Join University of North Texas President, Neal Smatresk, on this 9-day pre-extension to a bucket-list destination – Peru’s wondrous Amazon region and the iconic Machu Picchu ruins. Here’s an unforgettable getaway to the Amazon, Cusco, Machu Picchu, and the Sacred Valley that allows you to experience all of the amazing sights and meet the people who live a rural lifestyle. You’ll start off in the Amazon, the epitome of rainforest adventure, and end your trip with a visit to Machu Picchu’s Incan palaces and forts, clouds hidden in the Andean mountains.

Recently voted one of the NEW Seven Wonders of the World, Peru’s extraordinary monuments and archeology are known worldwide. At the height of its existence the Inca Empire was the largest nation on Earth and remains the largest native state to have existed in the western hemisphere. The wealth and sophistication of the legendary Inca people has lured many anthropologists and archaeologists to the Andean nations in a quest to understand the Inca’s advanced ways.

Program Highlights

» 4 days exploring the Amazon
» Full day visiting Indian markets
» Explore Sacred Valley ruins
» First-class Vistadome train to Machu Picchu
» Tour of Machu Picchu
» Afternoon Cusco City tour with local ruins

Activity Level

Level 4

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, able to walk at least two miles on rocky, uneven ground without assistance and be prepared for varying altitudes. Max elevation: 11,200 ft.