

## IMPROVING TODAY, SECURING TOMORROW...ONE STEP AT A TIME

September 20, 2017	Early morning arrival in Cusco, met at the airport and transferred to El Mercado Hotel.	Afternoon walking tour of historic sites in Cusco, including ancient Incan ruins and Spanish colonial cathedrals, resplendent with gold and silver altars and breathtaking works of art. Group dinner at Incanto, overnight at El Mercado Hotel.
September 21	Depart Cusco in private van enroute the Lares Valley and the beginning of the trek.	Beginning with a visit to Lake Piuray and the archaeological Incan ruins at Chincero, followed by a 3 hr. afternoon hike to Urquillos. Transportation to Urquillos also available. Dinner and overnight, Lamay Lodge at 9,705 ft.
September 22	Villages of Pisac, Viacha, and Lamay	Morning options include a visit to the famous Pisac market, or a 2.5-3 hr hike to remote community of Viacha through 14,200 ft. pass. Traditional Peruvian outdoor lunch in Viacha as a group, followed by guided tour of historic Incan ruins at Pisac. Return to Lamay for dinner and overnight.
September 23	Lamay, Lares, Huacahuasi	A morning group visit to the archaeological sites at Ancasmarca, followed by either a 2.5 hr hike over 12,500 ft pass, OR a visit to Choquecancha to meet with local weavers, OR a more strenuous 3.5-4 hr. hike over 13,838 pass to the village of Huacahuasi. Dinner and overnight at Huacuhuasi Lodge. Those who choose not to hike will be provided transportation to the Lodge.

September 24	Huacahuasi	Visit to the project funded by the group, meet the children and their families, spend time with the villagers. Hiking options include a challenging 7 hr. hike to 14,500, OR a 2 hr. hike to a stunning, nearby waterfall. Those who choose not to hike can take a Peruvian cooking class, visit local weaving community, and explore the village. Dinner and overnight, Huacahuasi Lodge.
September 25	Huacahuasi, Ollantaytambo	A myriad of activity choices on this day: bike to Lares town and enjoy a countryside lunch; explore the Sacred Valley by vehicle or bike, or hike a strenuous 7 hr. hike, passing through at 14,646. Meet the group in the evening to explore the charming Incan/Colonial village of Ollantaytambo. Dinner and overnight at Kuychi Rumi hotel.
September 26	Ollantaytambo, Aguas Calientes	After an optional early morning hike, afternoon visit to the impressive ruins at Ollantaytambo, Board train for Aguas Calintes. Explore this gateway to Machu Picchu before dinner and overnight at Inkaterra Hotel.
September 27	Machu Picchu	An early morning departure from Inkaterra Hotel to catch the sun rising over Machu Picchu. A guided tour through this ancient wonder, and optional hike to the top of Huayna Picchu or the Sun Gate. Late afternoon train departure to return to Cusco. Dinner and overnight at El Mercado Hotel.