



A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO THE SOUTH OF PERU
PERU: LIMA, AREQUIPA, COLCA, PUNO, CUSCO, VALLE SAGRADO,
MACHUPICCHU.

TRAVEL ITINERARY 12 DAYS

Day 1. Lima

Day 2. Lima; visit to the city

Day 3. Lima/Arequipa; visit to the city

Day 4. Arequipa/Colca

Day 5. Visit to the Condor Cross/Puno

Day 6. Puno; visit to the Floating Island of Uros & Taquile

Day 7. Puno, optional activities from Titilaka hotel

Day 8. Titicaca train from Puno to Cusco

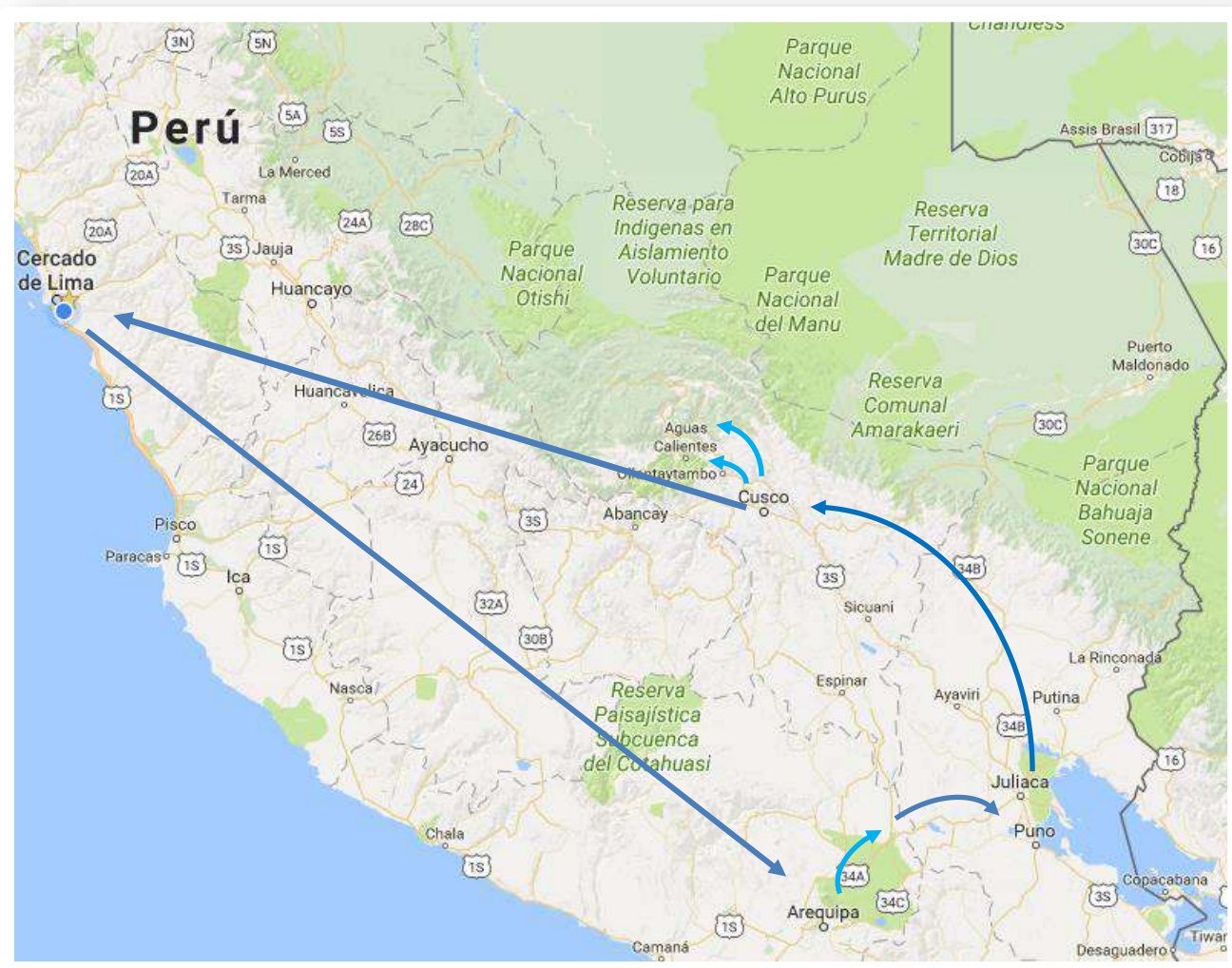
Day 9. Cusco; visit to the city & four ruins

Day 10. Cusco/Sacred Valley

Day 11. Train from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes town by Hiram Bingham. Return to Cusco

Day 12. Transfer to the Airport in Cusco. International flight

End of services and itinerary



DAY 1. ARRIVAL TO LIMA

Upon arrival to the International Airport Jorge Chavez in Lima, our guide will be waiting for you in the area of international flights arrival. The guide will escort you to the private transfer and take you to the selected hotel. Once you arrive to the hotel, the guide will assist you and proceed with the registration on your behalf. When the registration process is finished, the guide will hand you the services coupons and explain you the travel itinerary and visits in Peru.

Overnight at the selected hotel

DAY 2. VISIT TO THE CITY AND LUNCH IN ROSA NAUTICA RESTAURANT

At 09.00 am the visit to the city of Lima will start. During the visit, we will learn about the cultural and architectural evolution since the colonial times to the present time. As well, we will visit the museum Larco Herrera, best known for the galleries, the permanent collection that tells the story of 5,000 years of pre-colombian Peruvian history.

“Lima is the capital of Perú and it’s located in the central coast of the country, by the Pacific Ocean. With 7,6 million habitants, Lima is a beautiful and sober city, like only a few cities in the world. UNESCO has declared the historical center of Lima Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We will visit and learn about the architecture and the majesty of past times, visible in **Saint Martin and the Main Square** (also known as Armas). There we will appreciate the Governmental Palace, Lima’s City Hall, **The Main Cathedral**, Archbishopal Palace among other significant churches and noble houses which raises between stonework, carving gates, altarpieces from baroque times and a legion of mesmerizing artistic expressions.

One of the most interesting baroque architectonic works is **San Francisco of Asis Convent** built during the XVI and XVII century (1537-1673), whose outstanding cloisters and lending library filled with literature treasures including important theological treatises and ancient manuscripts. Very close, underneath, the most famous crypts of America are found, **the catacombs**, the most important burial ground in the colonial times which preserve a strange Gregorian environment between tenebrous ghosts and spirit legends, shared through time by the oral traditional, some preserve as myths and other as reality.

Lima sheltered pre-Hispanic and pre-Inca cultures, the first one was Lima culture which its ceremonial and administrative center was Huaca Pucllana, built in small rectangular and cubic adobes 1,500 years ago”.

When the visits finalized, we will have lunch in Rosa Nautica, which is an exclusive restaurant built on a pier with ocean view.

Return to the hotel and lodging in chosen hotel.

*For dinner options, we highly recommend the following restaurants: Central, Kjolle, Astrid & Gaston and Maido. Keep in mind that reservations at the mentioned restaurants require at least 2 months of anticipation.

DAY 3. DOMESTIC FLIGHT LIMA-AREQUIPA. VISIT TO THE CITY AND SANTA CATALINA CONVENT

In the morning, our guide will be waiting for you to take you to the Airport for your domestic flight to Arequipa. Upon arrival, other guide will be expecting you in order to transfer you to the hotel and assist during the checking process. As well, the guide will give an explanation about your visit in Arequipa.

After a brief break, we will pick you up at 12.30 pm to take to Chicha restaurant, founded by Gaston Acurio, one of the most important chefs in Peru. At the restaurant, you will have the opportunity to taste traditional dishes from Arequipa such as Rocoto Relleno (Stuffed chili) and Chupe de camarones (shrimp soup).

After lunch, the visit to the city will begin. We will visit the main viewpoints, which are Yanahuara and Carmen Alto; as well, we will visit the Main Cathedral, La Compañía Church and Complex best known by its chapel called cupola, representative’s streets of the city such as San Francisco and Santo Domingo. Finally, we will visit the Santa Catalina Monastery, which has a very interesting religious history and original architecture.

Free afternoon. Lodging in chosen hotel.

*We recommend you to have a good night sleep, since the visit during the following day starts early morning. As well, having a light dinner is highly recommend (soups for example) since digestion process is slower at high altitudes.



DAY 4. AREQUIPA-COLCA

Departure between 7:00 to 7:30 am from the city of Arequipa to Chivay Town, capital of the province of Caylloma. At first, we will enjoy the majestic views of the Misti, Chachani and Pichupichu volcanoes, and we will make brief stops of 5 to 10 minutes until our arrival to the National Reserve of "Salinas y Agua Blanca". We will make a 15 minutes stop upon arrival to the National Reserve in order to admire Vicuñas, the most important camelid in America. We will observe them walking around it's natural habit. At this point, the altitude is 3,400 meters.

In our journey through the area, we will observe the natural scenarios and landscapes filled with lagoons formed by the melting mountains (we will stop for 10 minutes to take pictures). As well, we will enjoy a wonderful panoramic view from the Colca Window, afterwards the journey will continue until the arrival to Callalli town (estimated arrival at 13.00 hours).

We will continue with the travel itinerary and drive to Chivay town (3,651 meters), the town will receive us showing the famous multicolor terraces in the Colca Valley. We will visit the main square of the town (estimated arrival at 15.30 hours). Transfer to your hotel or lodge located in Chivay, Coporaque or Yanque town.

Lodging in chosen hotel.

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DAY 5. VISIT TO THE CONDOR CROSS AND TRANSFER TO PUNO

Breakfast will be enjoy early (06:00 am); afterwards we will be ready to start the journey to "Mirador de la Cruz del Cóndor"/looking point of the Condor Cross. Once we get there, we will have spare time to appreciate the depth of the canyon, and if the weather favor us, we will be able to capture in pictures the incredible flight of the Andean condor.

After the wonderful experience, we will return to Chivay and visit, the traditional town of Pinchollo and the viewpoint name "Antahuilque", where we will observe incredible terraces with 1,500 years old, built by the culture "Collaguas", ancient culture before Inca times. Moreover, we will make a stop and visit the viewpoint "Choquetico", where we will observe hanging tombs and a scale model, with a graded draw of the valley terraces.

We will return to the hotel for lunch and then pick up the luggage to start the road trip to the city of Puno.

Overnight at Titilaka Lodge.

Titilaka is located on the southeastern shore of Lake Titicaca on a tranquil private peninsula shared only with the local indigenous Aymara community. Surrounded on three sides by the pristine lake, and with four acres of grounds, Titilaka is the perfect base to explore this unspoiled corner of an area renowned for its ethereal beauty, and remains home to some of Peru's most traditional communities. Source: Titilaka web page.

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DAY 6. PUNO: VISIT TO UROS AND TAQUILE ISLAND

At morning, the Lodge staff will accompany you to the private pier and board the private motor boat to Uros (30 minutes away). The floating Islands of Uros are a group of approximately 80 islands made of totora, aquatic plant that grows on the surface of Titicaca Lake. This plant (totora) is woven and outstretched, one on top of the other. The floating islands remain inhabited by the Uros, one of the most ancient cultures of the continent (which dates back to the Inca period).

Arrival to the island and meeting with the natives who will share their ancestral knowledge and show us how the islands are build.

Finished the visit we will continue with the journey to Taquile (02 hours and 30 minute's boat ride). We will ascend to the town, where we will meet the natives; some of them a bit shy but hardworking men and women, who will share their wisdom and art. The native are cheerful and proud of their culture and origin, they invite us to appreciate the beauty of the landscape over the immensity of Titicaca Lake.

At noon, we will taste the wonderful meal offer by the natives, afterward we will walk around the island exploring the streets and admiring the local house made of stone and adobe, the perfect contrast with nature.

Finally, we will board the boat to return to the city of Puno, estimated arrival time 5:30 pm.

Overnight at Titilaka Lodge.



DAY 7. PUNO: ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OFFER BY TITILAKA LODGE

During this day, several excursions options are available to all the guests of the Lodge Titilaka. The following examples are some of the options that you can select (previous arrangement with the lodge staff):

Around the lake	From the boat house	Near the lodge	On route excursion	Into Bolivia
Aymara route	Nautical sport	Aymara observation	Sillustani	Excursion to Tiahuanaco
Colla route	Rafting through the reeds	Bird watching	Lampa	Excursion to the Island of the Sun
Market place visit		Strolling across the Hi		

Overnight at Titilaka Lodge.

DAY 8. TRAIN TITICACA, PUNO TO CUSCO

Early morning, after breakfast, we will check out from the lodge and transfer you to the train station to board the train Titicaca, which will take you to the city of Cusco.

“Travel and admire the breathtaking landscapes of the route, enjoy the view from the open air observation car while hearing live music and typical dances of the Peruvian Highlands. The open-air Observation Car is a dream for photographers keen to capture the quintessential panoramas. The route covered by the Perurail Titicaca train is consider by many travel magazines to be one of the most beautiful in the world”.

The once-in-a-lifetime adventure lasts approximately 10 hours 30 minutes. At the start of the journey, you are welcomed at the Wanchaq Station (Cusco) or the Puno Station, where local musicians will provide background music as you board the train. Once aboard, you can enjoy the two dining cars decorated in the style of the Pullman cars of the 1920s. In addition, during the trip, you will have the finest in gourmet food and indulgent afternoon tea. The quality of our personalized service is guarantee.

You can bring your carry-on bag aboard the train, and the rest of your luggage will be stored safely on the luggage car, where it will be carefully receive and store.

The guide will be waiting for you at the train station in Cusco city to assist you and transfer you to the selected hotel. Once in the hotel, the guide will help you with the check in process and will provide information about the tours in Cusco.

Overnight at the selected hotel

DAY 9. VISIT TO THE CITY AND FOUR RUINS

At morning, the guide will pick you up from the hotel to start the walking city tour in Cusco. During this excursion, you will visit Cusco’s Cathedral, whose foundations are mainly Inca premises. Afterwards, we will visit Qoricancha (Temple of the Sun), one of the most representatives and important places of the Inca culture.

In addition, we will visit San Blas and the famous workshops/stores of the best artist from Cusco. As well, we will visit the Stone with 12 angles, the main temple and the local market in San Blas.

After the visit, we will have lunch at Limo restaurant, where we will taste Nikkei and Peruvian fusion cuisine dishes. The restaurant has a privileged location, in the main Square of the city and the views are perfect to enjoy lunch.



- ❖ **Sacsayhuaman**, a ceremonial fortress located 2 km away from the north of the city, base in the valley between Ausangate mountains, Pachatusan and Cinca, bathed by the river Tullumayo. According to the official version, the construction started during the XV century by the order of the Inca Pachachutec and was finalized during the following century by his son Huayna Capac.
- ❖ **Kenko** or **Qenqo**, in Quechua language **Q'inqu** ('maze'), is an archeological center located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, 06 km away from Cusco city (05 minutes northeast of Cusco), to 3,580 meters above sea level. This praying center is located in Socorro Mountain and covers more than 3,500 square meters. During Inca times, it was a center dedicated to rituals. Nowadays, it is recognized for a semicircular square with nineteen niches and a stone monolith in the central part. In addition, a labyrinth-shaped passage leads to the underground galleries.
- ❖ **Pucapucara** is a military construction located near Cusco. High walls, terraces and staircases compose the fortress and it used to be part of the defensive group of Cusco and the Inca Empire, in general.
- ❖ **Tambomachay** is an archeological site destined to worship water and served as a resting place for the Inca Emperor. It consists of several aqueducts, terraces, canals and sources of water through which it runs constantly throughout the year. As well, it had a royal garden whose irrigation comes from a complex canal system. In addition, it's said that Tambomachay was used as a checkpoint for all people coming from the Antisuyo, as there was a control tower.

When the tour is finalized, we will return to the city and leave you at the selected hotel.

DAY 10. VISIT TO THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

The tour will start approximately at 08:00 am and it has a duration of 08 hours. We will pick you up from the hotel to start the guided visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Our first destination will be Pisac Citadel, we will also visit the typical Indian market and we'll have the opportunity to learn about local traditions and bargain the prices with the sellers. Afterwards, we will drive to Urubamba city, admiring the riverbank of Vilcanota. The following places will be visited during the excursion:

- ❖ **Pisac – Archeological complex**
The archeological complex of Pisac is located on the top of the mountain where the Sacred Valley can be admired. This mesmerizing place is formed by a group of platforms and archeological structures scattered over the hillsides and on top of the mountain. Pisac is one of the beautiful monumental centers in the valley; it combines the perfect landscape with the flawless finish of its constructions.
- ❖ **Artisanal Pisac market**
Located 30 km away from Cusco City, the main square of Pisac holds the famous market. A cheerful and colorful place, where we can find the most relevant handicrafts of Cusco, the pieces that stand out the most are textiles, ponchos, bags and many others, which are reproductions of archeological Inca pieces such as queros (ceremonial cups), necklaces among others. Many locals from nearby towns visit the market wearing traditional outfits.

Afterwards, we will continue with the excursion to visit Ollantaytambo Fortress, previously we will make a stop at La Hacienda Huayocari/Finca Huayocari to enjoy a delicious meal and the most cordial treatment from a traditional Peruvian family. Each customer is received by a family member. Authentic homemade Peruvian food will be waiting for us in a private room, surrounded by traditional decorations with ceramic plates and glasses and wide windows with garden view. We will enjoy the meal with the breathtaking view of Urquillos and the Sacred Valley stream.

The excursion will continue in order to visit Ollantaytambo fortress.

- ❖ **Ollantaytambo**
Built with the main function of guard the access to the valley and protect it from possible invasion from the Amazon inhabitants. We will have the opportunity to walk among the streets of the town, which will give us a clear idea of how this military, religious, cultural center operated during the Inca Empire.

We will finish the tour and drive to the selected hotel located in the Sacred Valley, where you can relax and rest, in order to continue with the activities the following day.

Overnight at the selected hotel

DAY 11. TRAIN TO AGUAS CALIENTES, VISIT TO MACHU PICCHU

At 09:00 am, the transfer will be waiting for you to take you to Ollanta train station to board the train to Aguas Calientes town (01 hour and 30 minutes on the train approximately).



with a welcome cocktail. Once on board, the maître will invite you to a gourmet lunch. The return trip includes a fine dining experience at dinner. In both cases, you can accompany your meals with beverages (non-premium) and an excellent wine selection.

Arrival to Aguas Calientes train station at 12:25 pm approximately. Encounter with the guide, together you will board the bus to ascend to the Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu (30 minutes bus ride). Upon the arrival, on top of the mountain, the guided excursion will start and you will learn the history of the Inca Citadel for 2-3 hours.

“It is unknown the reason why the Spaniards were not able to find it, although according to one source (a manuscript of a Spaniard archive), the existence of the place at the north of Cusco named Picchu is mentioned, therefore Spaniards were aware of its existence, but they never get to it. The Inca Citadel was declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 1983 by UNESCO, as part of a great cultural and ecological complex known as Archeological Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, (326 km² starting in the river basin of Vilcanota-Urubamba, the sacred river of the Incas, and the river Willka mayu). Machu Picchu is, without discussion, the most visited place in Peru and perhaps in America. In 2007 the Inca Citadel was declared one of the Modern Seven Wonders of the World”.

We will finish the tour and descend to Aguas Calientes town by bus to board the train. The return also will be with Hiram Bingham train, which departs from the station at 17.50 hours and its destination could be Ollantaytambo train station (01 hour and 30 minutes) or Poroy train station (02 hours and 45 minutes approximately), depending on the time of the year. This train includes dinner and hot beverages.

Our guide will be waiting for you at the train station and will accompany you to the hotel in the city of Cusco.

Lodging in chosen hotel.

DAY 12. LIMA. TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

At proper time, we will transfer you to the Airport in Cusco to board your domestic flight to Lima City; and finally in the International Airport in Lima you will board the plane for the international flight.

It is time to say our goodbyes and we are very happy to assist you during this memorable experience.

End of services.

HOTEL/LODGE OPTIONS

LIMA	NOTES
BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK	Buffet breakfast included
JW MARRIOTT MIRAFLORES	Buffet breakfast included
HOTEL B	Buffet breakfast included
COUNTRY CLUB	Buffet breakfast included

AREQUIPA	NOTES
CIRQA	Breakfast, lunch or dinner, evening tea and welcome drink are included
COSTA DEL SOL AREQUIPA	Buffet breakfast included
CASA ANDINA PREMIUM AREQUIPA	Buffet breakfast included
KATARI	Buffet breakfast included

COLCA	NOTES
BELMOND CASITAS	Breakfast and hotel activities such as local fishing, cooking class and pisco class are included
ARANWA PUEBLITO ENCANTADO	Buffet breakfast included
COLCA LODGE	Buffet breakfast included

PUNO	NOTES
TITILAKA	Breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, transfers and activities are included. The excursions can be shared or private. Your selection must be mentioned when you request the reservation.

CUSCO	NOTES
BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO	Buffet breakfast included
BELMOND PALACIO NAZARENAS	Buffet breakfast included
JW MARRIOTT CUSCO	Buffet breakfast included
ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL	Buffet breakfast included
CASA CARTAGENA	Buffet breakfast included
INKATERRA LA CASONA	Buffet breakfast included

SACRED VALLEY	NOTES
BELMOND HOTEL RIO SAGRADO	Buffet breakfast included
INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA	Buffet breakfast included
LIBERTADOR TAMBO DEL INKA	Buffet breakfast included
ARANWA VALLE SAGRADO	Buffet breakfast included
HOTEL SOY Y LUNA	Buffet breakfast included

NOTES

- All visits and transfer will take place with private guide and transport.
- Activities with Titilaka Lodge can be shared or private; your choice must be mention when the quotation is request.
- The travel itinerary can be modifying according to the client's requirements and time schedules.
- The tours timetable is subject to change without further notice; several circumstances may affect the time set.
- Keep in mind that hotels are subject to availability. A point in favor is several hotels choices at each destination.
- Domestic flights are not included in the program. It can be included if the client requires it.
- Lunch and dinners that are not mention in the program, are not included.
- Buffet breakfast are included in all hotels. Some hotels include lunch or dinner. Please revise chart of hotels at each destination.

RESERVATIONS

If you require a quotation, please send us an email to hola@andean-tours.com and provide the following information:

- ✓ Number of adults interested in booking the trip:
- ✓ Number of children (please specify the age) interested in booking the trip:
- ✓ Hotels at each destination:
- ✓ Room categories: Single, double-matrimonial, double-twin beds (some hotels do not have triple rooms, only can offer an extra bed or rollaway).
- ✓ Tentative date of arrival to Peru:
- ✓ Tentative date of return to your country:
- ✓ Special request:

Keep in mind that hotels, trains, and some services are subject to availability.

PAYMENT

- Once we send you the quotation and modifications are finalize, we will proceed to reserve all the services required. Eventually booking all services takes between 24 to 48 hours.
- Once all reservations are confirmed, we will send you a confirmation email explaining the final date to pay the total amount of the quotation. In addition, we will mention if pre-payments are necessary.
- We accept wire transfers (you must cover the extra fee charges) and payment via PayPal.

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