FLORIDA TO PERU With Dick and Leslie West



Join Dick and Leslie West for a colorful journey of pink beaches, rainbow fish and tropical birds. Seven countries in 21 days allows for far more than snapshots; while Zodiac cruises, lush, varied National Parks and the eponymous Panama Canal make sure there is something for everyone. Days at sea allow for ample relaxation. Plus, an optional Five Star, 6-day tour to Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley.



DATE: OCT. 10-30, 2019 DURATION: 21 DAYS/20 NIGHTS EMBARK: FT. LAUDERDALE, FL DISEMBARK: LIMA, PERU SHIP: Silver Cloud Expedition

Cruise Only FROM: \$10,820 *After 10% Early Booking Savings Book and pay by October 31, 2018 Free Economy or reduced Rate Business Airfare available. Pre-Cruise hotel included.

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DAY 1 - THU – OCT. 10 - ARRIVE FT. LAUDERDALE, FL Transfer to your included hotel near the port.

DAY 2 - FRI - OCT. 11 - FT LAUDERDALE - EMBARK

Explore the city and beaches this morning. Matching the downtown's innovative arts district, cafés, and boutiques is an equally inventive beach area, with hotels, cafés, and shops facing an undeveloped shoreline, and new resort-style hotels. Transfer to the pier. **SHIP DEPARTS AT 5:00 PM**

DAY 3 - SAT - OCT. 12 - HARBOUR ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Harbour Island is a small slip of island, extending three miles from north to south and less than half a mile wide. The island at the northern tip of the much larger Eleuthera Island. The island is known for its pink sand beaches – the pink comes from a microscopic organism (foraminifera) with a reddishpink shell.

DAY 4 - SUN - OCT. 13 - CONCEPTION ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Conception Island is an uninhabited island in the Bahamas, and a protected **Bahamas National Land and Sea Park**. The approximately 3 square-mile island is pristine, with idyllic powder white beaches and crystal-clear water. Conception island is an important nesting location for seabirds and a hatching site for green sea turtles. Snorkelers and divers will see a wide array of tropical fish.

DAYS 5-6 - MON-TUE- OCT 14-15 - AT SEA

DAY 7 – WED – OCT. 16 - PROVIDENCIA ISLAND, COLOMBIA The San Andres and Providencia archipelago comprises Colombia's Caribbean islands, lying some 290 miles north of the South American coast.

DAY 8 - THU - OCT. 17 - SAN ANDRES ISLAND, COLOMBIA

Palm-dotted San Andres is only eight miles long and two miles wide. It is noted for beautiful sand beaches, crystalclear waters and good diving sites. At one time the island belonged to Britain and, according to local lore, it was a favorite hideout for the legendary pirate Henry Morgan.

DAY 9 - FRI - OCT. 18 - BOCAS DEL TORO, PANAMA

Bocas del Toro is both a province and an archipelago in the northwest Caribbean Sea in Panama. The archipelago contains 10 larger islands, 50 cays and 200 tiny islets. The region contains **Isla Bastimentos National Marine Park**, Panama's first national marine park that covers over 32,000 acres and protects forests, mangroves, monkeys, sloths, caiman, crocodile and 28 species of amphibians and reptiles.

DAY 10 - SAT - OCT. 19 - COLON, PANAMA

The provincial capital of Colón, beside the canal's Atlantic entrance, is named for the Spanish-language surname of Christopher Columbus.





The Panama Canal bisects the country just to the west of Panama City. Central Panama stretches out from the canal across three provinces and into two oceans to comprise everything from the mountains of the Cordillera Central to the west, to the Caribbean coral reefs and colonial fortresses in the north, to the beaches of the Pearl Islands in the Bahía de Panamá (Bay of Panama) in the south.

DAY 12 - MON - OCT. 21 - AT SEA

DAY 13 - TUE - OCT. 22 - QUEPOS, COSTA RICA

Quepos allows tourists to experience a once in a lifetime nature experience in **Manuel Antonio National Park** without leaving any of the familiar amenities behind. The amenities available include everything from banks, restaurants, hotels, gift shops, bakeries, bars, a hospital, supermarket and even a post office.

DAY 14 - WED - OCT. 23 - GOLFITO, COSTA RICA

Golfito, is situated along a small inlet of Golfo Dulce. This small port city is a narrow strip along Golfito Bay backed against steep green hills covered with pristine rainforest, with the Golfo Dulce seaward outside Golfito Bay. Surrounded by tropical rainforest, Golfito provides an ideal location to enjoy some of the most beautiful beaches in Costa Rica with a stunning backdrop of verdant hills and lush rainforest.

DAY 15 - THU - OCT. 24 - AT SEA



DAY 16 - FRI – OCT. 25 – ISLA DE LA PLATA, ECUADOR

Isla de la Plata, 'Island of Silver', the name of which was derived from the legend of swashbuckling pirate Sir Francis Drake's buried silver treasure. The island was privately owned until 1979, when it was declared part of Ecuador's **Machalilla National Park**. Best known for its fauna, which is amazingly similar to that of the Galapagos Islands, Isla de la Plata is a delightful place for birding, photography and long nature walks.

DAY 17 - SAT - OCT. 26 - MACHALA, ECUADOR

Several National Sanctuaries and Ecological Reserves found near Machala boast sun-drenched beaches and mangrove forests. Pelicans, frigate birds, and egrets nest nearby as Bluefooted Boobies dive for fish further out to sea. Whales and dolphins can occasionally be seen in the vicinity. Machala, with a population of approximately 250,000 inhabitants, is moreover known for traditional Latin American foods from shrimp ceviche to fried bananas.

DAY 18 - SUN - OCT. 27 - AT SEA

DAY 19 - MON - OCT. 28 - ISLA LOBOS DE TIERRA, PERU

Isla Lobos de Tierra and Lobos de Afuera are steep and rocky islands that protrude more than 200 feet from the surface of the deep blue Pacific. An abundant array of marine mammals and seabirds surround these two islands. Sea lions bask on the beach and hundreds of Blue-footed Boobies can be viewed ashore as well, while Peruvian Pelicans pass overhead. Lucky visitors may see the rare blue whale pass by these islands.

DAY 20 - TUE - OCT. 29 - TRUJILLO, PERU

Located north of Lima, Trujillo was founded in 1534 by the Spanish conquistador Pizarro. The attractive, colonial city retains much of its original charm with elegant casonas, or mansions, lining the streets. Nearby is **Chan Chan**, the ancient capital of the Chimú, a local Indian tribe who came under the rule of the Incas. The area has several other Chimú sites, some dating back 1500 years. The region is also famous as the home of the Peruvian Paso horses, as well as excellent beaches offering world-class surfing and other water sports.

DAY 21 – WED - OCT. 30 – LIMA (CALLAO), PERU -DISEMBARK

Lima, Peru's capital, has an oceanfront setting, colonial-era splendor, sophisticated dining, and nonstop nightlife. You will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home, or to **Cusco** to start your Inca exploration. **END OF CRUISE ONLY PROGRAM.**

CONTINUE TO MACHU PICCHU - 6-Days/5-Nights \$2,575

Fly to the ancient Inca capital, **Cusco**, and transfer to your Five Star hotel in the **Sacred Valley**. Enroute, visit **Pisac**, a beautiful place where Incan and Colonial influences have reached a perfect balance. We will get a chance to explore this quaint town, famous for its artisan markets where we can find extraordinarily fine jewelry, ceramic and textile craftwork. **B**

DAY 22 – THU - OCT. 31 - SACRED VALLEY – MORAY – MARAS SALT PANS - OLLANTAYTAMBO

This morning, we will visit the archaeological site of **Moray**. Used as an agricultural testing ground, the site's system of circular terraces descends 490 feet (150m). Then we will visit the beautiful **Salt Pans of Maras**. Finally, we will visit **Ollantaytambo**, which was once fiercely guarded by a massive fortress. **B/L**

DAY 23 - FRI - NOV. 01 - MACHU PICCHU

This day, we will visit the **Santuario Histórico de Machu Picchu (Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu)**. Aboard a comfortable train (Vistadome service), we will travel to Aguas Calientes, enjoying spectacular views along the way. Upon arrival, we will go directly to the entrance gate of the Machu Picchu citadel. Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham more than a century ago, Machu Picchu is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Its architectural beauty, spectacular natural landscapes and the energy held in its enigmatic structures will take our breath away. **B/L/D**

DAY 24 - SAT - NOV. 02 - MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Morning free. Perhaps return to the Citadel to climb the iconic **Huayna Picchu** – the centerpiece of most photos. At the scheduled time, you will be taken to the Aguas Calientes train Station to board the return train (Vistadome service). Upon the arrival at the station, our private transfer service will be waiting to take us to our hotel in the city. **B**

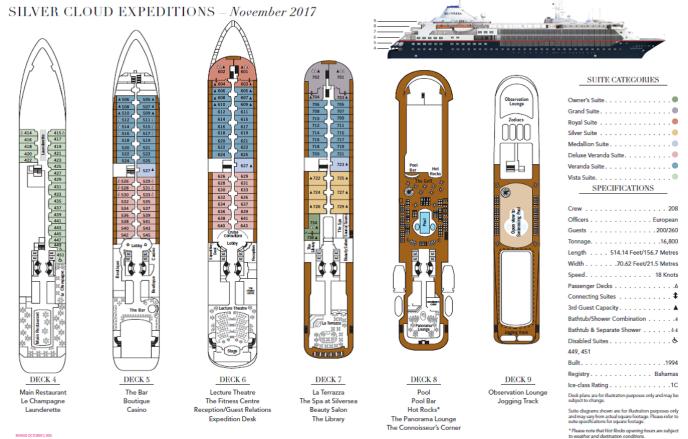
DAY 25 – SUN - NOV. 03 – TOUR CUSCO, SACSAYHUAMAN, SAN PEDRO MARKET AND ARTISANS OF SAN BLAS

We will begin the tour with visit to the nearby **Fortress of Sacsayhuaman**, a colossal structure built with huge carved rocks joined with incredible precision. This astounding sample of Incan military architecture is, undoubtedly, the greatest architectonic work of the Tahuantinsuyo. But, in addition, it proves the undeniable firmness of the great administrative capacity of the empire and its powerful logistic system capable of mobilizing and organizing such a work. We will continue the exploration of the **Imperial City** with a visit to the **San Pedro Market**, the city's main street market. We will visit the **Cathedral** and admire its exquisite vestibules and priceless paintings from the Cusco School of the 17th and 18th centuries. We will complete the day with an exploration of the artistic and bohemian **neighborhood of San Blas**, home to many renowned artists. **B**

DAY 26 - MON - NOV. 04 - DEPARTURE - RETURN HOME

Transfer to Cusco's airport. Flight to Lima (Not included – Your return flight home should originate at Cusco in order to be able to check your luggage to your final destination.) and connect with your International flight home. **B**





Book early to get 10% Savings, and Free or Reduced Rate Airfare. Rates are per person, based on Double Occupancy, and Include \$250 per suite Shipboard Credit, all beverages onboard, gratuities to crew and guides on tour, all excursions, taxes and fees. Free Economy, reduced Business Class air, or \$2,000 cruise credit. Additional Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

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Royal	\$34,580	\$37,155
Grand	\$35,660	\$38,235
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