

CODE: HCT-014

## THE COLLAGUAS & THE TAHUANTINSUYO MYTHOLOGY

15 Days / 14 Nights

**CONTENT:** LIMA / LIMA: City Tour: Colonial and Modern + Archaeological Museum / LIMA -AREQUIPA: City Tour / AREQUIPA - COLCA CANYON / COLCA CANYON- AREQUIPA / AREQUIPA -JULIACA -SILLUSTANI -PUNO / PUNO: Uros and Taquile Islands / PUNO -CUZCO / CUZCO: Walking City Tour and Surrounding Ruins / CUZCO - SACRED VALLEY Chinchero -Maras -Moray -Ollantaytambo -MACHU PICCHU (Aguas Calientes) / Visit to MACCHU PICCHU - SACRED VALLEY / SACRED VALLEY: Pisac market - CUZCO: free afternoon / CUZCO - PUERTO MALDONADO -AMAZON JUNGLE / PUERTO MALDONADO: AMAZON JUNGLE / -PUERTO MALDONADO -LIMA.



DAY 01

LIMA

Arrival at airport in city of origin. Flight to Lima. Arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport where you will be met by our representative. Transfer to hotel.

DAY 02

LIMA: City Tour: Colonial and Modern + Archaeological Museum

**Breakfast.** Visit to the historic center: guided tour of the Cathedral, and a panoramic tour of the Convents of Santo Domingo and of San Francisco; the Main Square and San Martin Square. The visit continues to the residential neighborhoods of San Isidro and Miraflores, followed by a visit to the Archaeological Museum which houses archaeological pieces representing the different Peruvian cultures that preceded the Incas, together with its collection of metal works and textiles. Rest of the afternoon free. You can taste the famous Peruvian cuisine, visit the Bohemian district of Barranco, cradle of poets and writers, and part of the literary tour of Mario Vargas Llosa, or visit some of the capital's many other attractions. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 03

LIMA / AREQUIPA: City

**Breakfast.** Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Arequipa. Arrival and transfer to hotel. At leisure. An optional visit to the Museum of the Andean Altars is recommended where you can see the mummy, Juanita, a teenage Incan girl who was sacrificed and found on the top of the Ampato volcano, becoming one of the best-preserved mummies in the world. Opportunity to taste the good cuisine of Arequipa or stroll around its pleasant, colonial streets. Afternoon tour of Arequipa, known as the White City, including Santa Catalina Convent (a city inside a city), the Main Square, the cloisters of the Church of the Company (including a visit inside the San Ignacio chapel to see its cupola), and the residential neighborhoods of Yanahuara and Chilín for a magnificent view of the Misti volcano. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 04

AREQUIPA / COLCA CANYON

**Breakfast.** Departure to one of the deepest canyons on the globe, the Colca Canyon. We will go through Pampa Cañahuas, close to the Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve, the wetlands area of Toca and the "volcano viewpoint", the highest pass and a spectacular vantage point from which to view the



highest mountain peaks and volcanoes in the region, before reaching Chivay, the arrival and departure point for those visiting the region. **Lunch.** Transfer to hotel. Free afternoon with an opportunity to visit the La Calera thermal springs (entrance not included) if you are staying overnight in Chivay. Overnight at selected hotel. The Colca Lodge and El Refugio hotels have their own thermal springs.

*Note: Remember to bring bathing costume for the thermal springs and/or swimming pools. If you are staying at the Colca Lodge or El Refugio, you can enjoy the use of the hotel's spa and hot springs.*

#### DAY 05

#### COLCA CANYON / AREQUIPA

**Breakfast.** We will go to the place called "Cruz del Condor", a viewpoint from where you can appreciate the depth of the canyon and the lofty flight of the condors. We will visit the villages of Yanque and Maca which have colonial churches, and will have some interesting views of the valley before arriving at Chivay. **Lunch.** We continue to Arequipa. Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 06

#### AREQUIPA / JULIACA / SILLUSTANI / PUNO

**Breakfast.** Transfer to the bus station, regular bus to Puno, capital of the Peruvian altiplano. The route traverses beautiful natural scenery, and provides a breath-taking view of the beautiful Lagunillas Lake, and Andean flamingoes can often be seen feeding on the lake shore. Arrival at Juliaca, reception and transfer to Puno, on route we will visit Sillustani archaeological complex, to appreciate the "Chullpas" or funeral towers on the shores of Lake Umayo. Arrival at Puno.

#### DAY 07

#### PUNO: Uros and Taquile islands

**Breakfast.** Today we will traverse Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake on the planet. First we will visit the Uros Islands, floating islands where descendants of this ancient ethnic group still live. They can trace their lineage back to the Aymara and their subsistence today is partly supported by tourism. We continue on to Taquile Island, an island of Quechua-speaking inhabitants where Inca customs and traditions are still evident. **Lunch** at a local restaurant. We will walk around parts of the island before the return trip to Puno in the afternoon. Overnight at selected hotel.

#### DAY 08

#### PUNO / CUZCO

**Breakfast.** Transfer to bus station. Departure by tourist bus to Cuzco visiting Pukara, (visit to its interesting museum), La Raya (the highest pass on the way to Cuzco), Racjchi (Wiracocha temple) and Andahuaylillas (the Sistine Andean chapel). **Lunch** included en route. Arrival in Cuzco by the evening. Overnight at selected hotel.

*Note: For anyone who wishes to do so this journey can be done on the Titicaca Train, operated by PERÚ RAIL (10.5 hour journey, including a 15-minute stop at La Raya Pass), provided it is on a day when the train operates (Monday, Thursday and Saturday). Includes three-course lunch and afternoon tea.*

#### DAY 09

#### CUZCO: City Tour on foot + Nearby ruins

**Breakfast.** Walking tour of the city: an exclusive circuit that includes visiting the main Square of the district of San Blas, Hatunrumiyoc Street with the "12-angle stone", the Nazarenas square, the main square, the Inca Museum, Cuzco Central Market, Loreto Street, the Cathedral and the Koricancha, or Temple of the Sun. Afternoon visit to the nearby ruins: Sacsayhuaman, a ceremonial fortress of monumental stones, Q'enqo, a ceremonial site where sacrifices took place, and Tambomachay, known as the Inca Baths. Panoramic tour of Puka-Pukará, a former *tambo*, a rest place for messengers, or guard post along the Inca roads. Return to the hotel. Overnight at selected hotel.

#### DAY 10

#### CUZCO / SACRED VALLEY: Chinchero-Maras-Moray and Ollantaytambo / MACHU PICCHU (Aguas Calientes)

**Breakfast.** Visit the Andean village of Chinchero, the archaeological area, its colonial church, the main square where you can visit its open-air artisan market (if it is a Sunday, enjoy its traditional market selling locally-made handicrafts and goods). We will also visit a textile workshop where the weavers will demonstrate their techniques and use of natural dyes.

Continue to the Maras' salt mines, a salt supply station during the Inca period and still in use today, before visiting Moray's agricultural laboratory, characterized by its steep terraces with their diverse micro climates. **Lunch.**





In the afternoon, visit the Ollantaytambo fortress and then transfer to the train station for the train to Aguas Calientes town. Arrival and transfer to hotel. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner and lodging at the selected hotel.

*Luggage for Machu Picchu: Due to luggage restrictions imposed by the train companies (to allow visibility through the panoramic windows), only hand luggage is allowed. **One small travel bag**, rucksack or carry-on bag per person is permitted, weighing no more than 5 kg (in addition to handbags). The remaining luggage will be taken to the hotel in Cuzco where you return to for your overnight stay.*

#### DAY 11

#### Visit to MACHU PICCHU / SACRED VALLEY

**Breakfast.** Early morning departure to Machu Picchu, one of the wonders of the modern world, to visit the Inca citadel before it gets busy and enjoy one of the most impressive natural spaces on the planet. Guided tour around the archaeological complex located in a unique natural setting, (the terraces, squares, temples palaces, stairways, warehouses, water fountains, including the Temple of the Sun, etc.).

Free time to enjoy the site, with the possibility to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu (book in advance). Return to Aguas Calientes by bus to walk around the market and enjoy this lively town where almost every traveler who comes to the country passes through. Depart by train for Ollantaytambo; on arrival transfer to the hotel in the Sacred Valley. **Dinner** and overnight at hotel.

*Note: If you want to climb Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu (not to be confused with the archaeological site), please ask for this to be booked when confirming your reservation. Supplement payable in advance.*

*Lunch is not included today so as to allow as much time as possible at the archaeological site. For morning visits, there will be time to make your own lunch arrangements after the visit, or before visiting the site if an afternoon visit is scheduled.*

#### DAY 12

#### SACRED VALLEY: Pisac Market / Free afternoon in Cuzco

**Breakfast.** Return transfer to Cuzco, with a short stop to visit the village of Pisac and its local market. Transfer to the Hotel. Free afternoon to continue visiting Cuzco, a UNESCO heritage site and former seat of the Tahuantinsuyo empire, or simply enjoy strolling around the streets of this city of different cultures. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 13

#### CUSCO / PUERTO MALDONADO / AMAZONIC JUNGLE

**Breakfast.** Transport to the airport to take the flight to Puerto Maldonado. Arrival, assistance and transportation to the port. Begin your adventure through the jungle traveling by motorboat on the Madre de Dios River, or on the Tambopata River until you reach the chosen lodge, observing the exotic wildlife on the way. Arrival at chosen lodge and enjoy everything the surroundings have to offer as you follow the activities scheduled by the guides. Full board.

#### DAY 14

#### AMAZONIC JUNGLE OF PUERTO MALDONADO

**Breakfast.** Continue with all the activities scheduled by the lodge, allowing you to enjoy this authentic and unforgettable experience in the jungle. Activities to choose from include walking, bird watching, sailing, fishing, visits to indigenous communities, etc. Overnight at the lodge. **Full board.**

*Note: The activities vary depending on the lodge. This applies to all jungle tours. Once you have chosen the lodge, we will provide details of the specific activities available.*

#### DAY 15

#### AMAZONIC JUNGLE / PUERTO MALDONADO / LIMA

**Breakfast.** Morning transfer by motorboat to the port and transport to Puerto Maldonado airport for return flight to Lima Arrival and connect with the international flight. End of our services.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

-Flights must be booked in advance: -01 flight: Lima / Arequipa  
-01 flight: Cuzco / Puerto Maldonado  
-01 flight: Puerto Maldonado / Lima

**NOTE:** All hotel categories include travel in Expedition class (Perú Rail) or Voyager class (Inca Rail), subject to availability. The Vistadome train is available on request - supplement applies.



**RECOMMENDED EXTENSIONS**

**FROM LIMA:** All extensions (at the beginning or end of the main program).

**FROM CUZCO:** Rainbow Mountain Trek (EXT – 019) / Inca Trail Trek (EXT – 017) / Salkantay Trek (EXT – 018) / Manu National Park (EXT – 020).

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All airport / hotel / station transfers and vice versa in shared service.</li> <li>• Shared line bus Arequipa - Juliaca.</li> <li>• Shared tourist bus Puno - Cusco.</li> <li>• Train category Voyager (Inca Rail), according to availability, between Ollantaytambo / Machu Picchu / Ollantaytambo, in shared service. An hour and a half stretch (this trip does not have an accompanying guide, as he will be waiting for you in the town of Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes). Request Vistadome train supplement from Peru Rail (round trip), or Machu Picchu train from Inca Rail for just the return.</li> <li>• Stay of 14 nights on accommodation and breakfast basis according to the chosen category.</li> <li>• 06 Lunches and 03 Dinners in the specified places (drinks not included).</li> <li>• Excursions and visits specified in the itinerary in shared service.</li> <li>• Local guides during excursions and assistance throughout the circuit.</li> <li>• Assistance 24 hrs. during your stay in Peru, in addition to assistance at the airport for connection to the international flight back to origin.</li> <li>• Entrances to the whole route (Except for Mount Huayna Picchu or Mount Machu Picchu, not included).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International flights.</li> <li>• Domestic flights (Check the price reference table, below).</li> <li>• Rates of airports, ports, aerodromes, etc.</li> <li>• Feeding not mentioned.</li> <li>• Entry and reservation to Mount Huayna Picchu or Mount Machu Picchu (optional with limited places and must be confirmed when confirming the program).</li> <li>• Excursions not mentioned or detailed as optional, tickets to museums, monuments and others not mentioned in the program.</li> </ul>

