AN EXPLORER'S SIDE QUEST

Infinite Players in Peru

Alive on Purpose

1 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2027 · CUSCO TO MACHU PICCHU



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The eleven days

Eleven days with a small group of people who live on purpose and play on purpose.

DAY 01 · WED 1 SEP

Arrive



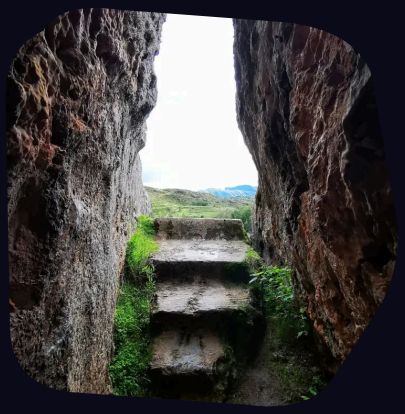
LOCATION **The Mountain House, above Cusco**

The Mountain House sits beside the Temple of the Moon, just above Cusco. Coca tea is waiting. The first evening is a welcome, a fire and dinner together.

> Cusco sits about 3,400 m up, so the first days are slow on purpose.

ALTITUDE	About 3,400 m
THE DAY	Picked up whenever you land, then the welcome and dinner by the fire.
CARRY	Nothing yet. You've arrived.

From the airport to the fire, the plan is held. All you have to do is arrive.



DAY 02 · THU 2 SEP

The Circle

LOCATION **The Mountain House**

The day belongs to Wachuma, the cactus some know as San Pedro. The circle gathers in the Maloca, with Lane in it beside you. In the afternoon you walk out to the old stones beyond the door: the Temple of the Moon and its portals. It's a day for the game you want to play next.

ALTITUDE	About 3,400 m
THE DAY	The Wachuma day, then an afternoon walk among ancient stones.
CARRY	A warm layer. Your choice, as everything here is.

Whether it's your first time or your 25th, you're among friends.

DAY 03 · FRI 3 SEP

The Valley



LOCATION **The Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo**

Four-wheelers through the Sacred Valley, a picnic with a view, then Ollantaytambo, the old Inca town that still lives in its own streets.

ALTITUDE	About 2,800 m
THE DAY	Four-wheelers and a picnic, then the old town.
CARRY	A daypack is all.

If the best days you remember had some dust on them, this one will.





DAY 04 · SAT 4 SEP

The Descent

LOCATION **Abra Malaga to Santa Maria**

Up to the pass, the highest point of the journey, in the cloud. Then the bikes, and the long ride down into the green.

ALTITUDE	4,350 m down to 1,250 m
THE DAY	Up to the pass by vehicle, then down through the cloud forest by bike, with a support vehicle alongside. If you can ride a bike, you can ride this.
CARRY	A daypack. Your duffle rides ahead.

You like finding your edge.

DAY 05 · SUN 5 SEP

The River and the Springs

LOCATION **Santa Maria to Santa Teresa**

Rafting in the morning, when the river runs. Then the jungle trail, with the hot springs at Santa Teresa waiting at the end of it.

ALTITUDE	About 1,500 m
THE DAY	Rafting if you like, the jungle trail, the hot springs.
CARRY	A swimsuit.

You laugh easily, including at yourself, and a long day goes easier with you on it.





DAY 06 · MON 6 SEP

The Line

LOCATION **Santa Teresa to Aguas Calientes**

The zip line first, the quickest minute of the trip. Then a few hours on foot along the river into Aguas Calientes, and pizza together that night. If your legs have had enough, the train's right there, and nobody keeps score.

ALTITUDE	About 2,040 m
THE DAY	The zip line (optional), the walk in, pizza together.
CARRY	Your daypack and your appetite.

When the plan changes, you're the first to laugh about it.



DAY 07 · TUE 7 SEP

Machu Picchu

LOCATION **Machu Picchu at sunrise**

Up early to meet it at sunrise, with a guide who knows its stones. Then time on your own among them, and the train back to the valley.

ALTITUDE	About 2,430 m. Lower than Cusco: the high point was three days back, in the cloud.
THE DAY	Sunrise, the guided tour, time on your own, the train back.
CARRY	Your passport. The entrance is in your name.

The wonder of the world, reached the long way.





DAY 08 · WED 8 SEP

The Market

LOCATION **Pisac to Cusco**

A free day in Pisac, its market loud with color. Back to Cusco by late afternoon, and dinner with Lane.

ALTITUDE	About 3,000 m
THE DAY	A free morning, the market, dinner together.
CARRY	Room in your bag.

You know a great deal about some things and very little about others, and so does everyone at this table.

DAY 09 · THU 9 SEP

The Old Places

LOCATION **Ancient sites near Cusco**

A day among the old stones near Cusco, chosen closer to the time from the few we love most. Somewhere along the way, a Despacho, the Andean offering of thanks. And the conversation about the game each of us is playing, and how we'd design it.

ALTITUDE	About 3,400 m
THE DAY	The old places, lunch on the way, a Despacho.
CARRY	Curiosity.

You came to compare notes with peers, not to be fixed or taught.





DAYS 10 AND 11 · 10 AND 11 SEP

Carry It Home

LOCATION **Cusco**

A free day in Cusco, then the last supper together. On the eleventh, the airport, whenever your flight is. A week or two later, the group meets once more, on a call.

ALTITUDE	About 3,400 m
THE DAYS	A free day, the last supper, the ride to the airport.
CARRY	The stories.

You leave with what you came for, in your own words, and friends still in it with you.

The days are set. If anything shifts, you'll hear from us as it happens.

The demanding parts

- The trail is real: four days through the mountains and the high jungle, from a pass at 4,350 m, with early starts. Our ground team rates it 5 out of 10.
- The plan is set before you arrive, and it isn't yours.
- Nobody has to perform.
- The ceremony is sincere, and taking part is your choice.
- You set how deep you go.
- Some days start early and leave a place before you're ready to.

Your body, the altitude and your safety

The physical ask

If you can ride a bike and walk a long day, you're ready. You carry a daypack and nothing more: duffels are provided, and a support vehicle carries the rest. There's one bike day, down from the pass, and a train for anyone who'd rather not walk into Aguas Calientes.

Altitude

It's the thing most people wonder about, so the journey is built around it. The first two nights at the Mountain House ask nothing of you but to settle in. Coca tea is always on, there are local herbs for the altitude and oxygen is on hand. Being fit helps on the trail, and the slow start helps with the altitude.

Safety

If anyone needs care, it happens straight away. Simon has guided on this ground for more than two decades. His team knows exactly where to go.

The ceremony. Your choice, before you travel and on the day. Questions about the ceremony? We'll talk it through on a call. The price is the same either way.

Your host, and who holds the ground



Lane Belone

Lane has led journeys in Peru since 2019: some built around ceremony, some around the trail, all of them around the people. Every one has shown him the same thing. The magic is the people you go with.

A Green Beret veteran who has travelled to more than forty countries, he holds the plan so everyone else can play. If there's ever a moment you don't feel safe, you can always come to him. On the Wachuma day, he sits in the circle with you.



Simon Myburgh · Another Planet Peru

Lane has worked with Simon since 2019. Simon's family founded Another Planet Peru in Cusco in 1991, and their Mountain House is where the journey begins. Simon and his team carry the logistics, the guides and the local knowledge. You trust a plan more when you know who's holding it.

I've been bringing people to Peru since 2019, and every journey has taught me the same thing: the magic is the people.

This time we're going to play. Ride down out of the clouds, walk into Machu Picchu the long way, sit in circle with one of the oldest ceremonies in the Andes, and talk properly about the game each of us is playing and how we'd design it.

I've worked with Simon and his family's team since 2019. They hold every detail on the ground, so you can go with the flow.

If something in you said yes on the way down this page, I'd love to have you on the trail.

Lane · Enjoy the Journey



The price

$3,500
per person, shared room (a double or two twin beds)

$4,200
single room

- ✓ Airport pickup and drop-off in Cusco, whenever you fly
- ✓ Ten nights of lodging
- ✓ Private ground transport, guides and helpers
- ✓ The four-wheelers and picnic
- ✓ The bike descent, the trail, rafting (optional), the zip line and the hot springs
- ✓ Machu Picchu: the bus, the entrance and a guided tour
- ✓ The train and bus back to the valley
- ✓ The day among the ancient sites
- ✓ The Wachuma day
- ✓ Most meals, with the group dinners and the last supper

- – Flights to and from Cusco
- – Travel insurance
- – Dinner on Day 3, lunch and dinner on Day 7 and lunch on Day 8
- – Nights before 1 or after 11 September
- – Your own spending and tips

It's one journey, priced as a whole. Sitting a part out changes neither the price nor what comes back to you.

The terms in plain words

The $500 deposit holds your spot. If you cancel, it becomes a credit toward another Explorer's Side Quest. The rest works like this:

Before 1 June	1 June to 1 August	After 1 August
Everything else comes back	Half comes back, and your deposit stays as credit for another Side Quest	No refund, and your deposit stays as credit for another Side Quest

You can pass your spot to someone else until 1 August, as long as a Machu Picchu entrance can still be booked in their name.

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Pay in full, start the plan, or write to Lane first.

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