



**BALLESTAS  
ISLANDS TOURS S.R.L.**

Agencia de Viajes - Tour Operador



## **SUR ESPECTACULAR**

**PARACAS + NASCA + AREQUIPA + COLCA + CUSCO + PUNO**

**11 Days / 10 Nights**

**BIT-156/21**

### **DAY 01 : LIMA / PARACAS**

06:15 Transfer hotel/bus station.

07:00 Departure by bus to PARACAS. Reception and transfer to the selected hotel.

Pm. Tour to The Paracas National Reserve. Return at Hotel. Accommodations.

### **DAY 02 : PARACAS/NAZCA**

Breakfast.

07:45 Transfer hotel/pier

08:00 Tour to Ballestas Islands in motor boat to observe Sea lions, Pelicans, Penguins and other Marine birds. On the boat trip over to the Islands, the famous "Candelabro" can be seen, an enigmatic drawing on a sand hill, that many people believe is related to the Nazca lines.

10:30 Departure by bus to Nazca.

14:30 Reception in Nasca and Transfer to the aerodrome of Nasca to take overflight to Nasca Lines.

22:00 Departure by bus to Arequipa. (night on board)

### **DAY 03 : AREQUIPA.**

07:00 aprox. Upon arrival to Arequipa, reception and transfer to the selected hotel.

14:00 City Tour Arequipa, visit the "White City" including the Santa Catalina Convent, beautiful citadel from the 16th century, in the style of Spanish cities of that time. The Main Square, with its three portals, the "Iglesia de La Compañía" de Jesus (Church of the Company of Jesus) which is a beautiful sample of the Peruvian and Spanish baroque art from the 17th century, along with the multi colorful paintings of the San Ignacio's Dome, known as the Sistine Chapel of America.

Continuing with the trip, we will see the typical districts of Cayma and Yanahuara, a nice overlook, and its church, visit too the countryside of Arequipa. Overnight in Arequipa.

### **DAY 04 : AREQUIPA / COLCA CANYON**

Breakfast. You will be picked up from your hotel to start the trip through the town of Yura and the National Reserve of Salinas/Aguada Blanca and Pampa Cañahuas, where you can see many species of birds in their natural habitats, and also South American camels, such as vicuñas and llamas. We will make a stop in Patahuasi to freshen up and enjoy a coca infusion, and later keep going to the town of Chivay. In the afternoon, we highly recommend you to visit La Calera and enjoy an invigorating bath in the hot spring waters or just to spend a delightful afternoon in the hotel.

Overnight in Chivay.

### **DAY 05: COLCA/AREQUIPA**

Breakfast. Very early, we will start the trip to Cruz del Condor (Condor Cross), which will allow us to enjoy a spectacular view of one of the deepest canyons in the world, and with luck, have a chance to take pictures of the biggest and most impressive flying bird in the Andes, the majestic Condor.

Depending on the schedule, we could make a stop in the town of Pinchollo, the only pre-Inca town still inhabited, and the Maca town, with its beautiful craft market and colonial church. In the afternoon we will continue with the return to Arequipa.

Transfer to the bus station to take the bus Arequipa/Cusco (20:00). (Night on board).



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### DAY 06: CUSCO – CITY TOUR + NEARBY RUINS

06:00 aprox. arrival to Cusco meeting assistance and transfer to the hotel. We recommend you to rest to get accustomed to the altitude.

P.m. City tour visiting: the Main Square, the Cathedral, its extremely sober renaissance facade contrast with the baroque and plateresque style of its interior, and Koricancha, a famous temple dedicated to the sun. Then, visit to the nearby ruins: Kenko, ancient ceremonial centre dedicated to the earth; Puca Pucara, administrative and military center; Tambomachay, important place of worship dedicated to water and the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, cyclopean fortress built for the defence of Cusco. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 07: CUSCO – FULL DAY MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Cuzco train station, depart from Cuzco To Machu Picchu Pueblo in Train.

Am. Arrival, and transfer by minibus to "The Lost City of the Incas", it lies within the spectacular framework provided by the exuberant vegetation of the nearby jungle and the rugged landscape.

The ruins are on the eastern slope of Machu Picchu in two separate areas: the agricultural and the urban. Sightseeing through the archaeological site with a professional guide.

Pm. Transfer to the "Aguas Calientes" train station, to take the train or return. Arrival at Cusco and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 08: FULL DAY SACRED VALLEY

Breakfast in the hotel.

A.m. Full day excursion to the Urubamba Valley visiting the village of Pisac, a picturesque town of Creole and colonial aspect and its Indian market and craft fair.

P.M. Visit to the fortress of Ollantaytambo, an architectural group that in the days of the Tahuantinsuyo empire was a gigantic agricultural, administrative, social, religious and military complex. Return to Cuzco. Accommodation.

### DIA 09: CUSCO/PUNO

Breakfast. 07:00 Transfer to the bus station to take your bus to Puno, During the trip, we will know to the beautiful town : **Andahuaylillas**: It is named the "Sixtine Chapel of America" and in some sense the comparison examples of the Andean popular religious art. The church of Andahuaylillas is a jewel of the mestizo baroque architecture that developed in Cusco. Its nave presents profuse decoration, especially in the ceiling decorated with carved panels which is a recover with pan de oro (type of gold decoration). On the way, we stop in **Raqchi: (Temple of Wiracocha God)**: To 121 Km of Cusco, it was an Inca church of monumental dimensions: 100 meters of length by 26 meters of wide and 14 meters of height; the temple is divided in two naves and each nave shows basics of 11 giant columns. The bases of the church are built perfectly carving stones continued with adobe. It is appreciated besides qolqas or granary places of military order, religious, Inka between others. About 70 Km further on, we pass through **La Raya**: Media point in the route of Cusco - Puno. It is the highest part, it has 4335 meters above sea level, we can appreciate beautiful landscapes, llamas and vicuñas, geographic union between two cultures quechua and aymara, we can see the Altiplano arid and dry union with the quechua zone with rivers and valleys. **Pukara**: It is the most important and oldest ceremonial center of the Altiplano, preceding to Tiahuanaco, characterized by a series of echelon platforms ceremonial center. It's also possible to appreciate interesting litosculptures, trails or tomb stone of intriguing personage that seems to show evidence of a brave civilization. here is



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where it was discovered the origins of the Andean culture in the Altiplano. Lunch in a countryside restaurant, where we can enjoy the delightful culinary art of the region. 17:00 aprox. arrival to Puno and transfer to your selected hotel. Accommodations.

### DAY 10 : LOS UROS + TAQUILE

Breakfast. Excursion to the Lake Titicaca and as a first starting point, visit the floating islands of the Uros, also called Lake Town. These islands are built using totora reed and are used as home and trade centers for the natives, who use hand-made boats of the same material as their means of transportation. We will go on to Taquile Island, where the community kindly welcomes tourists, keeping their traditions alive, as well as their costumes and colorful typical dresses; these people are very skilled artisans and they show in every piece of work all the techniques developed for centuries. Lunch included. Overnight in Puno.

### DAY 11: PUNO/ ...

Breakfast. At the scheduled time, transfer to the airport to take your flight to Lima.

**END OF OUR SERVICES**

#### OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- TKTS BUS "CRUZERO" F2 LIMA/PARACAS/NASCA/AREQUIPA/CUSCO
- TKTS BUS TURÍSTICO CUSCO/PUNO
- 01 NIGHT OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST - PARACAS
- 02 NIGHTS OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST - AREQUIPA
- 01 NIGHT OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST - COLCA
- 03 NIGHTS OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST - CUSCO
- 02 NIGHTS OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST - PUNO/JULIACA
- TRAIN TICKETS MACHUPPICHU (Expedition or similar)
- LUNCHES INDICATED IN THE ITINERARY.
- TOURS INDICATED IN THE ITINERARY.
- AIR TICKET OVERFLIGHT TO NASCA LINES. (Does Not Include airport taxes in Nazca)
- TRANSFERS, ENTRANCES AND TOURS GUIDED.

AIR TICKETS (JUL/LIM) NOT INCLUDED

