

DISCOVER PERU # 20

11 Days / 10 Nights

Lima, Arequipa, The Colca Canyon, Puno, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Pisac Indian Market and Ollantaytambo Fortress

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Wednesday - 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 vice-royal 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 – Thursday - 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 3 – Friday - 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. Overnight in Colca Canyon area.



Day 4 – Saturday - Colca Canyon / Puno – Lake Titikaka (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.

The overland trip to Puno features unique natural scenery of the Peruvian Highlands.

Evening arrival in Puno.



Day 5 – Sunday - Puno – Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titikaka (B,L)

Boat excursion to Uros and Taquile Islands on Lake Titikaka. This full day excursion will take you to the highest navigable lake in the world to the floating islands of the Uros Indians, man-made islands by tying totora reeds. The Uros considered themselves Lords of the Lake; they hunt wild birds and maintain traditional fishing methods. The men have developed an extraordinary skill in weaving reeds; producing houses, boats and handicrafts, and the women are expert knitters.



Continuing to Taquile where a native community of about 400 families still lives with the traditions and high principals of the Incas. Taquile is a very important site on Lake Titikaka for its archeological remains, the sacred and ceremonial sites, the festive activities and their rituals. Taquile is characterized by its friendly inhabitants, who maintain their customs and traditional clothing. They distinguish themselves by their detailed, fine, and colorful textiles with symmetrical decorations and symbols that reflect their way of life and Andean beliefs. Lunch is included.



Day 6 – Monday - Puno to Cusco (B,L)

Bus journey through the Peruvian Andes from Puno to Cusco - Today one of South America's most extraordinary overland trips takes you by coach to Cusco passing through striking highland scenery and picturesque Andean villages. Brief stops at Raqchi to see the remains of the remarkable temple of Viracocha, considered by the historians an important Inca construction, and at the town of Andahuaylillas, a showcase of the colonial art in Peru, sometimes called "the Sistine Chapel of America". Upon your arrival in Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, a host will meet and assist you in transferring to the hotel and help you to register Lunch is included.



Day 7 – Tuesday - Cusco City Tour and Nearby Ruins (B)

Free morning. 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 8 – 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.

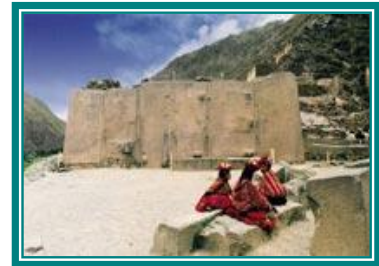


Day 9 – Thursday - Pisac Market and Ollantaytambo Archaeological Complex (B,L)

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 10 – 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 11 - 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 Yucay	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 # 20										
	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	2520			3462	2651	2210	1922	1823	1758	1682	1620
Triple Room	2523				2654	2212	1924	1826	1760	1684	1623
Single Room	4168	2879	6096	3820	3010	2568	2280	2182	2116	2040	1979

TOURIST SUPERIOR HOTELS	Discover Peru # 20										
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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	2548			3490	2679	2238	1950	1851	1786	1710	1648
Triple Room	2539				2670	2228	1940	1842	1776	1700	1639
Single Room	4226	2936	6154	3878	3067	2626	2338	2239	2174	2098	2036

FIRST CLASS HOTELS	Discover Peru # 20										
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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	2684			3626	2815	2374	2086	1987	1922	1846	1784
Triple Room	2682				2812	2371	2083	1984	1919	1843	1782
Single Room	4478	3188	6406	4130	3319	2878	2590	2491	2426	2350	2288

FIRST CLASS SUPERIOR HOTELS	Discover Peru # 20										
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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	2842			3783	2972	2531	2243	2144	2079	2003	1942
Triple Room	2844				2975	2534	2246	2147	2082	2006	1944
Single Room	4798	3508	6726	4450	3639	3198	2910	2811	2746	2670	2608

DELUXE HOTELS	Discover Peru # 20										
	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	5100			6042	5231	4790	4502	4403	4338	4262	4200
Triple Room	5684				5815	5374	5086	4987	4922	4846	4784
Single Room	8132	6843	10060	7784	6974	6532	6244	6146	6080	6004	5943

LUXURY HOTELS	Discover Peru # 20										
	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	6098			7039	6228	5787	5499	5400	5335	5259	5198
Triple Room	6984				7115	6674	6386	6287	6222	6146	6084
Single Room	9892	8603	11820	9544	8734	8292	8004	7906	7840	7764	7703