

Location: Cusco, Peru -- the location of Machu Picchu, believed to be a sacred site for Inca leaders in the 16th century. Machu Picchu is located approximately 8,000 feet above sea level, and is a popular travel destination.

Product Purchased: GeoBlue Voyager Choice

Medical Situation: Light headed with serious difficulty breathing

Diagnosis: Altitude Sickness

Action: 60 year old member suddenly became dizzy, light headed and was gasping for breath. The member was taken and admitted to the Clinica San Jose, a 70 bed hospital contracted with GeoBlue. Direct settlement for his medical expenses was arranged, so there were no out of pocket expenses for the member. A member of GeoBlue’s medical team consulted with the member’s treating physician. Both doctors determined that the only way for the member’s health to improve was to get the member to a lower altitude immediately; his symptoms were being caused by altitude sickness.

Outcome: Geo-Blue worked with local partners to arrange an air ambulance transfer and secure an admission at a facility in Lima, Peru where the highest altitude is 1,600 feet. Ground transportation was arranged for a comfortable transfer of the patient while in Cusco and Lima. Transportation expenses were prepaid by GeoBlue, and covered under the policy.

The member was admitted to the Clinica Anglo Americana in Lima, also a GeoBlue contracted facility. He was released after 2 days when his symptoms resolved.

GeoBlue Value

Cost for medical expenses in Peru	\$11,000.00
Cost of transportation	\$11,500.00
Total Incurred Expenses	\$22,500.00
Premium paid for Single Trip Plan \$349.00	