

DISCOVER PERU # 18

12 Days / 11 Nights

Lima, Amazon Adventure near Iquitos, Arequipa, The Colca Canyon, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Fortress

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Tuesday - Lima - Arrival

Arrival in Lima, the "City of Kings" famous for its Spanish Colonial architecture, extraordinary museums and cuisine. Lima is internationally recognized as the "Gastronomic Capital of the Americas", and its cuisine is considered among the most diverse and exquisite in the world on par with French cuisine. Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and in registering.



Lima City Tour and Larco Museum

Tour of Modern and Colonial Lima including the world famous Larco Museum - This half-day tour visits both the colonial and modern sections of Lima. Colonial sites include the lovely Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, San Francisco Church and the exquisite Torre Tagle Palace modern day seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In modern Lima, drive along the exclusive residential areas of Miraflores and San Isidro.



Continue to the Larco Museum, founded in 1926, it displays remarkable chronological galleries providing an excellent overview on 3000 years of development of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Located in a unique viceregal mansion of the 18th century built over a 7th century pre-Columbian pyramid is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The Larco Museum also features the finest gold and silver collection from Ancient Peru and the famous erotic archaeological collection, one of the most visited Peruvian tourist attractions.



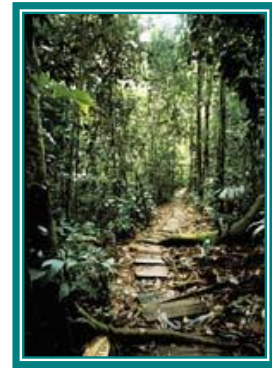
Day 2 - Wednesday - Flight to Iquitos, on the Amazon River (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iquitos on the shores of the legendary Amazon River. This region is covered by dense vegetation and by primary and secondary jungle with low hills and slightly rolling landscape, crisscrossed by the many rivers of the Amazon River basin, which is born at the confluence of the Marañon and Ucayali Rivers.



Transfer to the Explorama dock. Twenty-five mile journey down the Amazon River to Ceiba Tops where private rooms with air conditioning and hot water provide all of the comforts of home. Afternoon hike in the beautiful primary rainforest reserve surrounding Ceiba Tops which includes many huge trees festooned with epiphytes. After dinner there may be local flute or guitar music at the El Toucan Bar or the guides are always ready to relate some of the many legends of the Amazon forest.

Overnight Ceiba Tops.



Day 3 – Thursday - Ceiba Tops (B,L,D)

Morning boat ride, spotting for dolphins, to visit a small village of Yagua Indians where your guide will explain the Yagua Indian culture and how it was affected by the arrival of Europeans and the passing of time. There will also be an opportunity to see some of the local crafts and for a demonstration of the blowgun which some of the Yagua elders still use for hunting. Afternoon walking excursion to the neighboring town of Indiana stopping along the way to see the immense Ceiba tree for which the lodge is named. Originally a Franciscan mission, Indiana has grown into a large river community with its own market, high school and small hospital. Overnight Ceiba Tops.



Day 4 – Friday - Ceiba Tops / Iquitos / Lima (B)

Early morning departure by boat from Ceiba Tops to Iquitos followed by transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima.

Due to the ever-changing nature of the rainforest, day-by-day activities may vary due to local conditions.



Day 5 – Saturday - Lima / Arequipa (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Arequipa at an elevation of 7,300 feet. Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and in registering.

Also known as the "White City" for its many constructions built of white volcanic stone, Arequipa is at the foothills of the Misti Volcano (the guardian of the city) and it has a splendid Cathedral that is considered one of the first seventeenth century religious monuments of the city.



Arequipa City Tour and Santa Catalina Convent - Your half day sightseeing of this beautiful city, placed on the World Cultural Heritage list by UNESCO, features Mixed Baroque churches and mansions from the colonial period like the Monastery of Santa Catalina, The Main Square is bordered by various arched walkways and the Cathedral, it showcase a beautiful bronze fountain of three plates crowned by the figure of a sixteenth century soldier. Around the square, you see three granite portals with brick and lime bases.



The Santa Catalina Convent is called "a city within a city", a Spanish city in miniature with stone streets, beautiful patios, and plaza, it is a masterpiece of colonial architecture, and houses some of the finest examples of Spanish American religious art. Since 1970 visitors have been able to stroll through the streets and cloisters that during colonial times were the refuge of female nobility who had decided to isolate from the world and dedicate entirely to prayer.



Day 6 – Sunday - Arequipa / Colca Canyon (B,L,D)

Departure towards the highlands passing through Yura-Pampa Cañahuas and La Pulpera with good possibility of observing groups of wild vicuñas and fighting cattle. The road to the Colca Canyon reaches a high point of 13,000 feet before dropping down to the valley, an area of breath taking landscapes surrounded by terracing and snow-capped peaks. Far below, at a depth of 10,000 feet, the Colca River winds along the bottom of the canyon, the world's deepest.



Stop en route to see petroglyphs in the Caves of Mollepunco and in the town of Callali to see natural hill formations with the appearance of enchanted castles. Continue to La Calera to enjoy the thermal baths under the stars.



Overnight in the Colca Canyon area

Day 7 – Monday - Colca Canyon / Arequipa (B,L)

To maximize your probability of seeing condors we depart very early towards a superb natural lookout point "Cross of the Condor" from where one can watch condors wheeling across the Colca Canyon, at about an altitude of 15,000 feet. The valley also features pre-Inca ruins, pre-Inca burial grounds and archaeological remains left behind by the Collagua, the ancient inhabitants of the area. Drive further in to the canyon to observe the way of life in this remote land and to admire the impressive irrigation system and the fertile mountains terraced for farming of the Colca valley.



Ask your guide to take you to one of the many workshops in which close to a thousand artisans, scattered throughout the towns in the canyon, turn their ancient sewing and weaving machines into paint brushes to give life to impressively intricate and colorful embroidery and shawls.



Afternoon return to Arequipa.

Day 8 – Tuesday - Arequipa – Cusco (B)

Early morning transfer from the hotel to the airport for a short but spectacular flight over the snowcapped Andes to the oldest inhabited city in the hemisphere, Cusco, at an elevation of 11,440 feet.

Upon arrival a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and in registering.



Tour of Cusco and Nearby Ruins – Visitors are caught up in the excitement of touring the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, a delightful combination of Inca and colonial architecture. The tour visits important landmarks such as Cusco's Cathedral, Plaza de Armas and Koricancha "The Temple of the Sun". This tour of the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere also includes the nearby ruins of Kenko, Puca-Pucara, Tambomachay as well as the Sacsayhuaman fortress, an imposing example of Inca military architecture.



Day 9 – Wednesday - Machu Picchu (B,L)

Morning train ride through the sacred valley of Urubamba to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Perched 8,200 feet above the valley, it was hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungles for 400 years until discovered by Hiram Bingham of Yale University in 1911. Archaeologists believe that the Inca "Virgins of the Sun" took refuge from the Spanish Conquistadors here. Guided tour of the ruins upon arrival. Lunch is at the Orient Express' Sanctuary Lodge located just a few steps from the Inca citadel.



Day 10 – Thursday - Pisac Market and Ollantaytambo Archaeological Complex (B,L)

Full Day Excursion to the Pisac Indian Market and the Ollantaytambo Fortress - Morning departure for a drive through the fertile countryside of the Urubamba Valley to the colonial village of Pisac where a unique Indian Market takes place daily. The variety of products offered is overwhelming, from pottery with reproductions of archaeological pieces, to all kinds of textiles, jewelry and Peruvian handicrafts. During your visit to this bustling marketplace you will have the opportunity to bargain with the artisans and indigenous traders. Grab the items you like, you will hardly see the same one again.



Continue to the Ollantaytambo archaeological complex, the Incas built it as a fort that included a temple, agricultural terraces, and an urban area. There are two distinct sectors: The religious and worship zone, and the residential area. Ollantaytambo was an important administrative center with probable military functions if one considers the walls and towers. There are also traces of ancient roads and aqueducts. The town of Ollantaytambo is called a "Living Inca Town" since the inhabitants maintain very old practices and customs. Lunch is at a beautiful country estate on the shores of the Urubamba River.



Day 11 – Friday - Cusco – Free Day (B)

Wandering through this lovely city, exploring the astonishing narrow streets of this tile roof colonial town will be your unforgettable experience. You will find something astounding at every turn. Great buys are the traditional Peruvian handicrafts, alpaca-wool sweaters and rugs, ponchos, pottery, gold and silver jewelry, leather goods, etc. Because there are such a variety of products, we strongly suggest that when you like any particular item, you should buy it - you may not find the same item in other store. Many visitors to Cusco return home wishing they had a free day to discover this imperial city on their own, a free day in Cusco is a MUST!



Day 12 – Saturday – Cusco – Lima – Home (B)

Transfer to the airport for your departure to Lima and your connecting international flight. Arrive home full of great memories of the rich tradition of Colonial Lima and the mystical Land of the Incas.



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Tour includes:

- All airport transfers listed in the itinerary
- Baggage handling at airports and at hotels
- All tours and excursions indicated in the itinerary
- All entrance fees and transfers needed to operate tours and excursions
- All train tickets, bus tickets and boat services needed to operate tours and excursions
- Excursion to Machu Picchu is aboard the Vistadome Train.
- Lunch in the excursion to Machu Picchu: Lunch at Sanctuary Lodge
- Service of a bilingual licensed tour guide for all tours and excursions
- All meals indicated in the itinerary. B for breakfast, L for lunch. D for dinner
- Hotel accommodation and hotel service charge
- Hotel taxes are exempt for foreigners visiting Peru
- When domestic airfare within Peru is specified as included: Airfare includes all queues, security fee, fuel surcharges and 18% Peruvian sales tax.

Not included:

- Extra expenses in case of modifying the itinerary due to flight cancellation, strikes or blocking of roads and train tracks by demonstrators or political activists. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- When staying overnight in Machu Picchu, the entrance fee for the 2nd day in Machu Picchu is not included. This can be added to the itinerary upon request
- Expenses such as beverages on meals, tips, laundry, phone calls and other personal expenses are not included
- When a cruise to the Galapagos Islands is part of the itinerary, the Galapagos National Park Tax is not included. It is payable upon arrival at the Galapagos Islands

Cancellation Penalties for FIT's

- The cancellation penalty is 100% when services are cancelled within 30 days of arrival.
- When the deadline to cancel without penalties is longer than 30 days, Fiesta Tours Peru will notify you upon confirmation of services.
- Amazon river cruises and Galapagos island cruises are not refundable when services are cancelled within 90 days of arrival. When deadline changes, clients will be notified.

General Conditions for Groups

- Rooming list is due 50 days prior to arrival ⁽¹⁾.
- Payment is due 50 days prior to arrival.
- An updated number of rooms to be needed is recommended 90 days prior to arrival.
- Hotels' cancellation penalty will be provided upon confirmation.
- Transfers and tours have a 100% cancellation penalty for services cancelled within 30 days of arrival.
- Airfares have a 100% cancellation penalty for flights cancelled within 35 days of departure.
- Inka Terra Hotels requires a 20% non-refundable deposit 95 days prior to arrival. They reserve the right to request a 20% non-refundable deposit at any given moment. Final rooming list is due 65 days prior to arrival.

⁽¹⁾ The following hotels will require the final rooming list 65 days prior to arrival: Belmond Hotels, J.W. Marriott and Gran Hotel Faraona. V-Apr-15-2014

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Hotels used in Tour Packages: For Discover Peru Series – 2023

City	Tourist	Tourist Superior	First Class	First Class Superior	Deluxe	Luxury
Lima	Arawi Miraflores Express	El Tambo Peru #2	Arawi Miraflores Prime	Dazzler By Wyndham Lima Miraflores	Hyatt Centric San Isidro	Miraflores Park, A Belmond, Lima
Cusco	Terra Andina Colonial Mansion	Terra Andina Colonial Mansion	Xima Cusco Hotel	Sonesta Hotel Cusco	Palacio del Inka A Luxury Collection	Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco
Valle Sagrado	Ava Spot	Villa Urubamba	San Agustín Monasterio de la Recoleta	Sonesta Posadas del Inka Yucaj	Tambo del Inka Luxury Collection Resort & Spa	Río Sagrado, A Belmond Hotel, Sacred Valley
Aguas Calientes	Flowers House Machu Picchu	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu	El Mapi Hotel	El Mapi Hotel	Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo	Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu
Arequipa	Casa Andina Standard (Hab. Tradicional)	Casa Andina Standard (Hab. Superior)	El Cabildo Hotel	Casa Andina Select Arequipa	Costa del Sol Wyndham Arequipa (Hab. Junior Suite)	CIRQA - Relais & Châteaux (Hab. Claustro)
Colca	Casa Andina Standard Colca	Casa Andina Standard Colca	Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca (Hab. Deluxe)	Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca (Hab. Deluxe)	Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca (Hab. Suite)	Las Casitas, A Belmond Hotel, Colca Canyon (Hab. Casita Garden View)
Puno	Casona Plaza Hotel Puno	Xima Exclusive Puno	Jose Antonio Puno	Sonesta Posadas del Inca Puno	Titilaka (Hab. Explorer)	Titilaka (Hab. Dusk/Dawn)
Trujillo	Hotel Paraiso Trujillo	Casa Andina Standard Trujillo	El Gran Marques	Costa del Sol Wyndham Trujillo (Hab. Standard)	Costa del Sol Wyndham Trujillo (Hab. Superior)	Costa del Sol Wyndham Trujillo (Hab. Premium)
Chiclayo	Intiotel	WinMeier Hotel	Costa del Sol Wyndham Chiclayo	Costa del Sol Wyndham Chiclayo	Casa Andina Select (Hab. Junior Suite)	Casa Andina Select (Hab. Suite)
Ica	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo	Las Dunas o Viñas Queirolo
Paracas	San Agustín Paracas Playa	San Agustín Paracas Playa	La Hacienda Bahía Paracas	Doubletree by Hilton Resort Paracas	Hotel Paracas, A Luxury Collection Resort (Hab. Deluxe Garden view)	Hotel Paracas, A Luxury Collection Resort (Hab. Deluxe Ocean front view)
Nazca	Casa Andina Standard Nazca	Majoro	Majoro	Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc	Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc	Hotel Nuevo Cantayoc
Iquitos - City	Victoria Regia	Victoria Regia	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Iquitos	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Iquitos	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Iquitos	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Iquitos
Iquitos - Lodges	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops	Ceiba Tops
Puerto Maldonado	Posada Amazonas	Posada Amazonas	Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion	Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion	Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica	Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica

TOURIST CLASS HOTELS	Discover Peru # 18										
	2023 Prices per person in US\$ - Airfare not included										
	SIB Premium		Private Services								
Min 1	Min 2	1	2	3 / 4	5 / 9	10/14	15/19	20/24	25/29	30 up	
Double Room	2934		3332	2816	2524	2282	2203	2148	2079	2027	
Triple Room	2934			2816	2524	2282	2203	2148	2079	2027	
Single Room	4482	3330	5274	3728	3212	2920	2678	2599	2544	2475	2423

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Min 1	Min 2	1	2	3 / 4	5 / 9	10/14	15/19	20/24	25/29	30 up	
Double Room	2963		3362	2846	2554	2311	2232	2178	2108	2056	
Triple Room	2950			2832	2540	2298	2219	2164	2095	2043	
Single Room	4548	3396	5340	3795	3279	2987	2744	2666	2611	2542	2490

FIRST CLASS HOTELS	Discover Peru # 18										
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	SIB Premium		Private Services								
Min 1	Min 2	1	2	3 / 4	5 / 9	10/14	15/19	20/24	25/29	30 up	
Double Room	3079		3478	2962	2670	2427	2348	2294	2224	2172	
Triple Room	3074			2956	2664	2422	2343	2288	2219	2167	
Single Room	4748	3596	5540	3995	3479	3187	2944	2866	2811	2742	2690

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	SIB Premium		Private Services								
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Double Room	3212		3611	3095	2803	2560	2482	2427	2358	2306	
Triple Room	3244			3127	2835	2592	2514	2459	2390	2338	
Single Room	5023	3871	5815	4270	3754	3462	3219	3140	3086	3016	2964

DELUXE HOTELS	Discover Peru # 18										
	2023 Prices per person in US\$ - Airfare not included										
	SIB Premium		Private Services								
Min 1	Min 2	1	2	3 / 4	5 / 9	10/14	15/19	20/24	25/29	30 up	
Double Room	4027		4426	3910	3618	3375	3296	3242	3172	3120	
Triple Room	4495			4378	4086	3843	3764	3710	3640	3588	
Single Room	6647	5495	7439	5894	5378	5086	4843	4764	4710	4640	4588

LUXURY HOTELS	Discover Peru # 18										
	2023 Prices per person in US\$ - Airfare not included										
	SIB Premium		Private Services								
Min 1	Min 2	1	2	3 / 4	5 / 9	10/14	15/19	20/24	25/29	30 up	
Double Room	4784		5183	4667	4375	4132	4054	3999	3930	3878	
Triple Room	5619			5502	5210	4967	4888	4834	4764	4712	
Single Room	8222	7070	9014	7468	6952	6660	6418	6339	6284	6215	6163