

HIKE AND CLIMB PERU WITH SACRED VALLEY SERVICE

- Learn about Cusco and Sacred Valley
- The Sacred Valley Project
- Hike to Rural Communities
- Experience Machu Pichhu
- Climb Via Ferrata and Zipline

Experiential Pathways

This program gives students the opportunity to delve into the issues surrounding gender inequality in Peruvian education. Explore and discuss the realities of access and obstacles to education with local students. Participate in meaningful service projects with our partner, the Sacred Valley Project. Hike through majestic mountains, zip line across valleys, and visit Machu Picchu

DAY 01 - ARRIVE TO CUSCO AND THE SACRED VALLEY

Arrive to Cusco, the historical capital of the Inca empire high in the Andes Mountains. After a light lunch and introduction to the Sacred Valley Service program, you will descend in attitude to a comfortable hotel in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This first day will be spent getting to know your experienced local guides and getting acclimated to high Andes.

DAY 02, 03 & 04 - THE SACRED VALLEY PROJECT

Participate in service projects with the Sacred Valley Project, a local organization that supports the secondary education of girls from remote Andean communities that include infrastructure improvements and cultural exchange. Get to know the local students during group activities and meals.

DAY 05 - HIKE TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

To better understand the realities of the students at SVP and to get a sense of indigenous lifestyles, today we will hike into the rural communities, visit families, explore Inca ruins, and witness majestic mountain scapes.

DAY 06 - EXPERIENCE MACHU PICCHU

Take a train ride to Aguas Calientes, the town at the base of the Machu Picchu ruins. Explore the town and shop, and gear up for the adventure ahead. Upon arrival, start the hike up to the ruins and then take a guided tour of the site's history before marveling at the intricate stonework or stealing a moment of relaxation with the breathtaking views from the perched terraces.

Pathways

DAY 07 - CLIMB VIA FERRATA AND ZIP LINE

Climb the 1,300-foot face of Via Ferrata in a harness using bolted holds and ropes. After reaching the top, zip line down via six different platforms enjoying the breathtaking scenery to cap your adventure-filled day.

DAY 08 - CUSCO AND HOME

Enjoy this mix of the past and present as you explore Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit 16th-century cathedrals, admire ancient Inca temples, and wander colonial streets. Visit the Chocolate Museum and make your own handmade chocolates from Peruvian cacao. Visit the local San Pedro market, taste the local fruits and vegetables, and bargain for any last-minute gifts for family and friends during your final morning in Peru.