

**DAY ONE - International Flight to Peru**

International flights arrive in the evening. Interact's Foreign Representative will greet you in the airport lobby. Transfer to your Miraflores hotel.

**DAY TWO - ✈ Flight to Cusco /**

Morning flight to Cusco, the archaeological capital of South America. The Incas called this place "the Navel of the World." It's a picturesque location with all homes bearing red-tiled roofs by law. UNESCO has declared Cusco as a living monument to humanity. Orientation and meet your host families. Later, explore the vibrant Plaza de Armas surrounded by historical landmarks, shops, boutiques, and restaurants. Forget your normal scientific planetarium and strip away everything you've been taught at school because Cusco's only planetarium will pack an ancient twist as you tumble deep inside the astronomical minds of the ancient Incas.

**CUSCO HOMESTAY:** experience daily life with families who live in middle class residential neighborhoods, approximately two miles from the Centro Historico. Homes are American-style and are more comfortable than most can imagine. Host families are interviewed, selected and continually monitored by the resident EXCEL director. Everyone speaks Spanish in the homes. Students share with one to three other group members of the same general language ability.

**DAY THREE – Cusco City & Surroundings**

Your Cusco City Tour visits the most important sites in and around Cusco. Explore Koricancha, the Temple of the Sun, the most important building in Cusco during Inca rule. Then, visit the Cathedral, home to over 300 paintings from the colonial era. Next, drive to the fortress of Sacsayhuaman overlooking the city. Here you have the opportunity to take some great pictures of the city and valley below. Continue to

the smaller sites of Tambomachay, Qenq'o and Puka Pukara. Conclude with a visit to an artisan shop with artwork, handmade Alpaca sweaters, blankets and typical souvenirs.

**DAY FOUR - Sacred Valley**

Vilcamayo to the Incas, the Sacred Valley traces its winding, astonishingly beautiful course to the northwest of Cusco. It's easy to see why the Incas considered the valley as a special place. In the upper sector, the stupendous ruins of Pisac dominate the broad alluvial valley floor. Stroll through its famous native market before continuing to Ollantaytambo, a magnificent little town overwhelmed by a great temple-fortress that clings to the sheer cliffs across the river valley.

**DAY FIVE - MachuPicchu**

A fascinating early morning rail trip and bus ride up the mountain brings you to the wondrous outpost of MachuPicchu, This fortress city was abandoned by the Inca, reclaimed by the jungle, and hidden from view until it was rediscovered in 1911. With altars, temples, staircases, and terraces, this is one of the world's most extraordinary sacred sites. Tonight's dinner is with your host families.

**DAY SIX - Cusco/ SOMOS humanitarian *InterAction***


Participate in our exclusive SOMOS humanitarian total experience. You'll receive a list of the most needed items and visit a local "super", where you'll have an opportunity to purchase those supplies (budget \$15 each). Complete your SOMOS experience by interacting with the children while painting, gardening, etc.


**DAY SEVEN – Shopping / Options**

Bargain for your favorite souvenirs and have fun with Interact's exclusive online Guided Adventures. Optional (additional fee) full group excursions include rafting-zipline (\$110), a ½ day visit to Choco Museo (\$55), where you'll make your own chocolate or an evening visit to the unique planetarium (\$50) where you'll learn how the Inca interpreted the stars and southern skies constellations. Weather permitting, conclude with an amazing stargazing experience through professional telescopes.

**DAY EIGHT - ✈ Flight to LIMA / ✈ Flight to USA**

Depart Cusco for your connecting flight in Lima. Transfers and/or touring are based upon available time and traffic conditions. Lunch and dinner are on your own today. The airport food court is always open. Later, board your overnight international flight to the USA, arriving on day nine.

	<b>9 Days / 8 Nights</b>	
	Lima	1
	Cusco homestay	6
	Overnight flight	1

 **MEALS**  
Most meals are included except where specified.