



PeruRail links most of the tourist highlights of the Andes in Peru and is undoubtedly the most spectacular way to discover the ancient land of the Incas, taking you through scenery of outstanding beauty and to places almost inaccessible by any other means.

Choices of main routes are offered - between either historic Cuzco or the Sacred Valley and the legendary Machu Picchu and between Cuzco and Lake Titicaca.



THE TRAINS

HIRAM BINGHAM

This luxury train service runs between Cuzco and Machu Picchu. The train departs from Poroy Station (20 min. drive from the centre of Cuzco) at 9am, giving a more leisurely start to the day than other PeruRail departures.

Its distinctive blue and gold livery and elegant interior upholstery in warm, inviting tones, consists of 4 cars - 2 dining cars, a bar car and a kitchen car. The price of the journey includes onboard meals with wine, entertainment, guides, bus transfers, entrance to the Ruins and afternoon tea at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge.



At around noon, on July 23, 1911, an explorer named Hiram Bingham climbed up a steep hill and stumbled onto Machu Picchu, uncovering what had been up until that moment, the Incas' best kept secret. The World was stunned by his discovery. PeruRail's luxury train service between Cuzco and Machu Picchu, is named after the American explorer who discovered the stunning ruins of the ancient citadel.

The train leaves from Cuzco in the morning taking a spectacular journey through a changing landscape while guests enjoy breakfast. After the steep climb out of Cuzco, the train descends into the Sacred Valley, passing lush fields and colorful villages in the foothills of the Andes.

From there, the journey is highlighted by wonderful vistas of the mountains and the beautiful Urubamba River which runs through the Sacred Valley. On arrival in the town of Aguas Calientes at the foot of Machu Picchu, guests are taken to the ancient citadel. After a private guided tour, an Afternoon Tea is offered in the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge followed then by some time you can use to reenter the ruins and enjoy the unique World Heritage Site. Then passengers will return in the early evening to enjoy a sumptuous dinner served on the train during the 3½ hour journey back to Cuzco.

For many visitors, the journey to Machu Picchu is an once-in-a-lifetime experience. Taking the Hiram Bingham means passengers can focus their attention and energy on what matters most, content in the knowledge that the logistical details of the day's trip have been taken care of by PeruRail.

Vistadome



These spectacular carriages have beautiful panoramic windows offering unsurpassed scenic views and photographic opportunities. With glass surrounding them on all sides, passengers feel as if they are part of Peru's remarkable landscape.

Vistadome is the quickest way to visit Machu Picchu and apart from the carriages of the Hiram Bingham, the most comfortable. Snacks and hot and cold refreshments are included on the journey. The Vistadome runs between Cuzco-Machu Picchu and Sacred Valley-Machu Picchu. Passengers can also board and alight in Poroy (the closest stop to Cuzco), avoiding the switchback in and out of Cuzco and saving approximately half an hour off the total journey time.

Backpacker



The Backpacker carriages are created for our adventure passengers or for those seeking comfort and security, without all the frills.

These carriages offer travelers a true Peruvian experience. Seats are upholstered with indigenous fabrics, giving a touch of local flavor.

Snacks are served on this service and additional storage space is available for backpacks.

Backpacker runs between Cuzco-Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley-Machu Picchu and Cuzco-Lake Titicaca.

First Class on the Andean Explorer



The Andean Explorer is exquisitely decorated in the fine manner of the great Pullman trains of the 1920's and boasts a full fleet of refurbished coaches including dining cars and an open-air observation bar car, which is unique in South America.

On the journey passengers are served a three course lunch in the dining car followed by coffee served in the observation-bar car.

The Andean Explorer runs between Cuzco and Lake Titicaca. This service, full of romance and style, unites two of Peru's top tourist destinations.

Life on Board



The distinctive blue and gold carriages of the Hiram Bingham are warm and inviting with elegant interior upholstery. The train, consisting of 2 dining cars, a bar car and a kitchen car, can carry up to 84 passengers. The general style of the carriages is in line with those on PeruRail's 'Andean Explorer' train, which operates between Cuzco and Lake Titicaca in Southern Peru, and reflects the luxury of the 1920s Pullman era.

The Hiram Bingham departs Cuzco at 9am which gives a more leisurely start to the day than the traditional 6am departures of other services. Brunch is served on board the train whilst travelers enjoy the spectacular scenery unfolding before them from the large windows. The arrival at Machu Picchu at 12.30pm gives passengers the advantage of entering the Sanctuary at an hour when the majority of the visitors are already beginning to leave for their journey back to Cuzco. This not only gives the opportunity to experience the ancient citadel at Machu Picchu in relative solitude, but also with a longer period of time there, and passengers only return to the train as the sun goes down.

Once back on board for a 6.00pm departure, pre-dinner cocktails are served in the bar accompanied by live entertainment before passengers enjoy a 4-course, à la carte dinner, in the dining cars. The train pulls into Poroy station in Cuzco at 9.25pm.

