



# 14 DAYS OF ADVENTURE IN PERU!

## Day 1 Arrival in Lima

On arrival to Lima we will be waiting to take you to your hotel in the exclusive Miraflores District.  
Your Chaska Tours holiday hotel vouchers will be ready for you at the reception desk of the Hotel.

**Overnight in Lima**  
**No meals included**

## Day 2 Lima Parapente and City Tour

After breakfast a 10-minute walk from our hotel to the nearby park set on high cliffs above the Pacific Ocean. From the park we have spectacular views of the Ocean where we see surfers riding the waves. The park has many palm trees, and the Marina Lighthouse, an active lighthouse that was constructed back in 1900 and is the most visited lighthouse of Peru. Here we meet with our Parapente instructor and after a safety briefing and instructions we are ready to take off for a sensational tandem flight high above the Peruvian Pacific coast.

Paragliding flight is 10 minutes long, flying between 80 and 180m.s.l.  
These flights can be done all year round, over the beautiful Costa Verde in Miraflores, city of Lima, Peru.

After the flight we have the possibility to enjoy a walk in the park, or walk another 20 minutes to Larcomar, a food and high-quality shopping center with breathtaking ocean views. This is a great place to have lunch with over 37 restaurants to choose from, of which many have view of the Pacific coastline

After your lunch meet at the pick-up point to enjoy your City Tour tour offering best combination of the different attractions of historical periods: pre-Hispanic, colonial and contemporary. Return to your hotel.

**Note: We offer tandem flights in Pachacamac, from November to April, in case there is not enough wind to fly in Miraflores, this can be combined with an excursion to the nearby Pachacamac.**

**Overnight Lima**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 3 Lima - Bus to Paracas - Sand boarding & Dune Buggy

Early morning transfer from your hotel to the bus station where you will board your bus to Paracas.

Paracas is a small port town in the Pisco province of southern Peru, about 4 hours south of Lima. The town is an ideal departure point for the Ballestas Islands and the enormous Paracas National Reserve, a gorgeous desert peninsula which acts as a protected area for wildlife and it is an important archaeological zone as well.

The bus departs very early in the morning taking you along the coastal road to Paracas. On your arrival to Paracas we will take you to your hotel.

At 4pm we pick up from your hotel and take you for your dune buggy & Sand boarding excursion. We will take the sand cars to go to the Paracas desert to the incredible dunes where we will make the ride in the buggies leaving all the adrenaline in this ride the sand cars will make ups and downs where they give us the impression of being on a roller coaster but in this case of sand where we will also receive instructions on how to sandboard with an instructor who will accompany us during the tour, making this walk an unforgettable experience. After the tour we return to the hotel with the evening to relax at your own.

**Overnight in Paracas**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 4 Ballestas Islands & Paracas National Reserve Tours – Return to Lima

Transfer to Ballestas Islands known as the "small Galapagos" because of its abundant wildlife. Tour the Islands by boat; here we can observe the hundreds of sea lions and seals and a large variety of seabirds, flamingos, pelicans, boobies, cormorants and many others. After the tour return to Paracas, in the port you have many options of restaurants where you can enjoy lunch on your own expenses. Continue with a visit of the Paracas National Reserve which is home to a diverse collection of marine life and birds. This tour takes you to the picturesque coastal area with the never-ending tropical sand-dune desert and where we will see the famous Paracas Candelabro etched into coastal mountainside. Afterwards return to your hotel having free time to relax until we transfer you to the bus station for your trip back to Lima. On arrival in Lima transfer to your hotel.

**Overnight in Lima**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 5 Lima to Cusco-Cusco City Tour

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco. You will high up in the Peruvian Andes to Cusco, once the capital of the Incas Empire where you will learn more about the Andean culture as the city itself represents the center of indigenous Quechua culture.

On arrival to Cusco we collect you from the airport and take you to your hotel. The rest of the morning is free to relax and acclimatize.

First, we will visit the Cathedral of Cusco on the Plaza de Armas and continuously the temple of Qoricancha, also known as the temple of the Sun. After these visits, we will continue to the upper part of Cusco to visit several archaeological sites. The first stop will be at Sacsayhuaman, a ceremonial complex of the Incas. We will also visit Qenqo, Puka Pukara and Tambomachay. At the end, we will return to Cusco and drop you off at your hotel.

**Note: In private service you will first have a tour by foot through the city, visiting Qoricancha the Inca Sun Temple, the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral, enjoying the atmosphere of the city by observing the well-preserved colonial architecture that conserves Incas original stone walls, evidence of a rich and complex history. We will continue our way until we get to San Pedro Central Market where the locals shop for Andean grains, fruits, natural medicine plants and more. Afterwards, drive up above Cusco for a visit of the spectacular Sacsayhuaman Inca complex with stupendous stonework, Qenqo a place of rituals and then we will visit the house of Sulca to see the lovely textiles made by hand.**

Return to your hotel. Rest of the day at your leisure.

**Overnight in Cusco.**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 6 Mountain bike Tour Taray-Yucay

Today we will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the town of Pisac where we will have a guided tour to the archeological site above the town, here we will visit the Sun Temple and admire the many surrounding terraces, then we will visit the famous Pisac Colorful Indian market to see the handicrafts and taste delicious empanadas baked in huge typical ovens. Afterwards our transport will take us to the town of Taray where we will start our bike adventure.

In Taray our guide will give us a briefing about the route and the security recommendations and we will ride our bikes. During the tour, you will see beautiful landscapes of the Sacred Valley with the panoramic view of Nevado Apu Pitusiray through the cycle via next to the river. We will get in our way until we reach Paullu, to contemplate the waterfalls that are formed by leaks from the Qoricocha lagoon, then we will head to the towns of Qoya, Lamay and Calca, stopping for a snack on the way, we continue to Huayocari, Huaylabamba, and finally we will end up in Yucay to have a delicious lunch and a well-deserved rest. The biking tour takes about 3 hours at a moderate pace (13 k / h) for a total distance of 36 km.

After lunch our transportation will take us to the town of Ollantaytambo, the original Inca town to be amazed by the ruins that sit in front of the quaint town. After a wonderful day you will be drop off to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the night.

Note: The market days in Pisac are on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. The other days you can still do the tour but only the souvenir market is operational.

**Overnight in the Sacred Valley**  
**Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 7 Horse ride to the Saltpans, and Maras Moray

We start the day with a short transfer to the nearby ranch to meet with our rancho and get instructed and briefed for our ride on the famous Peruvian Paso horses. Riding our beautiful horses we pass along farms and their agricultural lands, local fruit trees, then cross the Vilcanota river and our way up to the salt mines, the Salineras. The Salineras have a long history and are thought to have existed before the Inca Empire. The local Andean villagers have shared and worked this salt harvesting system for centuries. The source of the salt is an underground stream, which the locals have channeled into a complex terracing system, slowing the water down in such a way that crystallization can take place. As well as a functioning farming system it is a stunning & beautiful landscape and photographic scenery, definitely worth visiting.

Then, we will return to the road for another 1:20 hours to reach our second stop, the town of Maras, where we will have our box lunch. After the box lunch, we will ride one more hour to reach the archaeological site of Moray.

The magnificent agricultural terraces of Moray are still a mystery, the site is thought to have been an Incan laboratory in order to investigate and improve Andean farming techniques. The site was designed around natural craters or hollows in the landscape from which the ancient farmers manipulated, forming an extensive agricultural terracing system.

After this relaxing ride we are transferred back to check in to the hotel in the Sacred Valley.

**Overnight in the Sacred Valley**  
**Breakfast and box lunch included**

## Day 8 Short Inca trail to Machu Picchu - Sacred Valley - Km 104 - Machupicchu

This morning you will be taken to the train station of Ollantaytambo to board the train to the starting point of the trail. We disembark at Km 104 and begin the hike through the recently discovered ancient trail to Machu Picchu.

This trek will take about 6 hours and the trek grading is considerate "easy to moderate", we will climb up from 2,200 m (7,218 feet) to 2,350-2,650 meter (7,710- 8,694 feet).

We cross the Vilcanota (Urubamba) River climbing up through abundant vegetation that is home to hundreds of bird and orchid species. We will emerge from the cloud forest at the spectacular "Wiñaywayna" which is a beautiful ceremonial site divided into two sectors and fashioned from finely-carved stones fitted together with great precision. We continue our hike passing through real Inca path to the Sun Gate where we will get our first views of Machu Picchu. Here, the final stretch of the royal Inca trail will take us to the citadel itself, hidden in undergrowth for four centuries and now laid out for our appreciation. From the Sanctuary we will take a bus that will take around 35 minutes to get to Aguas Calientes town where we will spend the night in our hotel.

**Overnight in Aguas Calientes town**  
**Breakfast and box lunch included**

## Day 9 Guided tour of Machu Picchu - Return to Cusco

After breakfast your guide will accompany you for an early bus for the sunrise at Machu Picchu. The first buses start leaving at 5.30am and take 30 minutes to get to Machu Picchu. The doors to Machu Picchu open at 6am. You will have about 4 hours for your visit in the Citadel when you will be able to enjoy this magnificent place before the crowds arrive later in the morning. Our professional guide will slowly show you around the main areas recounting myths and legends passed down over the centuries and explaining about some of the advanced building techniques the Incas used. After the tour will be time to head back down to the town by bus. Here you can find many restaurants offering lunch and afterwards you will board the return train through the Sacred Valley to Poroy town with a transfer back to Cusco arriving at approximately 8.30pm.

**Note: Our preferred train departures are subject to availability**

- You can extend the Inca Trail and opt for the 4-day Inca trail, which is a 3-day hike starting at KM 82 and visit of Machu Picchu of the 4th day.
- Since 2019 the new visiting regulations of Machu Picchu applies.

**Overnight in Cusco**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 10 Free day in Cusco

Today enjoy a free day in Cusco visiting museums or simply walking down the picturesque streets around the City center. You can get to know the typical neighborhoods of San Cristobal and San Blas where Artisans congregate their shops and galleries, the cheerful and energy of this walk will make you feel the real essence of the City.

It will be a great chance to do shopping as Cusco is well known for its world-famous Alpaca wool clothing not only for their quality but for their design, and you will find Silver and Gold shops for fine jewelry and a great offer for handicrafts.

At the end of the afternoon, we recommend you to make a stop to drink a refreshing and delicious Pisco Sour, Peru's National cocktail. All around Cusco's city center you will find numerous Bars, Cafes and Restaurants to have a taste of the Peruvian cuisine within a nice atmosphere.

Today you have a free day to explore this Unesco world heritage colonial town on your own or opt for one of our tailored excursions.

For your lunch and dinner we will provide you with a listing of our recommended restaurants and will book your preferred restaurants in advance for you.

**Overnight in Cusco**  
**Breakfast included**

## Day 11 Journey by tourist bus from Cusco to Puno

Transfer to the bus station for your tourist hop-on hop-off bus to Cusco in which you will visit 4 archeological sites along the way. This will be a very active and interesting 9 hours journey.

This day long bus ride takes you through snow-covered peaks, high and wide Andean valleys where llamas graze on spiky grass. As you pass by villages with cobblestone streets and you will see people making adobe bricks by hand.

On our way to Cusco we will visit the litho-sculptures of the temple of the God Wiracocha and Andahuaylillas. The church of Andahuaylillas is known as the "Sistine Chapel of America". It is known as one of the best-preserved examples of Andean religious art. Raich'i, the temple of the God Wiracocha, the litho-sculptures of Pukara, belonging to a civilization of the name Pukara and La Raya: the highest point between Puno and Cusco, at 14234 feet, where you can admire the snow-peaked mountains. Arrival in Puno and transfer to hotel.

Alternative option: Upgrade to Lake Titicaca train to Puno available at an additional cost. Train operates Cusco to Puno: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Travel in style on the Lake Titicaca train to Puno. Morning transfer to the local train station of Puno where the train operated by Peru Rail is providing for your spectacular rail journey to Cusco, which runs on the shores of Lake Titicaca. The scenic glass-walled railway also provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery. The journey is broken by a scenic stop at La Raya, which is also the highest point on the route. First class lunch is served aboard the train in style. A music and fashion show and a bar-tending lesson will also be part of your experience aboard.

**Overnight in Puno**  
**Breakfast and Lunch Included.**

## Day 12 Kayaking Lake Titicaca - from Llachon to Amantani island

Transfer from your hotel to the port to board our motor-boat towards Llachon. There you will have a safety briefing by the specialized kayak guide and you will get dressed with the kayak equipment. Then paddle to Amantani Island taking in amazing views of Lake Titicaca. Arrive and meet your host family and get accommodated at your homestay. Then enjoy a delicious typical lunch prepared by your host family. Enjoy the cultural experience by joining an optional football match with the locals. In the afternoon we hike to one of the two temples on the top of the island to observe the beautiful sunset. Then you enjoy dinner and a celebration with the family.

**Overnight in Amantani**  
**Lunch and dinner included**

## Day 13 – Amantani - Kayak to Taquile Island and visit the Uros islands

Duration of kayaking: 3 hours. Distance: 10 kilometers from Amantani to Taquile. After breakfast, we continue our adventure by paddling from Amantani to Taquile Island, observing the distant but impressive snowcapped mountains on the other side of Lake Titicaca. We arrive in Taquile where we will see the locals who have preserved their culture and ancestral organization. You will see their famous weaving of textiles. We will have lunch and then descend a stairway of 500 steps to the port to board our boat and head to the floating islands of Uros. We will visit the Uros people and learn of their incredible building with totora reeds of their homes, canoes and more. Optional Reed boat rides can be arranged directly with the local fishermen. Then we depart and arrive in Puno at approximately 4:30pm.

**Overnight in Puno**  
**Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 14 Flight Juliaca / Lima

After Breakfast buffet, transfer to Juliaca airport for your flight to Lima.

Upon arrival in Lima connection with your international flight.

**Breakfast included**