



DISCOVER PERU

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

Lima – Paracas – Huacachina – Nazca – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Maras – Moray
– Rainbow Mountain – Puno – Lake Titicaca

Embark on a 13-day adventure through the most captivating corners of Peru - a country where ancient civilizations, dramatic landscapes, and vibrant culture converge. From the coastal capital of Lima and the wildlife-rich Ballestas Islands to the surreal dunes of Huacachina and the mysterious Nazca Lines, this journey brings together Peru's most iconic experiences. Travel deep into the Andes to explore Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and the legendary citadel of Machu Picchu. Then venture higher to the colorful slopes of Rainbow Mountain and the sacred waters of Lake Titicaca, where you'll connect with local communities through authentic cultural encounters. Carefully designed to blend adventure, discovery, and relaxation, this itinerary offers a true taste of Peru's living spirit.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN LIMA

Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport, a friendly representative from Perú Increíble will be waiting to welcome you and provide a private transfer to your hotel in Lima. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to rest or begin discovering the capital at your own pace. If you're up for some light exploration, we recommend a walk through the bohemian district of Barranco. Known for its vibrant street art, charming colonial architecture, and sweeping coastal views, this neighborhood offers a perfect first taste of Lima's creative soul.

Optional (based on arrival time): In the afternoon, around 1:00 p.m., meet your guide for a captivating city tour of Lima, designed to showcase the city's rich layers of history and culture. Begin in the heart of Miraflores with a visit to Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Inca adobe pyramid that stands as a fascinating contrast to the modern city around it. Continue to Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll explore the Plaza Mayor and its iconic landmarks: the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima - final resting place of conquistador Francisco Pizarro - and the eerie catacombs beneath the San Francisco Monastery. End the tour with a scenic drive along the coast, stopping at Larcomar, a cliffside complex with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Return to your hotel to relax and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Overnight: Hotel in Lima

Meals: None

DAY 2: LIMA – PARACAS – BALLESTAS ISLANDS – HUACACHINA

Begin the day with an early morning transfer from Lima to Paracas (approx. 4 hours). Upon arrival at El Chaco pier, set out on a 1.5-hour boat tour to the Ballestas Islands, often called the "Little Galápagos." On the way, spot the mysterious Candelabro geoglyph etched into the desert hillside, followed by sightings of sea lions, Humboldt penguins, and a variety of coastal birdlife thriving among the rocky islets.



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After a short break along the Paracas waterfront, continue by land (approx. 1.5 hours) to the picturesque Huacachina Oasis. Enjoy free time for lunch, then experience the thrill of a high-speed buggy ride across the sand dunes, with the option to try sandboarding on the towering golden slopes. Return to Paracas in the late afternoon and settle into your hotel for a relaxing evening by the coast.

Overnight: Hotel in Paracas

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3: NAZCA LINES FLIGHT – RETURN TO LIMA

After an early breakfast, a private transfer will take you to the Pisco airport for one of Peru's most iconic aerial experiences - a scenic flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines. These enormous geoglyphs, etched into the desert floor more than 1,500 years ago, are best seen from above. As you soar over the arid landscape, marvel at over a dozen distinct figures including the Condor, Hummingbird, Spider, and Monkey - each stretching hundreds of feet across and still puzzling archaeologists to this day.

Once back on land, enjoy some leisure time along the tranquil shores of Paracas Bay. Relax by the water, stroll the boardwalk, or savor fresh seafood at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, begin your return journey to Lima in private transport. Arrive in the capital and settle back into your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Lima

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: ARRIVAL IN CUSCO

Upon landing at Cusco's international airport, you'll be warmly greeted by our team and privately transferred to your hotel in the heart of the former Inca capital. At 3,400 meters (11,200 feet) above sea level, Cusco's high altitude makes this day ideal for rest, hydration, and gentle exploration. Spend the afternoon at your own pace - sip coca tea, stroll the cobbled streets of the historic center, or simply relax as your body begins to acclimate. You're now in the Andes, where the magic of Peru's past and present meet.

Pro tip for acclimatization: Drink plenty of fluids, avoid heavy meals, and take it slow. Tomorrow, the adventure begins.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: CUSCO CITY TOUR

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of Cusco's most important historical sites:

- **Qoricancha (Temple of the Sun):** The ancient Inca ceremonial center dedicated to Inti, the Sun God.
- **Sacsayhuamán:** An impressive ceremonial fortress built with massive stone blocks expertly fitted together.



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- **Qenqo, Puka Pukara, and Tambomachay:** Explore these archaeological sites known for their ritualistic, administrative, and water-related significance.

In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Cusco's lively historic center, visit museums, or relax at a local café.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6: SACRED VALLEY – TRANSFER TO AGUAS CALIENTES (MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO)

After breakfast, embark on a full-day excursion to the breathtaking Sacred Valley, a region known for its fertility and spiritual significance in Inca culture. Highlights include:

- **Pisac:** Explore the impressive archaeological complex perched on the hillside, followed by a visit to the vibrant traditional handicraft market.
- **Urubamba:** Enjoy a traditional Andean buffet lunch featuring authentic Andean flavors at a local restaurant.
- **Ollantaytambo:** Discover this remarkable fortress-town, showcasing military and religious architecture from the Inca era.

In the afternoon, board the train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Upon arrival, you will be assisted and transferred to your hotel for overnight stay. You'll have time to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of Aguas Calientes after hotel check-in.

Overnight: Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7: MACHU PICCHU – AGUAS CALIENTES

After an early breakfast, board the shuttle bus up to Machu Picchu, the awe-inspiring "Lost City of the Incas." Perched high in the Andes and shrouded in mist, this sacred citadel reveals its magic as the morning sun illuminates its stone temples and agricultural terraces. Accompanied by your expert guide, explore the site's most iconic sectors - including the Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Plaza, and the ceremonial quarters - while learning about the spiritual and astronomical significance of this remarkable place. You'll have time to take in the views, reflect in silence, and capture breathtaking photos.

Optional: For those seeking an extra challenge, take an unforgettable hike up Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain (advance reservations required). These trails reward you with panoramic views that few travelers ever get to see.

In the afternoon, return by shuttle bus to Aguas Calientes, where you'll have free time to relax, enjoy lunch, or visit the soothing local hot springs.

Overnight: Hotel in Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast



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DAY 8: RETURN TO CUSCO VIA MARAS – MORAY – CHINCHERO

This morning, board the train from Aguas Calientes back to Ollantaytambo, taking in stunning views of the Urubamba River and surrounding Andean peaks. Upon arrival, your journey continues by private vehicle along a scenic route rich in Inca heritage and natural beauty.

Stop first at the Salineras de Maras, where thousands of salt pools cascade down the mountainside - an ancient pre-Inca site still harvested by hand today. Then explore the remarkable circular terraces of Moray, believed to have been an Inca agricultural laboratory for adapting crops to different microclimates. Continue to Chinchero, a traditional Andean village where colonial and Inca architecture merge. Visit a local weaving center to observe centuries-old textile techniques passed down through generations. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a countryside restaurant before arriving back in Cusco for a well-earned evening of rest.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9: RAINBOW MOUNTAIN (VINICUNCA)

This day begins early around 4:30 AM with pickup from your hotel for an unforgettable adventure to one of Peru's most spectacular natural wonders: Rainbow Mountain, also known as Vinicunca. On the way, we'll stop at a local community to enjoy a traditional Andean breakfast. We then continue along a scenic route with views of snow-capped peaks, rivers, and remote Quechua villages. The hike lasts approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (one-way) and reaches an altitude of 5,030 meters (16,500 ft). The climb is challenging but deeply rewarding, as the summit reveals a stunning palette of natural colors caused by mineral deposits in the mountain. You'll have time to rest, take photos, and appreciate the beauty of the Andes in all their splendor. After taking in the views, begin your descent and enjoy a hearty lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Cusco in the late afternoon.

Important: This is a moderate to high-difficulty activity due to the altitude. Good physical condition and acclimatization are highly recommended.

Overnight: Hotel in Cusco

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10: CUSCO – PUNO (ROUTE OF THE SUN)

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your journey to Puno along the scenic and culturally rich Route of the Sun aboard private tourist transportation. This full-day experience includes guided visits to several fascinating sites along the way.

Explore the baroque church of Andahuayllas, often referred to as the "Sistine Chapel of the Americas" for its stunning murals and ornate interior. Continue to Raqchi, home to the impressive Temple of Wiracocha, once one of the most important pilgrimage centers of the Inca Empire. Enjoy a buffet lunch in the town of Sicuani before heading to La Raya Pass, the highest point on the route at 4,335 meters (14,222 feet), offering spectacular Andean



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landscapes. Your final stop is the Pukara Lithic Museum, which houses an intriguing collection of pre-Inca artifacts from one of the region's earliest civilizations. Arrive in Puno in the late afternoon, where you'll be met and transferred to your selected hotel.

Optional: Upgrade to the *Titicaca Train*, a luxury rail journey offering panoramic views and first-class onboard service (subject to availability).

Overnight: Hotel in Puno

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11: UROS FLOATING ISLANDS – HOMESTAY ON AMANTANÍ ISLAND

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port of Puno and begin your journey across the sparkling waters of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. Your first stop is the Uros Floating Islands, extraordinary man-made islands built entirely from totora reeds. Here, you'll meet the Uros people, who continue to preserve their unique lifestyle and ancestral traditions in harmony with the lake.

Continue by boat to Amantaní Island, a peaceful and culturally rich destination where you'll be warmly welcomed by local families. Share a traditional home-cooked lunch and participate in daily activities, offering an intimate glimpse into the lives of your Andean hosts. In the late afternoon, take an optional hike to the island's sacred temples - Pachamama (Mother Earth) and Pachatata (Father Earth) - both perched atop opposite hills. From these ancient ceremonial sites, enjoy a spectacular sunset with sweeping views over Lake Titicaca. Return to your host family's home for a traditional dinner and overnight stay, concluding a deeply authentic and memorable day of cultural connection.

Overnight: Family homestay on Amantaní

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12: TAQUILE ISLAND – RETURN TO PUNO

Start the day with breakfast shared with your host family before departing by boat to Taquile Island, a place renowned for its strong sense of community and rich textile tradition. The island's intricate handwoven garments and accessories have earned recognition from UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Upon arrival, enjoy a light hike along scenic paths that lead to stunning viewpoints and the island's central plaza, where daily life unfolds much as it has for generations. Learn about Taquile's unique social structure and artisan cooperatives directly from the local people.

Enjoy free time on your own to savor a typical lunch prepared by community members using fresh local ingredients. In the afternoon, return by boat to Puno and transfer to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Puno

Meals: Breakfast



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DAY 13: PUNO – JULIACA – LIMA – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE

At the scheduled time, our staff will provide a private transfer to Juliaca International Airport for your flight to Lima, where you will connect with your international departure.

Meals: Breakfast

END OF SERVICES

Thank you for trusting us to guide you through this unforgettable journey into the heart of the Inca Empire.

INCLUDED:

- All private guided tours and personalized experiences
- Professional bilingual guides (English & Spanish)
- Domestic flights (Lima – Cusco, Juliaca – Lima)
- All ground transportation, including private airport transfers
- Ballestas Islands boat excursion (shared)
- Scenic flight over the Nazca Lines (shared)
- Vistadome train service to and from Machu Picchu
- Boat transfers on Lake Titicaca (shared)
- All entrance fees to archaeological sites and attractions listed in the itinerary
- All bus tickets, train tickets, and logistical support for excursions
- Hotel accommodations in all destinations (based on double occupancy)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (daily breakfast, selected lunches and dinners)
- Personalized trip coordination and travel documentation
- 24/7 in-country support and emergency assistance

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tips and gratuities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Optional Lima City Tour
- Optional hikes to Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain
- Personal expenses

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Valid passport (with minimum 6 months before expiration)
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots and trekking clothes
- Warm layers for cool Andean nights
- Rain jacket or poncho



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- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- Reusable water bottle
- Daypack for daily excursions
- Small bills for local markets and tips
- Personal medications
- Travel insurance documents



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