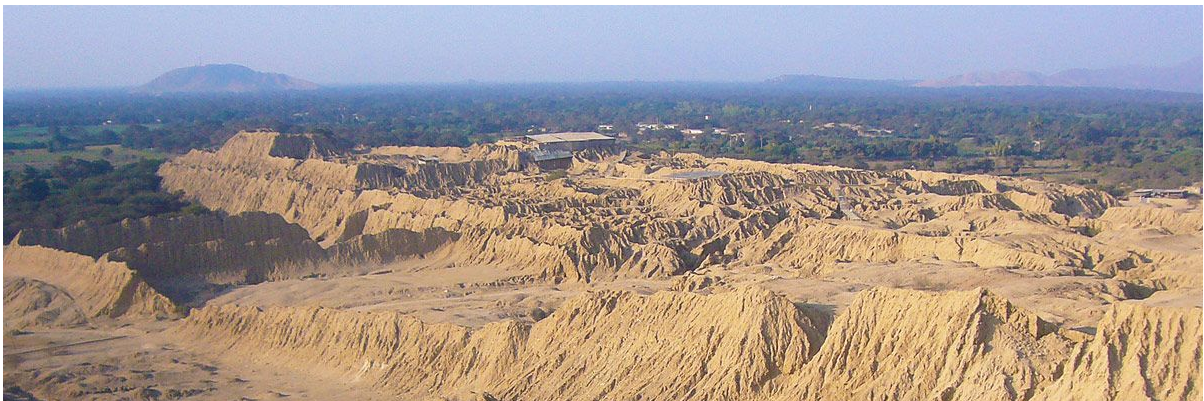


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NORTHERN PERU

17 Days / 16 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: 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 / HUARAZ

Breakfast. Transfer to the bus station for departure to Huaraz. Arrival by the end of evening. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 04

HUARAZ: Chavín de Huantar

Breakfast. Departure for a trip to the ancient temple of Chavín de Huántar, the greatest exponent of our civilization, now declared a World Cultural Heritage site. We visit the archaeological complex. Among the site's many attractions, we will see the Lanzón de Chavín statue, the Cabezas Clavas, and the Choquechinchay stone, and its impressive network of internal galleries or labyrinths, as well as the impressive columns and a big ceremonial square, and its interesting site museum. Return to the city. Overnight at hotel.

**DAY 05****HUARAZ: Huascarán National Park - Callejón de Huaylas villages**

Breakfast. We start our journey to the northern part of the Callejón de Huaylas, a picturesque valley that surrounds the main populations of the region. We pass through the villages of Carhuaz and Yungay, and from the latter we climb up to the highest mountains in the range: Huascarán (the highest at 6,768 m) and Huandoy (6,395 m), and the foothills of the Huascarán National Park. We visit the town of Caraz and other villages in the Huaylas valley. Return to the city and overnight at hotel.

DAY 06**HUARAZ: Puyas de Raimondi and Pastoruri Glacier / Bus to Trujillo**

Breakfast. Excursion along the "Climate Change Route". We depart for the Pachacoto gorge where it is possible to see the *puya raymondi*, the largest species of bromeliad which can grow to over eight meters tall. Arrival at the foot of the Pastoruri Glacier, with spectacular views. It is an easy walk of less than thirty minutes to the glacier, or on horseback (optional). On the way we will stop to see some prehistoric cave paintings and natural carbonated springs. Return to Huaraz. Free time before transferring to the bus station. Regular bus service to Trujillo. Overnight on the bus.

DAY 07**TRUJILLO: Temples of the Sun and the Moon -Chan – Huanchaco**

Arrival at hotel. Early check-in included. **Breakfast.** We start the day by visiting the Sun and the Moon temples in Moche, before crossing the city to the Rainbow Temple or Temple of the Dragon; afterwards, we visit the impressive archaeological complex of Chan-Chan, the largest pre-columbine metropolis in South America. Our trip ends at Huanchaco, a seaside resort and ancestral fishing cove where we can see the ancient Mochica vessels called "Caballitos de Totorá" (fragile pre-Inca fishing kayaks made out of pressed totora reeds) that keep the ancient tradition of artisan fishing alive. Return to Trujillo at the end of the afternoon. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 08**TRUJILLO: "El Brujo" Archaeological Complex- CAJAMARCA**

Breakfast. Early in the morning we visit the architectural complex of el Brujo where we visit the Huaca de Cao temple and its site museum that houses the recently discovered priestess known as "La Señora de Cao" (The Lady of Cao.) Transfer to the bus station at approximately 1 p.m. Then we leave the Pan-American Highway and its desert environment of the coast to return to the Mountain Range and travel to Cajamarca, a colonial and historical city that initiated the Spaniard conquest. Arrival and overnight at hotel.

DAY 09**CAJAMARCA: Otuzco – Cumbemayo – Inca Baths**

Breakfast. Trip to Ventanillas de Otuzco, a great Pre Inca necropolis that features its crypts under stonework cliffs (volcanic rock.) Then we go to the Cumbemayo archaeological and geological complex, an impressive example of pre-Columbian engineering. On the way back to the city, we make a stop at the Inca Baths whose therapeutic thermal medicinal waters can reach up to 82° centigrade. We will also see the historical place where Atahualpa – the reigning Inca of that time – met the Spanish army for the first time. Back to the city for time at leisure to see the most significant places such as the Plaza de Armas, the San Francisco Church and the Cathedral, whose architecture features an impressive façade carved on volcanic rock. We can also see Belén, an ancient hospital from the vice-royal period; the Cuarto de Rescate (Rescue Room) that was filled twice with silver and once with gold by Inca Atahualpa; and the Santa Apolonia cliff, an outstanding natural viewpoint from where the city was named, and the valley with its silhouette known as the "chair of the Inca." Overnight in Cajamarca.

DAY 10**CAJAMARCA – LEYMEBAMBA: Malqui Museum - CHACHAPOYAS**

Breakfast. We depart early for a trip along one of the most spectacular routes in the country. We leave the Andean villages of the Cajamarca mountain range (Encañada, Loma del Indio, Sucre, José Gálvez); we arrive at Celendín, a town known for its people who make straw hats, and then finish the journey at the town of Leimebamba. We will make a stop en route at the Jelik viewpoint, where we can see the path of the Marañón river and the village of Balsas, climbing up through Chanchillo and the Calla mountain range (pass at 4,600 m.a.s.l.), up to Leimebamba. Visit the Malqui Museum that houses over 200 mummies, textile pottery, and one of the country's largest "quipus" (Inca calendar), as well as working tools from the Pre-Columbine era. We continue to Chachapoyas. Overnight at hotel.



**DAY 11****CHACHAPOYAS: Excursion to Kuelap**

Breakfast. Depart for the monumental citadel of Kuelap. After passing through Choctamal, Longuita, we arrive at Nuevo Tingo. We ascend by cable railway to La Malca and walk 2 km to Kuelap. We arrive at a plain from where it is a short walk to the archaeological zone, to visit the impressive construction from the Chachapoyas Culture. According to experts, the volume of this gigantic fortress, which provides views of unparalleled beauty, is greater than the great Cheop Egyptian Pyramid. **Lunch** included. On our way back we can see the Marco ruins on the shores of Utcubamba river, where we can see circular structures in a zigzag rhombus formation which are very typical of Chachapoyas culture. Return to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 12**CHACHAPOYAS: Excursion to Karajía and Pueblo de los muertos**

Breakfast. Departure for Karajía. We arrive at the village of Trita later and after an hour's walk reach this mysterious location, near the town of Cruzpata, with its unique coffins dating from 800 to 1300 years AD. These sarcophagi that contain mummies of the great lords of this enigmatic civilization are kept inside strange figures inlaid into inaccessible crevices on a rocky vertical cliff 300m above the Allpachaca stream. The ethnic group of the Karajía did not want to be forgotten, but rather left traces attested by the great knowledge of the time, because their funeral tombs are some of the largest ones known. **Lunch** included. On the way back, we go to of the town of Chachapoyas, capital of the Amazonas region. Time at leisure to visit the town. Return to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 13**CHACHAPOYAS: Gocta Waterfalls**

Breakfast. We depart early for the village of Cocachimba, for the Gocta Waterfalls. Rediscovered in March 2006, at 771 meters high, they are the third highest falls in the world, after Salto at the Angel Falls (Venezuela), 972m and Tugela Falls (South Africa) 948m. The long walk there and back can take between four and five hours, counting time for sightseeing and rest (2 ½ hours each way or less if you opt to rent horses). The cataract is practically visible for the whole route that runs through the middle of vegetation native to a sub-humid climate. We go right up to the foot of this spectacular waterfall with impressive views. **Cold packed lunch** included. After enjoying this wonder, we return to Cocachimba and from there to Chachapoyas. Return to hotel in Chachapoyas. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 14**CHACHAPOYAS / CHICLAYO**

Breakfast. Today's route will take us to the Pacific coast again, up to the city of Chiclayo. After leaving the Utcubamba river canyon, we continue to the river basin of the Marañón river, that crosses between the rice fields of the warm, wide Bagua valley, then follow the western Andean branch taking the mountain passage of Porcuya (2,137 m), and soon descend to the Pacific coast to the city of Chiclayo. Overnight on the bus.

Note: This journey can be made by private vehicle; supplement payable in advance. Otherwise night on board the bus with reclining seat.

DAY 15**CHICLAYO: Sicán Museum – Túcume –Lord of Sipan Museum**

Arrival and transfer to the chosen hotel. **Breakfast.** We continue by visiting the National Museum of Sicán at Ferreñafe, followed by another of the well-known archaeological complexes of interest, Túcume, the most important urban center of its time. Built by a nation known today as Sicán or Lambayeque, it comprises 26 pyramids and dozens of smaller buildings, all assembled around La Raya mountain, an enormous stone landmark in the immeasurable plain of this fertile northern valley. After savoring the pleasant gastronomy of Chiclayo, we finish the day with a visit to the Sipan Real Tombs Museum, one of the most modern and interesting museums in Latin America whose construction resembles the truncate pyramids of the Moche culture. These tombs house the mummy of the "Lord of Sipan", an elite Moche character, of great material and historical value, judging by the large quantities of the gold and silver objects found in the tombs. Return to Chiclayo. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 16**CHICLAYO / LIMA / CITY OF ORIGIN**

Breakfast. Transport to the airport to take the regular flight back to Lima and connecting international flight.





RECOMMENDATIONS

-Flights must be booked in advance: - 1 flight: Chiclayo / Lima.

RECOMMENDED EXTENSIONS

-FROM LIMA: All extensions (at the beginning or end of the main program). Recommended Cuzco extensions: Tierra Inka Express (EXT-023) and Classic Tierra Inka (EXT-24).

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All airport / hotel / station transfers and vice versa in shared service.• Line bus Chachapoyas - Chiclayo.• Private transport Cajamarca - Chachapoyas.• Bus line Trujillo - Cajamarca.• Line bus Huaraz - Trujillo.• Line bus Lima - Huaraz.• Stay of 13 nights on accommodation and breakfast basis according to the chosen category.• 03 Lunches 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.• Tickets to the entire route.	<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.• Excursions not mentioned or detailed as optional, tickets to museums, monuments and others not mentioned in the program.

