

Adventure in the Southern Circuit

12 Days Lima – Paracas – Nasca – Arequipa – Colca – Puno - Cusco - Machu Picchu

An opportunity to discover the wonders Peru has to offer on bus tour through its coast and highlands; our travel companions? the ocean's breeze, the silent of the desert and the tall mountains home to one of the biggest empires of the continent.

Data

Departures: daily.

Minimum: 2 passengers.

Operating season: all year.

Service: shared tour.

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1: LIMA | INC: -

Arrival in Lima, meet and greet at the airport, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon we will have a tour through Lima's streets and plazas. Starting at the Love Park in Miraflores, with a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean, and then heading to the Huaca Pucllana, ceremonial center of the Lima culture. After this, we go on to the Main Square where the Government Palace and the Town Hall are located. We will visit the Cathedral and explore the Santo Domingo Convent, along which corridors San Martin de Porras and San Rosa de Lima used to walk around in 17th century, and where their remains rest today. Stay in Lima.

DAY 2: LIMA/PARACAS/NASCA | INC: B

Early in the morning we will be transferred to the bus station to depart to Paracas. On arrival, welcoming reception and transfer to the hotel pier to embark on a boat tour to the Ballestas Islands. The "Chandelier" a giant figure marked in the sand in the style of the Nazca lines can also be seen on our way to the islands. On the islands you will be able to observe sea lions, pelicans, Humboldt penguins and other sea birds.

At the coordinated time, we will head towards the Paracas National Reserve for a visit to the Interpretation Center of the Reserve, where they conduct research and preservation projects of marine species in the area; then we will take a tour of Yumaque and Lagunilla beaches, and finally we will visit the Independence Obelisk.

Transfer to the bus station to depart to Nazca. Arrival and welcoming reception. Overnight stay at Nasca.

DAY 3: NASCA/AREQUIPA | INC: B/BL

In the morning we will go to the local airfield to fly over the Nazca lines, huge drawing that can only be seen from the sky and which represent several insects and animals like a monkey, hummingbird, condor or a spider. The origins are unknown, while many think it is a big astronomic calendar. Free rest of the day to enjoy the hotel facilities and surrounding areas. In the afternoon transfer to the bus station and departure to Arequipa. Arrival in Arequipa at night. Welcoming reception and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at Arequipa.

DAY 4: AREQUIPA | INC: B

Free morning. This afternoon the White City opens its doors on a journey that begins in the beautiful Colonial district of San Lazaro, the founding place of Arequipa; from here we will walk through its picturesque streets adorned with geraniums to later go to the Carmen Alto viewpoint for a chance to see the wonderful landscape of agricultural terraces and the three volcanoes surrounding the city: Misti, Chachani and Pichu-Pichu. It is time to head for the Yanahuara Colonial district, famous for its Andalusian style church and its viewpoint, architecture jewel surrounded by *sillar* (volcanic stone) arches. Then we will visit the Santa Catalina Monastery, impressive religious monument which was closed for about 400 years; with narrow streets, squares and gardens reminiscent of the old quarters of Seville or Granada. We will proceed to the Main Square to see its beautiful Cathedral and the stone arches that surround it, and

finally, it is time to visit the Church of the Society of Jesus, founded in the seventeenth century by the Jesuits, famous for its cloisters and its magnificent San Ignacio Dome. Stay at Arequipa.

DAY 5: AREQUIPA/COLCA CANYON | INC: B/L

We set off to the spectacular Colca Valley going up the foothills of Chachani volcano and admiring the Misti and Picchu Picchu Volcanoes. Then we cross the vicuñas reservation of Pampa Cañahuas where we can see them running free in the high Andean lands. Peculiar villages around us. We will stop for lunch on our way to the hotel. Free afternoon to rest and enjoy the hotel and the optional visit to the thermal baths in the area. Stay at Colca Valley.

DAY 6: COLCA CANYON/PUNO | INC: D.

Early in the morning we will go to the Condor Cross viewpoint. Before us the shocking flight of the condors, huge Andean birds on the brink of extinction and symbol of the Andes Mountain Range. The view at this place allows us to appreciate the canyons depth, considered as one of the deepest in the world. We will then visit the Maca and Yanque towns which still keep the colonial churches. After lunch, we will set off for Puno on bus. The trip takes about 5 hours and we will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel upon our arrival. Overnight stay at Puno.

DAY 7: PUNO | INC: B/L

A full day tour to explore Lake Titicaca. First we will visit the Uros, the friendly inhabitants of these handmade islands made of totora reeds. Then it's off to Taquile Island, a place in which the settlers still maintain their ancestral traditions and colorful typical clothes. A great opportunity to explore the island and get the best view of the lake. A typical lunch is provided in the island. Return to the city in the afternoon.

DAY 8: PUNO/CUSCO | INC: B/L

Departure on a tour bus to Cusco. On the way we'll stop to visit the attractions this beautiful route has to offer. Our first stop: the in site Pucara Museum and a chance to get one of the local classic bull shaped ceramics. Then it's lunch time and the opportunity to see the view at La Raya, natural border between Puno and Cusco. We will continue our trip to Racchi, Temple of the Wiracocha god where the walls and narrow streets stand out. Before our final destination, we will stop at Andahuaylillas for a visit to its beautiful chapel. We will arrive in Cusco at the end of the afternoon. Stay at Cusco.

DAY 9: CUSCO | INC: B

In the morning we will distance from the crowds and visit Sacsayhuaman, a huge and impressive fortress of colossal constructions and surrounded by beautiful views blending together perfectly. Our adventure continues at the Inca Shrine Qenqo, to see the sacrificial altar embedded inside a rock cave. Finally we will arrive to the Puca Pucara viewpoint and Tambomachay, monument of impressive architectonic knowledge considered as one of the pillars of Andean Cosmo vision.

In the afternoon our exclusive city tour starts with a visit to the San Cristobal Plaza to enjoy its panoramic view of the city. Then, we will visit the San Pedro Market to soak in its local flavors and to learn about more of the products grown in the area which supply the whole city. After this, the Korikancha temple will welcome us in all his magnificence; this temple, whose Quechua name means "Gold Enclosure" still bedazzles us with the thought of its gold covered walls. Then it is the turn to visit the Santo Domingo Church. We will walk from San Blas, the artisans' neighborhood, to the Hatun Rumiyoc street, stopping at the Inca Roca Palace, nowadays home to the Archbishop's Palace and also at the famous Twelve Angle Stone. We will continue our walk to the Main Square to visit the Cathedral and its valuable and beautiful colonial masterpieces. Stay in Cusco.

DAY 10: CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY | INC: B/L

This day we will visit the most outstanding sites of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will leave for the town of Chinchero, the most typical and picturesque of the Sacred Valley. This town is also famous for its women weavers, we will make a brief stop in a textile center to appreciate its beautiful fabrics and where they will teach us the ancient Inca techniques for dyeing and spinning with Alpaca wool. In the town of Chinchero we will visit its Inca archaeological complex and its beautiful colonial church enjoying the impressive natural images that surround the town. We will continue to Moray, beautiful and curious Inca archaeological complex composed of colossal concentric terraces

simulating a large amphitheater. In Incas times, it served as an agricultural laboratory where diverse microclimates were recreated. Lunch at one of the restaurants in the area. Finally, we end our tour visiting the fabulous archaeological complex of Ollantaytambo important for the Incas as a military, religious and agricultural center. We will visit the Temple of the ten windows, the bathrooms of the ñusta, the Temple of the Sun among other places of interest. The postcards from the heights of Ollantaytambo will close this magical day in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stay at the Sacred Valley.

DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO | INC: B/L

A train trip away to see one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. We arrive at the Aguas Calientes station where our staff will assist us on boarding the bus to go up the winding road to Machu Picchu, amid a spectacular view of the Urubamba River and its canyon. The Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, will astonish us with its terraces, ceremonial shrines, steps and urban areas. Energy is all around us. After a guided visit, we will have lunch at one of the restaurants in the area. At the arranged time, we will return to Cusco and will be transferred to the hotel.

DAY 12: CUSCO/LIMA| INC: B

Departure transfer.

End of our services.

Includes:

LIMA

Transfers airport / hotel / airport - HD City tour

Bus Tkt regular (SIB) Lima - Paracas

1 night of accommodation in Lima - Daily breakfast

PARACAS

Transfers bus station / wharf / bus station - Ballestas Islands motor boat excursion

Bus Tkt regular (SIB) Paracas - Nasca

NASCA

Transfer bus station / hotel / Nasca airport / bus station

Nasca Lines overflight from Nasca - Bus Tkt regular (SIB) Nasca - Arequipa

1 night of accommodation in Nasca - 1 night on board - Daily breakfast

AREQUIPA

Transfer bus station / hotel

2 days / 1 night Colca Canyon - Transfer Colca / Puno

1 night in Arequipa - 1 night in Colca - Daily breakfast

PUNO

FD Uros Floating Islands and Taquile Island with typical lunch - Transfer hotel / bus station

FD Puno / Cusco by bus with lunch and visits on route

2 nights of accommodation in Puno - Daily breakfast

CUSCO

Transfers bus station / hotel / train station / hotel / airport

HD Archeological Park of Sacsayhuaman tour - Hd City tour

FD Sacred Valley of the Incas : Pisac indian market and Ollantaytambo Fortress with lunch

FD Machu Picchu excursion - Buffet lunch

3 nights of accommodation in Cusco - 1 night of accommodation in the Sacred Valley - Daily breakfast

Note: Sacred Valley train program includes lunch and dinner on the train / First Class Train Program includes lunch on the train.

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		SGL	DBL	TPL
Comfort 3*	El Tambo 1 (1n) + Casa Andina Standard Nasca (1n) + San Agustin Posada del Monasterio (2n) + Casa Andina Standard Colca (1n) + Casa Andina Standard (2n) + Augusto's Cusco (2n) + Mabey Valle Sagrado (1n) + Augusto's Cusco (1n)	\$ 2991	\$ 2479	\$ 2423
Tourist Superior 4*	Allpa Hotel and Suites (1n) + Casa Andina Standard Nasca (1n) + El Cabildo (2n) + Killawasi Lodge (1n) + Jose Antonio Puno (2n) + Hotel San Agustin El Dorado (2n) + San Agustin Urubamba (1n) + Hotel San Agustin El Dorado (1n)	\$ 3396	\$ 2686	\$ 2639
Deluxe 5*	Swissotel (1n) + El Nuevo Cantalloc (1n) + Libertador Arequipa (2n) + Colca Lodge Spa & Hot Springs (1n) + Libertador Lago Titicaca (2n) + Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel (2n) + Aranwa Hotels and Wellness (1n) + Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel (1n)	\$ 5063	\$ 3510	\$ 3672

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