Peru

Ancient Cultures

Travel TAGs

Cultural Immersion | Nature | Local cuisine | Archaeology

Overview

01 Night in Lima

01 Night in Paracas
01 Night in Nazca
01 Night in Arequipa
01 Night in Colca
02 Nights in Puno
03 Nights in Cusco
01 Night in the Sacred Valley



The Inca Domains with the Nazca Lines and Paracas

Inclusions / Exclusions

Inclusions

- **Transfers**
  - Transfers Airport – Hotel – Airport in each city.
  - All internal transfers for tours.
- **Excursions**
  - City Tour in Lima.
  - Navigation to Ballestas Island.
  - Overflight Nasca Lines.
  - City Tour in Arequipa + Santa Catalina.
  - Valle del Colca excursion.
  - Full day Titicaca Lake: Uros Island + Taquile Island.
  - City Tour in Cusco + 4 Ruins.
  - Full day Sacred Valley.
  - Visit to the Sacred Citadel of Machu Picchu.
- **Meals**
  - Daily breakfast at the hotel.
  - 01 typical lunch on Taquile Island (drinks NOT included).
  - 01 lunch on the route Puno/Cusco (drinks NOT included).
  - 01 lunch in the Sacred Valley (drinks NOT included).
  - 01 lunch in Aguas Calientes (drinks NOT included).
- **Others**
  - Accommodation in the detailed hotels or similar.
  - All entrance fee to the attractions described.
  - Ticket bus route Lima/Paracas/Nazca/Arequipa – Colca/Puno/Cusco.
  - Round-trip train ticket to Machu Picchu according to the requested service.
  - Bus up and down to the archaeological centre of Machu Picchu.
  - Professional local guides.
  - Permanent assistance from our staff.

Exclusions

- **International or domestic air fares.**
- **Services and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary. Drinks.**
- **Early check-in, late check-out and hotel extras.**
- **Personal expenses.**
- **Tips for guides and hotel staff.**
- **Processing of visa or consular values (When required).**
- **Dock taxes and unspecified taxes.**

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Rates

Economy

Concept	01/Mar/2026 – 28/Feb/2027	01/Mar/2027 – 28/Feb/2028	Transfers	Excursions	Accomocation
Double basis	USD 2,381	USD 2,620	Shared	Shared	Double
Supplement Single Room on Double basis	USD 407	USD 448	Shared	Shared	Individual
Solo Traveler	USD 3,418	USD 3,760	Shared	Shared	Individual

Superior

Concept	01/Mar/2026 – 28/Feb/2027	01/Mar/2027 – 28/Feb/2028	Transfers	Excursions	Accomocation
Double basis	USD 3,142	USD 3,456	Shared	Shared	Double
Supplement Single Room on Double basis	USD 736	USD 810	Shared	Shared	Individual
Solo Traveler	USD 3,765	USD 4,141	Shared	Shared	Individual

First

Concept	01/Mar/2026 – 28/Feb/2027	01/Mar/2027 – 28/Feb/2028	Transfers	Excursions	Accomocation
Double basis	USD 6,095	USD 6,705	Shared	Shared	Double
Supplement Single Room on Double basis	USD 1,707	USD 1,878	Shared	Shared	Individual
Solo Traveler	USD 10,583	USD 11,642	Shared	Shared	Individual

***Note:* Black-out dates:** *Christmas & New Year's Season, Easter Holidays, Winter and Special Events in the region. Please, check with us the special rates and conditions for those dates.*

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Hotels

Hotels in Lima

Economy Category:	Casa Andina Standard – Standard Room
Superior Category:	Innside by Meliá – Standard Room
First Category:	DoubleTree El Pardo by Hilton – Standard Room

Hotels in Paracas

Economy Category:	El Emancipador – Standard Room
Superior Category:	Aranwa Paracas – Standard Room
First Category:	DoubleTree Resort by Hilton – Standard Room

Hotels in Nazca

Economy Category:	
Superior Category:	
First Category:	

Hotels in Arequipa

Economy Category:	Casa Andina Standard – Standard Room
Superior Category:	El Cabildo – Standard Room
First Category:	Casa Andina Premium – Standard Room

Hotels in Colca

Economy Category:	Kuntur Wasi – Standard Room
Superior Category:	El Refugio del Colca – Standard Room

First Category: **Aranwa Pueblito Encantado – Standard Room**

Hotels in Puno

Economy Category: **La Hacienda Puno – Standard Room**

Superior Category: **Sonesta Posada del Inca Puno – Standard Room**

First Category: **Casa Andina Premium – Lake View Room**

Hotels in Cusco

Economy Category: **C. Andina Standard Catedral – Standard Room**

Superior Category: **Sonesta Cusco – Standard Room**

First Category: **Casa Andina Premium – Standard Room**

Hotels in Sacred Valley

Economy Category: **La Hacienda Valle – Standard Room**

Superior Category: **Sonesta Posada Yucay – Standard Room**

First Category: **Casa Andina Premium – Standard Room**

Train Service

Economy Category: **Expedition**

Superior Category: **Vistadome**

First Category: **Vistadome**

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Itinerary Details

Day 1: Lima (- / - / -)

Upon arrival, our staff will be waiting for you at the airport to transfer you to the selected hotel.

Rest of the day free to rest or take an excursion (on request), if time permits.

Overnight in Lima.

Day 2: Lima – Paracas (B / - / -)

City Tour in Lima

Breakfast at the hotel. Between 09:10 – 9:40 hs, we will pick you up from your hotel to start the panoramic city tour, where we would see the Colonial Centre, Main Square, Government Palace, the Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace and the Municipality of Lima. Then, we will visit the Convent of San Francisco, where you can see cloisters and catacombs from the Colonial era.

The tour starts with the panoramic view of Huaca Pucllana and the traditional, residential and commercial areas of Lima, to continue to the historical centre of Lima and it ends with a spectacular panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean and the beaches of Miraflores district.





At 14:00 hours we will transfer you to the station to board the regular bus service to Paracas (approximately trip duration: 03 hrs.).

Upon arrival our staff will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Paracas.

Day 3: PARACAS – BALLESTAS ISLANDS TOUR / ICA – HUACACHINA OASIS / NASCA (B / L / -)

Ballestas Island

After breakfast we will transfer to the Paracas pier to board the boat in which we will start the excursion in the direction of the Ballestas Islands.

During the walk we can appreciate the giant Candelabra outlined on the side of a hill facing the sea, and our local guide will tell you the various theories that have been woven around this enigmatic design. Upon arriving at the Ballestas islands, you will be able to observe different species that make up part of the local marine fauna, highlighting among them the Humboldt penguins, sea lions, gulls, pelicans, etc. (Some of them are almost extinct).

NOTE: The exact time of departure to the Ballestas Islands is subject to the weather, being necessary that the port captaincy of the approval for navigation.





After the excursion, we will return to shore and transfer you to the bus terminal for your journey to the city of Ica.

Upon arrival, our staff will transfer you to the Ica Desert, where you will board dune buggies for an exciting ride across the sand dunes and enjoy a sandboarding experience.

Next, we will visit the Huacachina Oasis, where you will have free time to take photographs. Lunch is included.

After lunch, we will transfer you back to the bus station to continue to Nasca.
Upon arrival, our staff will transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Nasca.

Day 4: Nazca Lines flight – Arequipa (B / - / -)

Breakfast at the hotel.

At the scheduled time, we will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the Nasca airfield.
There, you will board a small aircraft for an approximately 30-minute flight over the Nazca Lines.

During the flight, you will be able to admire the enormous zoomorphic and geometric figures traced into the desert surface. The Nazca Lines are located in southern Peru, mainly across a desert plateau between the Ingenio and Nazca valleys. Over an area of more than 500 square kilometers, the ancient Nazca culture created huge designs depicting geometric shapes, animals, birds, plants, and long straight lines extending across the desert in every direction.
Because of their immense size, these images can only be fully appreciated from the air. Their true origin remains unknown. Some believe they functioned as a gigantic astronomical calendar related to agriculture, while others suggest they may have served as navigational routes or even an extraterrestrial landing site. At the end of the flight, you may draw your own conclusions.

After the experience, we will transfer you to the bus station for your journey to Arequipa.
Upon arrival, our staff will transfer you to your hotel.





Overnight in Arequipa.

Day 5: Arequipa – Volcano Viewpoint/Colca (B / - / -)

Trip from Arequipa to Colca

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today we leave the city, passing behind the snowcapped Chachani Volcano, heading toward Pampa Cañahuas, a National Reserve for vicuñas also known as the Gateway to the Colca Canyon.

Along the route, we will visit the Mollepunco Cave and stop at the Volcano Viewpoint.

Upon arrival in Chivay, transfer and check-in at the hotel.

The afternoon is free to visit the hot springs or simply relax.

Overnight in Chivay.

Day 6: Colca – Puno (B / - / -)

Excursion to viewpoint of the cross of the condor

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early in the morning we will go to the viewpoint of the Cross of the Condor.

Before us the shocking flight of the condors, huge Andean birds on the brink of extinction and symbol of the Andes Mountain Range. The view at this place allows us to appreciate the canyons depth, considered as one of the deepest in the world. On the road we can appreciate the Maca and Yanque towns.





After the tour we will have a free time for lunch (lunch not included) in Chivay, and then continue our trip to the city of Puno. Accommodation at the hotel and overnight.

Overnight in Puno.

Day 7: Puno (B / L / -)

Titicaca Lake: Uros Islands + Taquile Island

Breakfast at the hotel. At the indicated time, we will transfer you to the pier to begin our excursion to Titicaca Lake. In our first stop, we will visit the floating islands of the Uros; artificial islands, handcrafted by its inhabitants based on the Totora, plant that grows in the same lake. The Uros live basically from fishing, hunting and gathering, as well as selling handicrafts and multi-coloured fabrics. During the tour we can see and hear the legends of the Uros, their customs and folklore. To continue, we will visit Taquile Island, a place of spectacular beauty where its inhabitants maintain ancestral customs with whom we can share some of their experiences. Typical lunch in Taquile. It is worth noting that the whole journey of this day is made by sailing on Titicaca Lake, the highest navigable lake in the world.





Overnight in Puno.

Day 8: Puno – Cusco (B / L / -)

Puno / Cusco (Touristic Bus)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the bus terminal to board the tourist bus to the city of Cusco. On the way we will visit the museum of Pucara site, we will make a brief stop in "La Raya", the highest point of the route (4335 m.a.s.l), we will visit the archaeological centre of Raqchi (one of the main temples to the god Wiracocha), and we will stop in Sicuani to taste a nice buffet lunch.

Finally, before arriving to Cusco we will visit the church of Andahuaylillas, also known as the Sistine Chapel of South America. Arriving in the city of Cusco, our staff will be waiting for you to transfer you to the hotel.

Overnight in Cusco.

Day 9: Cusco (B / - / -)

City Tour + Nearby Ruins

Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning.

Between 13:00 p.m. and 13:30 hours. We will pick you up from the hotel to start the tour of the colonial city, built on the bases of Inca palaces. In the tour we will visit the Main Square, the Temple of the Sun, also known as Qoricancha, and the Cathedral of Cusco, where we can see beautiful paintings and sculptures.

Then we will continue to the archaeological centre of Sacsayhuaman, a multipurpose place where the Sun, the Moon and the Earth were worshiped, and which was also used as a military fortress and an astrological centre.

Later we arrived at Q'enco, a cult centre related to the fire element.

We continue with Puca Pucara, a place used as a supply centre and Inca checkpoint, where wind ceremonies were also held.

At the end of the tour, we will arrive at Tambomachay, centre of cult to water and fertility.

Return to hotel and overnight.





Overnight in Cusco.

Day 10: Cusco – Sacred Valley (B / L / -)

Full Day Sacred Valley

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will start a tour where we visit the beautiful town of Pisac, its handicraft market, the popular fair and its narrow streets. Then we continue the tour through the Sacred Valley of Urubamba, where you can enjoy a nice lunch buffet.

Next, we will visit Ollantaytambo: Inca city still inhabited that conserves a complex system of irrigation canals and foundations of that time, on which a large part of the town was built. The archaeological centre

of Ollantaytambo has large groups of platforms, forts, canals and the Real Casa del Sol, a megalithic temple of great mystical value.





Overnight in Sacred Valley.

Day 11: Sacred Valley – Cusco (B / L / -)

Visit to the Sacred Citadel of Machu Picchu

Breakfast at the hotel. At the indicated time, transfer to the train station to start the excursion to the Sacred City of Machu Picchu, recognized as one of the wonders of the world and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The train takes us to the town of Aguas Calientes, from where we will ascend by bus to the Archaeological Center and start the guided tour that lasts approximately 2 hours. During the visit you can see temples, squares, terraces, houses, barns, as well as the great biodiversity that exists in the surroundings. It is worth noting that the beauty of Machu Picchu is exalted by the extraordinary scenery where it is located.

Around the citadel has been formed a National Reserve that has an area of 32,500 hectares, and that includes a constellation of archaeological monuments, which, in our opinion, were built as part of the Machu Picchu complex and not in isolation. At the indicated time we will return to the town of Aguas Calientes, where we have lunch included. Return to the city of Cusco. Upon arrival, our staff will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.





Overnight in Cusco.

Day 12: Cusco (B / - / -)

Breakfast at the hotel. At the appropriate time, transfer to the airport to continue with your itinerary.

End of our services.

About our itineraries

The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.

Legend

B=Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner BL= Box Lunch

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW MACHU PICCHU ENTRY REGULATIONS

Current regulations for visits to Machu Picchu require that, during the first entry to the archaeological site, visitors must be accompanied by an official guide and follow one of the established circuits within the citadel. Guided visits last approximately 2 hours, and the specific circuit assigned will depend on availability at the time the reservation is formally requested.

If visitors wish to re-enter Machu Picchu in the afternoon, return the following day for an additional visit, or visit Huayna Picchu Mountain or Machu Picchu Mountain, an additional entrance ticket must be purchased in advance. Tickets are not sold at the entrance of the archaeological site.

It is not possible to reserve spaces for Machu Picchu without purchasing an entrance ticket. The only way to guarantee availability is by purchasing the admission ticket. To do so, it is necessary to provide updated passenger information, including full name, date of birth, nationality, and passport or identification document number. This information must exactly match the identification document carried during the trip.

This requirement is particularly important for visits to sites such as the Inca Trail and the Sacred City of Machu Picchu (including Huayna Picchu Mountain and Machu Picchu Mountain), where local authorities require visitors to present their original, valid identification at the entrance checkpoint.

Once a Machu Picchu entrance ticket has been issued, it is **NON-REFUNDABLE**, **NON-TRANSFERABLE**, and **NON-MODIFIABLE**, in accordance with the regulations established by the authorities responsible for managing access to the archaeological site.

BAGGAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Domestic Bus Transportation

- Each passenger is entitled to carry up to **20 kg (44 lb)** of checked luggage and **5 kg (11 lb)** of hand luggage.
- Excess baggage may be accepted subject to the bus company's available capacity and will incur an additional charge.

On Board the Train to Machu Picchu

- Passengers must carry the same identification document used when purchasing the travel package, as train tickets and Machu Picchu entrance tickets are issued using that information. The document will be required for verification purposes.
- On all train services to Machu Picchu, passengers may carry only **hand luggage** (backpack, bag, or small suitcase) weighing no more than **5 kg (11 lb)**.
- Larger luggage must be stored at the hotel in Cusco.
- Maximum permitted dimensions: **62 linear inches (157 cm)**, calculated as **height + length + width**.

Baggage Allowance

Item	Maximum Weight	Maximum Dimensions (H + L + W)
1 bag or backpack	5 kg / 11 lb	62 in / 157 cm

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Important Remarks

- Rates per person, in double accommodation in American dollars.
- **RATES** valid for the dates detailed above, except on Public Holidays or Special Season. Ask us for other dates, additional nights or extensions.
- No reservations have been placed. Hotels may vary according to availability.
- All prices are subject to change without previous notice.
- For other travel dates or itinerary variants, contact us.
- Exploratours reserves the right to confirm similar hotels, prior coordination with the client, in case any of the above indicated options are not available.

