

# Northern Peru Discovery

14 days | Lima to Mancora



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.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Lima – take in the highlights of Peru's capital including Plaza Mayor and the Larco Herrera Museum
- Pachacamac – explore the sacred Incan citadel of Pachacamac, an important ancient ceremonial centre
- Caral – discover the ruins of Caral, the oldest city in the Americas
- Trujillo – visit the 'city of eternal spring' and take in the highlights on a city tour
- Chan Chan – roam around the ruined city of Chan Chan, the ancient capital of the Chimu Empire
- Chiclayo – browse the fascinating stalls at the Witch Doctor's Market and enjoy an excursion to the Pomac Forest and the Sican Museum

- Sipan & Tucume – visit the Temple of Sipan and the Valley of the Pyramids at Tucume
- Mancora – enjoy four days of R&R in Mancora, a trendy surf hang out with superb beaches and nearby mud baths

### What's Included

- 13 nights STANDARD accommodation. Upgrading to SUPERIOR or DELUXE accommodation options are also available upon request. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details
- 13 breakfasts and 3 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
- Half day Lima city tour, Trujillo, Pachacamac and Pomac Forest excursions. Full day Caral, Huacas Sol y Luna and Sipan excursions
- All relevant transfers and transportation on a private basis unless otherwise stated

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Domestic flights: Lima – Trujillo and Tumbes - Lima. Please ask a member of the team for more information.

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

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Lima

Bienvendos a Peru! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Lima. Discuss the details of your 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 take in the highlights of the capital on a private half day tour. 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 (B)**

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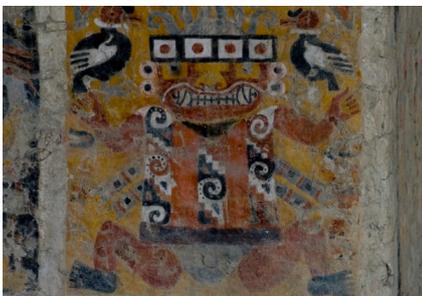
## Day 3 : Pachacamac

Venture outside of the city confines this morning for an excursion to 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. Returning to Lima, spend the afternoon at leisure. **Overnight - Lima (B)**

## Day 4 : Caral

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 (B, L)**

## 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 on 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 (B)**

## Day 6 : Chan Chan



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 (B, L)**

## 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 (B)**

## Day 8 : Sipan and Túcume



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 (B, L)**

## Day 9 : Pomac Forest & Sican Museum

This morning enjoy a half day tour of the Pomac Forest and the Sican Museum. 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 Pomac Forest is a refuge for carob trees and home to Sican archeological remains, while the museum boasts an excellent collection of Sican treasures. 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 (B)**

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## Days 10-13 : Sun, Sea and Surf!



Chiclayo – Mancora. Bidding farewell to Chiclayo and transfer 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 (B:4)**

## Day 14 : Mancora

Today marks the end of your unique Peruvian adventure. After breakfast and hotel check out we transfer you to Tumbes Airport. There are a number of airlines who fly directly from Tumbes to Lima, from where you can connect to international destinations. Buen viaje! (B)

### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room, based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable when a single room is required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
26 Feb	AUD 5,895	AUD 7,495

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