



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

Agencia de Viajes - Tour Operador



## **SUR ESPECTACULAR II**

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

**11 Days / 10 Nights**

**BIT-256/21**

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

06:15 Pick you up from your hotel to the 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.

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.

10:40 Departure by bus to Nazca.

14:00 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/PUNO**

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.

13:15 Departure by bus to Puno. Stop in Patapampa: for seeing volcanoes (4950 MASL), Passing by close to the Chucura Volcano crater, Stop in Lagunillas, for bird-watching and seeing little lakes.

Approximately 19:30 arrival to Puno, transfer to selected hotel. Overnight.

### **DAY 06 : 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 07: PUNO/CUSCO**

Breakfast. Transfer to the bus station to take the bus to Cusco (06:40). During the trip, we will know to the beautiful towns and landscapes: Pucará Museum, Pucará was the first regional population nucleus in the Titicaca basin north of the lake during the Late Formative Period (500 BC-200 AD), which provides valuable information about the origins of the Andean civilization in the highlands. During its heyday, it covered more than a square kilometer and housed thousands of bureaucrats, priests, artisans, farmers, shepherds, and possibly warriors.

The Pucará style is identified by impressive monolithic sculptures with a variety of geometric, zoomorphic, and more intricate anthropomorphic images, multi-colored ceramics in a variety of ritual and domestic forms.

La Raya (La Raya) is the watershed between the valley that flows into Lake Titicaca and the valley that leads to Cusco and the Sacred Valley. The altitude is 4,338 meters (14,232 feet).



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Raqchi “Temple of Wiracocha” — 3225 meters of altitude.

The most important building within the complex is the “Wiracocha temple” that according to the ancient chroniclers was built by the Inca Wiracocha in honor of the invisible Superior God of the Andean people: “Apu Kon Titi Wiracocha”. The “Wiracocha Temple” is a great construction for that age. Architecturally it is classified as “Kallanka”, that is, a tall building completely covered with straw (wood and “ichu”). Externally it is 92 meters long (302 feet) and 25.25 meters wide (83 feet).

Andahuayllillas: It is named the "Sixtine Chapel of America" and in some sense the comparison examples of the Andean popular religious art. The church of Andahuayllillas 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).

17:00 hrs. Arrival to Cusco, transfer to selected hotel. Accommodation.

### DAY 08: CUSCO – CITY TOUR + NEARBY RUINS

Breakfast.

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 09: CUSCO – FULL DAY MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the 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 10: 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.

### DAY 11: CUSCO/LIMA

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” LIMA/PARACAS/NASCA/AREQUIPA
- TKTS BUS TURÍSTICO CHIVAY/PUNO/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
- 04 NIGHTS OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST – CUSCO
- 02 NIGHTS OF LODGING IN THE SELECTED HOTEL + BREAKFAST – PUNO
- 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 (CUZ/LIM) NOT INCLUDED