

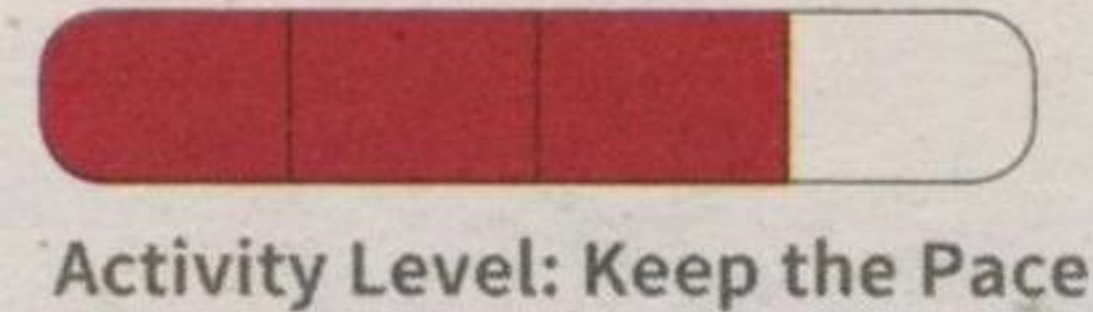


Peru | Chile | Easter Island

Small Group

## Machu Picchu & Rapa Nui: Discovering Two Mysterious Civilizations

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23246BBQ



Activity Level: Keep the Pace

In the remote landscapes of South America two mysterious civilizations hide, puzzling historians and summoning explorers since their discovery centuries ago. Along with expert instructors, take an archeological dive into the past as you witness the awe-inspiring enigmas of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Machu Picchu. Undiscovered by Spanish conquistadors, these snapshots into human history have remained amazingly intact, offering invaluable insight into Incan and Polynesian cultures. Meet fascinating locals in the surrounding towns to learn more about the region's history as you draw your own conclusions about the creation of these mysterious civilizations.

### Highlights:

- Alongside a local expert, explore the agricultural and urban sides of Machu Picchu and learn the history of the Incan abandonment of the city.
- Experience an in-depth discovery of the archeological sites on Rapa Nui including three notable temples and the most mysterious site, Ahu Vinapu.
- Discover the wealth of archeological history with historians in Peru at ruins of Pisac, Sacsayhuaman and Ollantaytambo in the heart of the Inca's Sacred Valley.

**Meals:** 31 total (13B, 11L, 7D)

**Lodging:** Comfortable hotels.

### Educational Itinerary:

**Arrival Lima (Peru) . . . . . 2 nights**

Start your adventure with an in-depth understanding of Peruvian history, the Spanish conquest and indigenous culture during an exclusive visit to a privately owned art collection and at the Larco Museum. Then discover Lima on a walking exploration in the city center and to the catacombs of St Francis of Assisi. Gain exclusive entry into a private family home — one of the few remaining in the historic center — to learn about local life.

**Fly to Cusco . . . . . 5 nights**

Explore the Plaze de Armas, the capital city of the Incas and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the ruins of Sacsayhuaman then venture to Ollantaytambo, learn about the "Sacred Valley Girls Dormitory Project," an educational initiative to provide secondary schooling opportunities to girls. Explore the Incan ruins in Ollantaytambo with a historian before venturing to Machu Picchu. Learn the tradition of weaving through the Chinchero Cultural Project. Witness the amazing art and speak with the Project professionals.

**Fly to Lima**

**Fly to Santiago (Chile) . . . . . 2 nights**

Experience the closest major city of Easter Island, Santiago. Drive up San Cristobal Hill, where you'll get a panoramic view of the city, and discover the city's landmarks such as La Moneda presidential palace. With a local experts, go on a walking exploration through Santiago's own Plaza de Armas. Journey on to the Human Rights and Memory Museum and learn about the Pinochet regime.

**Fly to Rapa Nui . . . . . 3 nights**

**Fly to Santiago . . . . . 1 night**

**Overnight flight to U.S. . . . . 1 night**

Venture to Ahu Vinapu, one of the most mysterious sites on Rapa Nui. With a top-notch instructor, explore Ahu Akahanga, the platform of the king. Learn the enigma of Rano Raraku, where 394 moai statues were in the process of being carved when the work on them mysteriously ceased. Discover, Tongariki, the largest temple platform on the island before journeying to Anakena, a complex archaeological site. Study the Rano Kao crater and walk through the village of Mata Ngarahu, reserved only for priests.

**2019 Dates:** Oct 11-25, Oct 18-Nov 1, Nov 8-22

**2020 Dates:** Mar 6-20, Mar 13-27, Mar 20-Apr 3, Apr 17-May 1, Oct 9-23, Oct 16-30, Nov 6-20

**Per-person prices starting at:**

\$5,999 DBL | +\$1,100 SGL

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