











Diversity of Peru

A Journey from the Pacific Coast to the Andean Highlands

The beauty of diverse landscapes such as mountains, deserts, canyons and jungle, natural highlights like the Ballestas Islands and Lake Titicaca, famous Inca sites including Machu Picchu and Ollantaytambo as well as cities steeped in history like Lima and Cusco - they all reflect the unique diversity of Peru.

Day 1 Lima

Arrival in Lima and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Lima

City tour of colonial and modern Lima including a visit to a local market and the Larco Museum. This unique museum contains a large collection of pottery from Inca and pre-Inca civilizations as well as ancient erotic art pieces.

Day 3 Lima - Paracas

Transfer along the Panamericana highway southwards to the fishing village Paracas.

Day 4 Paracas

Boat tour to visit the Ballestas Islands for wildlife observation. Excursion to the desert oasis Huacachina and the Regional Museum of Ica. The museum exhibits textiles, ceramics and various wooden instruments and soft metals from the Nazca and Paracas cultures.

Day 5 Paracas - Lima

Free morning. Optional flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines, a series of ancient geoglyphs in the Nazca Desert. Transfer with public bus back to Lima.

Day 6 Lima - Arequipa

Flight to Arequipa. City tour through the colonial city including a visit of the Santa Catalina Monastery.

Day 7 Arequipa - Colca Canyon

Excursion to the Colca Canyon for a 2-day package including spectacular panoramic views of the canyon. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 8 Colca Canyon - Puno

In the morning, visit to the "Mirador Cruz del Condor", the most popular spot for viewing the canyon and a chance to observe the famous Andean condors. Transfer to Puno including box lunch.

Day 9 Puno

Day tour to the man-made reed islands of the Uros and Taquile Island. The narrow island is home to numerous pre-Inca and Inca ruins and terracing. Lunch included.

Day 10 Puno - Cusco

Full day panoramic drive to Cusco. Visit the town Pucara, the Racchi ruins and the chapel of Andahuaylillas. Lunch included.

Day 11 Cusco

Half day city tour of Cusco including a visit of the ruins outside the city, such as Sacsayhuaman. At night, dinner at a local restaurant with folkloric show to see the best Peruvian dances.

Day 12 Cusco - Sacred Valley

Full day excursion to visit the famous Pisac market, the ruins of Ollantaytambo and a typical house.

Day 13 Sacred Valley - Aguas Calientes

Travel by Vistadome train to the famous ruin site of Machu Picchu including guided visit and lunch. Continue to Aquas Calientes included dinner.

Day 14 Aguas Calientes - Cusco

Visit Machu Picchu a second time without guide. Travel back to Cusco.

Day 15 Cusco—Puerto Maldonado

Flight to Puerto Maldonado. Transfer to a jungle lodge followed by a walk through the forest and a boat excursion by night. Full board included.

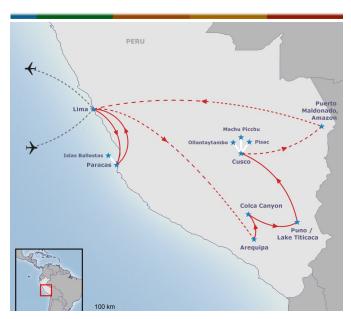
Day 16 Puerto Maldonado

Hike to Sandoval Lake. Boat navigation to spot animals and marvel at the beautiful jungle. Exploration of the Canopy walkway and the Anaconda walk.

Day 17 Puerto Maldonado - Lima

Flight to Lima for homebound flight.

Recommended season: May - September



Email: worldwide@discovertravel.ie www.discovertravel.ie