

PERU EXTENSIVE ESCORTED TOUR



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Extensive Escorted Tour of Peru

Duration: 12 days

Stay: 11 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour from Lima

Booking code: PRKG12M

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About the holiday

Get set to explore the famous highlights of Peru on this worry-free escorted tour!

In 12 amazing days, you'll travel to Lima, Cuzco, Puno, Colca and Arequipa. Of course, there are other must-see sights like stunning Lake Titicaca and the extraordinary Machu Picchu.

An experienced guide is with you all the way to help you gain an even deeper appreciation of the country's history and unique culture. Discover Lima's fascinating stories and explore Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Travel to Machu Picchu by train to spend time at one of astounding the 'New Seven Wonders of the World'.

See South America's largest fresh water lake and meet the people that have made the floating Uros Islands their home on the highest navigable lake in the world. Watch Andean Condors soar to new heights above Colca Canyon and discover why shimmering Arequipa has been dubbed "La Ciudad Blanca," the White City.

Around every corner is new and exciting highlight on this extensive tour of Peru!

Why you'll love this tour...

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Explore Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition Train
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture in the "White City" of Arequipa

Travel dates:

Departs from Lima on select dates from January to December

Departures are subject to confirmation and price will vary depending on your travel date.

Call our office on 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals.



Escorted Tour Includes:

- All intra-flights: Lima-Cuzco & Arequipa-Lima
- 11 nights accommodations
 - 3 nights Lima
 - 3 nights Cuzco
 - 2 nights Puno
 - 2 nights Colca
 - 1 night Arequipa
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 17 meals: 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of English-speaking local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Package excludes:

International flights from Australia - contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Package is subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary:

DAY 1, Saturday - Arrive in Peru

On arrival in Lima, Peru, make your way to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure with time to rest, relax and acquaint yourself with Peru's vibrant capital, founded in 1535 by the conquistador Francisco Pizarro

Overnight: Lima

DAY 2, Sunday - Lima City Tour

This morning's tour of Lima, with its 2000 years of history, begins at the colonial centre of the city, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its historic buildings surrounding the splendid Plaza Mayor. View the impressive Palace of the Archbishop with its fine carved balcony, the opulent Government Palace, official residence of the President, and the 16th century Cathedral of Lima whose first stone was laid by Pizarro. Continue to the 17th century Monasterio de San Francisco complex with its magnificent tiles, ornate carved ceilings, exceptional paintings and world-renowned library. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure or join the *optional* tour Larco Herrera Museum with lunch. Following lunch, experience one of Lima's most magnificent museums. Admire the world's largest collection of pre-Columbian masterpieces and a stunning exhibition of gold and priceless jewels

Optional: Larco Herrera Museum with Lunch

Overnight: Lima

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3, Monday - Fly to Cuzco, Cuzco City Tour

Depart Lima this morning by flight to Cuzco in the Peruvian Andes. This ancient capital of the Inca Empire is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in this historic city. In the afternoon, depart for a tour of Cuzco. View the impressive Colonial Cathedral, which contains over 400 paintings from the Cusqueña School in addition to colonial art. Continue on to visit the Koricancha, the Temple of the Sun, once the most important religious site of the Incas, whose walls and floors were allegedly once covered by sheets of solid gold

Overnight: Cuzco ▲

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Tuesday - Discover Machu Picchu

Early morning transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station to board the Expedition Train that travels through misty peaks to the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu*, the "Lost City of the Incas", designated by UNESCO as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Machu Picchu was virtually unknown to the western world until Hiram Bingham's rediscovery in 1911. Spend the morning viewing the unforgettable wonders of this 15th century retreat, abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the conquistadors. See the highlights of the site including the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this significant archaeological site will be a long-lasting memory. Return to the Sacred Valley in the early evening and transfer to your hotel in Cuzco for overnight

**Approximate time spent at the ruins of Machu Picchu is 3 hours*

Overnight: Cuzco

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Wednesday - Full Day in Cuzco

Spend today at leisure in the "Imperial City" of Cuzco. Take time to explore some of the city's stunning sights or shop for some of the finest handicrafts and textiles in all of Peru. Perhaps, participate in the *optional* Cuzco Behind the Scenes Tour, offering a glimpse into the other side of life in Cuzco. On this tour, visit a local market and taste fresh-baked Chuta bread. Stop at the Cuzco cemetery to learn more about Andean life and death and meet with a local "shaman" (holy man). After the cooking demonstration, enjoy a delicious meal. In the afternoon, attend the *optional* tour Half Day Cuzco Ruins which explores some of Cuzco's most unique Inca Ruins.

Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner

Optional: Cuzco Behind the Scenes (AM)

Optional: Half Day Cuzco Ruins (PM)

Overnight: Cuzco

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Thursday - Raqchi & Puno

Depart Cuzco early in the morning on a long drive today. Enjoy spectacular scenery as you drive through the Andes mountain range and the Andean plains to Puno on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca. In this area, South American camelids (llamas and alpacas) graze on the immense plateaus and plains. En route visit the 15th century Temple of Wiracocha, with its elaborate stonework, the largest Inca temple ever discovered. Today, Raqchi remains home to many farmers, ranchers and artisans. Then, arrive at pristine Lake Titicaca sitting majestically at 12,500 feet above sea level, backed by the snow-capped peaks of Bolivia's Cordillera Real range. This is the highest navigable lake in the world and South America's largest fresh water lake. A box lunch will be provided en route

Overnight: Puno

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7, Friday - Excursion to Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca

This morning, an excursion by boat transports you from Puno to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands where the indigenous people of the area, the Uros, live on islands that dot the lake. The Uros live very much the same way as their ancestors did and still follow the ancient customs and traditions. These islands are completely man-made structures, using the totora reeds from the lake to build the islands and houses. Return to Puno for the remainder of the day at leisure. Or, take the *optional* tour to the Sillustani Tombs, the pre-Incan burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo. The tombs here are built above the ground in tower-like structures called chullpas, vestiges of the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas in the 15th century. Evening is at leisure in Puno

Optional: Half Day Sillustani Tombs (PM)

Overnight: Puno

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Saturday - Travel through Andean Hills to Colca & Discover Colca Canyon

The scenic drive to Colca takes you into some of the most magnificent terrain you're ever likely to see. Admire tiny villages on an unspoiled countryside of Andean hills and terraced farmlands sloping into vast valleys. Perhaps you will see shepherds, some of who are descended from indigenous tribes like the Collagua and Cabana, tending to their alpaca. Upon arrival in Colca, settle into your comfortable accommodations at Colca Lodge. The land here is fed by hot springs, and there will be time to relax and enjoy the medicinal benefits of thermal baths, that are due to the high content of calcium, zinc and iron. Tonight, turn your gaze upward to a blanket of stars

Overnight: Colca

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9, Sunday - Full Day in Colca Canyon

This morning's journey takes you to the Colca Canyon, reportedly the deepest in the world, thought to be twice as deep as the Grand Canyon. The Colca River has carved this geologic wonder over millennia and some of the terraced hillsides are known to predate Incan civilization. Here, the Canyon is home to the extraordinary Andean condor. Although the population of condors in South America is dwindling, at the Colca Canyon they can be seen soaring gracefully overhead. The floor portions of the canyon are surprisingly habitable, with fields still supporting agriculture and human life. Colca Valley has been known by many different names including The Valley of Wonders, The Valley of Fire and The Territory of the Condor - and now is recognized as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World

Overnight: Colca

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10, Monday - Explore Arequipa

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to Arequipa. Arrive in time for lunch. Afterwards explore this remarkable colonial city, guarded by three dramatic volcanoes. Its beauty lies in its cultural purity; Arequipa's remote location has allowed its Spanish-based culture to thrive with little outside influence. Much of the city's breathtaking architecture was built with sillar, a white volcanic rock. The shimmering stone lends a bright air to the streets - and has earned the city the nickname "La Ciudad Blanca," the White City. You'll visit two striking 16th-century structures in the historic Plaza de Armas - the massive cathedral and the Santa Catalina Monastery, beloved for its vividly painted façades. You'll also browse the local San Camilo Market, where stalls overflow with colourful produce and textiles. Sample some local fruit here and mingle with farmers who cart in their harvest from the Andean countryside. Enjoy the evening at leisure

Overnight: Arequipa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11, Tuesday - Fly to Lima, Farewell Dinner

Transfer to the airport after breakfast for your flight to Lima. Afternoon is at leisure for individual pursuits. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at a restaurant in the trendy Miraflores District

Overnight: Lima

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Wednesday - Depart Peru

Make your way from the hotel to the airport for your departure flight*

**Some flights depart shortly after midnight in the very early morning of Day 12 and will require a transfer on Day 11. Transfers should be scheduled to depart the hotel approximately 4 hours prior to flight time.*

Meals: Breakfast

▲ Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Is this tour right for you?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. When visiting Machu Picchu, please be aware that walking sticks are not allowed in some areas of the archaeological site and must be carried in a backpack. Prescriptions are required for walking sticks to be allowed at the Machu Picchu archaeological site and must be rubber tipped. Also, selfie sticks are forbidden and only folding umbrellas are allowed. A few early wake-ups, some at 5 or 6 am, as well as one long 10-hour drive to Puno are necessary to cover the territory. The altitude, 11,000 feet in Cuzco and 12,400 feet in Puno, may be a consideration for those who have heart conditions or are otherwise affected by height. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. Some hotels in Puno and Colca are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. During heat waves, these hotels can become uncomfortable, even at higher elevations.

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