

# DISCOVER PERU # 19

11 Days / 10 Nights

Lima, Arequipa, The Colca Canyon, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Fortress, Amazon Adventure at Posada Amazonas

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## Day 1 Wednesday – Arrival in Lima

Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering. In the afternoon City Tour of Lima and Larco Museum - This half day tour visits both the colonial and modern sections of this "City of Kings." Colonial sites include the lovely Plaza de Armas with its cathedral and palace, and the exquisite Torre Tagle Palace modern day seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In modern Lima, drive along the exclusive residential areas of Miraflores and San Isidro. Continue to the Larco Museum, founded in 1926, it showcases remarkable chronological galleries providing an excellent overview on 3000 years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Located in a unique vice-royal mansion of the 18th century built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid, is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and the famous erotic archaeological collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions.



## Day 2 Thursday – Lima / Arequipa

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering. Arequipa City Tour and Santa Catalina Convent - Your half day sightseeing of this beautiful city, placed on the World Cultural Heritage list by UNESCO, features Mixed Baroque churches and mansions from the Colonial Period like the Monastery of Santa Catalina, called "a city within a city", a Spanish city in miniature with stone streets, beautiful patios, and plaza. It is a masterpiece of colonial architecture, and houses some of the finest examples of Spanish American religious art. Since 1970 visitors have been able to stroll through the streets and cloisters that during colonial times were the refuge of female nobility who had decided to shut themselves away from the world and dedicate entirely to prayer. (B)



## Day 3 Friday – Arequipa / Colca Canyon

Breakfast at your hotel. Colca Canyon 2 Day/1 Night - Early departure towards the highlands passing through Yura-Pampa Cañahuas and La Pulpera with good possibility of observing groups of wild vicuñas and fighting cattle. Stop en route to see petroglyphs in the Caves of Mollepunco and in the town of Callali to see natural hill formations with the appearance of enchanted castles. Drive to La Calera to enjoy the thermal baths under the stars. Return to Chivay for overnight. (B,L,D)

## Day 4 Saturday – Colca Canyon / Arequipa

Breakfast at your hotel. To maximize your probability of seeing condors we depart very early towards the "Cross of the Condor" at about an altitude of 15,000 feet. Drive a little further in to the canyon to see some pre-Inca ruins and watch the way of life in this remote land. Return to Chivay for lunch and afternoon return to Arequipa. (B,L)

## Day 5 Sunday – Arequipa / Cusco

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering. Tour of Cusco and its Ruins - This afternoon's tour of the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere includes important landmarks of enchanting Cusco and also the nearby ruins of Kenko, Puca-pucara, Tambomachay as well as the Sacsayhuaman fortress. Once the center of the Inca civilization, modern Cusco is a delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture. During the tour, you will visit Cusco's Cathedral, Santo Domingo Church and the Plaza de Armas. (B)



### **Day 6 Monday – Cusco / Machu Picchu / Cusco**

Breakfast at your hotel. Full Day Excursion to Machu Picchu - Early wake up for a train ride through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Perched 8,200 feet above the valley, it was hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungles for 400 years until discovered by Hiram Bingham of Yale University in 1911. Archaeologists believe that the Inca "Virgins of the Sun" took refuge from the Spanish Conquistadors here. Guided tour of the ruins upon arrival. All transfers are included. Lunch is at the Orient Express' Sanctuary Lodge located just a few steps from the Inca citadel. Afternoon return to Cusco. (B,L)



### **Day 7 Tuesday – Cusco / Sacred Valley / Cusco**

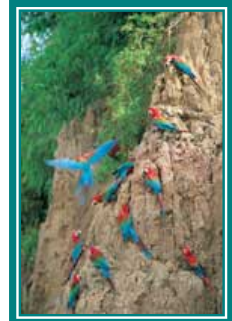
Breakfast at your hotel. Full Day Excursion to the Pisac Indian Market and the Ollantaytambo Fortress (Daily) -Morning departure for a drive through the fertile countryside to the colonial village of Pisac. During your visit to the bustling marketplace you will have the opportunity to bargain with the natives for many different types of Peruvian handicrafts and jewelry. After lunch the tour continues to the village of Ollantaytambo for a visit to its impressive Incan fortress. In the afternoon return to Cusco. (B,L)

### **Day 8 Wednesday – Cusco**

Breakfast at your hotel. Free day in Cusco for independent activities - Wandering through this lovely city, exploring the astonishing narrow streets of this tile roof colonial town will be your unforgettable experience. Great buys are the traditional Peruvian handicrafts, alpaca-wool sweaters and rugs, ponchos, pottery, gold and silver jewelry, leather goods, etc. Because there is such a variety of products, we strongly suggest that when you like any particular item, you should buy it - you may not find the same item in other store. (B)

### **Day 9 Thursday – Cusco / Puerto Maldonado / Posada Amazonas**

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Puerto Maldonado. Upon arrival from Cusco, reception and transfer to the Tambopata river port in Puerto Maldonado. Puerto Maldonado is situated at the confluence of the mighty Madre de Dios and Tambopata Rivers and is a bustling, booming tropical frontier town. Its principal activities are gold mining, Brazil nut collecting, timber extraction, agriculture and ecotourism. After a brief stop at our offices we will depart on a 30 minute drive to the Infierno Community port, followed by 45 minutes boat journey by motorized canoe to Posada Amazonas. Depending on the arrival time of the plane we will have a boxed lunch aboard the boats or have lunch upon arrival at Posada Amazonas. During our voyage we may see bird species typical of the river or forest edge such as: Black Skimmer, Pied Lapwing, Capped Heron, Jabiru Stork, Roadside Hawk, and several species of kingfishers, swallows and flycatchers. When we arrive at Posada Amazonas we will unpack and unwind. Posada Amazonas is a comfortable yet unobtrusive 30 room lodge owned by the Community of Infierno and managed with Rainforest Expeditions. We will receive a short orientation and a complete briefing on the lodge before our afternoon activity : the canopy tower. In this activity, we will visit a 35 meter scaffolding tower that is 15 minutes walking from the lodge. The scaffolding tower is built so that you safely climb using the internal staircase with verandahs on each side, and rest in platforms present every 2 meters. From the top you not only get spectacular views of the river and the surrounding forest but also excellent opportunities to observe birds from the canopy including parrots, toucans and macaws. A presentation on the Ecotourism Project will be given after dinner. (B,L,D)



### Day 10 Friday – Posada Amazonas

We will be up at dawn for a visit to the Tres Chimbadas oxbow lake. After an early breakfast we depart, fifteen minutes from Posada Amazonas by boat and a 30 minute walk take us to the lake shore. From here we take a long, easy canoe ride around it. We will look for giant river otters, turtles, hoatzin, and wading birds. The giant river otters that are seen in Tres Chimbadas belong to a resident family of nine. We will return to the lodge's trails in time for a visit to a small parakeet clay lick. Dozens and sometimes hundreds of Blue Headed Parrots, Orange-Cheeked Parrots, Cobalt-winged parakeets, and sometimes even the rare Rock Parakeet congregate here on clear days to ingest clay. This congregation creates a riotous and colorful wildlife spectacle where the greens, oranges, reds and blues of the parrots dance around the bank as each individual parrot competes for their choice beakful of clay. At times, this spectacle lasts for hours. Then we will return to the lodge for lunch before embarking on our afternoon outing. In the afternoon we will visit the community's ethnobotanical center. From this little shop, the community has been registering the uses of medicinal plants from elders and planting, producing and distributing them for over ten years. We will hike the trails around the center with one of the residents who will explain to us the everyday uses of forest resources in medicine, construction, food and fiber. We will return to Posada Amazonas for dinner and overnight. After enjoying our popular happy hour and refurbishing your spirits with ours, you will be up for an optional night walk to look for amphibians and insects (B,L,D)



### Day 11 Saturday – Posada Amazonas / Puerto Maldonado / Lima / Home

After an early breakfast we will return to Puerto Maldonado for your flight to Lima and then take your connecting flight to home. (B)

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## Hotels used in Tour Packages For Discover Peru Series – 2012

City	Tourist	Tourist Superior	First Class	Deluxe	Luxury
Lima	Casa Andina Classic Miraflores San Antonio	Hotel Nobility or Jose Antonio	Sonesta El Olivar	Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores	Miraflores Park
Cusco	Samay or Amerindia	Terra Andina Hotel (Superior Room)	Novotel or Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco	Libertador Palacio del Inka Cusco	Monasterio
Valle Sagrado	La Casona de Yucay	Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay	Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay	Casa Andina Private Collection Valle Sagrado or Sol y Luna	Tambo del Inka Luxury Collection Resort & Spa
Aguas Calientes	Presidente (VP room)	El Mapi Hotel	Hatuchay Tower	Inkaterra Machu Picchu or Sumaq	Sanctuary Lodge
Arequipa	Casa Andina Classic Arequipa	Sonesta Posada del Inca Arequipa	Sonesta Posada del Inca Arequipa	Casa Andina Private Collection Arequipa	Libertador Arequipa
Colca	Casa Andina Classic Colca	Colca Lodge	Colca Lodge	Colca Lodge	Colca Lodge
Puno	Casa Andina Classic Puno Plaza	La Hacienda Puno	Sonesta Posada del Inca Puno	Casa Andina Private Collection Puno	Libertador Lago Titicaca
Trujillo	Los Conquistadores	El Gran Marques	Libertador Trujillo	Libertador Trujillo	Libertador Trujillo
Chiclayo	Garza Hotel	Garza Hotel	Casa Andina Select Chiclayo	Casa Andina Select Chiclayo	Casa Andina Select Chiclayo
Ica	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas
Nazca	Casa Andina Classic Nazca	Nazca Lines	Hotel Cantayo	Hotel Cantayo	Hotel Cantayo
Iquitos	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops
Puerto Maldonado	Posada Amazonas	Posada Amazonas	Posada Amazonas	Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica	Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica



## Discover Peru Series - 2012

Prices per person in US\$ - Airfare not included

Discover Peru Tour Number	Hotel Category	Dbl	Tpl	Sgl	Single Alone Surcharge
# 19	Luxury	\$3420	\$3612	\$5186	\$739
# 19	Deluxe	\$2738	\$2655	\$3822	\$739
# 19	First Class	\$2454	\$2350	\$3222	\$739
# 19	Tourist Superior	\$2308	\$2252	\$2943	\$739
# 19	Tourist	\$2090	\$2063	\$2458	\$739