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For a winter destination that will appeal to all ages, Peru is a perfect choice. Frequently referred to as the Land of the Incas, Peru is a vast amalgam of history, peoples, legends, and traditions. Her Andean landscapes, her remarkable archaeological resources, rich colonial heritage, and colorful indigenous cultures offer an encyclopedic introduction to South America, a holiday family trip that will last a lifetime. From the bustling colonial port of Lima at the foot of the Andes to the center of the Inca universe at Cusco, Peru presents her story with geographic splendor.

As a family adventure, this itinerary includes a number of options that will appeal to a broad range of ages and interests. We'll begin with Lima's colonial and pre-Columbian treasures and a dazzling water show at the Parque de la Reserva followed by a welcome dinner in view of a fifth-century pre-Inca temple. Our journey continues to Cusco and the Urubamba Valley, where we'll enjoy a variety of options for bicycling, horseback riding, hiking, pottery workshops, weaving demonstrations, and cooking lessons. We'll visit a local Indian market, an Andean weaving project to see vicuña, guanaco, alpaca, and llama and the new Chocolate Museum in Cusco. We'll ascend the Andes Mountains by train to the enchanting site of Machu Picchu. Here, comfortably lodged near the site, we'll be able to contemplate this Lost City of the Incas and explore its granite temples, altars, squares, and fountains. We can visit the archaeological park, walk to the Gate of the Sun, and even climb the dramatic peak of Huayna Picchu.

We've taken care of all the planning and logistics, including expert leadership and internal air travel, so that you and your family can enjoy the remarkable cultural and geographic diversity of Peru. An optional post tour extension to Lake Titicaca, or a short cruise on the Amazon is also available if you’d like to continue your journey.
Saturday, December 26
US/LIMA

We’ll fly to Miami for a connecting flight to Lima, the capital of Peru. Once in Lima, we’ll meet our tour director and transfer to the hotel.

(Meals a/o) Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

Sunday, December 27
LIMA

After breakfast, we’ll begin our tour of Lima’s main colonial sites: The Cathedral, Plaza Mayor, Government and Archbishop Palaces and the monumental San Francisco monastery with the largest collection of religious art in America. The highlight will be the visit of the underground vaults, known as “Catacumbas” (Catacombs). Afterwards, we’ll visit the residential areas of Lima: San Isidro with its olive grove, golf course, “Huaca Huallamarca” (a pre-Inca temple), Miraflores with its central park, “Parque del Amor” and ocean views. Before returning to the hotel, we’ll enjoy lunch at the Cala Restaurant with a superb view of the Pacific Ocean. We’ll tour Parque de la Reserva which has been transformed into the largest electronic water fountain complex in the world and is certified by the Guinness Book of Records. This afternoon we’ll enjoy a spectacular show of water, lights, music and images presented at the park. Our Welcome Dinner this evening will be at Huaca Pucllana Restaurant located on the site of a fifth century pre-Inca temple.

(Meals a/o) Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

Monday, December 28
LIMA/CUSCO/URUBAMBA - SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

This morning we fly to Cusco and transfer to our hotel located in Urubamba Valley, known as the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We’ll have lunch at the hotel with time to explore its extensive grounds and lovely gardens. This afternoon we’ll visit the studio of renowned ceramist Pablo Seminario, who uses ancient Inca techniques to re-create reproductions and original ceramics. One of the artists will demonstrate basic techniques with opportunities to make our own pottery. Our pieces will later be fired and re-united with us in Cusco. Over the next two days we’ll enjoy a variety of activities including horseback riding, hiking, pottery workshop, weaving demonstrations, bicycling, ATVs (additional cost), and cooking lessons. All activities can be customized to traveler’s interests.

(Meals a/o) Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness

Tuesday, December 29
URUBAMBA/PISAC/OLLANTAYTAMBO/URUBAMBA

After breakfast, we’ll visit Awana Kancha, a weaving project of Andean communities where we’ll see four kinds of American camelidae (alpaca, llama, vicuña, guanaco) and learn about these fine wools and the ancestral techniques used in weaving them. We’ll continue to the village of Pisac, known for its colorful Indian market. Here we can also hike the splendid Inca ruins of Pisac, a large complex of religious temples at 10,654 feet. After Lunch at Tunupa del Valle Restaurant, we’ll
tour of the town and fortress of Ollantaytambo, the only living Inca town where ancient agricultural terraces are still in use today and where we’ll see native residents in their colorful dresses. After we return to the hotel this afternoon, we’ll have an introduction to Peruvian culture followed by a cooking lesson.

(B,L) Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness

Wednesday, December 30
URUBAMBA

Today, we’ll drive to the Inca Village of Chinchero, where the views of the Urubamba Valley—known as the Sacred Valley of the Incas—and the Vilcabamba Mountains are spectacular. The main plaza, the nearby ruins, and the craft market are some of Chinchero’s many attractions. We’ll visit the home of Nilda Callañaupa of the Center for Traditional Textiles. Nilda has revived several ancient weaving methods and will give a demonstration using traditional Peruvian implements. We’ll continue to the ancient Inca agricultural site of Moray before arriving in Maras to see salt mines from the same period. Here we’ll see hundreds of terraced salt pans, or wander into the maze of stark white salt pools—a photographer’s paradise!

(B,D) Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness

Thursday, December 31
URUBAMBA/OLLANTAYTAMBO/MACHU PICCHU

This morning we transfer to Ollantaytambo station. We’ll have a scenic 1 hour 30 minute Vistadome train trip through the Urubamba Valley, followed by a 30-minute bus ride to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. After a guided tour through the ruins, we’ll enjoy a buffet lunch at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge overlooking the ancient citadel. The afternoon is free to explore the ruins on our own before checking into the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. During our stay at the hotel, there will be opportunities for bird watching, an orchid tour, and other explorations. We’ll enjoy a festive New Year’s Eve dinner at the hotel.

(B,L,D) Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Friday, January 1
MACHU PICCHU/OLLANTAYTAMBO/CUSCO

Today we’ll have time to return to Machu Picchu, where a second entrance fee is included, or we can enjoy activities and excursions on the grounds of the hotel. In the afternoon we depart for Ollantaytambo by Vistadome train and transfer to our hotel in Cusco. Dinner is at the hotel.

(B,D) Novotel Cusco

Saturday, January 2
CUSCO

Located high in the Andes at 11,155 feet, Cusco was the capital of the Inca Empire and the oldest continuously inhabited city in South America. This morning we’ll visit the renowned fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuaman, famous for its cosmic energy. Here, massive stone blocks were fitted together so tightly, without mortar, that a knife blade cannot be inserted between them. After lunch, we’ll tour the bohemian quarter of San Blas known for its attractive narrow streets, main square, ateliers and handicraft shops. We’ll continue to the market
of San Pedro, the major supplier of fruits, vegetables, meats, grains, cereals and dried/dehydrated potatoes for the region. In the afternoon we'll visit the Church of Santo Domingo and Convent built by the Spanish on what was once one of the most important temples in the Inca empire --- The Temple of the Sun -- known in the Quechua language as "Koricancha," or "golden courtyard" because of the hundreds of golden panels and statues that adorned it until was plundered by the Spanish. We'll conclude the afternoon with a visit to the Choco Museo, where we'll learn about the production of chocolate and have a chance to make our own, complete with nuts and coffee beans! Dinner will be in Cusco.  
(B,L,D) Novotel Cusco

Sunday, January 3
CUSCO/LIMA/US

This morning we'll have time to explore Cusco on our own before our afternoon flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima, we'll drive by the Costa Verde for our Farewell Dinner in a restaurant overlooking the Pacific Ocean. After dinner we'll transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the US. Passengers who prefer to take an early morning flight may overnight at the airport hotel for an additional charge.  
(B,D) Overnight flight

Monday, January 4
ARRIVE USA AND HOME

We arrive early this morning in the U.S. for our connecting flights home.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for Washington & Lee alumni and friends who are interested in archaeology, history, the ancient cultures of Peru and its rich natural environment. While not limited to only those travelers bringing children, this program will allow children, parents, grandparents, and other friends the chance to see the world together including activities and sightseeing that travelers of any age will find stimulating. Throughout Andean cities, temperatures range from 30°-40° F at night to 60°-75° F during the day and one should always be prepared for rain. Travel is by motor coach, regularly scheduled jet planes, and train. This is a moderately active program that is, at times, busy. Daily programs involve one to two miles of walking, often over uneven terrain, at a leisurely pace. There are activities for young ones and the young at heart including hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and more. There is some stair climbing and at many ruins stairs do not have handrails. In the Andes travelers spend several days at elevations from approximately 8,000 to 11,200 feet. The tour has been planned to allow for gradual acclimatization when traveling to the Andean highlands. The group initially stays in the Valley at approximately 8,000 feet and continues on to Machu Picchu at 7,600 feet, leaving the higher elevations of Cusco for the end after acclimatization. Lima, the capital of Peru, is at sea level.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Journey** to the Andes and see archaeological sites of long-lost civilizations
- **Enjoy** a dramatic train ride to the sacred site of Machu Picchu
- **Get** up close to llamas, alpacas and other New World camelids
- **Hike** Huayna Picchu, the sacred peak that rises dramatically above the ancient ruins
- **Explore** Cusco, the capital of the ancient Inca Empire
- **Visit** Lima, the City of Kinds, with its incredible colonial past and rich history
- **Participate** on a variety of activities in the Sacred Valley including horseback riding and bicycling
**TRIP COSTS** (Per person, based on double occupancy)

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* Applies only to the 3rd person sharing the room

**Single Supplement**............................................................... $950
(Subject to availability, first come, first-served)

**Deposit Amount**............................................................... $750 per person

**Sample Airfare** (not included, quoted separately).............. From Miami: $1,300

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**PROGRAM COST INCLUDES**
Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; all land transportation; in-tour flights (Lima/Cusco/Lima), provided increases in the in-tour airfare after the initial pricing of this program are not included – see below; professional guides and tour manager throughout; airport transfers for group flights; domestic airport departure taxes; entrance fees; baggage handling; gratuities to guides and drivers; pre-departure information; coordination and administration.

**PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE**
US domestic and international airfare; meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as laundry, fax or telephone calls, liquor, room service, passport fees, excess baggage charges, MTVs, private transfers, medical expenses, travel insurance, optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour. Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost), security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT**
To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $750 per person payable to "ROYAL ADVENTURES", along with the completed reservation form to: Office of Special Programs, Washington & Lee University, 204 W. Washington Street, Lexington, VA 24450. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due September 18, 2015 and must be paid by check only. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**
Refunds less a cancellation fee of $150 per person are made if the Office of Special Programs at Washington & Lee is notified in writing on or before May 18, 2015. Cancellations received between May 19, 2015 and September 18, 2014 are subject to a $400 per person cancellation fee. No refunds are made after September 18, 2014. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**
We highly recommend the purchase of travel insurance. An application for travel insurance will be sent upon confirmation. Neither the Washington & Lee University nor Royal Adventures accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

**QUESTIONS**
Please call Rob Fure or Susie Thompson, Office of Special Programs (540) 458-8723, or Natasha Ravnik, Royal Adventures (925) 820-6260 or 1 (800) 453-4754.
RESPONSIBILITY

Royal Adventures, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and Washington and Lee University (referred to herein as “W&L”) and Royal Adventures and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. W&L and Royal Adventures, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. W&L and Royal Adventures reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, airfare, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. Neither W&L nor Royal Adventures accept the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.
Enclosed is my check or credit card authorization for ________ ($750 deposit per person) payable to “Royal Adventures” to hold ______ place(s) on A Family Holiday in Peru, December 26, 2015-January 4, 2016. Final Payment is due September 18, 2015.

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* All names should be as on passport.

Address ________________________________________________________________
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_____ I will require single accommodations (supplemental fee of $950, limited availability)

Please charge my deposit of $750 per person to:
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I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the Costs and Terms and Conditions sections of this brochure and agree to their term on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________
Signature __________________________________________ Date ________

Please sign and return this form with deposit check payable to “Royal Adventures” or credit card authorization to:

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