

# MACHU PICCHU





*TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED TO  
THIS LEGENDARY WORLD WONDER  
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EXPAND IN THE ANDES.*







## TRIP OVERVIEW

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Nestled in the Andes mountains and frozen in time, the archaeological and ecological wonders of Peru are unparalleled. In this South American adventure, you'll go deep into the mountains, deep into the jungle, and deep into the past of this incredible country. There are few places on the planet earth that offer richer shift of lens, and a more potent look into the past. On this trip you'll climb through cloud forests and high alpine passes to explore the iconic Machu Picchu. You'll connect to the vibrant culture of the Ccoro people as you live among their community and earn service hours deep in the jungle. You'll whitewater raft the gorgeous and thrilling Apurimac River, and you'll explore the bustling cultural center of Cusco. Take the road less traveled to this legendary world wonder watch your horizons expand in the Andes.





## EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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Raft the deep gorges of the thrilling Apurimac River

Immerse yourself in Peruvian culture as you live and work among the locals earning service hours

Hike the sacred Salkantay Trail to Machu Picchu

Get a guided tour of the Lost City of Machu Picchu

Explore the ancient capital of the Inca empire in Cusco



## DAY 1-2

Fly into Cusco, Peru and meet your Moondance leaders. Orient yourself to your new adventure team, and to Peruvian lifestyle as you travel to the towering green mountains of the Andes. Spend your first night together preparing for your rafting expedition.

## DAY 3-4

Learn to navigate the white water rapids of the Apurimac River. Rated one of the world's top five rafting experiences, the Apurimac features deep canyons, gorgeous gorges, and beautiful lush scenery as it cuts deep through the mountains. Spend two days riding class three and class four rapids through vertical cliffs and stunning rock features. Spend the night camped deep in the mountains on the river bank under Peruvian stars.

## DAY 5-7

Travel from Cusco deep into the mountains to a local village. Immerse yourself in the unique and vibrant Peruvian culture of this place as you spend the next few days living in this community. Spend the mornings working on service projects and connecting with the families and children of the village. Afternoons will be full of day hikes in the mountains and learning the local culture. Working in the village will give you a chance to serve the people you will come to know and love. On your last night here, you'll meet your backpacking guides and prepare for your adventure on the Salkantay Trail.

*\*Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*







## DAY 8-12

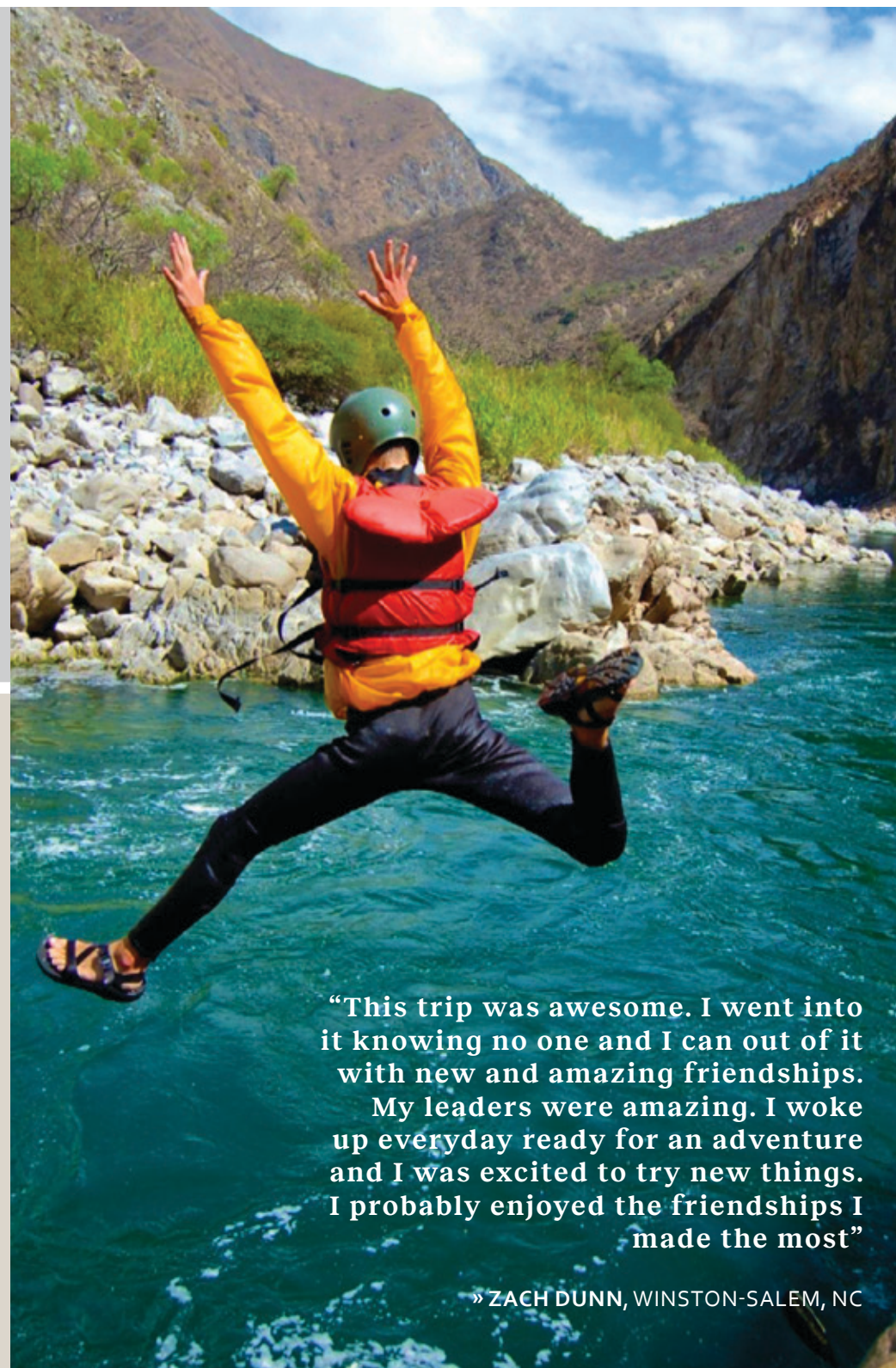
Travel from Cusco to Mollepatha where you'll meet your guides, mules and horses who will be traveling with you on a five day expedition of the scenic Salkantay trail to Machu Picchu. For the next 5 days you'll be hiking through cloud forests, dense jungle and high mountain passes. You'll see peaks covered in green, wild llama, and ancient ruins of Incan civilizations dating from the 13th - 16th centuries. You'll reach heights of up to 15,000 feet in altitude with sweeping views of sacred valleys. This route is an especially immersive glimpse into Machu Picchu as you will get to approach the ruins from the trail on the last day of your trek. Spend an entire day exploring the ancient walls and walkways of this UNESCO world heritage site.

## DAY 13-14

Travel to Cusco for a day of cultural exploration and celebration of your Peruvian adventures. Enjoy a final banquet with your group recounting all that you've accomplished. Then fly to Lima, where you will prepare for your international flight back to the United States. Fly from Lima back to the United States.







**“This trip was awesome. I went into it knowing no one and I can out of it with new and amazing friendships. My leaders were amazing. I woke up everyday ready for an adventure and I was excited to try new things. I probably enjoyed the friendships I made the most”**

**» ZACH DUNN, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**



# TRIP DETAILS

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LENGTH	14 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	10th-11th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Cusco, Peru (CUZ)
<i>Suggested flight details provided upon acceptance</i>	
GROUP SIZE	13 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$1,400

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
  - Trekking
  - White water rafting
  - Community service
- Accommodations
  - Tents
  - Hotels/ Hostels
- Private buses/ trains
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

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- Airfare to and from Cusco, Peru (CUZ)
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
  - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$150 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly recommended)

## CONTACT

### ADMISSIONS

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