your own.

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Today we embark on a tour of Lima's colonial sites. Founded by the conquistadors in 1535, Lima became Spain's largest and wealthiest city in the New World. We begin our day at a fish market, where a local guide will join us. Then on to Lima's Larco Museum. The museum contains an impressive collection of ceramics, gold and silver items, and textiles from Peru's pre-Columbian history. Lunch on your own in Miraflores. Afternoon free for your own exploration. Return to hotel mid-afternoon. We gather for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

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Early morning wake-up for flight to Cusco. At 10,909 feet, Cusco was the capital of the Incan world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll drive to the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River, where the lower elevation eases our transition to the altitudes of the Andes. Enjoy a boxed lunch during our drive. We continue our drive to the ancient upper city of Pisac. These mythic ruins are situated atop a buttress ridge, with ancient Incan agricultural terraces curling around the hill in graceful curves, and gorges on either side. Next, we'll make our way to a local market, where we'll meet a vendor of fruits, coffee, and coca leaves. Then, we'll make our way to our hotel in Urubamba, perched beside the Urubamba River under the Chicón Mountain. Dinner at the hotel and the evening on your own.

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Our day begins with a drive to the splendid Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo. We'll walk amid the remains of this ancient fortress of gray and rose-colored granite, discover its ancient baths, and climb up the huge terraces guarding its hilltop temples, and meet some of the local people in the traditional town nearby. Then on to the banks of the Urubamba River to board an inflatable rafts—an enjoyable way to experience the enchanting Andean landscape. Then we'll be split into even smaller groups to facilitate an intimate Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family. We return to our hotel for afternoon on your own. Dinner at a local polleria restaurant.

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After breakfast we'll depart for our second visit to Machu Picchu. Among the enigmatic remnants of this Incan sanctuary we find an observatory meant for solstice worship and a stone altar marking the holy center point between the nearby sacred peaks. Our group will reconvene and return to Aguas Calientes for lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon, dinner and evening on your own

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