

# CHOICE HUMANITARIAN expeditions

**Expedition – Peru, October 13 - 20, 2018**

**(Optional Tour – Machu Picchu October 10 - 13, 2018)**

*From colonial architecture to the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, Peru is home to a diverse geography and population. Situated in the northern coastal region, Piura offers a tropical climate that extends to the mountainous Amazonian highlands to the Pacific Ocean.*



## **DAY 1: Saturday, October 13**

**USA to Piura, Peru**

- *\*participants must arrive at Capitan FAP Guillermo Concha Iberico International Airport in Piura by 5:00PM on DAY 1.*
- Upon arrival, transportation will be provided to [Hotel Los Portales](#) for overnight accommodations in Piura (shared Double Rooms). Official expedition activities will begin this evening. Group dinner and orientation will be scheduled tonight for expedition participants to meet one another and discuss trip details with local CHOICE staff. Time to explore Piura if arriving early.

## **DAY 2: Sunday, October 14**

**Piura to La Arena, Rio Viejo**

- Breakfast served at hotel. Group transportation will be provided in the morning to the La Arena region (2-hour distance). A brief stop will be provided and lunch will be served to the entire group. Participants will arrive to a gracious village in the late afternoon and be greeted with a warm welcome from native villagers. Time provided to unpack, rest, and meet local villagers. Dinner will be served in the evening. Overnight accommodations provided inside the village church and/or schoolhouse.

## **DAY 3 – 6: Monday, October 15 – Thursday, October 18**

**Rio Viejo Community**

- Breakfast served in village. Development projects scheduled throughout the week (construction of various village-identified initiatives). Lunch will be served in the afternoons with a brief rest provided. Dinner will be served in the evenings. Village activities and interactions will be provided to promote powerful intercultural exchanges between participants and native villagers. Overnight accommodations provided inside the village church and/or schoolhouse.

## **DAY 7: Friday, October 19**

**Rio Viejo to Piura**

- Breakfast served in village. Ceremonious village farewell scheduled in the morning. Group transportation will be provided to the nearby coast/beach for exploration and lunch followed by a return to Piura (3-hour distance). Upon arrival, participants will check-in to hotel for overnight accommodations (shared Double Rooms). Group dinner will be scheduled in the evening to discuss overall experiences.

## **DAY 8: Saturday, October 20**

**Piura to USA**

- Breakfast served at hotel. Time to enjoy Piura and explore local markets at your leisure. Flight departure from Piura to USA at your convenience.

***\$2195 Adult, \$1995 Student per person (airfare not included)***

*\*rates include hotel accommodations, certified group leaders, village lodging, village meals, and local transportation.*

A significant portion of each expedition fee is utilized for rural village development: project costs, construction materials, leadership building, and other elements leading to high-impact sustainable development.

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## Cuzco + Machu Picchu – October 10 - 13, 2018

With ancient Inca walls holding up colonial cathedrals surrounded by contemporary restaurants, Cuzco is the gateway to the Incas most sacred valley. Train rides and hot springs greet travelers as they make their way to Machu Picchu, the sacred destination of the Inca Trail.



### Wednesday, October 10

### USA to Cuzco

- *\*participants must arrive at Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ) in Cuzco by 1pm.*
- Check in to [Hotel Garcilaso](#) before a leisurely afternoon exploring Cuzco, the 11,000 ft high former Inca capital. Home to the nearby Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Cuzco offers colonial architecture, local markets, and breathtaking churches. Here, the group will begin its trek to Machu Picchu by first adjusting to the altitude while visiting key sites. Lunch and dinner not included.

### Thursday, October 11

### Cuzco to Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes

- Buffet breakfast served at hotel. 9 am departure to tour through the Sacred Valley en route to the base of Machu Picchu. Created by the powerful Rio Urubamba, this tranquil valley wanders between Pisac, famous for its local breads and market, and Ollantaytambo, home to the formidable 15<sup>th</sup> century Incan fortress. While only 18 miles long, the valley is home to some of the most sacred Incan sites of the empire. Buffett lunch will be served.
- An evening train ride brings the group to Aguas Calientes, a small hub at the base of Machu Picchu. Transportation will be provided to [Hotel Presidente](#) for overnight accommodations (shared Double Rooms). Filled with local markets and surrounded by the surrounding peaks, Aguas Calientes gets its name from the hot springs right in town. Dinner not included.

### Friday, October 12

### Machu Picchu to Cuzco

- Breakfast served at hotel. Group transportation will be provided in the morning to entrance of Machu Picchu. An early morning tour gives way to a misty scene that slowly reveals the high peaks and Incan ruins that make this one of the 7 Wonders of the World. A leisurely morning exploring the site includes visits to ancient houses, agricultural spaces, ceremonial structures and sacred temples. Lunch not included.
- A 4pm train and bus will take the group back to Cuzco and [Hotel Garcilaso](#) for overnight accommodations (shared Double Rooms). Personal time to shop and explore will be available. Dinner not included.

### Saturday, October 13

### Cuzco to Lima to Piura

- Breakfast served at hotel. Group transportation will be provided in the morning to the Cuzco airport. Participants will fly to Lima to connect to Piura flight.
- *\*participants must arrive at Capitan FAP Guillermo Concha Iberico International Airport in Piura by 5:00PM*

**\$650 per person (airfare not included)**

*\*rates include hotel accommodations, certified tour guides, train passes, site tickets, select meals, and transportation.*