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## **Best of Peru a Exceptional Package** **19 Days/18 Nights**

Featuring 27 guaranteed FIT departures, with 9 flexible tour combinations, ranging from 29 days to 6 days duration, visiting all major highlights in the country, staying at deluxe or best available hotels and lodges. Maximums of 20 group members per departure, with local hosts and guides.

### **Day 1 A**

LIMA / TRUJILLO Transfers to Lima airport. Upon arrival in Trujillo transfer to Hotel. Overnight accommodations

### **Day 2 AB/L**

TRUJILLO Tour of the city and its colonial district. See the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral. Visit the Casinelli Museum which houses unique samples of pre-inca pottery found excavated in the area. Proceed to Huanchaco beach for lunch. Afternoon visit to the citadel of Chan-Chan, ancient capital of the Chimu Empire (13Th century) and the largest adobe city in the world. Overnight accommodations .

### **Day 3 B/A/AB/L**

TRUJILLO/CHICLAYO/LIMA Drive to Chiclayo . Visit the Pruning archaeological Museum for an introduction to the history of the Lambaste Area. Lunch at a countryside restaurant. Visit the impressive necropolis of Huaca Rajada, including the Tombs of the "Lord of Sipan" (5Th century) and the "Old Lord of Sipan" (3rd century). Transfer to the Chiclayo airport. Upon arrival in Lima , transfer to Hotel. Overnight accommodations .

### **Day 4 A/AB**

LIMA/AREQUIPA Transfer to airport, Upon arrival in Arequipa , transfer to hotel. Tour the quaint " White City ", including the Santa Catalina Convert, Plaza de Armas, La Compañía cloisters and the districts of Yanahuara and Chilina, with a magnificent view of the Misti Volcano. Overnight accommodations .

### **Day 5 B/AB/L/D**

AREQUIPA / COLCA VALLEY Drive to Colca Valley , passing through Pampa Canahuas at the Aguada Blanca National Reserve, protected habitat for vicuñas (llama relatives with finer wool). The valley has beautiful Pre-Colombian terraces still farmed by native Collaguas. Box Lunch. Overnight accommodations .

### **Day 6 B/CB/L**

COLCA VALLEY/AREQUIPA Early departure to the "Condor's Cross" observation point, from where the great Andean bird may be spotted. Enjoy an impressive panorama of The Colca Canyon , deepest in the world. Early afternoon return to Arequipa . Overnight accommodations .



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**Day 7 A/AB**

AREQUIPA/PUNO Morning at leisure to enjoy the city and pleasant weather of Arequipa . Shopping for Alpaca (llama relatives) clothing and textiles is highly recommended. Mid-day transfer to airport. Upon arrival in Puno, transfer to Hotel. Overnight accommodations .

**Day 8 MB/BB**

PUNO/LAKE TITICACA Motor-boat ride on Lake Titicaca to the unique floating Islands of the Uros. This "Water Tribe" has relied for hundreds of years on the totora reed to build their villages, homes and boats. They also use it in their highly developed weaving techniques. Afternoon visit to the "Chullpas" of Sillustani, where the ancient Aymaras used to bury their high priest in cylinder-shaped tombs. Overnight accommodations .

**Day 9 T/BB**

PUNO/CUSCO Transfer to Puno train station. Embark on an unforgettable train journey to Cusco along the dramatic landscapes of the Andean highlands, spotted only by little villages and herds of llamas and alpacas. Evening arrival in Cusco , and transfer to Hotel. Overnight accommodations .

**Day 10 BB**

CUSCO Afternoon tour includes Plaza del Regocijo. Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, Santo Domingo Monastery -the legendary Koricancha- and the Old Town . Drive out of the city to visit the Inca sites of Tambomachay, Kenko, Puca-Pucara and the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman overlooking Cusco . Overnight accommodations .

**Day 11 BB**

CUSCO At leisure to explore this most magical city, capital of the Inca Empire (15th century). Colonial churches and mansions built on the original Inca foundations. Beautiful plazas. Artisans workshops in the San Blas District where you can appreciate the local craftsmanship with precious metals, wool, wood and stone. Overnight accommodations .

**Day 12 B/BB/L**

CUSCO/URUBAMBA VALLEY Drive to the "Sacred Valley of Incas ". Visit Ollantaytambo, the Inca fortress and walk through the quaint streets of the nearby town. Lunch featuring Andean dishes. Then a drive through the valley and an opportunity to bargain with vendors at the typical market in Pisac. Overnight accommodations .

**Day 13 T/BB/L**

URUBAMBA VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU Transfer to Ollanta train station. Railcoach service to Machu Picchu . "The Lost City of the Incas". Guided tour of the marvelous citadel, visiting the main plaza, the royal quarters, the Temple of Three Windows, the circular tower and the sacred Sun Dial and burial grounds. Overnight accommodations .



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**Day 14 T/BB**

**MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO** Early rise is suggested to admire Machu-Picchu at sunrise, a truly mystical experience. For the hiking enthusiast, going up the Huayna Picchu peak overlooking the site or walking on the original Inca trail is highly recommended. Afternoon rail coach service to Cusco . Overnight accommodations .

**Day 15 A/MB/BB/L/D**

**CUSCO/PUERTO MALDONADO/TAMBOPATA** Transfer to Cusco airport. Upon arrival in Puerto Maldonado, transfer to the pier and motor-launch to the selected jungle lodge in the Tambopata Candamo Reserved Zone. This area of the Amazon Rainforest is one of the most biologically diverse on the planet. Enjoy it! Sandoval Lake Lodge or Posada Amazonas Lodge.

**Day 16 MB/CB/L/D**

**TAMBOPATA** Early morning and late afternoon/evening explorations to admire the rich flora and fauna, including: over 20,000 plants species, over 900 species of birds, 91 mammals, 1230 butterflies, 127 amphibians and reptiles, the Giant Otter and the Black Caiman, and 6 species of monkeys. Sandoval Lake Lodge or Posada Amazonas Lodge.

**Day 17 MB/A/B/CB**

**TAMBOPATA / PUERTO MALDONADO / LIMA / ICA** Motor-launch from the Lodge in Tambopata to the pier in Puerto Maldonado and transfer to the airport. Upon arrival in Lima , transfer to the bus station for motor coach service to Ica . Wine and Pisco Capital of Peru . Overnight accommodations .

**Day 18 MB/A/B/CB**

**ICA / PARACAS / NASCA** Drive to the Paracas Wildlife Reserve for boat ride to the Ballestas Islands , inhabited. by boobies, pelicans, sea lions and penguins. Afternoon 45-minute flight seeing over the mysterious Nasca Markings (between 3rd and 6th centuries) and visit to the Ica Archaeological Museum . Overnight accommodations .

**Day 19 B/CB**

**ICA / LIMA** Morning at leisure to relax by the pool and enjoy the grounds of the oasis resort. Mid-day return to Lima by motor coach and transfer from bus station to airport or hotel.

**LIMA GATEWAY PACKAGE** Lima is the main gateway to Peru . To make your visit complete we recommend adding two nights or more in Lima at the beginning and/or end of "The Best of Peru " or any of its combinations.

Abbreviations: **A**=Air Flight, **T**=Train Trip, **MB**=Boat Trip, **B**=Bus Trip, **AB**=American Breakfast, **BB**=Buffet Breakfast, **CB**=Continental Breakfast, **L**= Lunch, **D**=Dinner



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**OUR PRICES INCLUDE:**

★ Accommodation in single or double room with private bath in the suggested hotels or of similar category a Breakfast Daily ★ Lunch when noted ★ Dinner when noted a All Domestic Airfares ★ Transfers ★ Tours & Excursions as per itinerary (based on shared services with local)

**\* English Speaking Guides**

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:** ☉ Meals not specified in this itinerary ☉ International air tickets ☉ All Airport taxes ☉ Personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, drinks, tipping, etc. ☉ Insurance against theft, loss, illness or accident ☉ International air fare

**\* We offer special discount air from any gateway in the United States**