Galapagos Islands & Machu Picchu

March 23-April 5, 2011
14 Days
Fly - Motor Coach - Cruise

Roundtrip Airfare and Travel Insurance Included

Trip is fully escorted by Jim & Cindy

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It’s Never Too Early To Start Planning Your Trip of a Lifetime
LIMA, PERU ~
“CITY OF KINGS” ~ 2 NIGHTS

Spend the day on a guided walking tour of Lima as you focus on the city’s colonial heritage. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at Casa Moreyra.

Plaza de Armas

Throughout history, the Plaza de Armas, or Plaza Mayor, has been a focal point of Lima, with its cathedrals, ornate buildings and government palace. Now, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Plaza de Armas spans four large blocks, with a park in the center. A bronze fountain with an angel perched on top blowing a trumpet is its centerpiece.

Government Palace

The Government Palace of Peru is located on the north side of the Plaza de Armas. It was the house of the Peruvian government headquarters. It has been through many alterations. The current structure built in the 20th century, was designed by Peru’s dictators in the style of grandiose French Baroque architecture. The palace is a stately government building with a set of ornamental guards. It is recognizable by the large wrought iron fence that surrounds the building and lines one side of the Main Square (Plaza Mayor).

Basilica Cathedral of Lima

The Basilica Cathedral of Lima is a Roman Catholic cathedral located on the city’s Main Square of downtown Lima, Peru. This cathedral was built in 1564, and the building has undergone many reconstructions and transformation since, however, it still retains its colonial structure and façade. It features an ivory baroque chapel of La Inmaculada and the tomb of Francisco Pizarro, known as the “conquistador of Peru.”
San Francisco Monastery

The San Francisco Monastery is most famous for its catacombs. This was Lima’s first cemetery. The library, on the upper level, has thousands of historical and antique books and documents. The San Francisco Monastery also has an impressive collection of religious art. It is probably best known for a mural of the last supper depicting the apostles dining on guinea pig and a devil standing next to Judas.

Larco Herrera Museum

Founded in 1926, the Larco Museum showcases remarkable chronological galleries providing an excellent overview on 3000 years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. It features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and the famous erotic archaeological collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions.

Sacred Valley, Peru - 1 Night

Fly to Cuzco then continue into the Sacred Valley. The Sacred Valley of the Incas or Urubamba Valley is a valley in the Andes of Peru, close to the Inca capital of Cuzco and below the ancient sacred city of Machu Picchu. It is understood to be the land that extends between the towns of Pisac and Ollantaytambo. It is fed by numerous rivers which descend through adjoining valleys and gorges, and contains numerous archaeological remains and villages. The valley was appreciated by the Incas due to its special geographical and climatic qualities. Today the Sacred Valley remains a lush agricultural region supplying the city of Cuzco with much of its produce such as maize, fruit and vegetables.

Kenko Amphitheater

The original name of this Indian temple is unknown, the Quechua word Kenko means “labyrinth” and was assigned afterwards; whereas the Peruvian archaeologist César García Rossel considers that Quenco means “conch”. This Indian temple is situated on what is currently known as the Socorro hill and comprises an area that exceeds the 3,500 square meters.
Temple of Sacsayhuaman

Sacsayhuamán is an Inca walled complex near the old city of Cuzco. Like much Inca stonework, there is still mystery surrounding how they were constructed. The structure is built in such a way that a single piece of paper will not fit between many of the stones. This precision, combined with the rounded corners of the limestone blocks, the variety of their interlocking shapes, and the way the walls lean inward, is thought to have helped the ruins survive devastating earthquakes in Cuzco. Some of the blocks weigh more than 350 tons.

The Spanish harvested a large quantity of rock from the walls of the structure to build churches in Cuzco, which is why the walls are in perfect condition up to a certain height, and missing above that point.

Pisac

Písac is a Peruvian, old mountain village in the Sacred Valley. Known for its market where vendors sell their handicrafts.

Ollantaytambo

Tower ing above the town of Ollantaytambo is the huge Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Steep stone terraces rising from the edge of town lead up to the fortress ruins at the top of the hill. A stone stairway leads up through the terrace walls, allowing visitors to step out on the terraced walls.

Ollantaytambo was both a fortress and temple. The temple area is immediately above the terracing. It was still being built at the time the Spanish conquered the area, and remains unfinished. The stones for Ollantaytambo were taken from a nearby quarry on the mountainside on the opposite bank of the river.
Board a train and travel through the lush Urubamba Valley as you make your way to the legendary Machu Picchu. Often referred to as “The Lost City of the Incas”, Machu Picchu is one of the most familiar symbols of the Inca Empire. 7,000 feet above sea level and nestled on a small hillock between the Andean Mountain Range, the majestic city soars above the Urubamba Valley below. The Incan built structure has been deemed the “Lost Cities”, unknown until its relatively recent discovery in 1911. Archaeologists estimate that approximately 1200 people could have lived in the area, though many theorize it was most likely a retreat for Incan rulers. Due to it’s isolation from the rest of Peru, living in the area full time would require traveling great distances just to reach the nearest village.

Separated into three areas - agricultural, urban, and religious - the structures are arranged so that the function of the buildings matches the form of their surroundings. The agricultural terracing and aqueducts take advantage of the natural slopes; the lower areas contain buildings occupied by farmers and teachers, and the most important religious areas are located at the crest of the hill, overlooking the lush Urubamba Valley thousands of feet below.

CUZCO ~ 2 NIGHTS

Cuzco is the historic capital of the Inca Empire. It is one of the most important cities of the region. At night or day, Cuzco is a city full of charm and attractions. Its main square, churches and surroundings are full of footprints from the past. Cuzco offers beautiful landscapes and an approach to the old Inca culture. Often referred to as the ‘Archaeological Capital of the Americas’ Cuzco is a beautiful city riddled with contrasts between the indigenous styles and the modern western world. It is these contrasts that have given Cuzco its rare beauty. During your second evening in Cuzco, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant while you are treated to Andean Folkloric Music.
Cathedral of Santo Domingo

The Cathedral of Santo Domingo in Cuzco, which is also known as ‘Cuzco Cathedral,’ is set on the main square of the Peruvian city. This magnificent renaissance-style, 16th-century building is in the shape of a Latin cross and contains nearly 400 colonial paintings including the Last Supper by Marcos Zapata.

Monastery of Santo Domingo

The most interesting, and important, building in Cuzco is the colonial monastery of Santo Domingo, built on the foundations of Qorikancha (courtyard of gold), the most important religious site in the Inca Empire. It was the most sacred temple in ancient Cuzco. It was considered the center of the Inca Empire and was the central point that divided the empire into its four realms.

QUITO, ECUADOR – 4 NIGHTS

Fly to Quito, a UNESCO World Cultural Site. Quito is one of the most compelling cities in Ecuador. Quito enjoys a spectacular natural setting. The Ecuadorian capital city’s mix of colonial and modern architecture creates a fascinating built environment. In addition to being the site of the Ecuadorian government, Quito is also the nation’s cultural capital, with an impressive selection of museums, festivals, and nightlife. See the Legislative Palace and the San Fransisco Monastery.

Workshop & Museum of Oswaldo Guayasamin

Oswaldo Guayasamín (July 6, 1919 – March 10, 1999, Quito, Ecuador) was a Quechua Indian and Ecuadorian master painter and sculptor. In Quito, Guayasamín built a museum that features his work. Guayasamín’s images capture the political oppression, racism, poverty, and class division found in much of South America.

La Compania Church

La Compania Church is a Jesuit church in the historic center of Quito, Ecuador. It is one of the most well-known churches in Quito because of its central nave, which is covered in seven tons of gold leaf. Styled in Latin American Baroque, it took Jesuit priests 160 years to finish construction.

Equatorial Monument

In 1736 a French geodesic mission came to Ecuador to work out the position of the Equator here. Geodesics Avenue near the entrance to the Equator complex, has 13 stone busts representing the mission members.

The Ciudad Mitad del Mundo (city of the Middle of the World) is a cultural and commercial centre which takes in the Equator monument itself which was built in 1979, and is a copy of the original one which was here for 43 years. A metallic sphere at the top represents Earth. A gold line represents the Equator, and this line is also marks the ground so that you can stand with one foot in the northern hemisphere and one in the south. The location of the monument is a pre-Incan site of sun worship.
Home to a tribe of indigenous merchants, crafts-people, world travelers and accomplished musicians and the center of a thriving handicraft industry, surrounded by volcanoes and volcanic lakes, the Otavalo area is rich in cultural and natural wonders. Visit Otavalo’s famous Indian market. Absolutely the best shopping and the best deals in South America! In Peguche, a little community close to Otavalo, visit its many weavers, famous for their exquisite weavings. Then enjoy Adean delicacies prepared the traditional way at a home-hosted lunch before returning to Quito.

Galapagos Islands Cruising

Enjoy four days of cruising on the wonderful Santa Cruz. Travel ashore each day to the remote islands with an expert naturalist and experience the spectacular wildlife wonder of the islands.
**San Cristobal** - A morning flight to San Cristobal will bring you to your home for the next four days on the Santa Cruz. San Cristobal is the fifth largest of the Galapagos Islands in terms of size, and it is also one of the oldest. Isla San Cristobal has the second largest human settlement of this volcanic island chain. Red-footed, blue-footed and masked boobies make this their home as do Galapagos sea lions, giant turtles, tropical birds, marine iguanas, dolphins, and swallow-tailed seagulls just to name a few. In the waters nearby are sharks, rays, and lobsters.

**Espanola (Hood Island)** - Continue your exploration on Espanola. Hood (or Espanola) is the seventh biggest island of the Galapagos and a favorite of many. The Hood mockingbird and waved albatross are found here and nowhere else in the world. Recently, the Galapagos National Park Service has successfully reintroduced the islands’ unique race of giant tortoises. Also of interest on the island is a spectacular blowhole produced through cracks in the rocks along the shore with thundering spray shooting 30 yards into the air.

**Isle Floreana** - Floreana is best known for its colorful history of buccaneers, whalers, convicts, and colonists. You may observe the Greater Flamingos, pintail ducks, common stilts, herons and sandpipers. This is also a great area for snorkeling for marine enthusiasts!

**Fernandina** - Fernandina is the youngest island in the Galapagos being approximately 700,000 years old! It’s also one of the most volcanically active islands, as eruptions occur every few years. Small dragons and marine iguanas guard the coastlines. These creatures are the only known lizards to have adapted themselves to a life dependent on the sea. A vast array of animal life, comparatively rarely touched by human contact, thrives in these nutrient-laden waters. It’s one of the only places to enjoy the flightless cormorant along with sea lions, and Sally Lightfoot crabs. Get ready to explore along the cliffs of sunken Ecuador Volcano with remains of lava flows and tuff stone layers.

**Charles Darwin Research Station** - The Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) is a biological research station operated by the Charles Darwin Foundation. The objectives of the CDRS is to conduct scientific research and environmental education for conservation. The Station has a team of over a hundred scientists, educators, volunteers, research students and support staff from all over the world.
Santa Cruz

The Santa Cruz is built to luxurious standards and encourages an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere. Spend four days and nights cruising the amazing Galapagos islands in style.

Ship Amenities:

- Expedition Team of Naturalists
- Non-smoking interiors
- Lounge and bar
- Library (including reference books and videos on the Galápagos Islands)
- Observation area for whale or dolphin watching
- Jacuzzi and solarium
- Complimentary wine with all onboard dinners
- Open seating throughout dining rooms for all meals
- Breakfasts and lunches with a selection of Ecuadorian specialties
- Resident physician

Staterooms (44 available)

- All Staterooms are Outside
- Air-conditioning
- Private Bathrooms
- Hairdryers
- Safety Deposit Boxes
- Standard Cabin - 124 sq. ft

Your Trip Includes:

- Fully escorted by Jim and Cindy Leach of Jim & Cindy’s Tours.
- Round Trip airfare from Wichita departing March 23, 2011 – returning April 5, 2011
- Travel Insurance
- All round trip transfers from airport - ship - hotel
- Port charges, government fees / taxes
- Planned tours (tours during your free time are not included)

Meals Included:  B = Breakfast   L = Lunch   D = Dinner

Day 1: Flying to Lima
Day 2: B, D
Day 3: B, L, D
Day 4: B, L, D
Day 5: B, L
Day 6: B, D
Day 7: B, D
Day 8: B
Day 9: B, L
Day 10: B, L, D
Day 11: B, L, D
Day 12: B, L, D
Day 13: B, D
Day 14: B, Flying to Wichita

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN-UP EARLY!
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Trip Price Includes Excellent Travel Insurance and Roundtrip Airfare

Trip Price:

$7299* Main Deck
$7339* Upper Deck
$7499* Boat Deck Standard
$7579* Boat Deck Plus Superior

*Pending Air Booking

All prices are per person, based on double occupancy and includes travel insurance.

Deposit Required with Reservation

$600 per person x ____ persons = Deposit Paid $__________

Please return your payment along with your completed INFORMATION form on the next page to our office.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We are excited to announce that this trip automatically includes cancellation for “any reason” travel insurance!

Because the cost of your trip now includes insurance, in most cases you will be SAVING money compared to purchasing an individual policy. In addition to the cost savings, this policy also offers you increased coverage. The insurance still includes the pre-existing condition waiver for you and your immediate family members. Under the “any reason” cancellation, Jim & Cindy’s Tours will reimburse the cancellation penalty amount in travel certificates, minus this plan cost. Here is a summary of the coverage being provided to you:

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Fill out all **APPLICABLE** information for each passenger, including your emergency contact information. If your tour involved a flight, be sure to fill out the airplane **SEATING PREFERENCE** section.
- **NAME:** It is important that your name appears **EXACTLY** as it is on your driver’s license.
- **PASSPORT:** All persons must hold a valid passport when leaving the United States. This applies to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean and all foreign destinations. You do not need a passport for Hawaii, but you will need to take a photo ID such as a driver’s license.

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