



Peru Overview

Day by day description

Day 1 LIMA/NAZCA (Saturday)

During the morning you will be picked up at the hotel (or airport) and transferred to the bus station for the half day ride to Nazca where you arrive in the evening. Transfer and overnight at hotel, meals on your own. The bus-ride takes you south on the Panamerican Highway along the desert coast, interspersed with fertile valleys - a unique vision of this area of Peru.

Day 2 NAZCA/AREQUIPA(Sunday)

In the morning a flight over the Nazca Lines will bring you close to these amazing giant geoglyphs pasted on the desert, a tribute of this pre-inca culture to their gods, and a chance to visit some of the other sites around this desert town. In the evening an overnight comfortable bus-ride will bring you to Arequipa where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Day 3 AREQUIPA (Monday)

Morning free to relax or roam through the city. Afternoon city tour with a visit to the Convent of Santa Catalina, famous for its secluded quarters. Known as the white city the colonial architecture of volcanic rock takes you through the recent history of this unique city. Overnight at hotel, meals on your own.

Day 4 AREQUIPA/CHIVAY (Tuesday)

Leaving the city behind we slowly ascend to the highland Savannah or Puna with a close-up view of Mt. Chachani and Misti and other surrounding volcanoes. On this high altitude desert a chance to see small herds of vicuña, an endangered species of camelids and an impressive landscape with the back-drop of the fuming Sabancaya volcano. Descend into the upper Colca Canyon at Chivay and overnight in a small hostel in the Colca Valley. Lunch and dinner included, overnight at hotel.

Day 5 COLCA/AREQUIPA (Wednesday)

An early departure to Cruz del Condor, the viewpoint over the deepest part of this world-famous canyon will let you see Condors at their best as they leave their rocky sanctuary with the morning warm air currents, to slowly ascend over the horizon. From here we drive back the way we came to Arequipa arriving in the afternoon at your hotel. Lunch on route, overnight at hotel. Dinner on your own. With the new asphalt road there is an option to travel to Puno at a surcharge rather than returning to Arequipa.

Day 6 AREQUIPA/PUNO/TITICACA (Thursday)

Somewhat acclimatized transfer to the airport for our flight to Juliaca (not included in cost) to be driven to Puno, visiting the Sillustain ruins on the way. Lunch and dinner on your own, overnight at hotel on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

Day 7 TAKILE/PUNO (Friday)

Leaving from the dockside at the Puno harbor we travel by boat via the famous floating Uros islands to the island of Takile, a community of weavers and spinners in a Mediterranean-like setting - a unique experience navigating at 4,000 m.a.s.v. on the highest navigable lake in the world. Lunch included, dinner on your own. Overnight at a hotel in Puno.



Day 8 PUNO/OUT(Saturday)

Transfer after breakfast to the airport or train station for your onward journey to Lima, Arequipa, Cusco or La Paz.

Note:

A) Starting on Day 04 - 08 for the same price the Colca Canyon / Puno portion can be changed for a 5D/4N program in Cusco.

Day 04: Arequipa to Cusco (city tour and hotel)

Day 05: Cusco / Machu Picchu/Cusco (tour + hotel)

Day 06: Cusco/ Sacred Valley/Cusco (tour + hotel)

Day 07: Cusco (Free day)

DAY 08: Cusco / Out

B) This trip can connect with most of our fixed departures to other areas of Peru and for the same price can be turned around to start in Puno and end in Lima.

C) Peru Rail is now offering the possibility to connect from the Colca Canyon via Sumbay to Puno. If the train schedule is available we will operate with this opinion.

SERVICES INCLUDED: Hotels with breakfast, tours where mentioned, entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites, transportation, transfers on arrival and departure and lunches during full-day tours as well as official guides in the main sites.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals in the main cities, alcoholic beverages, extras, taxes, tips, laundry services, additional tours, insurance and airline tickets. (Arequipa / Puno US\$ 70, Cusco / Lima US\$ 70)