



## Luxurious Peru Adventure for Active Travelers – 14 Days

### Description























Active types will love this luxury tour across Peru's highlights, from its Spanish-colonial cities to its Inca monuments and citadels. Arrive in Lima, where you'll dine on Peruvian cuisine amid views of pre-Hispanic pyramids before trading city life for sandboarding on the otherworldly desert oasis at Ica. From there, you're off to Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire, and the nearby Machu Picchu, followed by a hike to one of Peru's famous rainbow mountains and time on the mystical waters of Lake Titicaca.

### Highlights

- Explore the ancient pyramids and colonial landmarks around Lima
- Ride buggies over the golden dunes at the desert oasis of Ica

- Climb along a via ferrata and stay overnight at a cliffside hotel
- Take two luxury Belmond trains to Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca

#### Difficulty



#### Condition



## Travel Program

### Day 1: Arrive in Lima, Dinner at Huaca Pucllana

Welcome to Peru! This country is filled with wonders, both human-made and natural, from ancient Inca ruins and pre-Hispanic pyramids to green valleys and soaring Andes peaks. That's to say nothing of its colorful villages and sprawling cities abounding with well-preserved colonial architecture. You'll arrive in one such metropolis, **Lima**, which, besides its rich history, occupies an attractive location on the coast overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

At the airport, a driver will pick you up for the 1.5-hour ride into the city and **Miraflores**. This upscale coastal suburb features some of the best dining and shopping in the city, as well as the **JW Marriott**, your hotel. Located mere steps from the beach, this 5-star high-rise hotel offers elegant, spacious rooms with plush beds and crisp linens—all with ocean or city skyline views. You can also enjoy views of the Pacific while dining at **La Vista**, the hotel's gourmet Asian/Peruvian fusion restaurant. Take an evening cocktail at the **Club Lounge**, or relax in a lounge by the hotel pool, which also offers sea views.

After setting in, you'll get a taste of Peru's famous pre-Hispanic culture (both literally and figuratively) when you visit nearby **Huaca Pucllana**. This adobe pyramid was a vital ceremonial center in the Peruvian Central Coast between 200 CE and 700 CE. Adjacent to the site is a restaurant where you'll enjoy your maiden dinner in Peru. The diverse menu showcases the country's rich culinary heritage, with classic dishes, like ceviche, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Enjoy your meal amid epic views of the illuminated ruins, creating a timeless ambience that combines history and gastronomy.

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## Hiking/Tour

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Day 2: Lima City Tour, Lunch at Cala Restaurant

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Then, head north to **Museo Larco**, a privately owned museum with a fine collection of pre-Hispanic art. Located inside a mansion built on a pre-Columbian pyramid, it's the best place in the city to view ancient gold and silver artifacts. From there, it's a short walk to Lima's historic center (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and **Plaza de Armas** (main square). Here, you'll visit impressive colonial landmarks, including **Casa Aliaga**, a colonial mansion gifted by conquistador Francisco Pizarro to one of his captains in 1535.

Afterward, visit the **Gran Hotel Bolívar**. Built in 1924, this Art Deco wonder has a swank bar where you'll sip the famous pisco sour, which is made with grape brandy. Later, head south to the bohemian **Barranco** neighborhood, just south of Miraflores, which has been home to some of Lima's most renowned artists and writers. There will be a break for lunch at the oceanfront **Cala Restaurant**, where you can try famous dishes like ceviche and potato causa with lobster. After that, your guide will take you around to some fine galleries showcasing local talent. At the end of the day, you'll return to your hotel.

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Day 4: Fly to Ica, Pisco Tasting & Dune Buggies

It's an early start, as you'll leave the hotel around 6 am for the transfer to the bus terminal. There, you'll board a coach for the 4.5-hour scenic ride south to **Ica**. The reason you won't be flying is because your ultimate destination is quite literally a desert oasis.

You'll arrive in the late morning, and a local guide will be waiting to whisk you over to a historic hacienda that has been producing Peru's famous pisco grape brandy for hundreds of years. You'll tour the hacienda grounds and vineyards, followed by a tasting of various piscos and delicious cocktails, like the tantalizingly sweet *chilcano de pisco*. The experience concludes with a three-course lunch followed by more Paso horse exhibitions.

Afterward, transfer to your accommodation in Ica, **Las Dunas**. Featuring a spa, tennis court, and three swimming pools (with waterslides), this 4-star resort features spacious rooms with all creature comforts, including WiFi and smart TVs. After checking in, you'll transfer just outside Ica to the famous **Laguna de la Huacachina**. This storybook locale is recognized for being the only natural oasis in South America. After some time to explore on your own and snap photos, you'll cap the day with a thrilling ride across the dunes in a buggy, plus do some sandboarding.

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### Day 5: Day Trip to the Ballestas Islands, Transfer to Lima

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### Day 6: Fly to Cusco, Optional Activities

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A driver will pick you up at the airport for the ride to **El Convento**, another spectacular addition to the Marriott suite of hotels. As the name suggests, this 5-star hotel in Cusco's historic center occupies the former convent of **San Agustín**, which dates to the 16th century. The building retains its colonial charm while offering elegantly appointed guest rooms with views overlooking Cusco's **Plaza de Armas** (main square) and 17th-century **Cathedral**. Also on site is a Peruvian fusion restaurant and a spa/wellness center offering treatments inspired by ancient Andean healing traditions.

After settling in, feel free to hit Cusco's famous cobbled streets on a self-guided tour. Besides the highlights in and around the Plaza de Armas, you can visit **San Pedro**, the city's most famous municipal market, to browse fresh produce, handmade garments, and artistic crafts. Just try not to overdo it: Cusco sits at 11,152 feet (3,339 m) above sea level, so give your body time to acclimate.

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## Day 7: Cusco City Tour & Inca Ruins

Today, you get to explore Cusco! Meet your guide early and set off on foot to visit some of the most fascinating sites in the historic center. Stroll down cobbled streets to iconic landmarks like the Plaza de Armas and **Qoricancha** (Temple of the Sun). During the Inca reign in the 15th century, this was Cusco's religious and political center. From here, walk down **Hatunrumiyoc Street** and admire the ancient Inca walls, particularly the **12-Angle Stone**, so named because its dozen angles fit perfectly in the surrounding stones. It's a shining example of the ancient Incas' stonemasonry prowess.

Then transfer 2.5 miles (4 km) outside the city to **Sacsayhuamán**. This former Inca religious center and military complex is a monolithic fortress built from giant limestone blocks. After exploring Sacsayhuamán's vast terraces and high walls, you'll hike down an ancient Inca road back to Cusco, passing through small villages with excellent countryside views. Just outside the city, you'll stop at **Q'enco**, an archaeological complex of impressive rock formations that once served as a ceremonial center dedicated to religious rituals and astronomical observations.

From there, continue to **Puca Pucara**. Translating to "Red Fortress" in Quechua, this ancient military complex served as a defensive outpost and/or administrative site for the Inca Empire. The tour culminates with a stop at **Tambomachay**, an ancient complex shrouded in mystery, comprised of aqueducts, canals, and waterfalls believed to have been a ceremonial site dedicated to water worship and purification rituals. Later, you'll return to your hotel.

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## Day 8: Transfer to Pachar, Zipline & Overnight at Skylodge

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Enjoy a relaxed morning at your hotel and take advantage of the extensive breakfast spread at the Marriott buffet. Around midday, a driver will pick you up for the 1.5-hour ride north out of Cusco and into the **Sacred Valley of the Incas**. Extending along the Urubamba River, the valley encompasses picturesque villages, archaeological sites, and gorgeous highland scenery. Your destination is the village of **Pachar**, a convenient base for excursions in the region—which is exactly what you're here for.

Transfer to a rocky hillside near the village, where you'll meet your guide for the day and strap into your safety equipment. Then, you'll climb 1,312 feet (400 m) up the side of the cliff on a via ferrata, a series of metal steps built into the wall. It's easier than rock climbing but still a fun challenge. From the top, descend into the valley on a series of exhilarating ziplines as you glide across the landscapes.

Afterward, you'll transfer to your accommodation for the night. **Skylodge** is a unique concept in the world of hospitality—one ideally suited for adventurers and rock climbers. Suspended on a cliffside overlooking the Sacred Valley, Skylodge consists of transparent capsules offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Arriving there requires a bit of mountaineering, as it's a quick ascent up a system of metal stairways to the reception desk. After check-in, you'll be led to your own private capsule. Then, feel free to relax in one of the lodge's hanging outdoor Jacuzzis.

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## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

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Day 9: ATV Ride to Moray & the Maras Salt Pans

You've seen the Sacred Valley from the tops of mountains, now it's time to zip across its landscapes on a thrilling ATV (quad bike) excursion. With the wind in your face and a pro guide leading the way, you'll hit the trail on an off-roading adventure to the archaeological site of Moray, passing golden wheat fields and snowcapped Andean peaks on the way.

Eventually, you'll arrive at **Moray**, an awe-inspiring complex of stone amphitheaters developed by the Inca. While the exact reason for the site's construction remains unknown, historians believe the Inca constructed it to experiment with crop production in different microclimates.

After hiking around Moray, you'll continue on the quad to the **Maras Salt Pans**, a photogenic patchwork of salt pans perched on a hillside. These saline pools are fed by natural springs at the top of the valley and have been used for salt production since Inca times. After hiking around the site and snapping a few pics, you'll ride back to the starting point and transfer back to the Skylodge.

## Overnight

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## Driving

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## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

Day 10: Luxury Train to Aguas Calientes, Visit Machu Picchu, Train to Cusco

All aboard the exclusive Hiram Bingham train to **Machu Picchu**! This luxury Belmond train departs from the Sacred Valley and features Art Deco cars decked out with gleaming wood-panel interiors and brass finishes, evoking the 1920s Orient Express. During the 3.5-hour relaxing ride, you'll enjoy first-class service as you marvel at views of the Urubamba River and Andes peaks through the windows. You can spend the journey in the train's observatory bar car, sipping a smart cocktail like a pisco sour before sitting to a gourmet three-course lunch.

Your destination is the town of **Aguas Calientes**. This is the main hub for excursions up the mountain to the UNESCO-listed Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Upon arrival, you'll board a bus for the 25-minute ride up the mountain to Machu Picchu at 7,970 feet (2,430 m), which dates to around 1450 CE.

During a tour led by an expert guide, you'll hike around the complex and visit its famous landmarks, including astronomical/ritual stone structures like the **Temple of the Sun** and the **Temple of the Moon**

. Many landmarks, like the **Sacred Plaza** and **Inca Bridge**, showcase the Incas' architectural prowess. The agricultural terraces are impressive, demonstrating the Incas' skill at cultivating crops on steep hillsides. After the tour, you'll return to the terminal and board a train for the four-hour ride back to Cusco, where you'll check back into El Convento.

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Day 11: Day Trip to Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain

You'll be treated to another of Peru's natural wonders this morning as you meet your driver for the two-hour ride south of Cusco to **Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain**. This active excursion involves an easy hike that begins with your arrival at the trailhead near the town of Palccoyo. From there, it's an hour's walk to the star of the show.

Once you've reached the end of the trail, you'll be wowed by this awesome spectacle of Mother Nature. Highlights of Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain include its striking geological formations, which display a dazzling array of colors ranging from red and pink to green and turquoise. The distinct patterns and hues are the result of mineral deposits and sedimentary layers exposed over millions of years.

This mini-hike is perfect for travelers who want to see the region's colorful mountains without the extra effort of a full-day high-altitude hike. Unlike the more famous **Vinicunca Rainbow Mountain**, Palccoyo is more accessible to a wider range of visitors. At the end of the excursion, you'll transfer back to your hotel in Cusco.

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Day 12: Andean Explorer Train to Puno

Say goodbye to Cusco! This morning, you'll return to the train station and hop aboard the **Andean Explorer**. This luxury rail line offers various routes around the Andes, including today's journey from Cusco to **Puno**. A large and colorful city in southeastern Peru, Puno sits on the shores of **Lake Titicaca**, the largest lake in South America by volume.

The ride to Puno takes around 10-12 hours, and during the trip, you'll enjoy onboard entertainment, live music, and gourmet dining. Throughout the journey, you'll be treated to views of the passing Andean landscapes, including snowcapped peaks, terraced hillsides, and picturesque villages.

For the rest of your time in Peru, you'll sleep on board the train in luxurious, well-appointed cabins. The Andean Explorer's sleeper cars feature single or double beds, private bathrooms, and all the amenities needed for a comfortable journey. Of course, each gourmet meal you take on the train will be prepared by onboard chefs using locally sourced ingredients.

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### Day 13: Day Trip to the Uros Floating Islands & Taquile Island

Welcome to Puno! You'll likely pull into the station in time to catch the sunrise over Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world at 12,507 feet (3,812 m). After breakfast on the train, meet your guide and transfer to the harbor, where you'll board a boat to the famous **Uros Islands**—human-made floating islets constructed out of the abundant reeds that grow around the lake.

The Uros were one of the first groups to populate this region thousands of years, even before the Incas. They'll welcome you to the island to learn about their culture and traditions. The residents are happy to share, as they supplement their hunting/fishing economy by offering tours and selling handicrafts.

After the floating islands, you'll continue by boat farther east to **Taquile Island**. This terra firma islet isn't only beautiful, but it's also renowned for its rich cultural heritage. The island is inhabited by the Taquileños, a Quechua-speaking community comprised of artisans who weave colorful textiles using traditional techniques passed down through generations. When you arrive, you'll sit down at a restaurant for a traditional lunch of local favorites, including quinoa soup and fresh-caught lake trout. At the end of the afternoon, you'll return to Puno and spend one more night on the train.

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Day 14: Fly to Lima, Depart

You've reached the end of the journey, for now. Enjoy one more leisurely breakfast in Puno, followed by a transfer to the airport, where you'll board a plane to Lima. You'll land in time to make your connecting flight home, thus concluding your grand Peruvian adventure. Until next time!

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## Meals

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Enjoy a relaxed morning at your hotel and take advantage of the extensive breakfast spread at the Marriott buffet. Around midday, a driver will pick you up for the 1.5-hour ride north out of Cusco and into the **Sacred Valley of the Incas**. Extending along the Urubamba River, the valley encompasses picturesque villages, archaeological sites, and gorgeous highland scenery. Your destination is the village of **Pachar**, a convenient base for excursions in the region—which is exactly what you're here for.

Transfer to a rocky hillside near the village, where you'll meet your guide for the day and strap into your safety equipment. Then, you'll climb 1,312 feet (400 m) up the side of the cliff on a via ferrata, a series of metal steps built into the wall. It's easier than rock climbing but still a fun challenge. From the top, descend into the valley on a series of exhilarating ziplines as you glide across the landscapes.

Afterward, you'll transfer to your accommodation for the night. **Skylodge** is a unique concept in the world of hospitality—one ideally suited for adventurers and rock climbers. Suspended on a cliffside overlooking the Sacred Valley, Skylodge consists of transparent capsules offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Arriving there requires a bit of mountaineering, as it's a quick ascent up a system of metal stairways to the reception desk. After check-in, you'll be led to your own private capsule. Then, feel free to relax in one of the lodge's hanging outdoor Jacuzzis.

## Overnight

Hotel

## Driving

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

You've seen the Sacred Valley from the tops of mountains, now it's time to zip across its landscapes on a thrilling ATV (quad bike) excursion. With the wind in your face and a pro guide leading the way, you'll hit the trail on an off-roading adventure to the archaeological site of Moray, passing golden wheat fields and snowcapped Andean peaks on the way.

Eventually, you'll arrive at **Moray**, an awe-inspiring complex of stone amphitheaters developed by the Inca. While the exact reason for the site's construction remains unknown, historians believe the Inca constructed it to experiment with crop production in different microclimates.

After hiking around Moray, you'll continue on the quad to the **Maras Salt Pans**, a photogenic patchwork of salt pans perched on a hillside. These saline pools are fed by natural springs at the top of the valley and have been used for salt production since Inca times. After hiking around the site and snapping a few pics, you'll ride back to the starting point and transfer back to the Skylodge.

## Overnight

Hotel

## Driving

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

All aboard the exclusive Hiram Bingham train to **Machu Picchu**! This luxury Belmond train departs from the Sacred Valley and features Art Deco cars decked out with gleaming wood-panel interiors and brass finishes, evoking the 1920s Orient Express. During the 3.5-hour relaxing ride, you'll enjoy first-class service as you marvel at views of the Urubamba River and Andes peaks through the windows. You can spend the journey in the train's observatory bar car, sipping a smart cocktail like a pisco sour before sitting to a gourmet three-course lunch.

Your destination is the town of **Aguas Calientes**. This is the main hub for excursions up the mountain to the UNESCO-listed Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Upon arrival, you'll board a bus for the 25-minute ride up the mountain to Machu Picchu at 7,970 feet (2,430 m), which dates to around 1450 CE.

During a tour led by an expert guide, you'll hike around the complex and visit its famous landmarks, including astronomical/ritual stone structures like the **Temple of the Sun** and the **Temple of the Moon**. Many landmarks, like the **Sacred Plaza** and **Inca Bridge**, showcase the Incas' architectural prowess. The agricultural terraces are impressive, demonstrating the Incas' skill at cultivating crops on steep hillsides. After the tour, you'll return to the terminal and board a train for the four-hour ride back to Cusco, where you'll check back into El Convento.

## Overnight

Hotel

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## Driving

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

You'll be treated to another of Peru's natural wonders this morning as you meet your driver for the two-hour ride south of Cusco to **Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain**. This active excursion involves an easy hike that begins with your arrival at the trailhead near the town of Palccoyo. From there, it's an hour's walk to the star of the show.

Once you've reached the end of the trail, you'll be wowed by this awesome spectacle of Mother Nature. Highlights of Palccoyo Rainbow Mountain include its striking geological formations, which display a dazzling array of colors ranging from red and pink to green and turquoise. The distinct patterns and hues are the result of mineral deposits and sedimentary layers exposed over millions of years.

This mini-hike is perfect for travelers who want to see the region's colorful mountains without the extra effort of a full-day high-altitude hike. Unlike the more famous **Vinicunca Rainbow Mountain**, Palccoyo is more accessible to a wider range of visitors. At the end of the excursion, you'll transfer back to your hotel in Cusco.

## Overnight

Hotel

## Driving

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

Say goodbye to Cusco! This morning, you'll return to the train station and hop aboard the **Andean Explorer**. This luxury rail line offers various routes around the Andes, including today's journey from Cusco to **Puno**. A large and colorful city in southeastern Peru, Puno sits on the shores of **Lake Titicaca**, the largest lake in South America by volume.

The ride to Puno takes around 10-12 hours, and during the trip, you'll enjoy onboard entertainment, live music, and gourmet dining. Throughout the journey, you'll be treated to views of the passing Andean landscapes, including snowcapped peaks, terraced hillsides, and picturesque villages.

For the rest of your time in Peru, you'll sleep on board the train in luxurious, well-appointed cabins. The Andean Explorer's sleeper cars feature single or double beds, private bathrooms, and all the amenities needed for a comfortable journey. Of course, each gourmet meal you take on the train will be prepared by onboard chefs using locally sourced ingredients.

## Overnight

Hotel

## Driving

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

Welcome to Puno! You'll likely pull into the station in time to catch the sunrise over Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world at 12,507 feet (3,812 m). After breakfast on the train, meet your guide and transfer to the harbor, where you'll board a boat to the famous **Uros Islands**—human-made floating islets constructed out of the abundant reeds that grow around the lake.

The Uros were one of the first groups to populate this region thousands of years, even before the

Incas. They'll welcome you to the island to learn about their culture and traditions. The residents are happy to share, as they supplement their hunting/fishing economy by offering tours and selling handicrafts.

After the floating islands, you'll continue by boat farther east to **Taquilie Island**. This terra firma islet isn't only beautiful, but it's also renowned for its rich cultural heritage. The island is inhabited by the Taquileños, a Quechua-speaking community comprised of artisans who weave colorful textiles using traditional techniques passed down through generations. When you arrive, you'll sit down at a restaurant for a traditional lunch of local favorites, including quinoa soup and fresh-caught lake trout. At the end of the afternoon, you'll return to Puno and spend one more night on the train.

### **Overnight**

Hotel

### **Driving**

4x4 Vehicle

### **Hiking/Tour**

Easy trek

### **Meals**

B/L/D

You've reached the end of the journey, for now. Enjoy one more leisurely breakfast in Puno, followed by a transfer to the airport, where you'll board a plane to Lima. You'll land in time to make your connecting flight home, thus concluding your grand Peruvian adventure. Until next time!

### **Overnight**

Hotel

### **Driving**

4x4 Vehicle

## Hiking/Tour

Easy trek

## Meals

B/L/D

Included meals: B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner

## What's Included

### Included

- English- and Spanish-speaking guide
- Entrance tickets as per itinerary
- Accommodation
- Trekking staff (if applicable)
- Camping equipment (if applicable)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation as per itinerary
- Airport transfers (if specified)

### Not included

- International or domestic flights
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours or additional entrance tickets
- Personal equipment

## What to Bring

What to Bring or take fo Day Hiking and Technical Equipment for Climbing Expedition

This equipment list is compiled to provide you with adequate help when choosing your equipment for a climb. Most items are required. Please consider each of them and make sure you understand the function and exclusive use for mountaineering, before substituting or removing items from this list. Please note that this list has been carefully annotated by the organizer. Remember that mountaineering, climbing or mountain expeditions tours is an extreme, risky sport, therefore everything

related to it is of great attention.

### Equipment Trekking

- ✓ Hiking backpack for hiking 50 to 60 liters
- ✓ Light gloves for hiking or (Optional Mittens waterproof)
- ✓ Medium weight socks
- ✓ Sleeping bag (-15° to 20°C)
- ✓ Small daypack for one day hiking 30 liters
- ✓ Weather-appropriate clothing (think moisture-wicking and layers)
- ✓ Hiking boots or shoes
- ✓ Medium weight parka with fiber fill or down
- ✓ Rain poncho (or rain gear)
- ✓ Long-sleeved shirts
- ✓ Fleece or Wool sweater and/or trousers
- ✓ Lightweight pants
- ✓ Cotton short-sleeved shirts or t-shirts
- ✓ Water bottle for hiking or trekking
- ✓ Strong waterproof duffel bag
- ✓ Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- ✓ Towel for personal hygiene each participant First-aid kit
- ✓ Regular and long underwear
- ✓ Knife or multi-tool
- ✓ Light cap and wool hat
- ✓ Sunglasses with UV certification, Sun block, lips

- ✓ The rest of the list Essentials as appropriate for your hike
- ✓ Grooming and personal hygiene kit
- ✓ One Hiking Buff per person

[See More](#)

### Equipment Mountain

- ✓ 3 Locking carabiners, we recommended per person
- ✓ We recommend 2 ice screws for each client
- ✓ 1 Daisy Chain (Life Line) per each person
- ✓ 2 Ice axes (per person) technical, we recommended GRIVEL company
- ✓ 1 ATC descender (Rappel), this is very necessary for technical mountains
- ✓ 2 Cords for prusik, very important (Size Cord 6 mm x 10 m. long)
- ✓ Gloves(Good gloves) for expeditions over 6000meters
- ✓ Harness for climbing
- ✓ Sleeping pad / Mattress, we recommend with air or inflatable mattress
- ✓ Crampons, we recommended GRIVEL company
- ✓ Walking sticks – Trekking Poles (optional), a pair per person, we recommended GRIVEL company
- ✓ Down Jacket for expedition
- ✓ Very important to have personal clothing such as pants and jacket with GOROTEX certification
- ✓ First aid kit, for high mountains, because we as guides cannot medicate clients
- ✓ Backpack Capacity 60 liters, it is better to have a bigger backpack to go comfortably to the high camps, because here you have to carry all your personal things
- ✓ Gaiters or Leggings, now modern boots already have built-in (Incorporated), but better to have an extra pair

[See More](#)

Dressing appropriately for the mountains can make the difference between a pleasant trip and a really uncomfortable one. Clothing must provide the right degree of temperature, perspiration and be well ventilated. Preferably cotton clothing should be avoided, as in humid conditions they absorb body heat.

In general, the weather conditions in in the Andes of South America can vary from day to day and even throughout the day. Therefore, clothing must be versatile.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding the necessary equipment.

**? If you need to rent mountain equipment click here:**

## Prices & Dates

**FROM/TO**

**PRICE (USD)**

**TRAVEL STATUS**

01 APR 2026 / 19 APR 2026

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- Single Supplement (I want my own room and tent) – \$000 on request.

**Please note:** Insurance for emergency evacuation is required for this trip. [Call for more details.](#)

- » Additional dates available upon request
- » Rates may vary from July 26th to 31th for the national holidays

**Prices (per person):**

<b>1 PAX</b>	<b>2 PAX</b>	<b>4 PAX</b>	<b>6 PAX</b>	<b>8 PAX</b>	<b>10 PAX</b>	<b>12 PAX</b>	<b>14 PAX</b>
— USD	— USD	— USD	— USD	— USD	— USD	— USD	— USD

### Deposit for reservations

— USD (– EUR) ? Full payment 40 days before. No refund if you cancel less than 30 days!

- \*Available

**Trip-code:** Number ?BOL-000

**Duration:** 1 day

**Participants:**

Minimal: 2 Maximal: 15

**Members:** We don't have an open group to join – We can open a new group – [Contact us!](#)

**Country / Location:** Bolivia

**Mountain Guide:** Eric Raul Albino Lliuya

**Other dates / additional info:** [Contact us!](#)

*3% early bird discount when booking 6 months prior to departure 2024*

**Legend Booking-information:**

**EZZ** Single room supplement

? On this trip, places are still available.

? On this trip, only a few places left.

? This trip is sold out / closed.



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## Accommodations

Scroll through our exclusive accommodations for this trip below. Although very unlikely, we will be able to make substitutions when necessary. The comfortable accommodations that guests stay in every night offer comfort, the level that these options are are 3 stars and some hostels in some towns of first class quality to make your stay very pleasant.

***\*These exact accommodations are not guaranteed. In some cases, alternative accommodation of similar quality and location can be used.***

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## **Parador Santa Maria La Real**

- [Sucre](#)

- [?????](#)

## Hotel Samary Pueblo

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## Hotel Santa Teresa

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## Hotel Luna Salada

- [Colchani](#)

- [???](#)

## Hotel Cristal Samaña

- [Colchani](#)



## Frequently Asked Questions

What our travelers or clients always ask questions before joining our trips, tours & expeditions, read all the information provided here.

### Suggested FAQs

#### [What experience and how fit do I need to be to climb this mountain? Is this program suitable for children or older people?](#)

**For our mountain climbing trips:** If they are easily accessible mountains: For easy-climb mountains, well, you don't need much experience, but if you already want to climb mountains above 6,000 meters and the conditions become more difficult, we recommend if you already want to go through mountains above 6,000 meters, have a basic or intermediate course for a good preparation. It is very important to be physically, technically and psychologically prepared.

**Regarding the preparation of children:** Everything will depend on which mountain you want to climb with your children, once you are clear on which of our tours or mountains you want to go with your children, we can give you some advice or see how to prepare them before going with them.

**Regarding older people:** It all depends on the condition of experience and how well the person is in health, on many occasions older people are the best to walk in the mountains because they have more experience, so it is always good to ask and find out about their experience of older participant. If you have any other questions, please contact us. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

#### [Will I need to bring any technical equipment of my own? Is it possible to rent equipment, and if so, what would be the approximate cost of that?](#)

In all our trekking or mountaineering trips we do not include personal equipment in our prices, so you have to have your own equipment: Personal equipment (such as boots, ice ax, crampons, harness, sleeping bag, mat, Goretex, etc. ) and also within each page of the trips that we sell is a small list so you can see it on our website.

Our company can also rent the materials that you would need for your trip, see the list here on our website: <https://peru-expeditions.org/equipment-rental/> . **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

#### [Are there any other special requirements such as permits/insurance/vaccines that I need to consider before the tour?](#)

**Safe and effective vaccines are available that provide strong protection against serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.** Billions of people have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is one of the most important things you can do to protect yourself against COVID-19, help end the pandemic and stop new variants emerging.

We also recommend having accident insurance, we always recommend. We are **Partners –Global Rescue**. If you have any other questions about the trip we can schedule a date for a calling via WhatsApp. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### **What experience do I need to have? How fit do I need to be? Is this program suitable for children or older people?**

To do long-distance hiking you need to at least train or do some tours such as visiting lagoons to get the experience and feel comfortable with what you do, it is always good before doing a long-distance hiking tour to test yourself so as not to be with the problems of altitude sickness during the trekking, and if you travel with children it is good to first train them before taking them, if they are accompanied by an adult of legal age, they must do a good acclimatization before going on the long-distance tour or with high altitude camps If you want to know or learn more advice, we can schedule a call via WhatsApp to clarify your doubts. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### **How far in advance should I start training and what kind of training do you suggest?**

The preparation is according to what type and what technical level you want to go and climb a trek or mountain, the preparation will always gain experience little by little.

For this type of demanding or technical climbing sports, it is recommended to do some summits above 5 thousand meters beforehand and have good knowledge of high mountain technical equipment such as the use of technical ice axes, ice screws, correct use of crampons, and of course all the technical material. For more information, we can schedule an appointment to be able to explain in more detail everything about the mountain equipment and the preparations prior to joining our outings. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### **What is the average distance and altitude gain that we will hike each day?**

Every day we have active walks around approximately 4, to 5 sometimes 6 hours of walking, everything is according to your pace and physical condition of each person, in each of our travel programs you will find more detailed information, and if If you need more information about each day of the travel program, we can schedule a call via WhatsApp to clarify your doubts or questions, for this please contact us. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### [Will there be porters to help to carry group and personal equipment?](#)

**In our trips, either hiking or mountaineering:** Depending on the type or destination of the trip that you are going to book, in some parts of the treks you go with mules or donkeys or sometimes with horses, and within the mountain trips, the approach camps are also They go with mules or donkeys, but there are some stretches where pack animals can no longer reach. In this part, our logistics is fully supported by the porters.

**Who are the porters?** They are people from the area who were born and live in the heights of the towns, they are very strong and are very acclimatized, the reason is that after the tourist season ends they dedicate themselves to agriculture and livestock for that reason they are people They are used to the altitude and have lived in nature all their lives and they are happy to be in the mountains together with our expeditions. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### [How will accommodation and meals be handled during the trek?](#)

**About accommodation or meals during the tour:** Well, depending on the type of tour, when the tour is a classic cultural tour or a city tour, we eat during the route in tourist restaurants and sleep in category hotels that the client has requested.

**If the tour is with camps and trekking:** During the activity, logistics we include the service of Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner with traditional and typical meals of the region where you are going to travel with us, during the night we stay in tents, and we have a special tent for the kitchen and another for the dining room.

**If the trip is at altitude or in the mountains:** We bring special high mountain food, It are quicker meals to cook and we provide complete logistics such as Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and we sleep in special 4-season high mountain tents, with the best tents. If you have any questions or concerns, we can schedule an appointment via Whatsapp to clarify all your doubts and give you better information so that your trip is an unforgettable tour.

### [What is the guide-to-client ratio to climb this mountain?](#)

**In mountains above 5000 meters:** A local guide takes a maximum of 3 clients = Ratio 3pax = 1 local guide

**In technical mountains:** In large-big mountains we manage the travel policy, a guide and a maximum of 2 clients = Ratio 3pax = 1 local guide. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### [What is the best time of the year to climb this mountain?](#)

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### [Do I have what it takes to succeed on this expedition?](#)

In the interest of the team's enjoyment and success, we work with every single guest to ensure they are properly prepared and ready for this expedition. We pride ourselves on vetting every member to make sure that the team can bond and succeed together. It really sucks to be grouped with members that are much faster, or much slower, than you are. No one wants to be the weakest link on a trip like this. By setting expectations and a solid training plan, we work to insure maximum cohesive success. Use this trip as an exercise motivator, and we will succeed together with style.

### [How can I get to the trailhead/meeting point?](#)

For the pick-ups of each trip, depending on the place or the trip that you are going to make with us, the meeting point is always at our office, in one of our trips we pick you up where you are staying or staying, or in some cases a representative of our company will pick you up and then ship you to your transport to continue with your destination of the tour or trip you have booked with us. If you wish to request more information, do not hesitate to contact us. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### [What is the best time of the year for this hike?](#)

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### [What happens in the event of bad weather?](#)

About the meteorological conditions of the climate, we try to organize the trips of each tour in the best season to have the best views and enjoy the selected trip but sometimes even in good season we can have bad weather, in this case on hiking or treks trips the complications are minimal, but when this

happens during high-altitude climbing expeditions, the complications can become very difficult, that is why the bosses or leaders of the local guides must always make the most correct decision for the safety of our passengers, so we always recommend listening to the best advice from the local guide assigned for each tour. If you have any other questions please contact us. **For calls or inquiries to this number: [+51 943 081 066](tel:+51943081066)**

### [Can I join a group?](#)

We as a local company and connoisseurs of tours have departures on different dates. The best thing to do is to join a travel group to take care of your budget, and of course you can join our groups, but on trips like mountaineering we recommend going in small groups. To join a group, ask us for the dates and we will send you the necessary information to be able to join any of our trips.

**Why go in a private trip:** For trips whether trekking or high mountains, going privately is the most recommended option, but the costs are more expensive. So, if one joins a group, the prices will be more reasonable. In the mountains, the only disadvantage is if you are in a wall with another partner and if one of the participants gets tired or gets sick. In this case, you have to abort or cancel the summit and return together. For more information, contact us. We can schedule a call via WhatsApp to clarify all your questions.

In a mountain, for example, if 3 people go and one of the participants falls ill on the route, for security reasons they have to cancel or abort the summit or return all together. The same in a technical mountain if the climbing partner gets sick they all have to return, for these reasons sometimes it is better to go private only because for a single person the costs are more expensive for the same reason that the trip would already be private .

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