



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Paola





Introduction

Did you know that Peru is home to the only desert oasis in South America, Huacachina, where sand dunes meet palm-fringed lagoons? Paola, you're planning a family adventure for 9 adults to Peru from November 21 to December 2, 2025, with a focus on luxury hotels and a budget of €3000 per person. This tailored program draws on local expert knowledge to ensure a seamless, immersive experience for a group eager to book soon.



Why Peru?

Peru is a treasure trove for family groups seeking a blend of ancient culture, breathtaking landscapes, and world-class hospitality. November to early December is a shoulder season—Machu Picchu is lush but less crowded, and the Andes are transitioning from dry to rainy, which means vibrant scenery with manageable weather. Luxury accommodations are plentiful, and the country's logistics allow for a balanced pace, perfect for a group of adults wanting both comfort and adventure. Peru's cuisine, Inca heritage, and natural wonders will make every day memorable.



Custom Program



Day 1: Arrival in Lima

- **Morning:** International arrival in Lima. Private transfer (45 min) to your hotel in Miraflores.
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely stroll along the Malecón; optional guided visit to the Larco Museum for a world-class introduction to pre-Columbian art.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a renowned Peruvian fusion restaurant.
- **Highlight:** Sunset over the Pacific from a rooftop terrace.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Belmond Miraflores Park** (Luxury, Miraflores): Iconic oceanfront suites with rooftop pool and impeccable service, from €450/night.
 - **Atemporal** (Boutique, Miraflores): Chic, intimate townhouse with curated design and personal concierge, from €300/night.
 - **Hotel B** (Boutique, Barranco): Art-filled mansion in Lima's bohemian district, perfect for creative inspiration, from €320/night.

TIP: Early check-in is recommended after an overnight flight; request in advance for comfort.

Day 2: Lima to Sacred Valley

- **Morning:** Private transfer to airport (45 min), flight to Cusco (1h 15min), then direct transfer to Sacred Valley (1h 30min) for optimal acclimatization.

- **Afternoon:** Settle into a luxury valley lodge; light walk in Pisac market or the hotel's gardens.
- **Evening:** Gourmet Andean dinner at the lodge.
- **Highlight:** Arrival in the lush Sacred Valley, surrounded by Inca terraces and mountains.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba** (Luxury, Urubamba): Contemporary hacienda with panoramic valley views and immersive local experiences, from €450/night.
 - **Sol y Luna – Relais & Châteaux** (Luxury, Urubamba): Private casitas set in lush gardens, celebrated for fine dining and cultural shows, from €400/night.
 - **Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa** (Luxury, Urubamba): Riverside resort with private train station and hydrotherapy spa, from €500/night.

ALTITUDE: Sacred Valley sits at ~2,800 m. Take it easy, hydrate, and avoid alcohol on arrival day.

TIP: Arrange for group luggage handling and oxygen if needed; soft bags are ideal for transfers.

Day 3: Sacred Valley Exploration

- **Morning:** Private guided tour of Ollantaytambo ruins and village (30 min transfer).

- **Afternoon:** Visit Maras salt pans and Moray circular terraces (45 min drive each way).
- **Evening:** Relax at the lodge's spa or enjoy a pisco tasting experience.
- **Highlight:** Walking among surreal salt terraces with panoramic valley views.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 2.
- **Activity: Moray Agricultural Terraces** (Moray): Explore ancient Inca engineering marvels and learn about their agricultural experiments.

ALTITUDE: Activities today remain below 3,000 m, but some sites (Moray) approach this—pace yourself and wear sun protection.

TIP: Private guides can arrange exclusive access or after-hours visits for a more intimate experience.

Day 4: Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Ollantaytambo station (30 min), board Vistadome or Hiram Bingham luxury train (1h 45min) to Aguas Calientes.
- **Afternoon:** Guided visit to Machu Picchu citadel (entry slot ~13:00 for best light and fewer crowds).
- **Evening:** Dinner at a riverside restaurant in Aguas Calientes; optional soak in thermal baths.
- **Highlight:** First breathtaking views of Machu Picchu.
- **Hotel options:**

- **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel** (Luxury eco-lodge, Aguas Calientes): Immersed in cloud forest gardens, with nature trails and spa, from €500/night.
- **Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel** (Luxury, Aguas Calientes): Elegant riverside retreat with gourmet Peruvian cuisine, from €450/night.
- **El MaPi by Inkaterra** (Boutique, Aguas Calientes): Modern comfort and eco-conscious design, from €350/night.
- **Activity: Machu Picchu Citadel** (Aguas Calientes): Private guided exploration of the legendary Inca sanctuary, with time for iconic photos and quiet contemplation.

ALTITUDE: Machu Picchu is at ~2,400 m, but train and bus transfers involve altitude changes—move slowly and stay hydrated.

TIP: Secure Machu Picchu entry permits and train tickets well in advance, especially for afternoon slots.

Day 5: Machu Picchu to Cusco

- **Morning:** Optional second entry to Machu Picchu (e.g., Huayna Picchu hike, subject to availability), or explore Aguas Calientes market.
- **Afternoon:** Return train to Ollantaytambo (1h 45min), private transfer to Cusco (1h 30min).
- **Evening:** Check into luxury hotel in Cusco's historic center; dinner in

a colonial courtyard.

- **Highlight:** Arrival in Cusco, city of cobblestones and Inca-Spanish architecture.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Belmond Hotel Monasterio** (Heritage luxury, Historic Center): Former monastery with original frescoes and tranquil cloisters, from €500/night.
 - **Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel** (Luxury, Historic Center): All-suite hotel with heated outdoor pool and butler service, from €600/night.
 - **El Mercado** (Boutique, Historic Center): Stylish, contemporary rooms in a lively location, from €300/night.
- **Activity: Huayna Picchu Hike** (Machu Picchu): For the adventurous, ascend the steep trail for panoramic views (limited permits; book early).

ALTITUDE: Cusco is at 3,400 m. Take it easy on arrival, avoid heavy meals, and consider coca tea for mild symptoms.

TIP: Arrange luggage transfers and early check-in if needed; request oxygen in rooms for added comfort.

Day 6: Cusco City & Culture

- **Morning:** Guided walking tour of Cusco: Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, Qorikancha Temple.

- **Afternoon:** Visit San Pedro market and Sacsayhuamán fortress (20 min drive).
- **Evening:** Peruvian tasting menu at a top-rated restaurant.
- **Highlight:** Immersive encounter with living Andean culture and vibrant city life.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 5.
- **Activity: Sacsayhuamán Fortress** (Cusco): Explore the massive Inca stonework and panoramic city views with a private guide.

ALTITUDE: Continue to monitor for altitude effects; avoid strenuous activity if symptoms persist.

TIP: Private art or cooking class can be arranged for a deeper cultural immersion.

Day 7: Rainbow Mountain or Alternative Excursion

- **Morning:** Early departure for Rainbow Mountain (3h drive each way) with private guide, or alternative: Chinchero weaving village and countryside picnic (1h drive).
- **Afternoon:** Return to Cusco; time to rest or explore at leisure.
- **Evening:** Light dinner and evening stroll in San Blas district.
- **Highlight:** The surreal colors of Rainbow Mountain or intimate weaving demonstration.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 5.
- **Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek** (Vinicunca): Trek through

high-altitude landscapes to see the iconic striped mountain (requires good fitness and acclimatization).

ALTITUDE: Rainbow Mountain reaches over 5,000 m. Only attempt if well acclimatized; consider the Chinchero alternative for a lower-altitude, cultural day.

TIP: Dress in layers, bring sun protection, and carry snacks and water.

Consult your physician before high-altitude treks.

Day 8: Cusco to Paracas (Coast)

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Cusco airport (20 min), flight to Lima (1h 15min), then direct transfer to Paracas (3.5h by private van).
- **Afternoon:** Check into luxury beachfront resort; relax by the pool or spa.
- **Evening:** Seafood dinner overlooking the Pacific.
- **Highlight:** Arrival at the tranquil Peruvian coast after Andean adventures.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort** (Luxury, Paracas): Iconic seaside resort with private dock, spa, and family-friendly suites, from €400/night.
 - **La Hacienda Bahia Paracas** (Boutique, Paracas): Elegant coastal retreat with lagoon-style pool and relaxed ambiance, from €300/night.

- **Aranwa Paracas Resort & Spa** (Resort, Paracas): Spacious rooms and excellent amenities for groups, from €250/night.
- **Activity: Paracas Bay Kayaking** (Paracas): Glide along calm waters with views of flamingos and the desert coast.

TIP: The drive from Lima to Paracas is scenic but long; request comfort stops and refreshments en route.

Day 9: Paracas & Ballestas Islands

- **Morning:** Private boat tour to Ballestas Islands ("mini-Galapagos" for sea lions and birds).
- **Afternoon:** Optional dune buggy and sandboarding adventure in Huacachina (1h 15min drive), or visit Paracas National Reserve for dramatic desert landscapes.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with fresh ceviche and cocktails.
- **Highlight:** Wildlife encounters and dramatic desert landscapes.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 8.
- **Activity: Ballestas Islands Wildlife Cruise** (Paracas): Spot sea lions, Humboldt penguins, and seabirds on a private morning boat tour.

TIP: Bring a windbreaker for the boat tour; mornings can be brisk on the water.

Day 10: Paracas to Lima & Departure

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Lima (3.5h); time permitting, brief stop in

Pisco or Chinchu for local specialties.

- **Afternoon:** Day-use room or luggage storage in Lima; last-minute shopping or city stroll.
- **Evening:** Private transfer to airport (45 min) for international departure.
- **Highlight:** Smooth, relaxed end to the journey with time to reflect and unwind.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport** (Airport hotel): Directly connected to the terminal, ideal for late flights, from €220/night (day-use rates available).
 - **Country Club Lima Hotel** (Luxury, San Isidro): Classic elegance and refined service, from €350/night.
 - **Hyatt Centric San Isidro** (Modern luxury, San Isidro): Contemporary comfort with rooftop pool, from €250/night.

TIP: Confirm flight times and late check-out as needed; allow extra time for Lima traffic.



Customizable Options

- Upgrade to Belmond or Relais & Châteaux properties for select nights.
- Private chef's table or exclusive pisco blending experience.

- Helicopter scenic flight over the Nazca Lines (from Paracas, weather permitting).
- Wellness day with spa treatments and yoga in Sacred Valley or Paracas.
- Specialist guides for archaeology, gastronomy, or photography.
- Private weaving, pottery, or cooking workshops for the family.

Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort:** Luxury hotels throughout; all properties with excellent group amenities and service.
- **Indicative budget:** €3000 per person covers premium accommodation (average €350–€600/night), private transfers, domestic flights, guided activities, most meals. Excludes international airfare, some lunches/dinners, personal expenses, and tips.
- **Seasonal notes:** November–December is shoulder season; Machu Picchu and Sacred Valley are lush, but occasional showers may occur. Rainbow Mountain can be chilly and affected by weather—layered clothing recommended.
- **Luggage:** Domestic flights have weight limits (usually 23kg checked); soft bags preferred for easier handling.
- **Altitude:** Acclimatization built into itinerary; Sacred Valley first, then Cusco. Rainbow Mountain is high altitude—consult with your group

and physician if needed.

- **Budget note:** For peak luxury (top suites, exclusive experiences), consider raising budget or trimming itinerary by 1–2 days. Group rates may offer some savings, but Peru’s luxury segment is in high demand for these dates.
- **To Confirm:** Final group composition, dietary restrictions, and preferred room arrangements.

ALTITUDE: Always monitor for symptoms above 2,500 m (fatigue, headache, nausea). Rest, hydrate, and seek medical advice if needed.

TIP: Bring cash for remote areas; credit cards are not always accepted, especially in markets and small villages.



Next Steps

- Please confirm if the above dates, comfort level, and pace match your expectations.
- Let us know if you wish to add or remove regions (e.g., Amazon, Arequipa, Lake Titicaca) or adjust the balance of culture, adventure, and relaxation.
- Share any special interests (gastronomy, wellness, photography) or accessibility needs for your group.
- Once you’re ready, we’ll connect you with a local partner to refine the program, secure permits, and handle all logistics for a seamless

booking process.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
10 nights luxury/boutique accommodation (avg. €450/night, double occupancy)	€2,250
Private airport, intercity, and in-country transfers	€250
Domestic flights (Lima–Cusco, Cusco–Lima)	€200
Luxury/Vistadome train to/from Machu Picchu	€150
Private guided tours and activities (incl. Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, Ballestas Islands)	€350
Most meals (breakfasts, 5 dinners, 3 lunches)	€200
Entry fees (Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, Rainbow Mountain, museums)	€100
Total Estimated Cost	€3,500

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