



**Peru: Journey to a Lost World:**  
Featuring the *Belmond Hiram Bingham* & *Belmond Andean Explorer*



*Eleanor & Owen Hardy, co-owners of The Society of International Railway Travelers, were delighted to be among the first advisors in the world to test out the luxury sleeper train Belmond Andean Explorer in Peru when it launched in 2017. It was immediately added to our prestigious World's Top 25 Trains list.*

*Findings of our study tour: Choose a Suite on board the train — it is one of the loveliest cabins we have found, anywhere. The food and service on board is spectacular -- with scenery to match. The open-air observation car is glorious. Traveling all the way from Cusco to Arequipa is a must.*

*And, as members of the prestigious Virtuoso consortium and Belmond's Bellini Club, we are also delighted to offer our guests exclusive and valuable complimentary amenities, such as breakfast daily and complimentary massages at all Belmond hotels. All sightseeing is private, except the stops on the train.*

*Finally, this journey is just a starting point: we can add nights, upgrade room categories, or add an extension on a luxury riverboat on the Amazon, for example.*

## **Day 1**

**Lima**

Upon arrival at Lima Airport, make your way to baggage claim, where our representative will be waiting to collect your luggage and transfer you to Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel.

Check in to the Miraflores Park for a two-night stay in an Ocean View Junior Suite. The hotel is renowned for its beautiful garden location beside the Pacific Ocean, with breathtaking views out to sea.



## **Day 2**

**Lima**

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby to begin your **Lima city tour**.

Begin with a visit to the **Plaza Mayor**, which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Continue on to the **Cathedral**, with its splendid carved stalls and silver-covered altars surrounded by fine woodwork, the **Government Palace**, the **City Hall** and the

**Archbishop's Palace.** Next, visit the **San Francisco Monastery**, which houses the largest exhibition of Colonial religious art in America. From the historic center you will travel through modern Lima and visit the fascinating **Larco Museum**, located in a unique 18<sup>th</sup>-century mansion, which features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru, and a famous erotic archaeological collection.



Enjoy lunch at the **Café del Museo** restaurant, offering a variety of homemade dishes. Located at the fascinating Larco Herrera Museum, it provides a privileged view of the beautiful surrounding gardens and of the mansion, which was built on a Pre-Colombian pyramid from the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

After lunch, return to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

This evening, enjoy a set menu dinner at **Restaurant Tragaluz**, your hotel's main dining room.

**Overnight: Belmont Miraflores Park**

**Day 3** Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

This morning, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby. Transfer to Lima Airport for your scheduled flight to Cusco:

Upon arrival in **Cusco** you will be met after luggage collection by the local representative and transferred to the Sacred Valley. Enjoy the stunning landscape to the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Visit **Awanakancha Center**, where weavers of more than 12 communities of Southern Peru exhibit the spinning, dyeing and weaving of traditional Andean textiles and costumes. Here you will find the finest traditional and industrial Andean textiles in South America.



Continue to the town of **Pisac**, renowned for its colorful market where the local Indians meet to sell their merchandise, as they have done for centuries. The handicraft market is open every day and is famous for its ceramic beads made into necklaces, earrings, and other Peruvian artifacts. A box lunch will be provided.

Arrive at the Belmond Hotel Rio Sagrado and check in for a two-night stay in a Garden Junior Suite. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to rest and acclimatize to the higher altitude.



*Note: Golf carts are available to whisk you around the very hilly grounds of Rio Sagrado. Just call the front desk and request one if you are feeling tired and prefer to be driven.*

This evening enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant, **El Huerto**, with its warm glow of candlelight and refined, sophisticated atmosphere.

#### **Day 4**

#### **Sacred Valley**

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby for today's tour.

First you will visit **Chincho**, a small Andean Indian village located high up on the windswept plains of Anta at 3,762 meters (12,340 feet) above sea level, about 30 km (18 miles) from Cusco. There are beautiful views overlooking the Sacred Valley of the Incas,

with the Cordillera Vilcabamba and the snow-capped peak of Salkantay dominating the western horizon. Chinchero is believed to be the mythical birthplace of the rainbow. The colorful Sunday market is much less tourist-oriented than the market at Pisac. The village is mainly comprised of mud brick (adobe) houses, and locals still go about their business in traditional dress.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in the charming **Hacienda Huayocari**, with its vast collection of Colonial and folk art. The Hacienda is located on the summit of a hill sheltered amidst Andean peaks, offering one of the finest views of the Valley.



In the afternoon, visit the town of **Ollantaytambo**, the site of one of the great Inca fortresses and sacred areas in the Urubamba Valley. The town is one of the oldest continuously occupied settlements in the Americas. The 16 massive terraces are a testimony to the magnificent Inca masonry. Climb the steep stone steps up to the imposing fortress at the top of the mountain – around 260 steps! From here the view down the valley is superb and you can admire the huge monoliths that form the Temple of the Sun.

This evening enjoy dinner (set menu) at the hotel's restaurant, **El Huerto**.

**Overnight:**            **Belmond Hotel Rio Sagrado**



The *Belmond Hiram Bingham* train is the most luxurious way to travel between Cusco and Machu Picchu – a magical journey never to be forgotten. As you step on board, you are surrounded by a world of polished wood, gleaming cutlery and glittering glass. The train consists of two dining cars, an observation bar car and a kitchen car, and can take up to 84 passengers.

## **Day 5**

## **Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu**

This morning, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby for your transfer to Ollantaytambo train station. Here you will check in for your *Belmond Hiram Bingham* journey to Machu Picchu.

En route to Machu Picchu, a brunch will be served as you watch the stunning landscape unfold (alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages included, except premium brands and special wines).



Upon arrival, take a short bus trip up to Machu Picchu, and check in to the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, located right at the ruins, for a two-night stay. Your stay includes buffet

breakfast, a la carte lunch and dinner, alcoholic and non- alcoholic beverages (premium alcoholic brands and special wines excluded) and a full mini-bar.



This afternoon, enjoy exploring this unique Inca citadel and its surrounding complexes on a private visit while you continue getting acclimated to the altitude.

Machu Picchu stands 2,430 meters (7,970 feet) above sea-level, in the middle of a tropical mountain forest, in an extraordinarily beautiful setting. It was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The natural setting on the eastern slopes of the Andes encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna. *Entrances to the citadel are included.*

This afternoon, enjoy a tea time at the hotel.  
Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

## **Day 6** **Machu Picchu / Cusco**

This morning, it is highly recommended to rise early and take a walk through Machu Picchu at sunrise (before the crowds arrive); many consider this to be the highlight of a visit to Machu Picchu.

Today, you will have the opportunity to take one of two hikes with your guide:

The first option is to the **Inti Punku**, or famous Sun Gate, which is the entry point to Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail and offers excellent views of the ruins (approx. 2 hours).

The second is the chance to hike up the **Huayna Picchu** (strenuous & subject to availability) – the highest mountain, which is actually part of the ruins, from where you are afforded excellent views of the surrounding area, as well as a unique view of the famous ‘lost city’ (approx. 2.5 hours).

Alternately, you can choose to relax and explore the citadel at your own pace.

**Overnight:** **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge**

## **Day 7** **Machu Picchu / Cusco**

This morning and afternoon, continue exploring the citadel at your leisure. Late afternoon, gather in the hotel lobby to board the bus to Aguas Calientes, where you will board the **Belmond Hiram Bingham** train to Cusco.

An elegant dinner will be served on board (alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages included, except premium brands and special wines), followed by evening entertainment.

On arrival, you will be transferred to the Belmond Hotel Monasterio, where you will check in to a Deluxe room for a two-night stay (daily buffet breakfast included).





## **Day 8**

## **Cusco**

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby and set out for a half-day tour of Cusco.



Visit the **Cathedral** on the **Plaza de Armas** and the **Santo Domingo Temple & Koricancha**, a Dominican Church and convent built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Inca's principal religious building, dedicated to the worship of the sun. Your tour also includes a visit to the impressive fortress of **Sacsayhuaman; Kenko**, the amphitheater and religious center; **Tambomachay**, the Inca Baths and center of worship to the water god; and finally **Puca-Pucara**, the red fortress built to protect Tambomachay.

Enjoy an a-la carte lunch at **Limo Restaurant**. Limo is a must for connoisseurs and lovers of Peruvian high cuisine. It is a beautiful restaurant that combines tradition and contemporary design. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure in Cusco.

This evening, dinner is included at **El Tupay**, the restaurant at Hotel Monasterio.

**Overnight:**            **Belmond Hotel Monasterio**



The *Belmond Andean Explorer* is South America's first and only luxury overnight train. It is an intimate experience, accommodating a maximum of 70 guests in 35 all en-suite cabins.

It features an open-air observation platform on the rear lounge car, two dining cars serving fresh, locally-sourced delicacies, another lounge car with grand piano and bar, and a full spa car with treatment rooms.

## Day 9

## Cusco / Puno

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby for your transfer to Wanchaq station, where you will board the *Belmond Andean Explorer* train. Settle in to your private Junior Suite cabin, where you will stay two nights. All meals, alcoholic, and non-alcoholic beverages are included (premium alcoholic brands and special wines excluded).

After lunch on board, a stop is made in Raqchi, also known as the Temple of Wiracocha. Visit the Inka site at Raqch'I, which was a primary control point on a road system that originated in Cusco and expanded as the Inca empire grew.



Later the train stops at La Raya. La Raya marks the border between the regions of Cusco and Puno and is a typical natural area of the zone known as “Puna”. The La Raya pass is also the highest point on the line, reaching 14,150 feet.

**Overnight:** On board the *Belmond Andean Explorer Train*

**Day 10** Puno / Arequipa

After breakfast on board, enjoy a full-day tour of **Lake Titicaca**, exploring two of the lake’s famous islands.

First, head out across Lake Titicaca toward **Uros**, a group of man-made floating islands constructed entirely out of reeds. The friendly Uru people are happy to welcome you to their islands, and will share with you their history, culture and traditions.



Then, travel on to **Taquile**, an island untouched by the mainland’s modernity. The local inhabitants, known as Taquileños, still wear traditional clothing and are known for their high-quality handicrafts. While the women make yarn and weave, knitting is actually done exclusively by men. Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

**Overnight:** On board the *Belmond Andean Explorer*

**Day 11** Puno / Arequipa

After breakfast, disembark for a stop at **Sumbay Caves**. These caves feature more than 500 paintings and engravings of local wildlife, including herds of guanaco, a relative of the llama that still lives in Peru’s high sierra.

Afterwards the train continues to Arequipa.

Upon afternoon arrival in Arequipa train station, you will be met and transferred to the Casa Andina Premium Arequipa Hotel, where you will check in for a one-night stay. This evening is at your leisure.

## **Day 12**

## **Arequipa / Lima**

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby for a tour of Peru's **White City**, so called because of the white volcanic rock, sillar, used in its buildings. Visit the Plaza de Armas, the former cloisters of the Jesuit orders and the picturesque suburbs of Yanahuara and Chilina, with magnificent views of the Misti Volcano.

Continue to the Santa Catalina Convent, constructed to provide the daughters of the wealthiest families of the city with a religious vocation.

After lunch in a local restaurant, you will be transferred to the Arequipa Airport for your flight to Lima.

On arrival in Lima you will be met and escorted to the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel, where you can rest until it is time to return to the airport for your international departure.



## **Day 13**

## **Flight Departure**

Return to the airport to meet your departure flight.

