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## PERU BY RAIL: ANDEAN EXPLORER

Explore the Andes on South America's first luxury sleeper train.

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Luxury Rail Journeys



Peru, Latin America



2 days, Call for a quote



Private

## Journey Overview

Explore the Andes on South America's first luxury sleeper train. One of the highest train journeys on earth exploring ancient kingdoms, natural wonders and rural communities. The Andean Explorer, a Belmond train, takes you through some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. From Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, traversing the high Andean altiplano, the traditional communities on Lake Titicaca and the UNESCO World Heritage city of Arequipa. There are four routes to choose from of one or two night duration.

### **DINING CARS**

Serving fresh, colourful and seasonal dishes using locally sourced ingredients from the Peruvian Andes in the two elegant dining carriages. Menus are skilfully designed by chefs from Monasterio, a Belmond Hotel, Cusco.

### **OBSERVATION CAR**

The place to unwind, meet new friends and enjoy the views whilst sipping a Pisco Sour from the bar. Breathe in the Andean air from the open deck of the Observation Car as the train travels through the ever-changing landscape.

### **LOUNGE CAR**

Invite new friends to gather around the baby grand piano and relax in comfortable seating as majestic vistas drift past outside. Share a lively story from the day's adventures and enjoy a refreshing drink from the bar.

### **CABINS**

Cabins comprise of double, twin or bunk bed configurations, all complete with wardrobe, shower, wash basin and WC. Interiors incorporate Peruvian textures and fabrics and provide a warm, welcoming and relaxing personal sanctuary.

## Itinerary

### PERUVIAN HIGHLANDS

#### Cusco - Puno - Arequipa | 3 DAYS

From Cusco journey to the small town and Inca archaeological site of Raqchi. Awake to sunrise at Lake Titicaca and explore the Uros Islands by boat and visit Taquile Island for lunch at a private location, a typical dance and artisan demonstration. Visit the Sumbay Caves at Lagunillas and enjoy a panoramic tour of Arequipa City.

**Departs:** Thursdays

### ANDEAN PLAINS & ISLANDS OF DISCOVERY

#### Arequipa - Puno - Cusco | 3 DAYS

Early evening departure from Arequipa. Wake up to sunrise at Lake Titicaca then a boat ride to the Uros Islands and a visit and beach lunch on Taquile Island. See a typical dance and artisan demonstration before departing to Cusco and arrival next morning.

**Departs:** Saturdays

### SPIRIT OF THE WATER

#### Cusco - Puno | 2 DAYS

Late morning departure from Cusco heading for the Inca ruins of Raqchi. Sunset at La Raya pass with spectacular views of the Andes. Wake up to sunrise at Lake Titicaca when the journey ends. Optional visits to the Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titicaca (additional cost).

**Departs:** Tuesdays

### SPIRIT OF THE ANDES

#### Puno - Cusco | 2 DAYS

Late morning departure from Puno with a stop at La Raya pass. Afternoon tea then dinner on board as you continue to Cusco. Breakfast is on board in Cusco before disembarkation.

**Departs:** Wednesdays

## Extraordinary Experiences

Our in-country presence allows our Journey Designers to include exceptional activities and experiences that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. Here are just a few examples.



### Be Inspired by the Legendary Lost City of the Inca

Overlooking the Urubamba River from its remote Andean perch, the 500-year-old citadel of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, holds many secrets. Retrace the footsteps of Inca emperors along the meandering pathway, through cloud forest and past ancient ruins to Sun Gate, a towering vantage revealing the pride of the Inca empire, Machu Picchu.



### Explore Spiritual Traditions in the Peruvian Andes

The spiritual traditions of the Andean people have endured for centuries. On a wellness-inspired excursion, your expert guide leads you to a remote site secluded among the mountains in search of a time-honoured spiritual ceremony. A local shaman greets you, then leads a sacred ritual honouring Pachamama, the Andean mother earth deity.



## Discover Incan History in Cusco & The Sacred Valley

The former Inca capital of Cusco sits perched 3,400 metres up in the breathtaking Andes. A vibrant urban centre, it is filled with colonial and Inca buildings, its centre piece the historic Plaza de Armas and splendid cathedral. Outside the city lies the fertile and rural Sacred Valley, a riverside oasis of villages, ruins and farms flanked by terraced Andean mountainsides.



## Master Peruvian Cooking With a Local Chef in Lima

Delve into the cosmopolitan flavours of Peru with a culturally immersive foodie experience in Lima, one of the world's hottest culinary destinations. Join a local chef for a guided walk through the market to gather locally grown ingredients. Then, head to a neighbourhood restaurant for a lesson in preparing authentic Peruvian dishes before enjoying the meal you helped prepare.



## Journey by Rail through the Andes

Explore the Andes on South America's first luxury sleeper train, Belmond Andean Explorer. Pass through ancient kingdoms, natural wonders and rural communities. Spanning Cusco, the high Andean altiplano, Lake Titicaca and Arequipa, there are four multi-day routes to choose from, or luxury day trip trains to explore spectacular sites such as Machu Picchu.



## Explore the Trails of The Incas

The Andes offer spectacular hiking opportunities, the most famous being the 4-day Inca Trail winding its way to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Through valleys and over passes, it takes in hilltop ruins and expansive vistas. Shorter 1 or 2 day Inca Trail options are also popular, or you might base yourself in a lodge and enjoy day hikes to enjoy the crisp mountain air and awe-inspiring views.





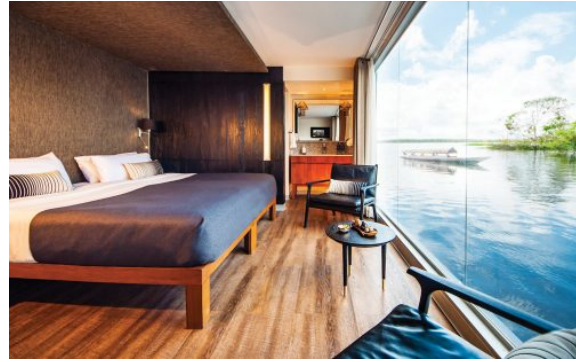
## Find Inspiration in Peru's Sacred Valley of the Incas

Pay an inspirational visit to the Children of the Rainbow School, a vital resource for the Sacred Valley's least privileged children. See how the community has partnered with A&K Philanthropy to expand the school's outreach beyond education, growing it into an oasis of nutrition, medical care and hope. Gain a unique insight with a tour of the school's kitchen, garden and classrooms.



## Wander through Arequipa & Colca Canyon

Explore the contours of history in beautiful Arequipa and Colca. Famed for its colonial architecture and the snow-capped volcanoes that surround it, Arequipa is a stylish city, with a historic, heritage listed centre. Beyond lies vast Colca Canyon, thought to be the deepest on Earth. Though the temptation is always to gaze down into the canyon, remember to look up, where endangered condors can often be seen floating on thermals.



## Cruise the Peruvian Amazon

The mighty Amazon is an unmissable wilderness experience, best enjoyed aboard a river cruise. Custom built Aria Amazon offers extraordinary comfort for 32 guests, and generous dining and lounge areas. Alternatively, Delfin Amazon Cruises, the first Relais & Châteaux cruise line, operates three vessels offering unmatched elegance and comfort. All vessels include guided wildlife encounters and village visits on cruises from four to eight days.

## Dates & Pricing

Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary from low season to peak season travel.

Please call A&K on 1300 851 800 or send us a **booking enquiry** to book this journey.

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