## 2025 Amazon Cruise and Machu Picchu Discovery

March 30 – April 11 2025



## Introductions

Your Brand g hosts: James Mayo and Les Porter





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# Guest Trip Stats

### 1. Age Overview

**Average Age: 66 years** Age Range: 55 to 75 years

## 2. Geographic Distribution **United States**

- California (CA): 9 guests
- Florida (FL): 8 guests
- Massachusetts (MA): 6 guests
- Texas (TX): 4 guests
- New York (NY): 3 guests
- North Carolina (NC): 2 guests
- Tennessee (TN): 2 guests

### International

- Canada (AB & ON): 4 guests
- Australia (NSW): 2 guests
- France (Paris): 1 guest

3. Regional Trends

**California & Florida** dominate the guest list, featuring cities like Palm Springs, San Jose, Wilton Manors, and Fort Lauderdale—popular LGBTQ+ hubs.

Massachusetts guests cluster in progressive cities such as Northampton, Newton, and Salem.

4. Same First Names

Observations:

- John is the most common name, with 5 occurrences.
- **David** follows closely with 4 guests.
- Bill and Bob each appear 3 times.
- Rick, Ken, and Kevin are each used by 2 guests.
- 5. First timers vs Veterans

**16 First time Brand g Travelers, Amazing! Welcome!** 26 Veteran Guests

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Trip Guide for Booked Guests

# Trip Guide

- This is a great resource for trip information.
- Here we have posted a summary itinerary and hotel details
- Pre trip information.
- Scan the QR Code to navigate to the page.









Thank you for booking our American Cruise & Machu Picchu Discovery: Your adventure will be here before you know it!

You should have received your travel attrangements email from info@brandguactrians.com, sent on February 28th, 2025. If you haven't received it, please check your spam folder. If you still can't locate it, don't heatste to call us at <1 (KG) 405-4209 or email us at info@brandguactrians.com

Relow, you'll find additional information to help you prepare for the exciting adventure shead.

### Before You Go

### PERSONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All documentation required for this interstry is the sole responsibility of the guest. Brand g Vacations will not be separable for advising and/or obtaining required street documentation for any passenger, or for any debys, damages, and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip, veloced to improper or absent trivel documentation. It is suggested that copies of important documents, including your passport and view, beyon a separate place, in case the originals are lost or station.

Passport: A presport that is valid for at least six (6) months after your return date is required for this program.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel insurance is advised to participate in this program. If you haven't purchased a policy stready, you may do to by contacting your travel agent or Brand & Vecations. You may also get a quote and purchase a policy anime from Brand g/s secommended travel insurance provider, <u>Travel Insured International</u>. Please be sure to carry all policy information with you during your program.

HEALTH AND MOBILITY

Vaccinations: Hiske sure you are up to date on notifie vectores before every trip, it is recommended that you decurs vaccinations waitable for entering the Amazon and Hachu learns and uncome parameters compares up to that have a parameters in parameters and a parameters.

# Personal Travel Documents

### • Passport

• Valid for 6 months after return.

## • Entry/Exit Requirements

• Check the requirements based on your country of residence. Be sure to officially document your date and place of entry.

## • Tip

- Keep copies of important documents in a separate place.
- Please visit our Booked Guest Page for more information.



# Peru Weather, Water, & Toilets

### • Weather

Average High/Low (°F) in March/April

- Lima: 65 80 °F
  - Amazon: 70 90 °F

• Cusco: 44 – 68 °F Prepare for a range of temperatures across the different locations on your trip.

• Water: Please stick to bottled or carafe water.

• **Toilets**: Please dispose of your paper products in the provided can or paper bag.







# Packing Suggestions

### <u>Clothing</u>

Casual Attire: Lightweight, breathable clothing for daily touring.
Smart Casual Outfits: For dinners and evening events.
Warm Layers: Sweaters, fleece, or jackets for cooler evenings.
Waterproof Jacket: For outdoor activities. Skiffs have Rain Jackets.
Comfortable Walking Shoes: Essential Machu Picchu and Ollantaytambo.
Swimwear: For pools or spas.

Hat and Sunglasses: For sun protection during outdoor activities. Windproof/Waterproof Layers: For boat tours or windy conditions.

### Health & Personal Items

### Sunscreen

**Insect Repellent**: For the Amazon and other outdoor areas w/ DEET high % **Lip Balm**: With SPF to protect against sun and wind.

**Medications**: Any required medications, plus extras for unforeseen delays. **Reusable Water Bottle**: To stay hydrated during activities.

**Basic First Aid Kit**: Bandages, pain relievers, and anti-nausea meds for road or boat travel.

### *Electronics*

Camera/Smartphone: For capturing the stunning scenery.

Power Adapter: 220V

2 types of plugs (Type A) - Flat parallel prongs and (Type C) – Round Prongs

**Portable Charger or Power Bank**: For long touring and transfer days. **Headphones**: For personal entertainment.

### Day Bag Essentials

Day Backpack or Bag: Lightweight and suitable for carrying daily items.
Snacks: For road trips or long tours.
Small Umbrella or Rain Poncho: For unexpected weather changes.
Notebook/Pen: To jot down memorable experiences.

### Specialty Items

Binoculars: For wildlife spotting during boat cruises or in nature.Flip Flops: For spa or pool visits.Sturdy Hiking Shoes



# Local Communities Support

Supporting Local Communities with School Supplies & Hygiene Items

A visit to a local village may be scheduled during the cruise.

We encourage guests to bring donations such as:

- Notebooks & school supplies
- Toys
- T-shirts
- Health & hygiene products

If we do not visit, the Delfin crew will deliver your donations on your behalf.

# Helpful Travel Tips

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# Helpful Travel Tips

Less is more – pack for convenience

Water – Use carafe or bottled.

What is the tipping culture in Peru?

- Generally, 10%
- CASH ONLY

Peruvian Soles (SOL) \$1 USD = \$3.65 SOL

Cash or Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard)

Photography

## WhatsApp Group

This group will be used to update everyone with reminders and any changes to the printed schedule.

## **Group Chat Etiquette**

- Keep group focused on questions and communications.
- Look at the time before you send a message to the group. If it's late, message or call one of your Brand g hosts directly.
- Sharing photos can push important information up.



# Arrivals Reminder

**Upon Arrival:** After you go through baggage claim and customs and exit the terminal and cross the street to the Wyndham Costa Del Sol Hotel.

Our transfer representative will be holding a Brand g logo sign and will transfer you to your hotel.

Please remain outside the Wyndham Hotel and wait for them to find you.

### Need Help Upon Arrival?

Please contact our local team in the event of a flight number change into Lima or for assistance with your arrival transfer.

The Lima team can be reached at +55-993-500-666.

# Itinerary Overview

# Brand Vacations

## <u>Lima Peru</u> (3/30 – 4/1) Lima Hilton Miraflores

### Day 1: Mar 30

- Welcome desk. Miraflores Lobby 9am-3pm
- Welcome Reception on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Day 2: Mar 31

- All Day Touring including Lunch @ the Larco
- Dinner on your own

### Day 3: Apr 1

 Depart for Iquitos and Nauta and board the Delfin III



# Transfer Day

- Breakfast in the hotel restaurant.
- 7:30am Bags out. Keep valuables in a carry-on.
- 8:10am Identify luggage in the lobby before it's tagged loaded onto the coach.
- 8:30am Depart for Lima Airport. Flight LA 2019 departs 11:40am, arrives 1:30pm
- 1:30pm arrive in Iquitos and coach to Nauta for Embarkation

## <u>Lima Peru</u> (4/3 – 4/5) Iquitos: Delfin III

Day 4 - 6: Apr 2 - 4

- River exploration
- Yanallpa and Dorado
- Pacaya River

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• Yarapa River

## Day 7: Apr 5

- Disembarkation & Fly to Cusco
- Transfer to Tambo Del Inka in Sacred Valley



# Transfer Day

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## Flight to Iquitos

We have a tight layover today.

- 6:30am 7:00am Breakfast in Delfin III Dining Room.
- 8:00am Bags outside staterooms.
- 9:00am Disembarkation
- 9:30am Depart for Manatee Rescue Center.
- 10:30am 11:30am Amazon Forever visit.
- 12:00pm Arrive at Iquitos Airport for Check-in
- 2:10pm Flight to Lima
- 5:05pm Flight to Cusco
- 8:30pm Arrive to Tambo Del Inka

## <u>Cusco</u> (4/5 – 4/8) Tambo Del Inka

## Day 8: Apr 6

- Scenic drive thru the Saltpans of Maras
- Visit the Incan crop site of Moray
- Dinner at Hawa restaurant

## Day 9: Apr 7

 Pachamama Ceremony and visit Ollantaytambo Fortress



# Transfer Day

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## Train Ride to Machu Picchu

- Coach to Ollantaytambo train station
- Board the Vistadome 203
- Disembark & drop overnight bags with Hotel porters
- Buffett Lunch @ Toto's House
- Board Bus to Machu Picchu for 1<sup>st</sup> visit.
- Return to Hotel and meet for a group dinner.

## <u>Cusco</u> (4/8 – 4/9) Sumac Hotel

### Day 10: Apr 8

- Train ride to Aguas Calientes
- Lunch
- First Machu Picchu
- Dinner at SumaQ

Passports are required for each visit to Machu Picchu.

## Day 11: Apr 9

- Huayna Picchu or explore markets of Machu Picchu Village on your own
- Train ride and sprinters to Cusco
- Dinner on your own



# Transfer Day

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## Train Ride and transfer to Cusco

- 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to park or free time in the town,
- Meet in Lobby @11 am
- Pre-selected Lunch @ Indio Feliz
- Pick up overnight bags from Hotel porters
- Board the Vistadome 203
- Disembark and board Sprinters to Cusco
- Arrive at hotel ~5:30pm

## <u>Cusco</u> (4/9 – 4/11) Belmond Hotel Monasterio

### Day 12: Apr 10

- Visit Koricancha and Convent of Santo Domingo
- Lunch on your own
- Dinner at Calle del Medio

### Day 13: Apr11

- Visit Sacsayhuaman and Qenqo
- Final Picnic Lunch
- Departures and transfers to Cusco Airport





## Meal Pre-Selections

# Please scan the QR code to complete your meal selections for two upcoming meals.

## Lunch at Indio Feliz



**Dinner at Calle del Medio** 



# Questions & Answers

# Brand Vacations

# Thank you and see you in Lima!