

# UNFORGETTABLE ANDES PERU

October 18-26  
departure  
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GROUP SIZE 3-10

DURATION 8 nights, 9 days

SKILL LEVEL Level 3-4

FITNESSLEVEL Level 3-4

QUITE POSSIBLY THE BEST ALL-MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIP ON THE PLANET. OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD SHUTTLE-ASSISTED RIDING ON MASSIVE DESCENTS IN THE MAJESTIC ANDES MOUNTAINS. EXPERIENCE AMAZING CULTURES AND RIDE TO ANCIENT INCA SITES AND RUINS. PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR OF MACHU PICCHU INCLUDED. DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT HOTELS AND GREAT HOSPITALITY.

## WHY BIG MOUNTAIN?

**Professional Leaders.** Mountain bike trips to far-away places requires local knowledge. We work with the best guides in all destinations, many since 2001.

**Your Safety.** Our guides have first-aid certification, our trips have safety management plans and our riders' wellbeing is the number one priority on all of our trips.

**Groups that Work.** All riders complete a detailed Rider Questionnaire to ensure that they are well matched for the trip physically and technically and with the rest of the group. We almost always have optional rides just in case.

**Preparation is Key.** We offer excellent pre-trip support and all departures include a detailed Preparation Guide specific to the destination. Of course we've been on every trip that we offer.

**Expert Trip Design.** We know how to create exceptional mountain bike trips. And, we're constantly reviewing and improving itineraries if we feel that it's needed.

**Piece of Mind.** Travel & Medical Insurance is mandatory on our trips and Big Mountain Bike Adventures Ltd. has commercial general liability insurance.



## OUR GUIDES

*We've been hosting riders in Peru for a decade now and this trip has become a well-oiled trip of a lifetime. Our guides and drivers are professional on all levels and the success of this trip is testament to this. This could be the best trip that we offer!*

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# ITINERARY

## UNFORGETTABLE ANDES

The following is a 'general' outline for the Unforgettable Andes trip. Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.



### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Cusco. Warm-up ride.

Upon morning arrival in Cusco (3400m), you'll be greeted by your Big Mountain guides and meet the rest of the group. After lunch we'll build bikes and go for a short warm-up ride from the hotel.

**Distance:** 13 km. ⚡ 370 m. ⚡ 461 m. **Time:** 2 hrs. **Max Elevation** 3854 m. **Overnight:** Hotel Mamasara, walking distance to historic central Cusco.

### DAY 2

#### Ride the best of Cusco.

Today we'll ride three or four of the best trails in the Cusco area. Our first shuttle is to 4,240 m (13,911 ft.) to the Occoruro Pass and the Milky Way trail, with some technical sections of steeps, banked curves and rock gardens. Then we ride Yuncaypata trail and Huallarchocha which ends in Cusco's main square, the Plaza de Armas. For those wanting more, we have an optional final fourth ride that ends at the hotel. **Overnight:** Hotel Mamasara.

**Distance:** 18 km. ⚡ 78 m. ⚡ 1573 m. **Max Elevation** 3571 m.

### DAY 3

#### Ride Huchuy Qosqo to the Sacred Valley.

Our first big ride of the trip. This morning we'll shuttle to Lake Qoricocha 4,100 meters (12,795 feet) and climb for an hour and a half to Qoricocha Pass at an altitude of 4,265 meter (13,779 feet). Then it's a long amazing downhill from the high alpine, past a traditional Inca village and through a spectacular canyon to the impressive Huchuy Qosqo Inca site. Finally we roll down to the aptly-named Sacred Valley and the Urubamba River. The views on this ride are impressive.

**Distance:** 19 km. ⚡ 245 m. ⚡ 1355 m. **Max Elevation** 4336 m. **Overnight:** Private Lodge.

### DAY 4

#### Ride Patacancha Valley & Pumamarca.

Today's ride is a journey that you'll never forget, from a remote high pass at 4450m all the way to the town of Ollantaytambo via a stunning valley, mostly on singletrack. We'll stop in the small traditional village of Huilloc for a snack and to witness life in rural Peru.

**Distance:** 27 km. ⚡ 412 m. ⚡ 1819 m. **Max Elevation** 4454 m. **Overnight:** Private Lodge.

### DAY 5

#### Ride Lamay trails.

Early start today for a full day of epic riding in the verdant Lamay Valley that features three amazing shuttled all-mountain rides.

**Distance:** 22 km. ⚡ 13 m. ⚡ 2320 m. **Max Elevation** 4189 m. **Overnight:** Private Lodge.

### DAY 6

#### Visit Machu Picchu.

A deserved day off the bike today. This morning we transfer to Ollantaytambo for a one and a half-hour train scenic ride to the town of Aguas Calientes where you board a bus for the 20-minute transfer to Machu Picchu for a privately guided walking tour of the site. You can spend time after the tour exploring and hiking on your own if you wish. After lunch in Aguas Calientes it's back on the train to Ollantaytambo. **Overnight:** Private Lodge.

### DAY 7

#### Ride Patales & soak in an Inca thermal bath.

Today you'll experience arguably two of the best mountain biking trails in the Andes. This morning we shuttle an hour and a half to an amazing ride on an ancient Inca trail to the Lares Valley. After lunch and a soak in the natural hot springs we'll head up for one last ride that ends in the town of Calca.

**Distance:** 28 km. ⚡ 31 m. ⚡ 1990 m. **Max Elevation** 4460 m. **Overnight:** Private Lodge.

### DAY 8

#### Ride Misminay, Maras & Moray. Visit two ancient Inca sights.

This morning we'll shuttle to the village of Misminay for a scenic ride that passes through the impressive archaeological Inca site, Moray. Then we ride to the Maras salt ponds which have been in use since pre-Inca times. After lunch in Urubamba we ride a final trail that nearly all downhill and really fun. This afternoon it's time to pack our bikes before we head out for our final dinner and celebrations.

**Distance:** 28 km. ⚡ 242 m. ⚡ 1187 m. **Max Elevation** 3744 m. **Overnight:** Hotel Mamasara

### DAY 9

#### Adios amigos!

Transfers to the Cusco International Airport for your flight to Lima and home.

# DETAILS

## BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for this trip is a current enduro or all-mountain bike. Every trail is a shuttle so expect approximately 80-85% downhill, as such a 160mm or 150mm front fork is suggested with aggressive gravity tires, knee pads, eye protection and a good helmet. All participants are required to have their bikes in excellent working order before the trip begins. We will send you a detailed list of required equipment and clothing before departure.

### SUGGESTED BIKE FOR THIS TRIP:

#### TREK SLASH



### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Expert local leadership.
- Three star hotel accommodation & private lodge.
- All breakfasts, all lunches (except one) & four dinners (starting with lunch on Day 1, ending with breakfast on Day 9)
- Machu Picchu day: return scenic train (1.5 hrs. each way), return bus transfer and private guided tour of site.
- Entrance fee to Lares hot spring.
- Snacks and water in the van.
- Airport pick-up and drop off at Cusco Airport on scheduled days.
- All transportation and shuttling during the trip.
- Detailed pre-departure information and trip planning assistance.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

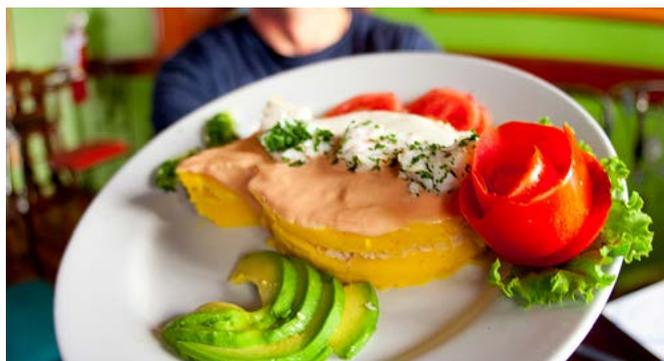
- One lunch & five dinners
- All extras like alcoholic beverages, coffees, etc.
- International airfare to/from Cusco (CUZ)
- Personal travel & medical insurance.
- Airport taxes and excess baggage charges.
- Your bike and related equipment to ride.
- Optional tipping to leaders and drivers.
- We recommend \$25 USD (and up) per day for dinners and extras.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

The technical ability required for Peru is rated as 'advanced and expert.' In other words, the trails are very technically challenging at times, with hiking sections and exposure. There are long descents each day. For fitness level, participants must be very fit. All participants must train accordingly to fully enjoy this trip. Even though we will be shuttling many of the rides and stopping quite often (to enjoy the view, take photos, eat and drink, wait for others, repair our bikes etc) – the altitude, jet lag recovery and accumulation of multiple, long days of riding will add up. This trip is a true adventure with long to very long days – the rewards are FANTASTIC.

## LODGING AND FOOD

We'll be staying at a comfortable three star hotel in Cusco which is a 10-minute walk from the historic center of the city. In the Sacred Valley we'll be at a new private lodge with pump track, bike wash station, TV room and more. The cuisine is Peru is surprisingly great, from tasty ceviche to staples like potatoes, corn, rice and meat dishes, often with a spicy sauce. Please let us know if you have any dietary needs.



## CLIMATE

Expect temperatures of 25-30 degrees Celsius (78-86 Fahrenheit) in the towns and valleys, and temperatures of 5-15 degrees Celsius (41-59 Fahrenheit) at the highest altitudes. Rain falls infrequently but riders should still be prepared for rain - and cold weather riding.

## YOUR SAFETY

All participants must ride safely and within their limits daily as mountain biking is a dangerous sport with risks and hazards. Most accidents occur at the beginning of a trip due to jet lag, fatigue and unfamiliarity of trail conditions and obstacles; it is imperative that riders especially take it easy at the beginning of the trip. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Participants will remain hydrated and rested throughout the trip. Riders will be responsible for their daily bike checks and keeping bikes in good working condition. Everyone is ultimately responsible for their own well being on our trips. Our guides have basic first aid training

## DETAILS *cont.*



and if a serious injury is suspected, will call local search and rescue and/or an evacuation helicopter at the cost of the participant. The majority of our trips take place in remote regions with limited evacuation options. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory on all trips.

### THE NEXT STEPS

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or +1-604-902-1807 for international guests or email at [info@ridebig.com](mailto:info@ridebig.com) to confirm there's space on this trip. If Skype is preferred please send us an email to arrange a meeting. We like to speak to everyone interested in joining our trips. This helps ensure everyone signing up is well matched for the group!

Make sure you have read and understand our [Terms and Conditions](#) and also our [Waiver](#). Both found on our website under registration.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure online [Booking Form](#) found on our website.

Once your online registration form has been received, we'll send you detailed pre-departure information, for review, to ensure you're well prepared for the adventure ahead.

### PAYMENT

Once you've completed our online registration form and we've confirmed that we have the needed number of riders to proceed, we'll collect a \$750.00 CAD deposit that is refundable up to 14 days after registering (outside of 90 days before the trip departure), afterwards your deposit becomes non-refundable. At 90 days prior to the departure, the full trip balance will be collected. Please review our [Terms & Conditions](#) for full details on payment, cancellation and refund policies. Please note that while our land costs are quoted in the destination country's preferred currency, the balance and deposit are processed in Canadian dollars. The exchange rate is based on the daily rate quoted using the Bank of Canada. If you are paying with credit card and reside outside of Canada, you may incur a foreign transaction fee. If you wish, there's the option of paying with a wire transfer or you can also send us a cheque. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement of \$425 USD is an additional fee for solo travelers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip. If riders agree to share a room with someone of the same gender BM will pair you up. If there isn't another single participant of the same gender available, you will automatically have your own room and incur the additional single supplement fee.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE



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Medical Insurance is mandatory on all Big Mountain Bike Adventures' trips and Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Please [visit our recommended insurance provider](#) World Nomads to learn more.



### WHY BIG MOUNTAIN IS YOUR CHOICE

*Since 2001 Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer of performance mountain bike adventures to destinations worldwide. Our itineraries are designed by local professional guides and Big Mountain travel experts and lead by the very best local leaders available. Our mission is to deliver safe, quality trips with the best customer service - ensuring a trip of a lifetime.*

### REFERENCES

We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

### QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email [info@ridebig.com](mailto:info@ridebig.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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