An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of MSU

Machu Picchu to the Galapagos
December 5-20, 2023

16 days for $8,693 total price from Detroit
($7,795 air & land inclusive plus $898 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear MSU Alumni and Friends,

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, spend four nights in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, your base for exploring North Seymour, South Plaza and Santa Cruz Islands, and embark on day excursions on a privately chartered yacht. Conclude your journey in Quito and enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate your adventure. Guests may also start the tour early on the four-day/four-night Amazon Rainforest pre-tour option.

This exciting small group journey is limited to 20 guests, and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Go Green!

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THE MSU RESERVATION FORM: MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from __________________________ I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa

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

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

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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.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru  We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: 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

Day 3: Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley  Arriving in Cuzco today, we stop at the important Incan site of Korican-cha, 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

Day 4: 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

Day 5: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu  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,D

Day 6: 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

Day 7: 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 at a local restaurant.  

Day 8: Cuzco/Lima  We fly back to Lima today, arriving mid-day. After lunch on our own, we visit the Larco Herrera Museum of pre-Columbian art and artifacts revealing 3,000 years of Peruvian history. Dinner tonight is on our own.  

Day 9: Lima/Quito  Today we fly to the Ecuadorian capital of Quito, arriving late afternoon. After checking in at our hotel, we attend a briefing about our Galapagos adventure then enjoy dinner together.  

Day 10: 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.  

Day 11: 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. On our walk, we may see the Galapagos’ largest colony of frigate birds, a nesting colony of blue-footed boobies, and swallowed-tailed gulls, among other bird life. After lunch, we head back to Santa Cruz island for a nature walk.  

Day 12: South Plaza Island/Punta Carrion  Today’s destination is the small in size but rich in flora and fauna island of South Plaza. 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, and a male colony of sea lions (“the bachelors”). Then

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

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Day 12: South Plaza Island/Punta Carrion

Pre-Tour Option

December 1-5, 2023
Amazon Rainforest
4 days/4 nights for $1,295 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: $1,395 total price per person
we cruise to Punta Carrion, where we have the opportunity to snorkel in the calm waters of a shallow cove. B,L,D

Day 13: 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. B,L,D

Day 14: 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. B,D

Day 15: Quito/Depart for U.S.  Nestled in Andes foothills, Quito boasts a well-preserved historic center, as we see on today’s city tour that includes the Middle of the World Monument. Then we return to our hotel for time at leisure before tonight’s transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the U.S. B,L

Day 16: Arrive U.S.  We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our return flights home.

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Your Island-Based Galapagos Experience: Royal Palm Hotel

We stay in comfort for four nights in spacious rooms at the Royal Palm Hotel, set in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, and enjoy day cruises aboard the Santa Fe, our privately chartered yacht.

Tour Departs: December 5, 2023

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in a Casita at the Royal Palm Hotel and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $898, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $2,595. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days from departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Upgrade to a Highland Villa at the Royal Palm Hotel: $295 ($495 single).

Please note: This trip involves a significant amount of walking on uneven terrain. Also, there are both wet and dry landings in the Galapagos. You should be in good physical condition to participate in this trip. In addition, Cuzco’s high altitude (11,150 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Please consult your physician if you have concerns.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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...Machu Picchu, the Crown of Inca Land”

– Hiram Bingham
If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days...