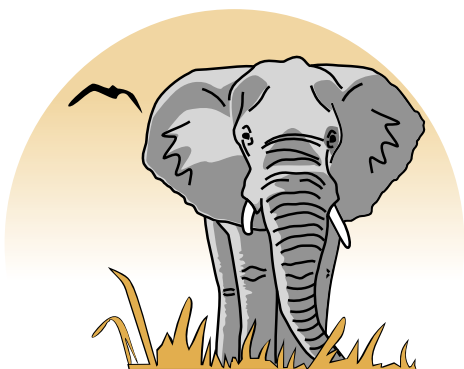
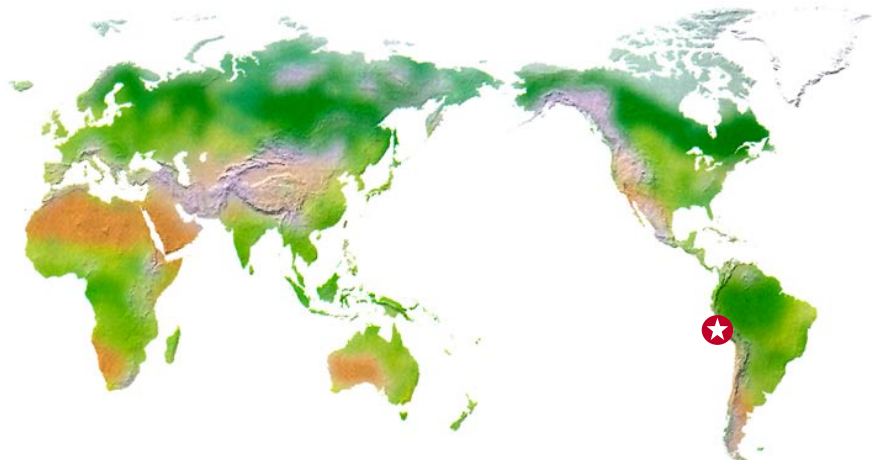


# School Trip Itinerary

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# PERU SAMPLE ITINERARY

## Day 01

Flight departs Calgary for Lima (via Houston). The flight will leave Calgary early in the morning and arrive in Lima late that same evening. The group will be met at the airport and transferred to their hotel for the night.

## Day 02

Depart very early in the morning for Cusco, where upon arrival you will be transferred to the Sacred Valley and the village of Pisac. As this is Sunday there will be a large Indian market taking place which will be a fun way to learn more about the local culture. Also, as Pisac is lower than Cusco in altitude that will be easier for everyone to acclimatize.

Nearby you can admire an impressive unfinished fortress with a temple of 10 niches and the Temple of the Sun formed by six enormous rectangular monoliths. The community where you will be working is also nearby and if time permits you may have the opportunity to visit it late in the afternoon. Due to the early start and the higher altitude it will be an early evening for everyone, with dinner at your hostel just outside Pisac.



## Day 03

Today you travel back out to the village where you will stay for the next 2 nights. As there are no real accommodations for tourists you will be setting up camp and then begin working with the people who live here. This area is extremely poor and you students will be busy helping at the local school. The work will consist primarily of digging and planting an indigenous medicine plant garden for the education of the students. The group will be camping while staying here.

## Day 04

This will be another day spent working at the village school. Depending on the group size, some students may be involved in English teaching with the younger students. An added advantage of the time spent in the village will be the acclimatization to the altitude for everyone in the group.

## Day 05

After saying goodbye to the locals you have befriended over the past two days you leave for the train station at Ollantaytombo where you will catch the train to Chachabamba, located at KM 104 before Machu Picchu. It will be mid morning when you arrive so there will be time to visit the nearby archaeological complex. Then it's off for a 3 hour hike to the ruins of Winayhuayna (meaning Always Young). After a look at these beautiful ruins you continue on for another 2 hours over relatively flat terrain before entering the Intipunko or Sun Gate. Here you have your first unforgettable view of the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent exploring the complex architecture that makes up the site. Your dinner and night stay will be at the nearby hotel in Aguas Calientes.

## Day 06

Rise early in the morning to catch the sunrise over the ruins and spend more time hiking around the area and experience all that Machu Picchu has to offer. This afternoon you will catch the train back to Cusco in time to have a late dinner and well deserved rest at the hotel.



### Day 07

Today you will get a full day tour of Cusco that includes the Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, Koricancha, typical Inca streets, the District and Church of San Blas, plus the opportunity, if you wish, to visit the factories of the craftsmen of the area. If you have not had enough of ruins you can also visit the nearby ruins of Tambomachay, Kenko, Puka Pukará and the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Enjoy your last evening in the mountains with a traditional Indian dinner.

### Day 08

Early in the morning you will catch a flight to Lima in order to connect with another flight to Iquitos. Upon arrival in Iquitos in the afternoon you will embark on a 4 day / 3 night rain forest excursion on board one of the boats that cruises the Amazon River. There will be a briefing once aboard by your local guide who will outline the next few days. There will be time that afternoon to stop and visit a local sugar cane mill and visit some local farms along the river.

### Day 09

For those early risers, the morning aboard the boat is a great time to see many of the exotic birds of the Amazon as this is when they are the most active. After breakfast you will arrive at the village of Pevas. You will get a chance to stop and visit this place which is the home of the famous Amazon artist Francisco Grippa. The afternoon will see you going up river on the small tributary, the Rio Ampiyacu. Here you will find one of the villages of an ethnic rain forest tribe and get a chance to experience their everyday way of life. That night, weather permitting; there may be an opportunity for a night boat ride on the river.

### Day 10

After more bird watching in the morning, and breakfast, you will stop again at another large village of native people and get a chance to experience their home. You will get a chance to practice some of their local folk dancing and do some bartering for their local goods. Later in the day you will go out in the small boats and try your hand at piranha fishing and caiman spotting.

### Day 11

The time on the river finally has to end. You will arrive back in Iquitos in the late morning and after disembarking you will be transferred to the airport for the flight back to Lima. Once there it will be off to a nearby hotel for a "final farewell dinner to Peru".

### Day 12

Depart for home once again via Houston. The arrival time back in Calgary will be late in the evening.

### Trip includes:

- Round trip international air fare on Continental Airlines
- All accommodation and meals
- All domestic transportation and flights as indicated
- Amazon river cruise
- Unlimited medical insurance
- All taxes and fees
- Tips and gratuities

### Does not include:

- Cancellation insurance (optional - must be purchased at time of deposit)
- Drinks at meals
- Items of a personal nature

