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A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins amid the breathtaking splendor of Peru! Make memories trekking in the Amazonian jungle, on Andean peaks and highlands, and in colonial cities as you celebrate the biodiversity of the rain forest, the ancient Incas and a rich contemporary culture.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

- ► Immerse yourself in the unhurried atmosphere and serene, unspoiled natural beauty of this remote Amazon region.
- Witness the incredibly rich wildlife on the water and in the rain forest.
- ► Be awed by **Machu Picchu,** the majestic
 Inca complex perched
 high in the Andes among
 the clouds.
- Wander among the timeworn ruins of sacred Inca cities.
- Meet with residents of a village in the **Sacred** Valley and learn about their everyday life in the mountains.
- Visit a landmark private residence in Lima and savor a home-cooked
 Peruvian dinner.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a thrilling, immersive Peruvian experience! Savor your first taste of Peru in Lima, the capital city, before traveling to Iquitos, the gateway to the Amazon. Then embark on a three-night deluxe cruise aboard the Delfin III. This 170-foot ship offers luxurious, elegant accommodations as well as an open-air deck and lounge, perfect for appreciating the extraordinary sights and sounds along the rain forest. During your cruise, you'll also board small expedition boats for incredible and memorable excursions!

Following your cruise, travel to the Sacred Valley to explore impressive Inca ruins and meet townspeople in an Andean mountain village. Afterward, journey to Machu Picchu, the mesmerizing Inca city high in the Andes. Complete your explorations in fascinating Cusco, a city sacred to the Incas and home to significant remains of their empire.

This carefully crafted itinerary also includes an exclusive educational program to enhance your appreciation of Peru's heritage. Plus, a professional Travel Director accompanies you throughout the journey to handle all the details so that you can truly enjoy your travels!

Space on this amazing adventure is limited to 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Make your reservations today to witness the wonders of Peru!

All the best.

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Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



Day 1 | Miami, Florida | Lima, Peru

Depart Miami for Lima, Peru. Upon arrival, transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Miraflores.

Day 2 | Lima

Discovery: Highlights of Lima. View the Larco Museum's excellent collection of pottery, jewelry and artifacts that spans more than 5,000 years of pre-Columbian Peruvian history. Continue to Plaza Mayor in Lima's historic center, lined with majestic colonial-era buildings. After lunch in the area, see the splendid interior of the Cathedral of Lima and visit the beautiful Monastery of Santo Domingo, a religious complex with relics of important Peruvian saints. Next, tour Casa Aliaga, a delightful gem built in 1535 and still occupied by descendants of the Aliaga family. See its grand rooms richly adorned in wood and the serene courtyard.

AHI Connects: *Meet the People.* Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner at Casa Garcia Alvarado, a National Historical Building. Tour this elegant, private home and savor a traditional meal with one of the owners.



Top: Plaza Mayor, Lima | Above: Iquitos

Day 3 | Lima | Iquitos | Nauta | Cruising

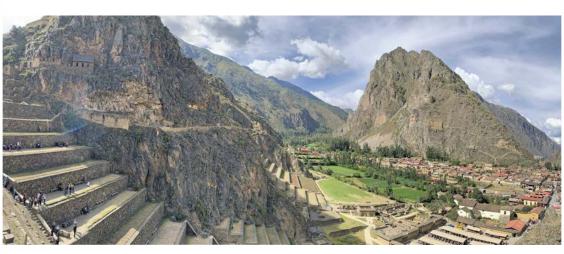
Transfer to Lima's airport for your flight to Iquitos, the gateway to the Amazon, accessible only by plane or boat. Journey through Iquitos to Nauta on the Marañon River. Along the way, see the vibrant "terra firma" (non-flooded forest) and other aspects of daily jungle life. Once in Nauta, embark the Delfin III at a private port. Admire sweeping views from the observation deck as

* Active Travel for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking distances of up to 3-5 miles
- ➤ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven and slippery surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- ▶ climbing in/out of excursion boats
- ▶ walking up (sometimes steep) hills in ports where docks are not available and at sites in the Sacred Valley
- ► tolerating varying climatic conditions, including high altitude and humidity



your naturalist guide reviews your upcoming activities and the wildlife and vegetation that you are likely to see.

Day 4 | Cruising the Amazon Basin

Set out aboard skiff boats, anticipating the day's astounding and unexpected wildlife encounters. The region in which you are cruising, Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, is Peru's largest wildlife preserve, boasting more than five million acres of rich biodiversity. Skim along rivers and cruise through creeks, peeking into lagoons and other waterways, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rain forest, such as blue and yellow macaws, toucans, capybaras and more. Marvel at grey and pink dolphins swimming nearby. You might even catch glimpses of the endangered charapa turtle, spider monkey, giant river otter or red macaw.

Day 5 | Cruising the Amazon Basin

Never does nature seem more bountiful than in the tropics, and rising early is always rewarding since wildlife is most plentiful and active at daybreak. With your expert guide, hike in to discover the fantastic flora and fauna. You'll likely see brilliant parrots, hawks, hummingbirds and "laughing" falcons. Zoom in on exotic spiders, dragonflies, butterflies and tarantulas. Sharp eyes may spot red howler monkeys, iguanas lazing in the sun and sloths in the upper canopy.



Red howler monkey

Enrichment: Contemporary Peru. Learn how modern Peru has been shaped by its past.

Day 6 | Nauta | Iquitos | Lima | Cusco

After breakfast, disembark the Delfin III in Nauta and transfer via coach to the Iquitos airport.

Discovery: *Manatee Rescue Center.* On your way to Iquitos, visit this conservation center to see these gentle, endangered creatures up close.

Board your flight for Cusco via Lima. Once you arrive in Cusco, take a panoramic drive to the stunning Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, amid towering mountain slopes.

Check in to the Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado, and dine on Andean specialties tonight.

Day 7 | Sacred Valley

Discovery: Sacred Valley. Explore the ruins of the Inca fortress, Ollantaytambo, a series of huge terraces that hug the hillside. Then visit a village seemingly frozen in time. Learn about the ancient weaving methods the residents have used for centuries to support themselves in this challenging mountain environment. While in town, visit with local citizens to learn about their daily life. Later, visit a ranch for lunch and an equestrian demonstration.

Top: Ruins and village of Ollantaytambo



Skiff boat tour, Amazon Basin





Top: Cusco | Above: Local crafter, Sacred Valley

Day 8 | Sacred Valley | Machu Picchu

Take in scenic views on a train ride through the Sacred Valley to the town of Aguas Calientes and the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel.

Discovery: Machu Picchu. Nestled in a misty cloud forest high in the Andes, the Lost City of the Incas is considered the most important archaeological site in the Americas. The mountaintop complex contains more than 200 buildings, all of which testify to the Incas' remarkable architectural skills. Wander through stone temples, grassy plazas and palaces with an expert guide. Explore the Temple of the Three Windows, the Sacristy and more.

Day 9 | Machu Picchu | Cusco

Free Time: Your morning is at leisure.

UNESCO World Heritage

- 1. Historic Center of Lima
- 2.City of Cusco
- 3. Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu

Travel by train through the beautiful mountain scenery and then by motor coach to Cusco. Check in to the Palacio del Inka.

Free Time: Explore Cusco on your own.

Day 10 | Cusco

Discovery: Cusco, Ancient Inca Capital.

This sacred city, perched 11,152 feet above sea level, was the religious and administrative center of the Inca Empire. Enjoy guided visits to the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas, noted for its colonial art, and the Santo Domingo Temple, built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building dedicated to the worship of the sun.

Gather for lunch at a local restaurant.

Discovery: Sacsayhuaman. Marvel at the huge stones (one weighs 125 tons!) of this Inca fortress constructed without any mortar.

Enjoy a Farewell Reception tonight at the hotel.

Day 11 | Cusco | Lima | Miami, Florida

Enjoy free time in Cusco this morning and lunch in town. Depart for the airport and fly to Lima. Connect to your return flight to Miami, Florida.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.



Torch ginger lily



Above: Pink dolphin | Right: Red-eyed tree frog









Delfin III

On board this 170-foot intimate river ship, the rain forest is never far away, yet five-star comforts and conveniences abound. Enjoy outward-facing suites decorated with hard woods sustainably harvested from the local rain forest and colorful, handmade Peruvian textiles. Suites feature floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows and a range of luxury amenities, including individual climate control, daily housekeeping with turndown service and the finest bed linens. On the tranquil open-air deck, gather for morning yoga or sip a rich Peruvian coffee as you watch the sunrise. Indulge in signature treatments that rejuvenate the mind and body at the Rainforest Spa. In the Andes Dining Room, the ship's culinary team serves expertly prepared cuisine that highlights local flavors and fresh ingredients. At day's end, share your adventures in the air-conditioned Canopy Lounge and revel in the sounds of the jungle coming to life.





ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class and deluxe properties for their prime locations. They are ideally situated for exploring each region's renowned landmarks while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

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Casa Andina Premium Miraflores | Lima







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Inkaterra Machu Picchu
Pueblo | Machu Picchu







Palacio del Inka | Cusco



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If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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AIR INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

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Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
D-Suite (Main)	\$7,045	\$250	\$6,795
C-Upper Suite (Upper)	\$7,245	\$250	\$6,995
B-Corner Suite (Main)	\$7,945	\$250	\$7,695
A-Owner's Suite (Upper)	\$8,945	\$250	\$8,695

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and include round-trip air service between Miami and Lima.

All suites have floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows.

Port charges are an additional \$495 per person.

Single accommodations (available in most categories) are an additional \$1,695 (limited availability).





TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ Included AHI Travel Assurance covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ Enhanced sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 2 nights in Lima, Peru, at the first-class
 Casa Andina Premium Miraflores.
- 3 nights aboard the intimate, deluxe Delfin III.
- 2 nights in the Sacred Valley at the first-class Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado.
- 1 night in Machu Picchu at the first-class Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo.
- 2 nights in Cusco at the deluxe Palacio del Inka.

Flights & Transfers (with baggage handling)

 Round-trip flights between Miami and Lima and all transfers in the Land | Cruise Program: flights, train and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 6 dinners, including a Welcome Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- AHI Travel Assurance plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Admire the Larco Museum's rich collection.
 - Stroll in Lima's Plaza Mayor, visit important religious sites and tour a historic home.
 - Take guided skiff boat excursions to witness the diverse wildlife in Peru's largest reserve.
 - Hike into the rain forest with an expert guide.
 - Watch manatees up close at a rescue facility.
 - Explore an Inca fortress in the Sacred Valley.
 - Meet residents of a mountain village.
 - Tour majestic Machu Picchu with a guide.
 - Discover the ancient Inca capital of Cusco.
 - Marvel at Sacsayhuaman's massive walls.

- NAHI Sustainability Promise:

Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.

- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Local fruit, Amazon

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

➤ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

▶ Passenger Service Representative

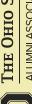
After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel
 Director manages all the details so that you can
 simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the
 care of this seasoned travel professional who
 is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy
 a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ➤ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

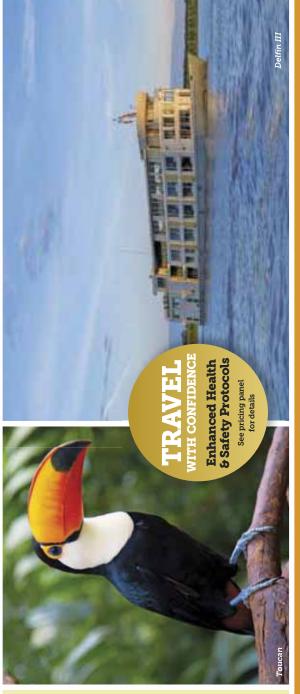


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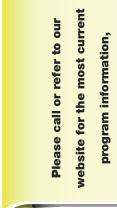
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