

Peru Bolivia Argentina Chile 21 Days

Day 1: Arrival in Lima. Welcome to South America and Peru! After a welcome from our team we take you to the hotel where you can relax from your long journey.

Day 2: Lima—Cuzco. In the morning we take a plane to Cuzco – the Imperial City of the Incas and the “Navel of the World”. You have the afternoon off to rest and acclimatise yourself.

Day 3: Cuzco City Tour. After breakfast we start our city tour through this magical city. We are going to visit the cathedral, the main plaza, the former Incan palace of K’oricancha (where the colonial church of San Francisco was constructed over the Incan foundations) and nearby ruins such as the impressive fortress of Saqsayhuaman.

Day 4: Cusco - Wiñaywayna - Aguas Calientes (2-day Inca Trail). From Cuzco we head to Kilometre 104 where we start the 2-day Inca Trail amidst subtropical vegetation. Our first point of interest is the archeological site of Chachabamba at 2,150 metres and after around 3 hours we arrive at the impressive archeological complex of Wiñaywayna which is composed of an agricultural centre with many terraces, a religious sector and an urban sector. Later on we climb towards the Intipunku (Gate of the Sun). You have a spectacular panorama view of the ruins of Machu Picchu from there. We descend to Machu Picchu and take a bus town to the village of Aguas Calientes, where we spend the night.

Day 5: Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu - Cusco (2-day Inca Trail). Early in the morning we take the first bus to Machu Picchu to enjoy the sunrise in this magical place. We enjoy the tranquility of the lost city of the Incas in a guided tour of approximately 2 ½ hours, which also gives us free time to walk around the ruins or climb the peak of Wayna Picchu for fabulous views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. In the afternoon we head back down to Aguas Calientes to take the train back to Cuzco.

Day 6: Cuzco Recreational. Today is your day off to enjoy the daily life of the city. You can relax, go shopping or visit more sights.

Day 7: Cuzco - Puno. In the morning after breakfast, we take a tourist bus towards Puno. On the way we have the chance to visit a of interesting places such as Andahuaylillas with its beautiful chapel; Raqchi, with its ancient mud constructions, and the archeological complex of Pucara.

Day 8: Lake Titicaca (Uros and Taquile Islands). Today we take a boat into the cold waters of Lake Titicaca (15-passenger boat), the world’s highest navigable lake. We enjoy spectacular views across the lake in the crystalline Andean air. First of all we visit the floating Uros islands, made entirely out of reeds and periodically renewed by their inhabitants. Later on we continue our trip to the famous Taquile island in the middle of the lake where men live who can knit. We spend the night in Taquile.

Day 9: Lake Titicaca - Puno. After breakfast we leave lake Titicaca and drive to Puno where we also spend the night.

Day 10: Puno - Copacabana - La Paz. After breakfast we take a tourist bus towards the Bolivian city of La Paz. After crossing the border between Peru - Bolivia we visit the charming village of Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca at an altitude of 3,841 metres, where we also have lunch. After arriving in La Paz we have dinner and prepare ourselves for the activities in the morning.

Day 11: "The Death Road" or “Valley of the Moon”. After breakfast you have the option to book the "Cycling Tour of Coroico", an all-day bike trip down to the notorious and spectacular “death road” into the high jungle (in fact, it is safe to travel by bike) where we have a packed picnic lunch. Those who prefer not to go cycling can make a trip to the "Valley of the Moon" - an impressive place with rocky formations of reddish color - or perhaps just go shopping at the market.

Day 12: La Paz. Today you have a day off to relax and enjoy the beauty of La Paz. You can visit the market or go

shopping.

Day 13: La Paz – Uyuni. We travel from La Paz to Uyuni appreciating spectacular landscapes on the way. The trip takes about 11 hours, with plenty of stops to have lunch and snacks and to take photos. After arriving in Uyuni, we rest until the following day. If it is not possible to take the train because of the dates we take a tourist bus.

From ORURO To UYUNI		EXPRESO DEL SUR		WARA WARA	
		Tuesday and Friday		Sunday and Wednesday	
From	To	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
Oruro	Uyuni	15:30	22:20	19:00	02:20+1

Day 14: Salar de Uyuni. Today we visit the "Salar de Uyuni" where we spend most of the day. The Salar de Uyuni is the largest salt lake in the world, almost 160 kilometers long and 135 kilometers wide, with a salt crust between two and seven meters thick. At Colchani, on the northern edge of the lake, we can see where the salt is extracted and have a chance to purchase souvenirs. On the lake itself we visit a hotel that has been constructed completely out of salt and Inkahuasi (or Fish Island), a cactus-covered island in the middle of the brilliant white salt. We have a picnic lunch on the salt flat and head off to our lodge at Chuivica, which is on the other side of the lake.

Day 15: Laguna Colorada. Our journey continues across the awe-inspiring landscape of the high plateau, past the strange eroded forms of the Stone Forest, the active Ollagüe volcano, and a variety of mountain lagoons where you can see flamingos and other wildlife. We spend the night near the "Coloured Lagoon", at 4,300 meters in a basic accommodation.

Day 16: San Pedro de Atacama. Today we start our journey to San Pedro de Atacama in Chile. We visit the geyser "Sol de la Mañana" at 5000 meters; hot springs and more lagoons before we cross the border to Chile. Around 1 o'clock we will arrive at San Pedro de Atacama where we can relax. It is an oasis in the middle of one of the driest deserts the world. Our accommodation is basic but with a private bathroom.

Day 17: San Pedro de Atacama excursion to Valle De La Luna. In the morning you can relax and in the afternoon we will visit the "valle de la luna" with its stunning stone and sand formations and impressive colours. We spend the night in San Pedro.

Day 18: San Pedro de Atacama paso jama ruta 52 Salta. We take a modern international bus to San Pedro Salta. The journey takes about 10 hours and we will do a little city tour through Salta afterwards.

Day 19: Today we visit the City of Salta la Linda. Today we visit the most important points of interest of Salta la Linda. The historic centre, Plaza 9 de July, Cathedral Basílica y Cabildo, church San Francisco and the monastery San Bernardo, the hill San Bernardo, monumento a Guemes, the old market of Artesanel, river Baqueros, Lesser, canyon of Catellanos and Villa de San Lorenzo.

Day 20: Salta Purmamarca. Today we continue our journey and leave Salta to travel to the city of San Salvador de Jujuy to relax there at the canyon. Our first stop is in the village of Purmamarca with its amazing "Hill of seven colours" afterwards we visit Maimará with the famous hill and its spectacular colours and "Tilcara" where we can find the "Pucará", a fort used by the native people of this area. We continue our trip and visit the interesting church Uqui. Afterwards we visit the beautiful city Humahuaca with little alleys and we learn everything about the culture of the village of coya. This city was declared as UNESCO in 2003 because of its historical and cultural sights. We return to San Salvador de Jujuy. We will have a little walk at the Main Plaza. You can go shopping and you enjoy your last evening in South America.

Day 21: Salta. flights international.

Included in the tour price

- Flight Cuzco - Lima.
- All land transport between destinations and hotel transfers.
- All tour programmes named in the itinerary.
- Local guides in each location.
- An experienced, English-speaking tour guide who will accompany the group
- All entrance fees to national parks, museums, and the Machu Picchu sanctuary.
- Box lunch during expeditions (2-day Inca Trail and Salar de Uyuni)
- 3-star hotels with breakfast (except on Salar de Uyuni expedition where accommodation is basic)

Not included in the tour price

- International flights.
- Food and drink for lunch and dinner in the cities and towns
- Snacks, mineral water, alcoholic drinks, entry to discotheques.

Information on food and drink

In the major cities there is a wide range of Peruvian and international cuisine available. A meal with something to drink costs between \$2-7 USD. Mineral water or soda costs 0.30-0.50 USD for a half-liter bottle. A large bottle of beer costs \$1-2 USD.

What to bring

Walking shoes with a strong sole (eg Vibram), flashlight or head lamp, hat or cap, plenty of sun cream, layers of light and warm clothing for a range of climatic conditions including a wind and water resistant jacket, camera with lithium batteries, ear plugs (optional), sleeping bag (optional).

For more information, see [Frequently Asked Questions](#).