

EXPLORING PERU # 13

15 Days / 14 Nights

Lima, Chiclayo, Trujillo, Arequipa, The Colca Canyon, Cusco, Maras Salt Pools and Authentic Quechua Village, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Fortress, Machu Picchu

Day 1 Saturday - 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.

Day 2 Sunday – Lima

Breakfast at your hotel. 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. (B)



Day 3 Monday – Lima / Chiclayo

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Chiclayo. Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering. Visit the complex of Huaja Rajada which comprises two huge pyramids made of adobe mud in front of which there is a platform which is thought to have contained the royal mausoleum. The intact remains of an important Mochica ruler known as the Lord of Sipan were discovered here in 1987. Then continue to the Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum, a museum inaugurated in November 2002. Rated as one of the most outstanding archaeological museums in South America, the building is modeled after an ancient pyramid of the region. Here you can find a reconstruction of the tomb of Sipan, dubbed the "Tutankhamen of the Americas" because of the golden splendor of his tomb : hundreds of pieces of pottery and exquisite gold jewelry. (B)



Day 4 Tuesday – Chiclayo / Trujillo

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer in bus to Trujillo. Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering. In the afternoon visit the city of Trujillo, known as "the City of the Eternal Spring", where you will visit the Main Square, the Cathedral and the beautiful residential and commercial areas which contain grandiose colonial houses and well preserved porches, balconies and churches such as the Colonial Mansions of "Casa Iturregui" and "Casa Bracamonte". Transfer to the National University of Trujillo Museum, that contains cultural expressions of Peru's diverse Pre-hispanic epochs such as: ceramics, weavings, metal, etc. (B)



Day 5 Wednesday – Trujillo / Lima

Breakfast at your hotel. Visit to Chan Chan, the former capital of Chimú Empire. This Empire reached its apogee in the 15th century, not long before falling to the Incas. The planning of this huge city, the largest in pre-Columbian America, reflects a strict political and social strategy, marked by the city's division into nine 'citadels' or 'palaces' forming autonomous units. This pre-Columbian adobe city is famous for its archaeological site in South America!. From Chan Chan you will visit the seashore village of Huanchaco, known for its totora seahorses - a typical small reed boat used for fishing. Then visit one of the most important centers of the ancient Moche. This pre-Inca civilization, a warrior culture, once dominated the valleys of the northern coast of Peru.



Experience the amazing adobe engineering of the Temple of the Sun (sol), the tallest pyramid in the Americas at a height of 48 meters, which is estimated to have involved over 200,000 workers in its construction and over 140 million adobe bricks. Steps away is the temple of the Moon (Luna), the Moche political center where recently uncovered friezes of mystical images are believed to belong to a divinity of sacrifices. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival at the airport a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you in registering (B)



Day 6 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. In the afternoon 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 7 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 8 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 o 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 9 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 10 Monday - Cusco / Sacred Valley

Breakfast at your hotel.. Salt Pools and Quechua Village. Morning excursion to the impressive salt pools formed by water emerging from a lake inside a mountain in the Urubamba Valley. Continue your excursion and visit an authentic Quechua Village to feel the way of life of the Inca's ancestors. The Inca himself was a noble Quechua. They live off the land and are always wearing their colorful ponchos, see Quechua children scamper about while woman are weaving their family's clothes. A meaningful experience! (B,L).



Day 11 Tuesday - Sacred Valley

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 Inca fortress.(B,L)

**Day 12 Wednesday – Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu**

Breakfast at your hotel. Excursion to Machu Picchu with overnight stay - 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 and lunch are included. (B,L).

**Day 13 Thursday – Machu Picchu / Cusco**

Breakfast at your hotel. Free morning to enjoy one of the most incredible sights on earth, the ruins of Machu Picchu. Take as much time as you need to study the mysterious ruins, hike Huayna Picchu, stroll to the Inca Bridge or walk toward the Inca Trail to find the legendary Sun Gate. Afternoon shuttle bus to the train station for your return trip to Cusco. Upon arrival transfer from rail station to hotel. (B)

**Day 14 Friday – 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 15 Saturday – Cusco / Lima / Home**

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer from hotel to the airport for your flight to Lima and then take your connecting flight to home. (B)

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Hotels used in Tour Packages For Exploring Peru Series – 2010

City	Tourist	Tourist Superior	First Class	Deluxe	Luxury
Lima	Mariel	Jose Antonio	Sonesta El Olivar	Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores	Miraflores Park
Cusco	Amerindia or El Puma	Terra Andina Hotel (Superior Room)	Novotel or Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco	Libertador Cusco	Monasterio
Valle Sagrado	La Casona de Yucay	Terra Andina Sacred Valley (formerly called Libertador Valle Sagrado Lodge)	Sonesta Posada del Inca Yucay	Casa Andina Private Collection Valle Sagrado or Sol y Luna	Tambo del Inka Luxury Collection Sacred Valley
Aguas Calientes	Andina Luxury	Machu Picchu Inn	Hatuchay Tower	Inkaterra Machu Picchu or Sumaq	Sanctuary Lodge
Arequipa	Casa Andina Arequipa	Sonesta Posada del Inca Arequipa	Sonesta Posada del Inca Arequipa	Casa Andina Private Collection Arequipa	Libertador Arequipa
Puno	Casa Andina Puno Plaza	La Hacienda	Sonesta Posada del Inca Puno or Jose Antonio Puno	Casa Andina Private Collection Puno	Libertador Isla Esteves
Trujillo	Los Conquistadores	El Gran Marques	Libertador Trujillo	Libertador Trujillo	Libertador Trujillo
Chiclayo	Garza Hotel	Garza Hotel	Gran Hotel Chiclayo	Gran Hotel Chiclayo	Gran Hotel Chiclayo
Ica	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas	Las Dunas
Nazca	Casa Andina 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



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Prices per person - Airfare not included

Exploring Peru Tour Number	Hotel Category	DbI	Tpl	Sgl	Single Alone Surcharge
# 13	Luxury	\$4232	\$4604	\$6536	\$848
# 13	Deluxe	\$3367	\$3303	\$4844	\$848
# 13	First Class	\$2814	\$2788	\$3802	\$848
# 13	Tourist Superior	\$2602	\$2502	\$3395	\$848
# 13	Tourist	\$2291	\$2258	\$2799	\$848