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**PERU**



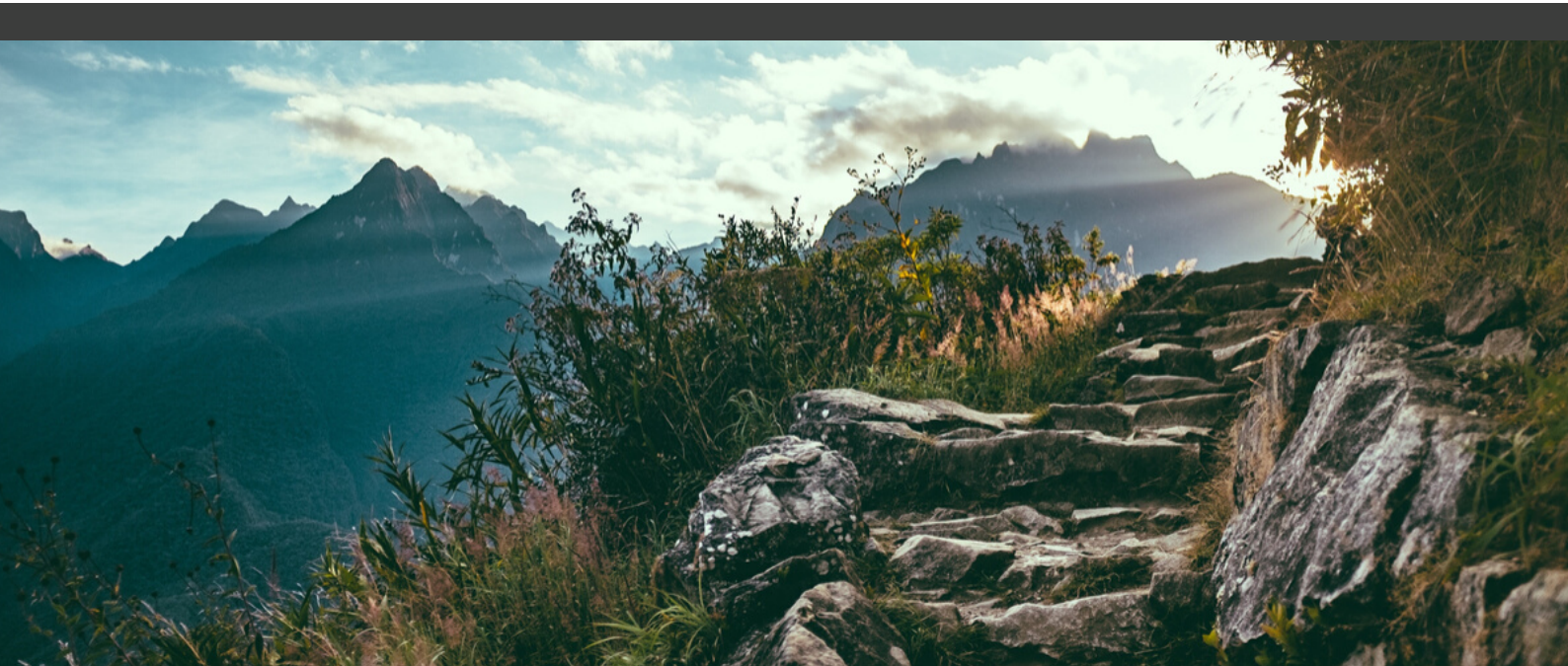




# PERU

*Immersion*

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# GENERAL TRIP INFO



**Group:** Florida Tech

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**BTM Trip Coordinator:** Cody Bliss  
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**Participants:** 15

**Trip Length:** 7 nights/8 days

**Trip Dates:** March 7-14, 2020

**Cost:** *Price breakdown below*





## ITINERARY OVERVIEW

**Day 1:** Fly to Cusco, Peru. Spend the day relaxing and acclimating to the elevation.

**Day 2:** Explore the ancient town of Cusco for your second acclimatization day.

**Day 3:** Today the adventure begins! Start the hike on the Salkantay trail. Pass by the stunning Salkantay Lake and glacier

**Day 4:** Continue your journey hiking over the highest point on the trail (15,000ft!).

**Day 5:** Hike through lush jungles and past plummeting waterfalls. Relax in hot springs.

**Day 6:** Today needs no introduction- explore the world famous Machu Picchu!

**Day 7:** Relaxing mountain bike ride through the Andes before our final night in Cusco.

**Day 8:** Depart for home.



## DAY 1: SOUTH AMERICAN FLARE

Our trip begins from Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport. Today you will relax and take in the sounds and sights of South America in the charming town of Cusco. This is day one of two for acclimating to the high altitudes of the region. Cusco sits at 11,152 feet! Tonight we stay in a local hotel and feast on the flavors of the local cuisine! After our first group dinner, we will have an orientation to the adventures ahead!

## DAY 2: EXPLORING CUSCO

Cusco is the longest inhabited city in and undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas. It's also beautiful, fascinating, and bursting at the seams with things to see and do: churches and temples, colonial architecture, stunning streetscapes, great cafés, mountain views, museums, musicians, markets, and crazy hole-in-the-wall shops selling everything from frogs and herbs for casting spells to the world's most colorful candles! Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city and the most important temple of the Inca Empire- Qorikancha. Take it easy today and acclimate to the elevation. Tomorrow we begin the trek towards Machu Picchu!





# LOCAL PERUVIAN CULTURE



## DAY 3: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Today we start early as we travel to the start of the trail, stopping along the way for some breakfast. At the trailhead, we'll load our gear onto our packhorses then start hiking. The afternoon's 3-4 hour hike up to Soyrococha is all uphill. Along the way, we stop at local villages and we spend the night in the shadow of the impressive Salkantay Glacier.

## DAY 4: VIEWS ON TOP OF THE WORLD

After breakfast, we begin our steep ascent to Abra Huayracmachay (15,100 feet/4,600m), the highest point in the hike where we'll enjoy magnificent views of the high glacier of Salkantay. Converse with locals as we pass through rural villages. From here it's a long, easy descent to our second campsite. Total trekking time is about 8 hours.

## DAY 5: WILDLIFE & RELAXATION

Today's first section is a lovely descent alongside the Salkantay River. You'll notice the changing environment as we move down from arid highlands into a tropical ecosystem, with waterfalls, lush vegetation, and eventually coffee, avocado, and banana plantations. Spend the evening relaxing in Cocalmayo hot springs where we'll camp the night. What better place to soak away the tiredness and bask in our achievements on the trail?





**LIFELONG MEMORIES**



## DAY 6: THE GRAND FINALE

An early train ride will lead us to the most famous Inca city. A spectacular stone city surrounded by incredibly steep, incredibly green mountains, Machu Picchu needs no introduction and is deservedly one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Your trip leader will take you on a guided tour – a necessary start to orient you in this massive site – then you'll have plenty of time to explore the site and some of the surrounding peaks on your own before we catch the train back to Cusco.

## DAY 7: BIKE TOUR & CUSCO

Ollantaytambo is known for its ruins, including a massive Inca fortress with large stone terraces on the hillside. The village's old town is an Inca-era grid of cobblestoned streets and adobe buildings. Explore this town in the morning before setting out for a relaxing mountain bike ride through the Andes countryside. Settle into Cusco for our final night and group dinner.

## DAY 8: THE END OF THE JOURNEY

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end...or do they! Although we head home today, the sights and experiences from Peru will be forever a part of your life!





# ANDES MOUNTAIN VIEWS



# TERMS & CONDITIONS



## Price Includes

All expenses outlined in itinerary, including:

- Pre-Trip Research & Logistics
- Pre-Trip Meetings & Planning Sessions
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- Round Trip Airfare (from MCO or FLL to CUZ)
- Private In-Country Transportation
- Activity & Entrance Fees, Permits and Associated Tips
- All Meals, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinners
- Personal BTM Trip Director (CPR/Lifeguard/First Aid certified)
- BTM Peruvian Guides, Cooks, & Porters
- Personalized Trip Webpage
- Student Travel Insurance
- The most unforgettable Spring Break!

## Price Does Not Include

- Expenses of personal nature both prior to departure as well as during the trip including additional snacks, alcohol and souvenirs.
- Items on packing list

## Participant Abilities

Fitness level: moderate to high. Travelers will be required to walk moderate distances over continuous days at high elevations. Traveler should be in good health and have a good sense of adventure! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

# PAYMENT DETAILS



## **Trip Cost:**

**\$2000 per person**

## **Optional Services:**

\$50 LiveLifeBeyond At-Risk Youth Scholarship

\$25 Carbon Offset

## **Deposits:**

\$500 deposit is due by Dec 6, 2019.

\$500 due January 3, 2020

\$500 due February 7, 2020

\$500 or remaining balance due March 6, 2020

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this itinerary.

## **Traveler Authorization:**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TODAY!

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# Details & Policies

## Cancellations:

The trip coordinator agrees to notify Beyond The Map (BTM) with written notice of cancellation **90** days prior to the trip date. Cancellations less than 90 days prior to the trip date will be charged the remaining balance of the trip. Any deposits paid prior to the cancellation are non-refundable.

## Refunds:

The trip coordinator agrees to notify BTM with written notice of any change in the final numbers **60** days prior to the trip date. Refunds are based on the final balance due, excluding deposit(s). No refunds will be issued for participant absences if notification is received after the date listed above. The group will be responsible for paying the estimated minimum balance based on the contracted minimum as stated in the contract. Therefore, no refunds will be issued if final numbers fall below the contracted minimum. An adjusted invoice will be provided to account for additional participants above the contracted minimum.

## Deposits

Initial deposit is based on the contracted minimum and is required to secure trip dates. **All deposits are non-refundable.** A custom payment schedule will be determined by BTM and the group leader and listed in the contract. If deposit is not received by the due date noted in the contract , the trip dates will be released and the contract will be voided.

## Weather & Uncontrollable Events:

Many of our trips run regardless of the weather conditions; however, in the event of an extreme weather event or safety concern BTM will determine if the trip cannot proceed. If this were to occur, the trip would be rescheduled and no refunds will be issued.

## Release Forms & Other Documents:

In many instances, release forms and other documents are required prior to the trip. BTM will be sure to provide ample time for delivery and return of these documents to each traveler. In the event that a traveler does not return the documents in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she may be denied access to an activity or experience.

# Details & Policies

## **Dietary Restrictions:**

Various BTM trips require prior meal planning for the group. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special dietary needs or restrictions prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler has failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not have the appropriate rations during the trip and will be responsible for supplying their own if need be.

## **Accommodations:**

Most BTM trips require prior planning to determine room configurations. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special room configurations prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler(s) have failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not be given the appropriate room configurations requested and will be responsible for any changes that may be necessary.

## **Cut-Off Date:**

The minimum number of participants must be reached by the date in the contract. If the school has not reached the contracted minimum number of participants by the cut-off date, BTM will release the respective trip date(s).

## **Roster:**

Must be received **30** days prior to the trip. If the trip has exceeded the contracted minimum, an updated invoice will be provided.

## **Contracted Minimum and Maximum Participants:**

The price is based on a minimum and maximum number of participants. The minimum number of participants must be reached by the contracted cut-off date in order for the trip to occur. The final cost of the trip is subject to change if it falls below the contracted minimum or above the maximum number of participants.

**Please Make Checks Payable to:**

**Beyond the Map**

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**Oakland Park, FL 33334**