

CODE: HCT-015

WIRACOCHA 'S SOLAR ROUTE

15 Days / 14 Nights

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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 - PACHACAMAC

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. Afternoon visit to the extensive archaeological city of Pachacamac, the old pre-Columbian oracle; a sacred place and part of the mystical axis of the world, considered, together with Cuzco, the main place of worship; sanctuary of the Pachacamac god, the creator of the universe and its creatures. Visit the Pachacamac Temple (pre-Inca), place of worship to the Sun god (Inca) and the Temple of the Chosen Women (Virgins of the Sun). Return to Lima. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 03

LIMA / AREQUIPA: City tour

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 they 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 Chilin 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. It is here at this magical ancestral point that telluric currents from the canyon are channeled for propitiatory rituals with the air, symbolized by the spectacular flight of the condor. 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 / CUZCO: City Tour on foot

Breakfast. Transport to the airport to take the flight to Cusco, the former capital city of the Incan Empire. Afternoon, walking tour of the city: an exclusive circuit that includes the main Square in the district of San Blas, Hatunrumiyoc Street with the "12-angle stone", Nazarenas square, main square, Inca Museum, Cuzco Central Market, the Cathedral and the Koricancha or Temple of the Sun. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 07

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 overnight 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 08

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 explore the site's sacred spaces, built in harmony with nature and the cosmos, and to identify with the mystic vision of the Incas.

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 09****SACRED VALLEY: Pisac market + ruins - Tipón - surrounding ruins to Cuzco**

Breakfast. In the morning, return transfer to Cuzco, visiting Pisac market and ruins. Visit Tipón archaeological park where streams of magnetic, crystalline water, essential to our purification rituals and the activation of energy centers, emanate from its sacred Inca fountains. 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**CUSCO: Free day**

Breakfast. Free day to continue visiting Cuzco and get to know the city's true local culture with its rich architectural heritage, artistic works, and deeply religious lifestyle. The city has a vibrant night life with a selection of good restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 11**CUSCO / PUNO**

Breakfast. In the morning, transfer to the bus station and departure by tourist bus to Puno, capital of Peruvian folklore. Following the Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System we visit Andahuaylillas (the Sistine Andean chapel), Racjchi (Wiracocha temple), La Raya (highest pass on the way to Cuzco) and Pukara. **Lunch** included en route. Arrival in Puno by the evening. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 12**PUNO: Corredor Aymara**

Breakfast. Excursion along the lakeside stretch of Lake Titicaca, where the Lupaca culture built their seven urban centers, all present day cities and villages that extend along the length of the sacred lake. Visit Chimu, famed reed boat builders and fishermen. We continue to the Inca-Ullo temple at Chucuito with its set of stone phalluses symbolizing cosmos fertility and whose solar lines determine the solstices and equinoxes. In Santiago we begin the pilgrimage through the Valley of Spirits (Ajayu Marka), encountering snake altars, the puma and the condor before reaching the inter-dimensional mystery doorway of the Aramu-muru master, where we will try to contact the great monastery of the Brotherhood the Seven Rays at the north of the Lake Titicaca, in order to attract energy vibrations from the cosmos into our world. We will continue to Pomata, the Aymaran word for "puma", the legendary guardian of the puma and capital of the seven centers of the Lupaca people, with a colossal colonial church that synthesizes Masonic-Christian Andean mysticism. We will visit Juli, one of the Lupaca urban centers, also known as "Roma Aymara", and a Dominican and Jesuit missionary training center. Later, we drive to the Copamaya de Aymara altars, nestled in rocky platforms seemingly for Andean offerings. We will continue to the seventh power center on the golden beaches of Charcas, a lakeside space where we will make an offering to the goddess of the lake, Mama Cocha. Return to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 13**PUNO: Uros Island - Amantani**

Breakfast. Departure to the floating islands of Uros, amid the reeds, where the indigenous Uru and fishermen live. They are considered to be the heirs of the most ancient race of America, making their living from the multifaceted uses of the totora reeds. We will continue to the paradise island of Amantani from where we start the climb to the top of the sacred mountains where the Pachatata - Pachamama ceremonial centers are located, the point where male and female lines crossing the entire planet converge. Overnight at Amantani community. **Full board.**

DAY 14**PUNO: Taquile Island - Puno City**

Breakfast. After a walk around the square we sail to the island of Taquile, home to a unique, indigenous people, Quechua speakers and expert weavers whose way of life follows ancient traditions and practices. We appreciate the island's scenic beauty, a way of life frozen in time, its traditional crafts, original music and archaeological remains belonging to the Tiahuanaco culture. **Lunch.** Return to Puno enjoying the wealth of flora and fauna of the Titicaca National Reserve. Overnight at hotel.





DAY 15

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Breakfast. First thing in the morning and with the luggage already on board, we will visit the archaeological complex of Sillustani to see the "Chullpas" or Burial Towers on the shores of the Umayo Lake. Continue our trip to the Juliaca (Puno) airport to take the flight back to Lima. End of our services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Flights must be booked in advance: -01 flight: Lima / Arequipa
- 01 flight: Arequipa / Cuzco
- 01 flight: Juliaca / 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).

FROM PUNO: Ask for details about the Puno / La Paz (Bolivia) / Puno extension.

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

