PERU & THE BAROQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL OF LIMA

Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu
May 2 - 12, 2020

Join New England Public Media, the new alliance of NEPR and WGBY, on a musical journey to a land of ancient civilizations. The adventure begins in Lima, the bustling metropolis and capital city of Peru, where you’ll follow a cultural path through the centuries, from the outstanding pre-Columbian art to the magnificent colonial architecture and the modern graffiti-filled district of Callao. In the evenings, you’ll be treated to the Baroque Music Festival. Next, it’s on to the Valle Sagrado in the Andes Mountains, once home to the Incan Empire. Here you’ll be immersed in the fascinating history of this people and the many who came before them. The journey continues to the extraordinary World Heritage site of Machu Picchu and culminates with an exploration of the villages, markets and temples of Cusco. Blending Baroque music with Peruvian culture, history and art, this trip promises to be an unforgettable adventure with New England Public Media!

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

4 Nights Lima at the Innside Lima Miraflores hotel
2 Nights Sacred Valley at the Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado hotel
3 Nights Cusco at the Hilton Garden Inn
1 Night Lima at the Innside Lima Miraflores hotel
JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS
Colonial Lima ◇ Archaeological site of Pachacamac ◇ Sacred Valley ◇ Incan town of Ollantaytambo ◇ Machu Picchu ◇ Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park ◇ San Pedro Market in Cusco ◇ Tipon Archaeological Complex ◇ San Pedro Apostol church

IT’S INCLUDED
• Travel with Raquel Obregon, host of NEPM’s Tertulia
• Tickets to three evening concerts at the Baroque Music Festival of Lima
  NOTE: Performances and locations are still being finalized
• Entrance fees and guided tours of Lima and Cusco, all archaeological sites, churches and other activities mentioned in the itinerary
• Transfers and excursions on private or regular services
• Nine nights of hotel accommodation
• All meals mentioned in the itinerary
• Train Vistadome to and from Machu Picchu

NOT INCLUDED: International airline tickets, airline luggage fees, beverages with meals (other than coffee, tea and water), any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “It’s Included” section above.

TRIP FACTS
11 days/10 Nights
$4395 per person based on double occupancy
$599 single supplement
Journey begins: May 2 in Lima
Journey ends: May 12 at the Lima airport
$1,149 - optional group air from Boston on American Airline. Includes all taxes, fees & airport transfers in Lima.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSIT
A $500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. An additional $200 deposit is requested if opting for the group flight. Deposits are refundable for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. A $75 per person processing fee applies to all cancellations. Final payment is due 60 days before departure.

WAYS TO SAVE $200
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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS!

Saturday May 2: Arrive in Lima: Upon arrival in Lima at 10:30PM, you’ll be met by your guides and transferred to the Innside Lima Miraflores Hotel. Overnight Innside Lima Miraflores Hotel

Sunday May 3: Discover Modern Lima–Art, Culture and Fun in Callao
Today we explore the streets, galleries and mansions of the historic center of Callao. Meet your local guide at Casa Fugaz, where you’ll learn about the Fugaz project and the history of the house, as you tour the different studios and galleries now housed in it. We’ll have a "Welcome to Peru" lunch together at Los Cabos restaurant followed by a tour of the Callao district where you’ll find the surrounding streets filled with graffiti murals. And this is your chance to become a graffiti artist yourself! Street artist Sesión, will instruct and help you paint the panels of a neighborhood garage. Return to the hotel to freshen up, and transfer in the evening to the Music Festival (Venue TBA). Overnight at Innside Lima Miraflores Hotel (B, L)

Monday May 4: Colonial Lima
We will begin the day with an exploration of Colonial Lima. First, we will stop off at the Main Square where we’ll take a walking tour to view the exteriors of the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the City Hall, all examples of Lima's still-present colonial architectural opulence. Our guide will take us inside the Cathedral to discover the different architectural styles and learn about the religious history of Peru. We will continue with the visit to the 17th century San Francisco Convent and its “catacombs,” the ancient underground cemetery of Lima. After lunch at Café del Museo, we head to the Larco Museum, an 18th Vice Regal mansion that houses more than 3,000 years of Peru's pre-Columbian history. The museum boasts a supremely fine collection of gold and silver jewelry and worship paraphernalia. The museum also contains a famous collection of erotic ceramic tomb art that gives insights into various aspects of pre-Columbian sexuality. The visit will be greatly enriched by the curator of the museum, who will provide in-depth explanations and serve as a unique conduit to the past. This evening, a transfer will be provided to the Music Festival (Venue TBA). Overnight at Innside Lima Miraflores Hotel (B, L)

Tuesday May 5: Pachacamac and Casa Hacienda Ficus
Just 20 miles south of Lima in the Lurin Valley, is the archaeological site of Pachacamac, one of ancient Peru’s most famous religious centers. It was here that the oracle to the great god Pachacamac, the most important deity of pre-Hispanic coastal Peru, resided. The sanctuary was built by the Ichma civilization using mud bricks. We will explore the sanctuary and visit the Temple of Urpi Wachak (wife of Pachacamac), the Temple of the Moon, the Plaza of Pilgrims, the Residence of the local Chief, and the Acllahuasi (where the chosen of the "Sun" lived) and the site museum. From atop the pyramids, we will be able to enjoy gorgeous views of the Pacific Ocean and the vast Lurin Valley. After an independent lunch, we will continue to Casa Hacienda Ficus, where we will enjoy a horse demonstration with horse breakers, trainers, and riders accompanied by the beautiful Peruvian Paso, a particular breed of light saddle horse distinguished by its natural, four-beat lateral gait called the paso llano. Return to the hotel, and enjoy a group dinner together this evening, as well as a last evening of the Music Festival (Venue TBA). Overnight at Innside Lima Miraflores Hotel (B, D)
Wednesday May 6: Sacred Valley
Today we fly to Cusco and then transfer directly to the Sacred Valley, where we visit Awanacancha en-route to the hotel. Here, you will learn about the various types of camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos) that live in the Andes region. Additionally, the local villagers will teach you about the ancestral methods and techniques used to produce their textile art. We'll enjoy a group lunch and also dine together in the evening. 
Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado Hotel (B, L, D)

Thursday May 7: Sacred Valley, Chinchero and Ollantaytambo
This morning, we will head toward Chinchero village, famous for the extraordinary beauty and quality of its textiles, and for its Sunday fair, where local people dress in traditional colorful outfits and travel down from their villages to trade their goods. Next we head to the archaeological site of Moray. Used as an agricultural testing ground, the site’s system of circular terraces descends 490 feet from where we will stand, serving as a perfect testament to the level of advancement achieved by the Incas, who excelled at building masterful constructions in harmony with nature. The journey will continue to the Salt Pans of Maras. The still-operating salt mine, in use since Incan times, provides an amazing view: the stark white of the steeply descending salt pans contrasted with the vibrant green of the surrounding mountain slopes. We have lunch at a local establishment, then visit one of the last remaining Incan towns, Ollantaytambo, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. With the help of a local expert, we will discover the large archaeological complex of what used to serve as a wayside inn for royal delegations on long journeys. Dinner will be included at the hotel. Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Valle Sagrado Hotel (B, L, D)
Friday May 8: Train to Machu Picchu
Today we travel by train to Aguas Calientes, a ride packed full of spectacular vistas. Upon arrival, we transfer via bus to the citadel of Machu Picchu itself. Unearthed by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the seven wonders of the world. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural setting, and the energy that radiates from its enigmatic buildings will take your breath away. We will follow in the footsteps of the ancient Incas as we tour of the magical citadel led by a local expert guide. We’ll have an included lunch at Tinkuy restaurant and return to Aguas Calientes to catch the train back. We’ll have a group dinner at the hotel this evening. **Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Cusco (B, L, D)**

Saturday May 9: Cusco and Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park
Today we will start our tour at San Pedro Market, Cusco’s main street market, inundated with aromas, tastes, sights, and colors of the local products of the Cusco region. Then, we head to Cathedral on Cusco Main Square, where we will admire its lovely atria and priceless 17th and 18th century paintings of the Cusco school. Next, we will visit the Qoricancha, a temple dedicated to the Sun god. Legend has it that its inner walls were once completely lined with gold. Afterward, we will discover the picturesque neighborhood of San Blas, home to many renowned artists and the San Blas Church, built in 1563 on top of an Inca Sanctuary. We’ll enjoy a group lunch at La Feria, followed by a visit of the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman: a colossal structure built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy. This astounding example of the Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectural work of the Tahuantinsuyo. **Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Cusco (B, L)**

Sunday May 10: Tipon and Pikillacta Archeological Parks and Andahuaylillas' Church
Our excursion today is to explore some of the sights of Cusco’s southern region. We’ll start with Tipon, an amazing archaeological complex of elevated platforms and terraces, where spring waters still flow through the site's impressive system of fountains and aqueducts. We’ll continue through stunning Andean landscapes filled with quaint, remote villages until we reach the pre-Incan citadel of Pikillacta (City of Fleas). We will stop to visit this impressive site of nearly 120 acres of small enclosures, terraces, stonewalls, and storage buildings. After a group farewell lunch at Villa Mercedes Restaurant, we head to Andahuaylillas, a friendly village about 25 miles outside of Cusco boasting one of the most outstanding churches in the Andes: San Pedro Apóstol (St. Peter the Apostle). Known as the Sistine Chapel of Peru, this church will dazzle you with the beauty of its splendidly decorated murals and frescoes. **Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Cusco Hotel (B, L)**

Monday, May 11: Return to Lima
Today we return to Lima. Enjoy some free time in the city before meeting for a gala farewell dinner and toasting to a remarkable Peruvian adventure! **Overnight at the Innside Lima Miraflores hotel (B, D)**

Tuesday, May 12: Your New England Public Media adventure concludes
An airport transfer is included for all guests departing on the group flight this morning. (B)
* Muy buen viaje!

-Itinerary subject to change-
Environmental Commitment
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Reservations: A $500 deposit is required to secure your space. An additional $200 deposit is requested if opting for the group flight. To make a reservation or questions please call our travel staff at 800-723-8454