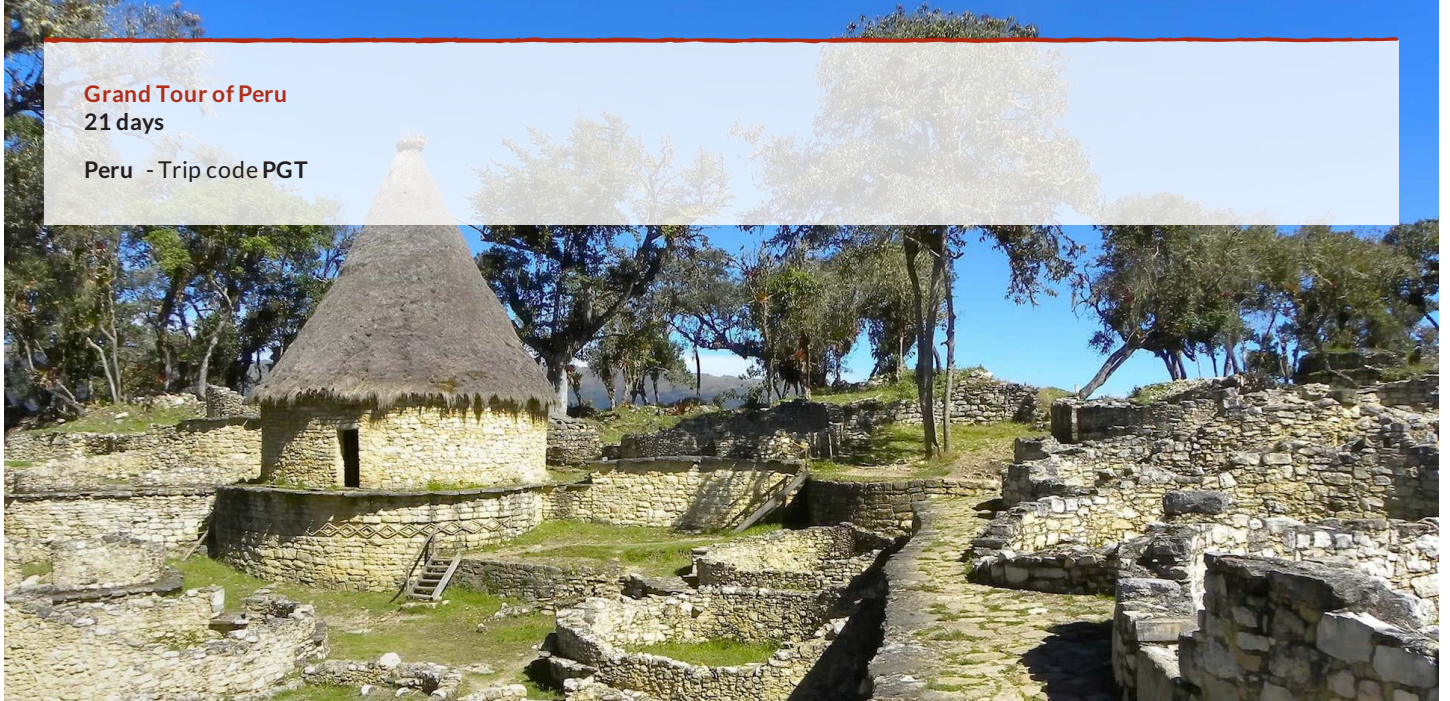


EXPLORE!

Grand Tour of Peru

21 days

Peru - Trip code PGT



Grand Tour of Peru

This adventurous trip around Peru takes us to fascinating sights beyond the classic highlights. We travel up to the archaeological paradise in the north, exploring the pre-Inca ruins near the desert of Chiclayo, before traversing the Andes to the ancient city of Kuelap, the 'Land of the Cloud People'. After relaxing in our jungle lodge at Tarapoto, we journey to the south, where we marvel at the ancient Inca site of Machu Picchu, explore the Sacred Valley and admire the sunset over Lake Titicaca, staying overnight with an indigenous family on one of the lake's islands.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

TRIP PACE:

Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

GROUP SIZE:

12 - 18

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip Lima

Our trip starts today in Peru's capital, Lima, and after checking into our hotel we meet our Explore Leader who will talk to us about the journey ahead.



Accommodation: El Tambo Two (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Lima city tour; optional visit to Pachacamac Ruins

Founded almost 500 years ago and known as the 'City of Kings', Lima today has a fascinating mix of historical sites and modern life. Our Explore Leader will show us the main highlights, including the Plaza San Martin, the Cathedral, the Parque del Amor with its romantic statues and the modern, upscale district of Miraflores. Lima's economy has been growing for many years and the old colonial centre, with its beautiful architecture and intricate balconied buildings, is a contrast to the modern residential areas, with clean lines and wide open spaces. This afternoon is free to explore the city, and there is the opportunity to do this on bike, or alternatively head a short way out of the city to the ancient religious centre of Pachacamac, whose many pre-Inca and Incan adobe walls and temples have miraculously stood for hundreds of years, preserved by the desert climate.



Accommodation: El Tambo Two (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Optional culinary tour; fly to Trujillo

This morning is free to enjoy the city sights. Try a surf lesson on Lima's Pacific coast, a great spot for surf fans, or discover the secrets behind Peru's most flavourful dishes on a culinary tour of the capital. Lima is becoming increasingly famous for its gastronomy, and at least once during the tour we must try the country's most famous dish, ceviche, a delicious seafood dish marinated in citrus juices and served with rice, patacones (fried plantain) and salted popcorn. If you choose to take the culinary tour, you will learn to

prepare this dish. This afternoon we fly to Trujillo, the site of the once-great Moche and Chimu cultures before the Inca conquest. On the banks of the Moche River, close to its mouth at the Pacific Ocean, the city and surrounding region is crucial to understanding Peru's history before the Spanish and even the Incas appeared on the scene. The Moche civilisation was one of the biggest and most influential pre-Incan civilisations in the Andes.



Accommodation: El Gran Marques Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Discover Chan Chan Ruins; Visit ancient fishing village of Huanchaco

In the surroundings of Trujillo we will discover two important sites of the pre-Inca civilisations of the Moche and Chimu people. During its heyday, about 600 years ago, Chan Chan was the largest city in the Americas and the largest adobe (clay) city on earth. Archaeologists estimate that it was once home to more than 100,000 people all living, working and thriving in the houses, warehouses, shops and temples within the site. Ten thousand structures, some with walls 10 metres high, were connected by a maze of passageways and streets. We will also visit the impressive Pyramid of the Moon, the centre of power on the north coast of Peru during Moche times and we can see the amazing group of frescoes that were unearthed by archaeologists. Finally, we head to Huanchaco to visit this ancient fishing village.



Accommodation: El Gran Marques Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Visit the complex of El Brujo en route to Chiclayo

Driving up the coast today, we head towards the bleak deserts of Chiclayo where El Brujo pyramid rises 30 metres above the surrounding land. It was built with thousands of adobe bricks, and its walls are covered with polychrome reliefs that show war motifs, animals, plants and net-fishing. The pyramid is most well-known for the female mummy that was discovered recently - known as the Lady of Cao, she was thought to have been Moche Royalty, and is well-preserved and covered with tattoos. We can see her at the onsite museum, which also houses other artefacts discovered during the excavations.



Accommodation: Sunec Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available

DAY 6 - Tour the impressive Royal Tombs of Sipan

Sipan belonged to the Moche culture and is considered the most important ceremonial centre of the north. The Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum is one of the most spectacular of Latin America's museums, named after the world-famous burial Chambers discovered beneath the ancient adobe pyramids. The museum contains by far the greatest intact discovery of gold artefacts in the Americas. It is shaped like the pre-Columbian pyramid under which Peruvian archaeologists discovered this amazing tomb in 1987. The museum is also a mausoleum, as the Lord of Sipan's remains, as well as those of two other excavated figures - an ancestor of the lord and a high priest - are placed in a wooden coffin at the final exhibit. The skeletons, surrounded by ceramics found in their tombs, are softly lit and visible to the public. We also visit the pyramids at Tucume, a little-known but vast site, once the capital of the ancient Sican culture. While nothing as remarkable as Sipan's artefacts has been found, the sheer size of the site makes it a memorable visit. There are no fewer than 26 enormous pyramids, which can all be viewed from the Cerro Purgatorio (Purgatory Hill).



Accommodation: Sunec Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available

DAY 7 - Journey across the Andes to Chachapoyas

Today we drive from the city of Chiclayo to Chachapoyas. The journey takes 9 hours, crossing one of the driest deserts on the planet before heading into the mountains. We stop for our packed lunch at the Porculla Pass, the lowest crossing point of the Andes at 2,145m altitude. The landscape changes as we descend into the long deep valley of the Marañon into the lush forests of the Amazon region, arriving at our lodge for the evening in time for sunset.



Accommodation: Gocta Lodge (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available

DAY 8 - Excursion to the walled city of Kuelap, the Land of the Cloud People

3 times older than Machu Picchu, Kuelap is a magnificent site set high atop a gorge-cut peak, surrounded by forest. This monument continues to defy the centuries - the walls and hundreds of roundhouses are covered by cloudforest at 3000 metres of altitude. The site is so high up and inaccessible that the Peruvian government is set to open a cable car in late 2016, from the small village of Tingo, which will be part of our journey up to the remarkable site.



Accommodation: Gocta Lodge (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 9 - Free day; optional hike to Gocta Falls

From our lodge we have an amazing view of the Gocta Falls, an impressive single-drop waterfall standing at 771 metres, its waters rushing towards the pools below. Today we have two different options to help us explore the area further. For the hikers in the group, there is a beautiful 4 hour return hike to the base of the falls, crossing orchards and lush forest as we get closer to the spray. Alternatively, we have the chance to check out the sarcophagi of Karajia, a completely bizarre burial site set high on the massive cliffs surrounding the Luya valley. The stone sarcophagi have carved faces and limbless torsos, standing approximately 2.5m high and proudly facing out towards the abyss and the gorge below. Chachapoyas culture was the only one in the Americas to build sarcophagi for burials. These ones are so inaccessible that they have thankfully not been looted, although it begs the question as to how they arrived there in the first place.



Accommodation: Gocta Lodge (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 10 - Journey from the Andes to the Amazon

Today we have a long 9 hour drive to Tarapoto, also known as the 'City of Palms', straddling the base of the Andean foothills and the vast jungles of eastern Peru. Our first stop en route is the marvellous Spatuletail Colibri visitors' centre, where we will be able to watch this amazing hummingbird amongst many other colourful species. The second stop is our scenic lunch spot at the Mirador del Alto Mayo, where we can enjoy our packed lunch in front of the spectacular forests that cling to the walls of the mountains before us. We arrive at our jungle lodge this evening.



Accommodation: Pumarinri Lodge (or similar)



Standard Lodge



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 11 - Swim in Pucayaquillo waterfall; search for poison dart frogs in the Amazon rainforest

Heading out into the forest this morning we walk on one of the lodge's trails, the so-called 'coca circuit', looking for colourful poison dart frogs. Our local guide explains the botanical importance of the plants en route - the area possesses spectacular flora, boasting a large variety of orchids and ferns. Many butterflies, insects and birds are also seen in the area. We continue to explore the area with a 2km hike through the rainforest, observing a variety of forest features from palm trees, vines and hardwood trees to bullet ants and morpho butterflies. At the end of this uphill walk we will have a refreshing swim at the Pucayaquillo waterfall before descending back to the lodge. The afternoon is free to relax amid the surroundings, or you may wish to take a boat trip along the Huallaga and Mayo rivers, a good option for keen birdwatchers.



Accommodation: Pumarinri Lodge (or similar)



Standard Lodge



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 12 - Fly to Cusco, capital of the Inca empire

This morning we drive to Tarapoto's airport via a tobacco factory, a fascinating place that shows the entire cigar-making process including the painstaking hand-rolling process. The local women have perfected this art and are happy to show curious visitors their skills. We board our plane to Cusco via Lima, and depending on our arrival time we may be able to spend the late afternoon walking the cobbled streets of this beautiful colonial city.



Accommodation: Inkarrri Hostal (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 13 - Walking tour of Cusco; visit Saqsayhuaman Inca fortress

The old capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco is the archaeological capital of the Americas. Imbued with an atmosphere of mystery and grandeur, the Spanish-style city of today, with its attractive pink tiled roofs, arcaded plazas and steep winding alleyways, stands upon tremendous Inca foundation stones, its links with the Inca Empire everywhere to be seen, from the stone walls that line the city streets, to the museums filled with artefacts and relics of a long dead people. This morning we make a walking tour of this lovely city to see important Inca and colonial monuments, such as the Plaza de Armas, the Qoricancha (temple of the sun) and the Inca wall of Hatunrumiroq with its famous twelve-sided stone. We also visit one of the outlying Inca sites - Cusco's temple-citadel, Saqsayhuaman fortress, which looms high above the town. 20,000 conscripted works toiled for 90 years to finish it.



Accommodation: Inkarrri Hostal (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 14 - Train to Aguas Calientes; visit Machu Picchu

We take an early morning train to Aguas Calientes, our gateway to one of the greatest of all archaeological sites. The train meanders down the valley, following the Urubamba river and flanked by high cliffs and peaks, before emerging at the small town of Aguas Calientes. From here we take a public bus up to the famous Lost City of Machu Picchu. The existence of this masterpiece of ancient construction was unknown to the outside world until the early 1900s, when it was 'discovered' by an American archaeologist, Hiram Bingham. This site is probably the most revered attraction in the Americas; its location alone is dramatic, teetering on the saddle of a high mountain peak that towers above the valley below. We explore this mountain-top stronghold before returning by bus to our simple accommodation in the town. In the evening we have the chance to relax in the local thermal baths (optional).



Accommodation: Hatun Samay (or similar)



Simple Guesthouse



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 15 - More time to visit Machu Picchu (optional); return train to Cusco

Today we have another chance to visit Machu Picchu and if you want a very early start it may be possible to catch the sunrise. It is also possible to climb the steep and difficult peaks of either Machu Picchu Mountain or Huayna Picchu Mountain to experience alternative viewpoints of the citadel. These options must be pre-paid at time of booking. If you change your passport between your time of booking and prior to travel please take your original passport with you. We will take the afternoon train back to Ollantaytambo and a bus to our hotel in Cusco.



Accommodation: Inkarri Hostal (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 16 - Optional rafting or Sacred Valley visit

Today is a free day with a wide choice of things to do. For river-lovers there is the opportunity of a raft-trip (optional) down the Urubamba in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. This is an exciting way to see the valley and no previous experience of rafting is necessary - full instruction and safety equipment are provided. There is also the opportunity to visit Misminay, home to many of the porters who work along the Inca Trail and within the valley itself. We can learn a little more about the lives of these descendants of the ancient Inca during our visit. Alternatively you could visit Maras and Moray where hot springs at the top of the valley have been diverted into terraced saltpans.



Accommodation: Inkarri Hostal (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 17 - Free time in Cusco

Today has been left free for you to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere in Cusco's old town and perhaps do some souvenir shopping in the winding streets and alleys of the city.



Accommodation: Inkarri Hostal (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 18 - Bus to Lake Titicaca via Raqchi

Leaving Cusco this morning we board our public bus that takes us down the town of Puno, on the banks of Lake Titicaca at 3860m of altitude. The local Aymara and Quechua-speaking people have adapted over generations to life at altitude and have larger lungs, hearts and spleens, and blood that is particularly rich in red corpuscles. Driving up to the northern limit of the Altiplano we cross La Raya pass (4335m), and en route we visit the Inca temple ruins at Raqchi. The scenery is desolate but magnificent and we may spot flocks of llamas and alpacas grazing on the windswept pastures. Arriving into Puno early evening we check into our hotel.



Accommodation: Hacienda Puno (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 19 - Boat trip on Lake Titicaca; overnight with family on Taquile island

From Puno we take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca to explore the floating reed islands, home to the Uros people who have lived on the lake itself for countless generations. Their islands are made from totora, a reed-like papyrus that grows in the shallows and is used in most aspects of their life, including the construction of their boats and homes. Today we'll explore something of their unique world with a visit to Los Uros and Taquile, hopefully learning something of a people whose traditions live on for the most part only in the myths and legends of their oral history. Driven onto the lake to escape the attentions of larger ethnic tribes and further isolated by the arrival of the Spanish, the Uros had little contact with the mainland for generations, preferring instead to isolate themselves amongst the reeds and waters of their marine environment. We then continue to the less visited island of Taquile which has preserved much of its Inca and pre-Inca heritage and the islanders still speak the language of the Inca - Quechua. We take our time walking across the island and we will have the chance to buy locally produced embroidery - the men's handiwork for once. This evening there will be the option to visit a local folklore show before returning to our local village house for our overnight stay on the island.



Accommodation: Taquile Village House (or similar)



Simple Village House



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 20 - Morning on Taquile island; return to Puno

This morning is free on Taquile Island to make the most of the wonderful views around Lake Titicaca. You might like to take a walk up to the Inca ruins (optional), or visit the market, presenting an ideal opportunity to buy some of the locally made embroidery that is produced by the men of the island. Later this afternoon we then return to Puno by boat, where there is the chance to pay a visit to the fascinating Yavari Steamer Ship (optional), a 150 year old British Gun Boat, now a museum and B&B, or take a stroll through the markets in search of excellent llama and alpaca wool items.



Accommodation: Hacienda Puno (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 21 - Trip ends Juliaca Airport

Our trip ends this morning at Juliaca Airport. If you are booking your own flight, the afternoon planes are perfect for connecting with international evening flights out of Lima. However, there are also a series of morning flights - if you find yourself booked onto a morning flight with a long wait at Lima airport, your Explore Leader is able to organise an optional visit to the Larco Herrera museum in Lima, an impressive collection of pre-Columbian art and exhibits. The colonial centre is a roughly 30 minute taxi ride from the airport for anyone wishing to avoid a long wait by visiting the city one last time.

 Meals Provided: None



Why book this trip

This itinerary is a comprehensive journey through Peru's many wonderful sights, from Andes to rainforest to desert, including the ancient ruins that most travellers don't make the time to see. For three weeks in Peru, this is the best itinerary possible.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 19
Lunch: 2



Transport

Bus
Boat
Flight



Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader
Boat Crew
Driver(s)
Local Guide(s)



Accommodation

1 nights simple guesthouse
16 nights standard hotel
2 nights standard lodge
1 nights simple village house

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

There is a rainy season from Dec - Mar however on the coast it rarely rains. Jun-Oct is damp and misty, but temperatures never drop below 10°C. At high altitudes although there are sunny days temperatures can drop dramatically, and conditions can change suddenly.

Time difference to GMT

-5

Plugs

2 Pin Flat

Religion

Catholicism

Language

Spanish

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

Lima - Pachacamac - US\$46 (min 3 pers.); Bike tour of Lima US\$52 (min 2 pers.); Surf lesson US\$97 (min 2 pers.); Culinary Tour - US\$100 pp (Includes lunch) Chiclayo - Half day Beaches and Monsefu Town - US\$67 (1-2 pers), US\$37 (3-6 pers), US\$27 (7+ pers); Half day City Tour + Witches Market - US\$43 (1-2pers), US\$24 (3-6 pers), US\$22 (7+ pers) Chachapoyas - Gocta Falls US\$32 (4-6 pers.) or US\$50 (2-3 pers.); Karajia Site US\$63 (4-6 pers.) US\$94 (2-3 pers.) Tarapoto - River Huallanga boat trip US\$44 (4-6 pers.) US\$50 (2-3 pers.) Aguas Calientes - Visit hot baths US\$5; 2nd entry to Machu Picchu US\$ 80.00 - Includes Return bus + entrance; Machu Picchu + Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu + Machu Picchu Mountain: £80 Includes transport and entrance Cusco - White water rafting US\$45; Half day Maras & Moray: US\$ 45.00 (min. 4 pers.); half day Pisac Market: US\$ 40.00 (min. 3 pers.); half day Pisac Ruins: US\$ 45.00 (min. 3 pers.); Ollantaytambo: US\$ 60 (min. 4 pers.); Titicaca Train £280 Subject to availability - these must be pre-paid at time of booking. If you change your passport between your time of booking and prior to travel please take your original passport with you to avoid being fined. Taquile - Reed boat trip - US\$8; Folkloric night US\$30 Puno - Yavari Steamer museum US\$23

Clothing

The highlands enjoy dry sunny days but extremely cold nights so thermal underwear, a well-insulated fleece/jacket and a thick jumper are essential. Bring something warm to sleep in. A light raincoat is recommended, as well as walking boots or shoes if you wish to do the optional jungle hike to Gocta Falls. A sun hat and sunglasses are advisable as is high factor sunscreen, due to the thinness of the atmosphere. Bring a swimming costume.

Footwear

Comfortable shoes and lightweight walking shoes and sandals. If participating in the rafting, old trainers or river shoes (as they will get wet).

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece and a daypack and an extra bag for the overnight in Aguas Calientes - The main bags will be left in storage in your hotel in the Sacred Valley. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage (i.e. on and off transport etc.) so don't overload yourself. It is recommended you bring lockable bags.

Equipment

Binoculars, torch, water bottle, insect repellent, high factor suncream, good quality sunglasses and a lipsalve with sun protection. Mosquito nets may not be available, so you may wish to bring your own, and for your time in Tarapoto we recommend long sleeved shirts and full length trousers to avoid insect bites. You will also want to take a small backpack for walks and day trips.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour. Accordingly, you should allow at least US\$ 40 for tipping.

Country Information

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Breakfast price

£4.00 - 7.00

Dinner price

£6.00 - 8.00

Beer price

£2.00 - 4.00

Water price

£1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Nuevo Sol

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Carry all your funds in US cash NOT Sterling or Travellers Cheques which are more difficult to exchange. We recommend to take a minimum of US\$400-\$500 of your total spending money in cash for your tour, in mixed denominations. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they might be difficult to exchange.

Where To Exchange

Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

Available in Major towns. Always have some cash as back-up as they are not always reliable

Credit Card Acceptance

In major restaurants. In some establishments Master card is not accepted.

Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques are not always easy to exchange.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Boat, Flight

Essential information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click [here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click [here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa Information

Peru: Visas are not required for UK, New Zealand, Australian, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate. You should confirm all visa related issues with the relevant Embassy prior to departure. USA: (including those in transit) Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can enter the United States without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) - where you apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), which applies if you enter the country by sea or by air. This must be done on line - <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> no later than 72 hours prior to travel. Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely to be refused boarding. You must have an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover. If you have visited Iraq, Syria, Iran or Sudan since 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel. Please note for your ESTA application you will be required to supply Point of Contact information. Explore's USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure. If you are leaving for the USA before this, please call the Explore team to get this information. (Not necessary if in transit) For further information please check out the US embassy website. Visa applications - <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp> Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click [here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Altitude information

As this tour reaches altitudes of over 3800 meters, we strongly recommend that travellers with heart or lung conditions, anaemia, asthma, high blood pressure or on the pill should seek the advice of their GP. You must have adequate travel insurance for your trip. Please ensure that your insurance policy covers you to the maximum altitude indicated above. If you have Explore insurance you will be covered to this altitude.

Non refundable permits

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Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider.
