

Day 01 International flight – Lima – Arequipa

Arrival to Arequipa city, declared a World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in December 2000. A beautiful colonial city that is also known as the “White City” because of the use of “Sillar”, a white volcanic stone that is used in the construction of the homes and buildings, and give the city its special character. Transfer to the airport.

In the afternoon we will take a City Tour, walking through the streets, enjoying its Main Square, Cathedral and Churches, colonial buildings and going back to “the past” visiting the Monastery of Santa Catalina. Return to the hotel. Overnight



Day 02 Excursion to the Colca Canyon

Breakfast at the hotel

Today we will visit one of the deepest canyons of the world; The Colca Canyon. It is also well known because of its beautiful multicolor terraces and its cultural and traditional heritage. We will arrive to the town of Chivay, capital of Caylloma province. From here we will continue to our hotel

Lunch buffet at the Lodge (included in program)

Around 3:00p.m we will do a short hike to San Antonio hill, visiting a pre-Inca cemetery and appreciating the view of the terraces. We return to our hotel to grab some towels and change into our swimsuit before visiting the thermal baths, natural hot springs, nestled in the mountains. Return to our Lodge. Overnight

Day 03 View point “Cruz del Cóndor” – town of Chivay – Puno city on Lake Titicaca.

Breakfast at the hotel



We will have our breakfast very early in the morning and leave to the famous “Cruz del Condor” point. Arriving to “**Cruz del Condor**” we will have time enough to enjoy the view of the deep Canyon and if the weather permits; majestic pictures of the flight of the Condors.

After this highlight, our guide will take you for a short walk near the Canyon (1 hour aprox.)

On the way back to Chivay we’re going to visit the traditional village of **Pinchollo** and the “**Antahuilque viewpoint**”, where wonderful 1,500 year old terraces, constructed by the Collaguas, a culture well before the Incas’ time, can be observed. We also will make a stop at the look-out point of “Choquetico” with its hanging tombs “Tumbas colgantes”, and take a look to the litomaqueta, a model of the canyon terraces carved in a rock. We will continue visiting

Maca, an Andean community that experienced an earthquake in November of 1991 and the village of **Yanque** with the most beautiful church in the valley.

Upon our return to Chivay we will have lunch at a local restaurant (**cost of lunch is not included in the program**), and will then start our trip to the city of **Puno** on Lake Titicaca; having stops on the route for pictures and enjoying the geographic change of the area getting close to Puno.

Arrival to Puno on Titicaca Lake and transfer to your hotel. Overnight



Day 04 Puno – Lake Titicaca – Uros Floating Islands – Taquile Island



After breakfast transfer to the Harbor, to board the launch for our full day excursion on Titicaca Lake and its islands. We will visit “Uros floating islands, built using the “Totora” reeds with long leaves that grow in the lake. After Uros, we will continue to Taquile Island, one of the most prosperous islands on the lake because its tourism administration is managed by its own people.

Lunch in a traditional restaurant (included in program)

Return to Puno and transfer to the hotel.

Day 05 Puno – Pukara town- La Raya highest point – Sicuani town – Raqchi tempel – Andahuailillas Church – Cusco Imperial city.

Breakfast at the hotel

Today we will take the tourist bus to Cusco, the Imperial city of the Incas. En route we will visit the towns of Pukara and its interesting Museum, La Raya at 4,335 meters which has a spectacular view of the Andes and then we will stop in the City of Sicuani to enjoy a Buffet Lunch. (Included in program)

After lunch we keep driving visiting also the Wiracocha temple “Raqchi” and the colorfull Andahuaylillas church. (Entrance fees to these attractions are not included in the Program).

We arrive in Cusco late afternoon. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight

Day 06 Cusco city – City Tour and Surrounding Area

Breakfast at the hotel

14.00hrs. Excursion through the City of Cusco and surrounding areas Here we will visit Cusco’s Main Square, its Cathedral, Temple of the Sun also called “Koricancha”, and then the ruins located around the city; Kenko temple, Tambomachay temple, Puca Pucara temple and the incredible fort of Sacsayhuaman, located at the top of a hill dominating the City.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight



Day 07 Machupicchu citadel

Breakfast. Transfer to the train station to take our full day excursion to Machupicchu, The lost city of the Incas, a breath taking monument declared a World Human Heritage site by UNESCO, and without a doubt, one of the most important archeological centers in the world.



The city is made up of single buildings arranged in groups, along streets, adjacent to plazas and terraces. Most of the buildings were residences, some of white granite masonry such as that seen in the city of Cuzco. Some of the buildings, which must have been for special purposes, are partly carved into the bedrock and partly built from finely, cut white granite Due to its impressive buildings and gorgeous natural surroundings, Machu Picchu is also considered among the seven "wonders of the world".

In the afternoon we will return by train to Cusco city.

Transfer to the hotel.

Day 08 Cusco – Manu Cloud Forest

Breakfast in the morning

Leaving Cusco early in the morning, we begin an 8-hour journey over the Andes by bus, stopping for a coffee at the beautiful colonial village of Paucartambo. Continuing, we climb to the highpoint of the Manu Biosphere at about 4000 m before descending to the cloud forest. In these mysterious surroundings we take a hike to the lek of the incredible cock-of-the-rock, to see the 'performance' of the males right under our eyes. We spend our first night in the rustic lodge Posada San Pedro (appr. 1,600 m).



Day 09 Cloud forest – Cocha Machuhuasi – Pantiacolla Lodge

At daybreak we continue by bus to tropical lowland rainforest. Here at the small village Atalaya at 650 m, we change into a motorized canoe to navigate some 2 hours down the turbulent Alto Madre de Dios River. From here we get great views of the Andes. We stop for a visit of one of the very view lakes on the Alto Madre de Dios River, where you can go around on small traditional rafts. For the next two nights we stay at the Pantiacolla lodge, right at the foot of the Pantiacolla Mountain Range. The forest of Pantiacolla Lodge is a very special rainforest: this is where the Andes and the lowland tropical rainforest meet and provides the visitor with a chance to see a good selection of birds and plants from both zones as well as endemics to the area. Your first hike will be on the lowland trails, at 400m above sea level. Also at night, we explore the forest by torchlight looking for insects, snakes and the uniquely nocturnal night-monkey or 'douricouli'. We spend the night in Pantiacolla Lodge.

Day 10 Clay lick for parrots-Excursion to the Petroleo stream



Early in the morning the boat takes you to a nearby clay lick for parrots and the rare blue-headed macaw. Their spectacle is both impressive to see and to hear! From there we visit the higher trails of the Pantiacolla Mountains: its 'Oil' stream with small hot springs, oil wells and natural swimming pools. At night we visit Ranacocha, Frog Lake. Overnight in Pantiacolla Lodge

Day 11 Hot springs-Cloud Forest

After a last morning hike in Pantiacolla, the boat takes us to the hot springs of Shintuya for a relaxing mineral bath, before continuing further up to Atalaya. From here we turn back up the Andes by car. We visit a local orchid "sanctuary" along the way. We spend the last night in Posada San Pedro.

Day 12 Huatocto, Cusco

We hike through the cloud forest till our car picks us up to take us to Huatocto, near Paucartambo. This is a traditional Andean Community where there used to be a big hacienda in colonial times. Of course the hacienda was built on top of Inka ruins! From here we travel by car to Cusco, where we arrive in the late afternoon. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight

Day 13 Cusco

Breakfast at the hotel
Free day to explore
Overnight

Day 14 **Cusco – Lima**

Breakfast at the hotel

At the proper time transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Lima.

Arrival and transfer to your hotel

Overnight

Day 15 **Lima**

Breakfast at the hotel

At the proper time transfer to the airport