

# MYSTICAL PERU

A Group Adventure for

DuPage Unit

**IRTA**

Investing in the future of retired educators.

Operated by

  
**MayflowerTours**  
Life Enriching Experiences

Investing in the future of retired educators.

**IRTA**

INVITATION ENCLOSED FOR  
DUPAGE IRTA MEMBERS

Mayflower Tours  
1225 Warren Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

PRESENTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
DOWNERS GROVE, IL  
60515  
PERMIT #56

# MYSTICAL PERU

featuring Machu Picchu

Departure Date: October 9, 2018

SAVE UP TO  
**\$150**  
PER PERSON  
Call for details



7 Days • 11 Meals  
Discover the wonders of Machu Picchu  
and the beauty of Peru and its people  
on this land exploration through this  
amazing country.

Dear Travelers,

DuPage IRTA is offering members and their family and friends the opportunity for a terrific, affordable tour to Mystical Peru featuring Machu Picchu. In the early 1900's much of South America was not yet explored or mapped and explorers ventured into what was labeled Amazonia to map and look for ancient cities of the Inca. In 1911 an American discovered the mysterious "lost" city of Machu Picchu. Our guided tour through Peru includes an adventure to this legendary ancient city, which is on many travelers "must see" list.

Our adventure is an escorted land tour packed with good value. It includes an internal air flight and a scenic train trip. In choosing a destination we survey members and listen to suggestions from those who went on our previous DuPage IRTA international tours to China, Australia / New Zealand, Greece / Turkey, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Spain, Costa Rica, France, and European rivers. South America has always been mentioned by members in past surveys. Traveling in the fall season avoids the crowds of summer for a more pleasant experience.

Our review encompassed various tours from vendors with size, experience, and good reputations. I found again that Mayflower Tours offered exceptional cost and value. Last year they served about 25,000 international travelers. Because we have been a good customer for Mayflower, they are offering incentives to our travelers who sign up promptly. Furthermore, Mayflower has committed that if there were to be an increase in the airfare Mayflower would NOT go back to our travelers to collect any additional fees. The fare quoted below would be for roundtrip travelers from O'Hare (ORD) airport, but other departure cities can be arranged.

DuPage IRTA is happy to organize these yearly opportunities for members and friends. Please be aware that spaces are limited. I am looking forward to sharing the Mystical Peru adventure with you!

Gary Elmen

DuPage IRTA Tour Chairperson

gwelmen@yahoo.com





Explore the stunning landscapes and Incan sites of the Sacred Valley

Native Incas are happy to meet you

Shop for indigenous handicrafts at Pisac Market

Relax during a scenic journey aboard the Vistadome train

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 11 Meals (2 dinners, 3 lunches, and 6 breakfasts)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Explore the Incan sites of the Sacred Valley including the Maras Salt Pans
- ✓ Visit Pisac Market, mingle with the artisans and shop for indigenous handicrafts
- ✓ Watch the scenery fly by during your travels on the Vistadome train
- ✓ Experience the wonders of Machu Picchu during an included excursion to this magical citadel
- ✓ Enjoy the culture and sights of Cusco, including the ruins of Sacayhuaman, during a 2-night stay
- ✓ \$35 in Mayflower Money

### DAY 1 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on a flight to Lima, Peru. Your flight arrives late evening and the Mayflower Tours representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 – Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Following breakfast at the hotel, board a morning flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, a motorcoach will be waiting to take you to the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba for the start of your Peruvian adventure. Visit the Pisac Market and enjoy the colorful ambiance as the artisans proudly display their handicrafts. Stroll through the marketplace and pick up some handmade souvenirs! Lunch is included at a local countryside restaurant before arriving at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

### DAY 3 – Sacred Valley

Begin the day with an excursion to the Andean village of Ollantaytambo, continuously inhabited since the 13th century, which once served as a country retreat for Inca royalty. As you walk through the village of cozy cobblestone streets and adobe buildings, your guide will provide the history of the Incan city planning using a grid formation and irrigation channels which are still visible in the surviving ruins. The ruins of the massive Inca fortress and large stone terraces built into the hillside are still visible today making it feel as if time has stood still. Following lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Maras Salt pans. Learn how generations of families harvest the salt during this impressive process and maintain their own pans amidst the never-ending terraces. On the visit to Chinchero, an authentic Andean village, see the collection of paintings inside the historic church, built upon an Inca temple. You'll also have an opportunity to see local artisans create some of their handicrafts at a weaving demonstration. After a full day of touring, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Meals: B, L

### DAY 4 – Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

This morning, board the Vistadome train and depart the Sacred Valley for Aguas Calientes, home of Machu Picchu. Enjoy the

changing landscape as you travel from Andean highlands to the beginning of the jungle before arriving in the town of Aguas Calientes. For centuries, Machu Picchu has remained a mystery, holding tight its secrets. Journey to the Lost City of the Incas and uncover the mystery of this ancient citadel as Machu Picchu wraps its magical spell around you. Perched high on an isolated mountaintop, this citadel in the clouds is a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring an intricate complex of stone stairs, ruins and tunnels. Your guide will walk with you through this amazing archaeological site and provide history and lore that is sure to leave you in awe. During the excursion, lunch will be provided at a local restaurant. After exploring Machu Picchu, return to town for an included dinner and overnight at the hotel. Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 5 – Aguas Calientes / Cusco

Enjoy a morning at leisure before departing by Vistadome train for the return to Ollantaytambo where the coach will be waiting to take you to Cusco, the Imperial City and archaeological capital of South America. Once the capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco sets the stage, taking you back in time to when the glorious Incas ruled. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. Meals: B, D

### DAY 6 – Cusco

The day begins with a guided tour as you follow the trail of the Incas. Admire the finest examples of Inca history and architecture and take in the panorama of dramatic mountains and spectacular canyons. Cobble streets and plazas feature both colonial and religious landmarks. Visit the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Church built on the foundations of the Inca temple Koricancha and dedicated to the Sun God. The entire valley is filled with architectural wonders around every vista! Continue to Sacsayhuaman, a gigantic walled city and monumental former royal fortress. This former ceremonial compound is a magnificent example of Inca military power and boasts an amazing panoramic view of Cusco. After the excursion, the final afternoon and evening are free of planned activities. Meal: B

### DAY 7 – Cusco / Lima / USA

After breakfast it's time to bid farewell to the remarkable Inca Empire and transfer to the airport for the flight to Lima with connections to your gateway city. Meal: B

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

#### 2018 DEPARTURE

2018 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
October 9	\$3,674	add \$959

**Pricing includes round trip airfare out of Chicago inclusive of airport arrival, departure and fuel surcharges and Inter-Country airfare.**

#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$199 Optional

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

Days Prior	Deposit Amount
91 days or more	20% of tour cost
90 to 45 days prior	30% of tour cost
44 to 15 day prior	40% of tour cost
14 to 1 day prior	100% of tour cost
Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour	No refund on unused portions of the tour

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.

#### Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day One** – Ramada Costa del Sol, Lima, Peru

**Days Two and Three** – Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley, Peru

**Day Four** – Hotel Sumaq, Aguas Calientes, Peru

**Days Five and Six** – Casa Andina Private Collection, Cusco, Peru

## For Reservations or Information Contact:

**Mayflower Tours**  
 Imelda Flores  
 1225 Warren Avenue  
 Downers Grove, IL 60515  
 (800) 323-7604 ext 264  
 (630) 435-8264