Canyon Deep, Aymara High 17 days

Discover the treasures of Peru from the spectacular depths of Colca Canyon to the dizzying heights of Machu Picchu and the Incan citadel. Take in the floating islands of Lake Titicaca staying with the local Aymara people before delving into the exotic Amazon Rainforest for a jungle experience.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Lima / Ends in: Lima
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:16, Lunch: 9, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: Standard (Superior and Deluxe available upon request)
- Tour Guide: Yes (for locally included sights)

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

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Days 1 - 2: Lima

Day 1 marks the beginning of your incredible adventure through Peru. Arrival airport transfer is included and our representative will assist with hotel check in and spend time with you discussing your upcoming holiday. On day 2 discover why Lima has historically been such an important city with a sightseeing tour (shared basis) that covers Lima's most impressive colonial buildings as well as a number of fascinating museums. The afternoon is free for you to explore Lima further. Overnight - Lima

Day 3: Arequipa

Lima – Arequipa. After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to the attractive city of Arequipa. Later in the day tour Arequipa and marvel at the spectacular scenery. From the Carmen Alto lookout enjoy the views of the three volcanoes surrounding the city before heading to the countryside to visit Inca terraces, famous temples and colonial houses. The day concludes with a visit to the Santa Catalina Convent. Practically an entire city within Arequipa, the convent comprises numerous streets and plazas, as well as cloisters that have remained intact despite the passing of centuries. Overnight - Arequipa

Days 4 - 5: Colca Canyon

Arequipa – Colca. Today head towards the Colca Valley, passing a number of traditional towns, natural lagoons, volcanic peaks and a national reserve along the way. This is a great place to see many species of birds and South American camelids in their natural habitat. Stop for an invigorating coca tea at Patahuasy and ascend to a pass 4800m above sea level before reaching your final destination, the town of Chivay.

On day 5 visit the village of Yanque to enjoy the typical dances of the region before continuing towards Cruz del Condor. Here you can observe the majestic flight of the Condor – the largest bird in the world - as it soars over the Colca Canyon. To best admire the canyon you will make a number of stops at various lookout points. The Colca Canyon is one of the world's deepest and photo opportunities abound. Heading back to Chivay stop at the pre-Inca ruins of Uyo Uyo. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore Chivay's artisan shops and markets or for the more adventurous, head to Río Colca for white-water rafting. Overnight - Colca Canyon

Day 6:

Colca – Puno. Today board a public bus to Puno. Long distance buses in Peru are surprisingly comfortable with excellent onboard facilities including video entertainment, complimentary snacks and roomy seats. It's also an excellent opportunity to see how the locals travel in style. Lunch is taken in Lagunillas, home to a number of regional birds. On arrival in Puno you will be collected and transferred to your hotel. Overnight - Puno

Days 7 - 8:

Puno – Amantani – Puno. After breakfast board a yacht from Puno port for a shared cruise and tour around the floating islands of Uros. Inhabited by fishermen and hunters, these beautiful islands are made from totora reeds and were built in order to escape the imposition of invading cultures. Your cruise continues to the genuine island of Amantani, renowned for the fine crafts made by inhabitants. Enjoy lunch in the community before visiting the hilltop sanctuaries of Pachatata and Pachamama. You then settle in to your home stay, meeting the family who will be your host for the night and enjoying home-cooked meals. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn about these peoples' lifestyle and culture.

After breakfast the next morning bid fond farewell to your home stay family and continue to the neighbouring island of Taquile. The peasant community of this island has kept intact the customs and traditions of their ancestors and a visit here is like taking a step back in time. After lunch visit archaeological ruins and soak up the immensity of Lake Titicaca – the world's highest navigable lake – from the beautiful beaches that line Taquile's shore. Later return to Puno. Overnight - Amantani (1) Puno (1)

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Days 9 - 10: Cuzco

Puno – Cuzco. Today sample more of Peru's modes of transport with a spectacular 10 hour rail journey to historic Cuzco. Passing the gentle, rolling Andean Plains where vicuña and alpacas roam freely, the train climbs to 4335m above sea level at La Raya, offering incredible views of the towering, snow-capped Andean mountains. During the journey you will be served a three course lunch in the dining car followed by coffee served in the observation-bar car. Arriving into Cuzco you will be transferred to your hotel.

On day 10 explore the 'navel of the world' and discover why it's considered the archaeological capital of South America. Your shared city tour takes in the Incan streets of Loreto and Ahuajpinta where you'll find the remains of impressive Incan palaces, as well as old colonial buildings such as the Catedral. Later in the day, head to the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman and the ruins of Kenko, Tambomachay and the Tambo de Puca Pukara. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight - Cuzco

Day 11: Sacred Valley

Cuzco – Sacred Valley – Cuzco. Known as the Sacred Valley, the area between Cuzco and Machu Picchu is littered with traditional Andean villages and fascinating Inca ruins. Today you explore the region starting with the textile centre of Awanacancha where the art of Incan textile is kept alive. Continue to the archaeological complex of Pisac, formed of a collection of remains of Incan dwellings, temples and terracing. Practise your bartering skills at the local market before stopping for lunch then continue to the impressive fortress and citadel of Ollantaytambo. Overnight - Cuzco

Day 12:

Cuzco – Machu Picchu – Cuzco. This morning a scenic train journey followed by a bus ride brings you to the legendary 'Lost City' of Machu Picchu. Set on a mountainous peak overlooking a deep canyon on the Urubamba River, the ancient Inca city is indeed one of South America's most impressive sights. Be amazed by the incredibly well-preserved plazas, towers and temples as you enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu. Lunch at a local hotel follows before returning to Cuzco by train Overnight - Cuzco

Days 13 - 15: Puerto Maldonado and the Amazon

Cuzco – Puerto Maldonado. Early this morning board a flight to the remote jungle settlement of Puerto Maldonado - the starting point for our journey into the Amazon Jungle. A boat ride along the Madre de Dios River brings you to your jungle lodge where you will spend the next three nights in a beautiful cabaña. A wide variety of excursions are on offer from guided walks through the jungle to twilight river cruises. Sail in small wooden canoes or test your vertigo on a canopy walkway. Over the next three days you will learn much about the Amazonian wildlife and its most colourful characters with excursions available to the Tambopata National Reserve, Gamitana Creek and the Inkaterra Ecological Reserve. As daylight wanes share your daily experience of life in the rainforest with your fellow guests with the captivating sounds of the jungle your soundtrack. Overnight - Amazon Jungle Lodge

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Day 16: Lima

Puerto Maldonado – Lima. Bidding farewell to the jungle head back to Puerto Maldonado by boat for your flight to Lima. If there is time be sure to visit the Inkaterra Butterfly House located close to the airport. Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, many of which can be seen at the Butterfly House. Upon arrival in Lima you will be transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is free. Perhaps head to the local markets for a spot of bargain hunting or mark your final night in Peru in style at one of Lima's trendy salsa clubs. Overnight - Lima

Day 17: Lima

Your amazing adventure concludes with hotel check out and a departure airport transfer for your onward journey.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Lima and the excellent Larco Herrera Museum
- Arequipa and the impressive Santa Catalina Convent
- Colca Canyon – the world's deepest canyon and home to soaring condors
- Lake Titicaca – the floating islands of Uros and a homestay on Amantani Island
- Andean Explorer train – travelling from Puno to Cuzco through spectacular Andean scenery
- Cuzco and the impressive Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Tambomachay and Puca Pucara
- The Sacred Valley – the Andean textile centre of Awanacancha, archaeological complex of Pisac and local market, and the fortress of Ollantaytambo
- Machu Picchu – touring of the legendary 'Lost City'
- Amazon Jungle – three nights in a jungle lodge with guided walks and river cruises available

What's Included

- 15 nights standard accommodation (superior and deluxe hotels available on request)
- 1 overnight homestay on Lake Titicaca
- 16 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 5 dinners
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 17
- Services of local English-speaking specialist guides
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary on a private basis unless otherwise stated
- Optional jungle activities available in your jungle lodge on a shared basis
- Shared public bus from Colca to Puno
- Andean Explorer train from Puno to Cusco
- Return train from Cusco to Machu Picchu
- All relevant transfers and transportation on a private basis unless otherwise stated
- Boat trip on Lake Titicaca

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Domestic flights – South American airpasses are available with LAN, TAM and other airline carriers when booked in conjunction with international flights, offering significant savings on domestic flights. Please ask a member of the team for more information.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $4,559

Prices shown are 'per person' based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults in twin/double occupancy. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen standard of accommodation, room availability, as well as time of travel - the beauty of private journeys is that they can depart on any day of the year, subject to seasonal variants. Reductions will apply if you are happy to replace private touring with shared touring for some of the destinations visited on your itinerary. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 or more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.