Chimu, Sican & Surf 14 days

Explore Peru's less-visited yet archaeologically-rich northern regions in this unique tour. From Lima and its surrounding treasures, head north to colonial Trujillo and the colossal Chan Chan ruins, continuing to Chiclayo and the magnificent Valley of the Pyramids.Finish with sun, sea and sand in the trendy beach resort of Mancora.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Lima / Ends in: Lima
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:13, Lunch: 4, Dinner: 0
- 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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Day 1: Lima

Bienviendos a Peru! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Lima. Discuss the details of your incredible holiday with our representative following hotel check in with the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight - Lima

Day 2: Lima

Declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its marvellously preserved architecture, Lima is a delight to explore and today visit the city's most impressive buildings. The Plaza Mayor is where you'll find the Government Palace and the daily changing of the guard whilst nearby, adorning the streets is the beautiful Catedral and various small palaces and colonial balconies. Roam the districts of San Isidro and Miraflores to see Lima's contemporary side before perusing the fascinating artefacts on display at the Larco Herrera Museum. The afternoon offers free time to explore the city further. Perhaps hunt for a bargain at the busy Polvos Azules Mercados or head to one of the pulsating salsa clubs for a night on the tiles. Overnight - Lima

Day 3: Pachacamac

Venture outside of the city confines today to visit the sacred Incan citadel of Pachacamac. Dominating a stretch of Peru's coastline, this colossal ancient site was once a significant centre of pilgrimage dating back to the 3rd century. People would journey far and wide to consult the revered oracle at Pachacamac and you will get the chance to explore the ruins of the Sun and Moon temples as well as the House of the Virgins of the Sun. Overnight - Lima

Day 4:

The exploration of Lima's surrounding archaeological wonders continues with a full day excursion to the ruins of Caral. Covering an area the size of four football pitches in the northern Supe Valley, this settlement is as old as the famed pyramids of Giza and the oldest city in the Americas. During your guided walking tour you will see the amphitheatre, the Greater Pyramid, the mysterious monolith and the temple of the Sacred Fire where the remains of bones were found. Overnight - Lima

Day 5: Trujillo

Lima – Trujillo. After breakfast depart Lima and board a flight to the oasis town of Trujillo. Later in the afternoon discover why the citizens of Trujillo are so proud of their history with a city tour. The well-preserved colonial mansions and pretty balconies lend the city character and a sense of timelessness whilst the Archaeology Museum displays the long process of development of Peru's northern coastline. Overnight - Trujillo

Day 6:

The little-visited northern reaches of Peru are home to unique cultural and archaeological treasures. Your full day excursion today begins with the Huaca del Sol - the largest adobe structure in the Americas, and its twin, the Huaca de la Luna comprised of 11 platforms. Next visit the Rainbow Temple that dates back to the beginning of the Chimu culture and features spacious patios adorned with beautiful reliefs. Stopping for lunch at the traditional fishing village of Huanchaco you'll see local fishermen in curiously shaped, single-man boats made of dried reeds. Later in the afternoon visit the ruined city of Chan Chan. Comprised of ten citadels and numerous internal structures, this massive complex has much to see and explore. Overnight - Trujillo

Day 7: Chiclayo

Trujillo – Chiclayo. This morning head further north along the coast to Chiclayo. Along the way stop at the El Brujo archaeological complex that features a 30m-high pyramid covered in relief figures and motif paintings of divine characters. In Chiclayo tour the city's main attractions, including the attractive Iglesia de Santa Veronica and grand colonial houses on the 'Muses Route'. You then visit the Modelo Market and the Witch Doctor's Market where elixirs, herbs and shamanic implements are all on sale. Overnight - Chiclayo

Day 8:

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Southwest of Chiclayo the Temple of Sipan has proved to be one of the richest tombs in the Americas. As the burial site of Mochica nobles and VIPs, the excavation of the tombs revealed a multitude of precious-metal grave objects, now housed in the Royal Tombs Museum alongside ceramics found in the valley. Your day tour continues with Túcume, an impressive collection of pyramids belonging to the Sican culture. Clustered around a hill, the 26 adobe pyramids are believed to have been the focus of annual pilgrimage. Overnight - Chiclayo

Day 9:

Wielding their power between 800 and 1100 AD, the Sican culture dominated Peru's northern regions and left behind a wealth of archaeological heritage. The Museo Nacional de Sican in Ferreñafe boasts an excellent collection of Sican treasures, including the famous ceremonial headdresses and masks. The museum also contains superb recreations of scenes from daily life during the Sican culture. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy at leisure in Chiclayo. Indulge in some excellent seafood or discover Chiclayo's nightlife and the rhythmic sounds of Criolla music. Overnight - Chiclayo

Days 10 - 13: Sun, Sea and Surf!

Chiclayo – Tumbes – Mancora. After breakfast you will be transferred to the bus station for your shared public bus to the northern city of Tumbes. On arrival you will be met and privately transferred to Mancora, Peru's most popular surfer hang out. With gorgeous beaches and a thriving nightlife, Mancora is the perfect place to unwind or party after a busy touring schedule. Over the next four days you are free to do as little or as much as you like. Lounge like a sun-lizard on the pristine sandy beaches or check out the water-based activities on offer, including kite-surfing and sea kayaking. Fill up on superb seafood caught straight from the sea or make your way to the local mud baths for a spot of indulgence. Overnight - Mancora

Day 14: Lima

Today marks the end of your unique Peruvian adventure. After breakfast and hotel check out we transfer you to the airport for your domestic flight back to Lima to connect with your onward international journey. Buen viaje!

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 – city touring of Plaza Mayor and the Larco Herrera
- Pachacamac – an important ancient ceremonial centre
- Caral – the oldest city in the Americas
- Trujillo – the 'city of eternal spring'
- Chan Chan – the huge complex and ancient capital of the Chimu Empire
- Chiclayo – the fascinating Witch Doctor's Market
- Tucume – the Valley of the Pyramids
- Sipan – elaborate tombs and precious grave objects
- Mancora – trendy surf hang out with superb beaches and nearby mud baths

What's Included

- 13 nights standard accommodation (superior and deluxe hotels available on request)
- 13 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 14
- 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
- Shared public bus from Chiclayo to Tumbes
- One way economy class flights Lima – Trujillo and Tumbes – Lima

- All relevant transfers and transportation on a private basis unless otherwise stated

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $4,429

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.