Machu Picchu to the Galapagos
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They rank as two of South America’s greatest treasures, and a small group tour is the natural selection for both: the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu, where we overnight at an intimate on-site hotel; and the fascinating Galapagos Islands, Darwin’s “living laboratory,” for a four-night island-based adventure.

Tuesday, August 24:  Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru
We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Wednesday, August 25:  Lima
This morning we visit a prominent art museum in Lima. Then we encounter colonial Lima on an afternoon tour, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel.  B,D

Thursday, August 26:  Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Arriving in Cuzco today, we stop at the important Incan site of Koricancha, dedicated to the Sun God. Then we continue on to Sacred Valley, a region of Incan sites and indigenous villages. We visit the colorful Indian market at Pisac before reaching our hotel late afternoon.  B,L,D

Friday, August 27:  Sacred Valley
Today we explore Ollantaytambo, both a living town and site of massive Incan ruins that still inspire wonder. Then we visit the Incan farming town of Chinchero, where residents live much as their ancestors did and where we see a traditional weaving demonstration. Before dinner at our hotel tonight, we attend a native “Offering to the Earth” ceremony.  B,L,D

Saturday, August 28:  Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu
This morning we board a train for the 1½-hour journey to Aguas Calientes, where we transfer by shuttle bus to our hotel for lunch. Then we embark on our first guided visit of the stunning ruins at Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas.” Thanks to the small size of our group, we will be able to move nimbly through the ruins and have the leisure to absorb both the beauty and the mystery of this impressive site. With an overnight stay here, we have the rare privilege of seeing the ruins after the tourists have departed.  B,L,D

Sunday, August 29:  Machu Picchu/Cuzco
This morning before the day trippers arrive, we enjoy our second guided tour of this UNESCO site. Following lunch at our lodge, we return to Aguas Calientes with some free time before our mid-afternoon train to Cuzco.  B,L

Cover photo: We look for marina iguanas during our nature walk on South Plaza island.
Monday, August 30: Cuzco  Known for its Incan and Spanish colonial heritage, Cuzco is the archaeological “hub” of the Americas and the continent’s oldest continuously inhabited city. This morning we tour this UNESCO site then stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman fortress, a masterpiece of Incan architecture. We enjoy lunch today in the home of a gracious Cuzco family. *B,L*

Tuesday, August 31: Cuzco/Lima/Quito, Ecuador  Early today we fly via Lima to Quito, arriving late afternoon. We attend a briefing about our Galapagos adventure then dine at our hotel. *B,D*

Wednesday, September 1: Quito  Nestled in the Andes foothills, Quito boasts a well-preserved historic center, as we see on today’s city tour that includes the Intiñan Museum and the Middle of the World Monument. *B,L*

Thursday, September 2: Quito/Baltra/Santa Cruz Island  Today we fly to the island of Baltra then transfer to Santa Cruz, our island-based home for our Galapagos exploration. We reach our beautiful hotel set on 370 lush, unspoiled, and secluded acres in the highlands adjacent to Galapagos National Park in time for lunch. Then we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to see and learn about the giant Galapagos tortoises. *B,L,D*

Friday, September 3: North Seymour Island/ Bachas Beach  This morning we embark on our first excursion aboard the *Santa Fe*, our privately chartered yacht. We set out for North Seymour, a flat, low-lying island with ample opportunities for close encounters with the wildlife on our naturalist-led walk. After lunch, we head back to Santa Cruz island for a nature walk. *B,L,D*

Saturday, September 4: South Plaza Island/Punta Carrion  Today’s destination is the small in size but rich in flora and fauna island of South Plaza. Boasting abundant wild-life and colorful flora, and surrounded by turquoise waters, South Plaza ranks as one of the most popular (and colorful) of the Galapagos islands. During our nature walk, we are on the lookout for such local residents as marine iguanas, bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs, Nazca and blue-footed boobies.

We encounter plenty of wildlife, like these sun bathing sea lions, in the Galapagos.

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**Pre-Tour Option**

August 20-24, 2021  
Amazon Rainforest  
4 days/4 nights for $1,195 total price  
Single Supplement: $235

*Discover the Amazon’s amazing flora, fauna, and even villages on this exceptional – and comfortable – tour.*

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation Lima/Iquitos  
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 1 night in Lima at Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (First Class); 3 nights in the jungle at Ceiba Tops Lodge (Superior First Class)  
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners  
- Extensive sightseeing, including guided Canopy Walkway tour and visit with ribereños (Amazon river people)  
- Fully escorted by an Amazon-born naturalist guide as your Odysseys Unlimited representative  
- Private vehicle transportation  
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

*Land Only guests: $1,295 total price per person*
and a male colony of sea lions (“the bachelors”). Then we cruise to Punta Carrion, where we have the opportunity to snorkel in the calm waters of a shallow cove. \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Sunday, September 5: Santa Cruz Island} Today we explore Santa Cruz itself, the second largest of the Galapagos islands. We see the giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat; the huge twin craters of Los Gemelos; and Garrapatero, a secluded white-sand beach where we see an abundance of marine and terrestrial wildlife. \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Monday, September 6: Santa Cruz Island/Baltra/Quito} This morning we transfer to Baltra for the flight to Quito, arriving mid-afternoon. Tonight we celebrate our remarkable adventure at a farewell dinner. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Tuesday, September 7: Quito/Depart for U.S.} This morning we visit Quito’s Botanical Gardens and \textit{american/ hispanic}}
Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 16-day tour to Peru and Ecuador. Explore two of South America's treasures – the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galapagos Islands.

Begin with a full-day tour of Lima. Next, fly to Cuzco and explore the beautiful Sacred Valley. Enjoy a captivating train ride to Machu Picchu, and stay overnight at the on-site Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, which affords virtually private access to the stunning ruins. In the Galapagos Islands, you spend four nights in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, your base for exploring North Seymour, South Plaza, and Santa Cruz islands, embarking on day excursions on a privately chartered yacht. Conclude your journey back in Quito and enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate your adventure. Guests who are interested may also start the tour early on the 4-day/4-night “Amazon Rainforest” pre-tour option.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Machu Picchu to the Galapagos departing August 24, 2021. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, please call (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.

Full Passport Name _________________________________________ Date of Birth ______ Gender ___

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Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State ___________________________ ZIP _____________

Home Phone (______)_________ Cell Phone (______)_________

E-mail(s) ___________________________________________ Badge Name(s) __________

Please book my/our air from ____________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade) □

I will share a room with ____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

Pre-Tour “Amazon Rainforest” Option: Please sign me/us up □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, August 24-September 8, 2021, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date __________________

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

□ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
□ Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
□ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

Method of Payment □ Check □ American Express □ Discover □ MasterCard □ VISA

Account # ___________________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________

Name of Cardholder ________________________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10–$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility: The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by acts or omissions not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your International flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline baseline fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We will be following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 90 days prior to departure.

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