

## PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS

PRIVATE SERVICES– IN SPANISH, ENGLISH OR OTHER LANGUAGES; SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

### INTRODUCTION

Piura, full of joy and song, was in 1532 the first city founded in Peru by Francisco Pizarro. At present, it is an important center of economic development in northern Peru. Just twelve kilometers from the city is Catacaos, known for its artisans who work in straw and cotton and gold and silver filigree and for its exquisite restaurants. The town of Chulucanas is another famous place, but this time for pottery and excellent chicherías (taverns where chicha, a local drink, is served).

The coast of Piura offers many diverse attractions. Máncora, located close to the Piura-Tumbes border, is a small cove with beautiful beaches much prized by surfers, fun loving youths, and entire families. Toward the south lies Cabo Blanco, famous for the people cut from the same cloth as Ernest Hemmingway, attracted by ocean fishing for marlin, swordfish, and grouper. Today, it is the perfect place to surf since some of the best waves in Peru are found there. Colán is the main beach resort for the inhabitants of Piura, lovely for its typical wooden houses set upon pylons at the edge of the sea.

### MANCORA BEACH RESORT

*187 km / 116 miles from Piura (2 hours by car) at kilometer marker 1164 of the Pan-American Highway North*

Because of the warm water and radiant weather, this resort is considered to be one of the most important on the Peruvian coast. The waves make for perfect surfing and body boarding. The beach, located between the Fernandez (Mancora) and Cunulsa Breakers, is wide and features small wells depending on the amount of sea water infiltrating the area. Mancora has hostels, restaurants, surf shops, and handicraft stores.

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## **CABO BLANCO BEACH**

*3 km / 2 miles from the District of El Alto (5 minutes by car) and 153 km / 95 miles north of Piura (2 hours and 15 minutes by car)*

It is considered a marine paradise thanks to the wealth of plankton that feed a variety of fish, among these being the sword fish and the marlin. It is ideal for fishing, scuba diving, and surfing.

## **COLAN BEACH**

*65 km / 40 miles west of Piura (55 minutes by car) or 15 km / 9 miles from Paita (10 minutes by car)*

A sandy beach with calm, warm water. The resort is characterized by its wooden houses with stone terraces that are situated on pylons. From the balconies, it is said that you can watch the best sunsets on the Peruvian coast.

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