

Peru - Nazca Extension

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Introduction

Discover the mystery that lies hidden within Peru's desert and southern coastline with this Chimu Adventures tour to Nazca and Paracas. Departing from Lima, Peru's capital, you will travel to Nazca where you will take an archaeological tour to unearth the many secrets of this region. Visit the Aqueducts of Cantalloc and the Paredones Ruins before enjoying a bird's eye view of the Nazca lines with a flight over the UNESCO World Heritage listed site. You will then travel to Paracas to cruise to the Ballestas Islands and see the Candelabra of the Andes before exploring the unusual desert coastline of the Paracas National Reserve.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Itinerary

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Day 1: Arrive in Lima

Duration

6 Days
Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru. The city has not always held this title, taking the name from Cusco in 1535 during the Spanish Conquest. Francisco Pizarro and his conquistadors sought a new location closer to the coast and originally named their capital the City of Kings, or Ciudad de los Reyes. However, this title didn't stick and instead the city name resembles what the Inca's originally called the area, 'Limaq'. Spend your day exploring Lima's various sites such as Museo Larco (which houses a collection of pre-Columbian art), the Larcomar Shopping Centre (where there are spectacular clifftop views of the Pacific Ocean), Huaccu Pucllana (a massive adobe and clay pyramid built between 200 and 700 AD) and Lima's Plaza de Armas (where you can see the Government palace, the Archbishop's Palace of Lima, the Municipal Palace, the Palace of the Union and the Cathedral Basilica of Lima).



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Day 2: Lima to Nazca & Archeological Tour

Duration

6 Days You will depart Lima's sprawling metropolis

and travel by luxury coach to Nazca.

Located in the desert off the southern

coastline of Peru, Nazca is famous for being

home to the Nazca Lines, a series of

geoglyphs and lines etched into the desert

floor. During your stay you will uncover the

great mysteries behind the Nazca lines and

learn about the culture of the Nazca people,

who thrived in this area between 100 and

800AD. Today you will tour two of Nazca's

key archaeological sites and a museum.

Your first stop is the Aqueducts of

Cantalloc, an underground irrigation system

built by the Nazca's using river stones

called 'Laja' that dates back to around

300AD. There are 46 aqueducts in total, 32

of which are functioning and still used by

farmers today. You will then head to the

Paredones Ruins, a small administrative

centre built by the Inca's in the 1400's that

provided a link between the coast and the

highlands. Finally, we'll visit the Antonini

Museum, which houses and conserves a

collection of ceramics, mummies, trophy

heads, textiles and other items from the

Nazca culture.



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~~Days~~ 3: Nazca Lines & Paracas

Duration

~~6 Days~~ This morning take a flight over the UNESCO

~~World Heritage~~ listed Nazca Lines. These

~~Peru~~ famous lines and geoglyphs are spread over

~~an~~ an area of 50km², with individual image

designs measuring between 400 and

1,100m. Therefore, the best way to see

them is from the air. The majority of the

lines are believed to have been created by

the Nazca people between 200BC and

500AD. However, recent discoveries using

drone technology have brought new

evidence suggesting some geoglyphs might

have been created even earlier by the

Paracas and Topara people. Theories for the

reasons why the lines were created vary,

with some believing they were symbols the

Nazca used to help guide them with

agricultural crop cultivation and others

consider them to be a giant astrological

calendar of the stars. During your flight you

will travel over the better known geometric

shapes and designs such as the monkey, the

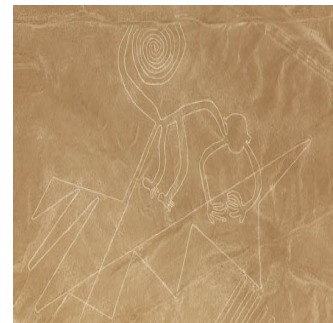
spider, the condor, the hummingbird and a

tree. Afterwards we will depart Nazca to

head toward the coastal port town of

Paracas. *Weight restrictions may apply for

the flight.



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Day 4: Paracas National Reserve

Duration

6 Days

The town of Paracas, which means 'sand

Location

Peru's tour of the Paracas National

Reserve. In the morning you will board a

small speed boat at the port and cruise to

the Ballestas Islands. While these islands

are not part of the Paracas National

Reserve, they are rich with bird and sea life.

In the air you'll spot cormorant, Peruvian

booby, pelican and possibly Inca terns while

in the sea you'll see sea lions and sometimes

Humboldt penguins and dolphins. The

cruise will pass the Candelabra of the

Andes, a famous three pronged geoglyph

carved into the hillside of the mainland at

Paracas Bay. Standing more than 150m high

and 50m wide, this geoglyph dates back to

approximately 200BC. In the afternoon we

will tour the Paracas National Reserve.

Spanning 335,000 hectares the reserve

encapsulates the Paracas peninsula, the

Independencia Islands and the San Gallan

Islands. You will visit Playa Roja, Yumaque

and La Aguada beaches, taking the chance

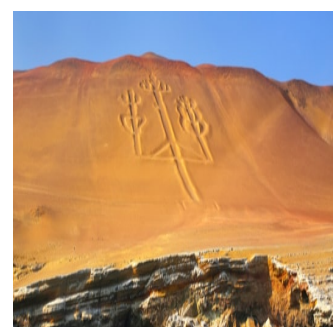
to see flamingos at the latter. We will also

take you to the Interpretation Centre of the

Paracas National Reserve. There, you will

be captivated by photos of the region's flora

and fauna.



DAY 5: Paracas to Lima

You will return to Lima from Paracas by

luxury bus. In the evening why not head to

one of Lima's many restaurants and try

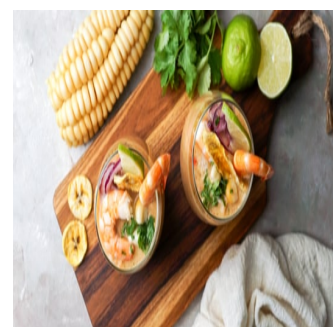
ceviche. Lima is considered the

gastronomical capital of the Americas and

ceviche is the country's national dish. Be

sure to also order a Pisco Sour, Peru's

national cocktail, to wash it down.



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Daily: Depart Lima

Duration

6 Days
You will return to the airport for your

onward flight.

Peru



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel

Inclusions

Private airport transfers

Bus transfers between listed destinations and pick up/drop off from hotels

Accommodation with breakfast daily

Other meals where stated

Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary

Exclusions

Inclusions

International and internal flights not indicated

Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)

Travel Insurance

Beverages

Personal expenses

Gratuities for tour guides/drivers

Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

1 (Easy Adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Notes

Sightseeing Flight - Passengers over 90 kg (198 lbs) must purchase an extra seat to comply with safety regulations.

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability