Amazon and Machu Picchu

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES, NATURAL WONDERS

September 1 to 13, 2015
Ever since I was a child, I wanted to visit Machu Picchu. Not only was the site spectacular and mystical, but the story of its accidental discovery intrigued me immensely. Even today, scholars do not agree on its purpose or the reason why its inhabitants deserted their mountaintop citadel. Some less scientifically inclined visitors call it a “power spot” or evidence of “extraterrestrial intervention!” When you visit with popular Stanford faculty leader John Rick, you’ll get as close to the real story as possible, with John’s expertise aiding your understanding of one of the world’s most mysterious places. We’ve paired this ancient human-made wonder with one of natural history, the almost impossibly verdant Amazon River Basin, which contains more plant and animal species than any place on earth and which, even today, contains many unknown parts. Come explore with us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

CLIMB pre-Inca terraces at the Maras salt pans, and ancient steps at the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley.

LEARN about the history of Machu Picchu and explore the ruins of the 15th-century site that was mysteriously abandoned by the Incas a century later.

CRUISE one of the largest tributaries of the Amazon River, the Marañón, for four nights aboard the intimate, custom-built Aria Amazon.

EXPLORE Lima and examine the finest collection of pre-Columbian art in Peru at the Museo Larco, housed in an 18th-century viceroyalty-era mansion.

TEMPLO DE LA COMPAÑÍA DE JESÚS, CUSCO
**Faculty Leader**

**JOHN RICK**, associate professor of anthropology at Stanford, fell in love with archaeology at the age of six while accompanying his parents on a plant-hunting expedition to South America. Exploring desert mud-brick cities and visiting sites such as Machu Picchu inspired a lifelong archaeological career. He has studied early hunter-gatherers of high grassland plateaus and is currently working in the Peruvian highlands at the monumental early site of Chavin de Huantar. One of our most popular faculty leaders, Professor Rick has led numerous Stanford trips to North, Central and South America; the Near East and Africa, including 15 previous programs to Peru.

— Joined the Stanford faculty in 1978
— Has participated in archaeological excavations in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Illinois, Michigan, Mexico, Peru and France
— MA and PhD, anthropology, University of Michigan

"John Rick is an amazing person, professor and archaeologist. He clearly, expertly and professionally pulled us into his world of archaeology and his love of Peru."

**JOANNE SCHOLZ, PERU SUITCASE SEMINAR, 2007**

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**Reservation Form**

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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them. Signature ____________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.

OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with __________________________

OR ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Bed Preference: ☐ Twin Beds ☐ Double Bed

Here is my deposit of $_______ ($1,000 per person) for _____ space(s).

☐ Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR

☐ Charge my deposit to my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/amazon2015. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
U.S. / LIMA, PERU
Depart the U.S. on independent flights to Lima. Transfer to our hotel upon arrival. COSTA DEL SOL RAMADA LIMA HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY
En route to the Urubamba Valley, visit Awanacancha, an Andean textile center, and learn about the dyeing techniques and instruments used by the Incas for hundreds of years. Continue on to the Pisac Markets and interact with local merchants selling woven crafts and colorful tapestries. Enjoy a special lunch at a ranch that exhibits Peruvian Paso horses and where we watch a horse show accompanied by live music and traditional dancing. Check in to our hotel and spend the evening at leisure. ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL (B,L)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
SACRED VALLEY
Travel to the pre-Inca Maras salt pans this morning to observe the traditional method of drying and collecting salt that has been practiced for centuries. Visit the Moray Terraces, one of the most visually stunning Inca ruins that is a series of concentric terraces similar to a Greek amphitheater. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo, climb its terraces and learn about the methods of stone carving and mortar-free construction that were used by the Incas. Enjoy the evening independently. ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL (B,L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
SACRED VALLEY / AGUAS CALIENTES / MACHU PICCHU
Ride the train to Aguas Calientes (now officially called Machu Picchu Pueblo), located at the base of the mountain at the top of which sits Machu Picchu, viewing spectacular scenery along the way. Once in Aguas Calientes, we take a bus up to the iconic citadel, abandoned by the Incas and rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911. Learn about its history from our guides as we walk through the ruins. Return to Aguas Calientes, check in to our hotel and enjoy a reception and dinner. INKATERA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL (B,L,D)
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
AGUAS CALIENTES / MACHU PICCHU
Today is at leisure and options are abundant: travel back to Machu Picchu for more exploration and hiking, stroll down the streets of Aguas Calientes for picture-taking and shopping, visit the natural hot springs or enjoy the amenities of our hotel, including the extensive orchid garden located on the property. INKATERA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
AGUAS CALIENTES / CUSCO
Take time to relax this morning before returning to Cusco. Arrive late this afternoon and check in to our centrally located hotel. Explore the beautifully lit Plaza de Armas this evening with its fountain and cathedral. Dine independently at one of the city’s top restaurants for a taste of fine Andean cuisine. ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
CUSCO / LIMA / IQUITOS / EMBARK ARIA AMAZON
Enjoy a walking tour of Cusco after breakfast that includes a visit to the church of Santo Domingo, built on the foundation of the Inca temple, Korichancha, before traveling to the airport for our flight to Iquitos. Arrive this afternoon and embark our ship to begin our cruise along the Amazon River. Enjoy a welcome dinner aboard our ship this evening, prepared by its internationally trained executive chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. ARIA AMAZON (B,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
CRUISING THE AMAZON RIVER
Board small motorized skiffs after breakfast and enjoy an up-close exploration of the river and its inhabitants. Our guides point out wildlife along the way, and we may spot monkeys, reptiles and a variety of bird species close to our boats. This is an excellent opportunity for photographers and nature enthusiasts as our skiffs wend their way down the river. This afternoon we have the opportunity to explore the rain forest on foot and learn about subsistence farming at a local village. ARIA AMAZON (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
CRUISING THE AMAZON RIVER
Choose a full- or half-day exploration of the rain forest today. Choosing a desired level of activity, see various species of monkeys, macaws, toucans or perhaps spot the river’s famous pink dolphins. Return to our ship this afternoon and share our experiences over dinner aboard. After the sun sets, our guides help us spot caimans, tree boas and frogs after the captain turns on the ship’s searchlight. ARIA AMAZON (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
CRUISING THE AMAZON RIVER
Rise early this morning and enjoy a light breakfast aboard our skiffs as we observe the early-morning activities of the river’s wildlife. This afternoon our ship navigates through the Huaysi Canal to the Tahuayo River. There we have the opportunity to spot sloths, hawks and other wildlife, and to observe the river’s other inhabitants—humans! Spend time at Lake Charo, where we may try our hand at fishing for piranhas and other fish species. Celebrate the end of our journey on the river with a lavish farewell dinner aboard our ship. ARIA AMAZON (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
IQUITOS / DISEMBARK / LIMA
Enjoy a relaxing morning aboard our ship as we cruise back to Iquitos. Disembark after lunch and tour the bustling town, including a visit to a house built by Gustave Eiffel, and a stop at the Manatee Rescue Center, where we learn about these gentle creatures from the resident biologists. Travel to the airport for our flight to Lima late this afternoon. Transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. DOUBLETREE EL PARDO BY HILTON LIMA HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
LIMA
Today is devoted to an exploration of colonial and modern Lima. Begin with the historical center, passing Plaza San Martin, Plaza Mayor, the Cathedral and the Government Palace. Visit the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, stopping at el Parque del Amor for spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Our farewell lunch is served in a Victorian mansion overlooking the ocean. Following lunch visit the Museo Larco, which features the best private collection of pre-Columbian art in Peru. DOUBLETREE EL PARDO BY HILTON LIMA HOTEL (B,L)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
LIMA / U.S.
Transfer to the airport after breakfast for independent flights to the U.S. (B)
The custom-built Aria Amazon was launched in 2011, and was designed by Peruvian architect, Jordi Puig. The intimate 16-cabin ship has a luxurious feel with spacious cabins (250 sq. ft.) and common areas, while retaining an exclusive atmosphere. Guests will enjoy floor-to-ceiling windows, providing unparalleled views of the river. All cabins feature en suite facilities, sitting areas and individually-controlled thermostats. The ship features a Jacuzzi, exercise room, observation deck and small boutique. The dining room has been decorated with Peruvian art and the menu was created by award-winning executive chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. Please note that there is no internet connection onboard the ship.

Flag: Peru / Length: 147 ft. / Beam: 29.5 ft. / Draft: 5 ft.

### Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy.

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*Association nonmembers add $200 per person.
**Single accommodations are limited.
Information

Dates
September 1 to 13, 2015 (13 days)

Size
Limited to 26 participants

Included
8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations  4-night cruise aboard the Aria Amazon  Air travel within Peru  12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 6 dinners  Welcome and farewell receptions  Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities  All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary  Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days  Port fees and embarkation taxes  Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance  Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information  Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
International and U.S. domestic airfare  Passport and visa fees  Immunization costs  Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  Independent and private transfers  Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance  Excess-baggage charges  Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines between San Francisco and Lima is approximately $925 as of July 2014 and is subject to change without notice.

Fuel Costs
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

What To Expect
We consider this program to be moderately active. Much of our touring is done by motorcoach and ship. However some excursions involve short walks while others involve hikes that range from one to three miles. Daily tours in Lima and Cusco involve walking, often over cobblestone streets. Hiking in Machu Picchu is at your own pace and can be strenuous or slower-paced based on your preference. In some instances stairs are a necessary part of the tour and may not have handrails, particularly at archaeological sites. Cusco and Machu Picchu are at altitudes ranging from 7,900 to 11,200 feet above sea level. Our busy days are contrasted with the relaxed pace aboard our ship and at our luxury hotels, where daily excursions are complemented by lectures and leisure time. Travelers should be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age or older on this program.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the program. Complete and return the attached reservation form or sign up online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within a specified window: 21 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter for the Early Purchase provisions.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in July 2014 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
"Suddenly we found ourselves standing in front of the ruins of two of the finest and most interesting structures in the ancient America. The sight held me spellbound."

HIRAM BINGHAM, LOST CITY OF THE INCAS

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