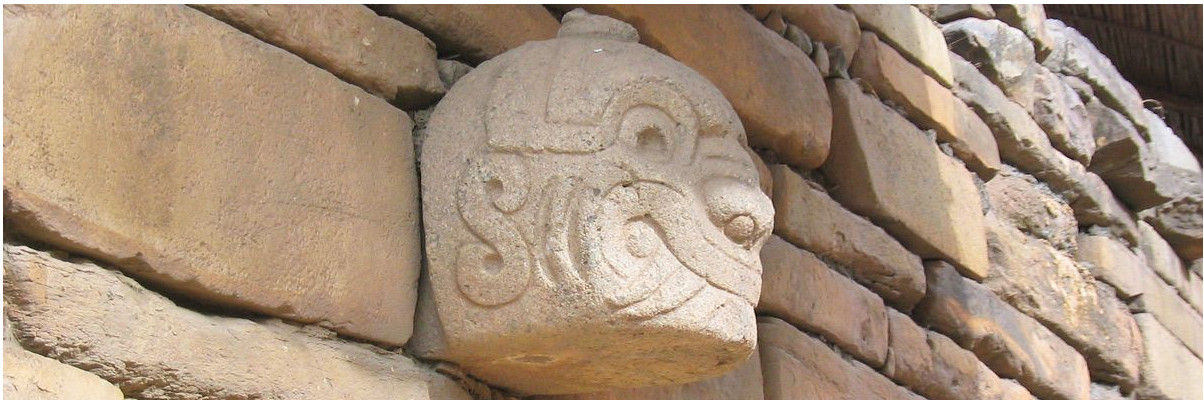


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PERUVIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL JEWELS

16 Days / 15 Nights

CONTENT: LIMA - CARAL – HUARAZ / HUARAZ: Huascarán National Park – HUARAZ Chavín de Huantar / HUARAZ -TRUJILLO / TRUJILLO: Temples of the Sun and the Moon -Chan – Huanchaco / TRUJILLO -CHICLAYO / CHICLAYO: Sicán Museum – Túcume –Lord of Sipan Museum -CHICLAYO -LIMA / LIMA -CUSCO: City tour on foot / CUZCO -SACRED VALLEY: Chinchero -Maras -Moray -Ollantaytambo -MACHU PICCHU (Aguas Calientes) / Visit to MACCHU PICCHU - SACRED VALLEY / SACRED VALLEY: Pisac market - CUZCO: Surrounding ruins / CUZCO - LIMA: City Tour – Colonial and Modern + Archaeological Museum / LIMA -PARACAS: Paracas National Reserve / PARACAS: Ballestas Islands / PISCO: optional flight over Nazca Lines -LIMA / 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 / HUARAZ

Breakfast. In the morning, transfer to the bus station, for special tourist service bus to Huaraz, departure point for main excursions through this important Andean location. Arrival and transport to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Flight to Lima / Huaraz: on request - supplement applies (optional).

DAY 03

HUARAZ: Huascaran national park - Huaylas Valley villages

Breakfast. Excursion through the Huaylas Valley, a picturesque valley that surrounds the main populations of the region. We go through the populations of Carhuaz and Yungay, and we will continue to the marvelous Llanganuco lake, whose turquoise waters reflect the majestic snow-capped peak of Huascarán, the highest mountain in the country. On the way back to Huaraz, a visit to the artisan center of Taricá. 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: At leisure / TRUJILLO**

Breakfast. Breakfast. Free day at Huaraz, option to do a trip to the Pastoruri glacier, you can choose to visit the lagoon of Churup, one of most colorful in this natural park or walk in the surroundings. Evening transfer to the bus station for overnight bus (reclining seats) to the colonial city of Trujillo, the region where the Mochica and Chimú cultures were developed. Overnight on the bus.

OPTIONAL: Take a flight to Lima and connecting flight to Trujillo. This involves an additional night in Trujillo.

DAY 06**TRUJILLO: Temples of the Sun and the Moon -Chan – Huanchaco**

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 07**TRUJILLO: City tour - "El Brujo" Archaeological Complex- CHICLAYO**

Breakfast. Morning city tour, including a visit to the Archaeological Museum, taking in its colonial art. At the scheduled time private transfer to Chiclayo. Visit to the "El Brujo" archaeological complex en route, and the recently discovered mummy, "La Señora de Cao" (Lady of Cao). Arrival at Chiclayo and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 08**CHICLAYO: Sicán Museum – Túcume –Lord of Sipan Museum / LIMA**

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. Transfer to the airport and flight to Lima. Arrival, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in the capital.

DAY 09**LIMA / CUZCO: City Tour on foot**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cuzco, capital of the ancient 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 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 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 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 + Surrounding ruins

Breakfast. Return transfer to Cuzco, with a short stop to visit the village of Pisac and its local market. Transfer to the Hotel. 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 13

CUSCO / LIMA City Tour: Colonial and Modern + Archaeological Museum

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight to Lima. Arrival and transfer to hotel. 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. Afterwards, we will go to San Isidro and Miraflores residential neighborhoods, 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. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 14

LIMA / PARACAS: National reserve

Breakfast. Transfer to bus station. Departure by bus with reclining seats to the Bay of Paracas, traveling along the southern section of the Pan-American Highway. Transfer to the Hotel. Visit to the Paracas National Reserve to enjoy the cliffs and the beautiful desert and marine landscapes. We will also learn about the Paracas culture that inhabited its coasts more than 2,000 years ago, and whose legacy, found in its necropolis, included a great variety of rich textiles which astonish the modern world today. Return to the hotel, on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Overnight at selected hotel.

Note: optional dune-buggy ride across the dunes in the nearby Ica desert.

DAY 15

PARACAS: Ballestas Islands / PISCO: optional flight over the Nazca Lines / LIMA

Breakfast. Boat trip to the Ballestas Islands passing by the figure of "El Candelabro" (the Candelabrum), and continuing to the Ballestas Islands observing marine sea lions and numerous birds, including the Humboldt penguin in its natural habitat. Afterwards transfer to the bus station for the return journey to Lima. Arrival and transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. *Optional flight over the Nazca Lines from Pisco airport.*

DAY 16

LIMA / CITY OF ORIGIN

Breakfast. Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for international return flight.





RECOMMENDATIONS

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

-It is possible to shorten this program to 14 days/13 nights by flying back on day 14, omitting Paracas.
 -If your international return flight is an overnight flight, you can stay an additional night in Paracas, departing for Lima the following day, with onward transfer to the airport.

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: Puerto Maldonado (EXT – 003) / Rainbow Mountain Trek (EXT – 019) / Inca Trail Trek (EXT – 017) / Salkantay Trek (EXT – 018) / Manu National Park (EXT – 020)

FROM CHICLAYO: Beaches of the North (EXT-010 and EXT-010B) / North Eastern Circuit (EXT-012)

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All airport / hotel / station transfers and vice versa in shared service. • Line bus Lima - Huaraz. • Private transportation Trujillo - Chiclayo. • Shared line bus Huaraz - Trujillo. • 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 in length (this trip does not have an accompanying guide, since 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. • Stay of 14 nights on accommodation and breakfast basis according to the chosen category. • 01 Lunch and 02 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.

