

TRAVEL PASSES

Pachatatata Express Ways (from Lima)

Backpacking

24 Days / 2 Countries

Peru & Bolivia

Departure city: Lima, Peru

End city: La Paz, Bolivia



HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the spectacular Uyuni Salt Flats
- Tour Lake Titicaca and its floating Uros islands
- Race over Huacachina's sand dunes on a buggy

Immerse yourself in Inca culture as you discover the natural and cultural wonders of both Bolivia and Peru. Start your adventure in Lima before making your way to La Paz.

MAP



What is included



Travel Passes

Include all of your transport and experiences while giving you full flexibility to change the dates and pick your accommodation on the go.



Accommodation: 3

- 1 Cuzco Junior suite

Included in [Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N \(Uyuni to Uyuni\)](#)

- 1 Night accommodation in Salt Hotel, basic dorm-style rooms w/ shared bathroom (hot shower included in the first night)
- 1 Night shared hostel accommodation



Transport: 12

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| • Uyuni to La Paz | Cuzco to Puno |
| • Potosi to Uyuni | Arequipa to Cuzco |
| • Sucre to Potosi | Nazca to Arequipa |
| • La Paz to Sucre | Huacachina to Nazca |
| • Copacabana to La Paz | Paracas to Huacachina |
| • Puno to Copacabana | Lima to Paracas |



Meals: 9

- 3 Breakfast(s), 4 Lunch(es), 2 Dinner(s),



Experiences: 5

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| • Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni) | Huacachina Sand-Buggy & Sand-Boarding |
| • Lake Titicaca Day Tour | Ballestas Islands Sightseeing Boat Ride (from Paracas) |
| • Arequipa City & Country Tour | |

What is not included

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| • Guide throughout the trip | Personal Expenses |
| • Meals not mentioned in the itinerary | Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations |
| • Travel Insurance | |
| • Tips | |

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

Ballestas Islands Sightseeing Boat Ride



Take a boat tour to see the impressive Candelabra geoglyph, Peruvian boobies, Humboldt penguins and abundant marine life at the Ballestas Islands archipelago. Visit the pristine Paracas National Reserve in the afternoon to see La Catedral rock formation and watch flamingos and parihuana from a breathtaking scenic overlook.

INCLUDED

- Ballestas Islands boat ride
- Paracas National Reserve tour
- English speaking guides
- Transportation

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals & drinks
- Tips for guide
- Ballestas Islands & Paracas National Reserve entrance fees (18 Soles)

Huacachina Sand-Buggy & Sand-Boarding



Cruise to the top of 500 meter high sand dunes and go rocketing down the slopes in a sand buggy. Let go of your fears and sandboard down the steep sandy slopes with a few pointers from your local guide. Admire the breathtaking sunset over the vast desert landscape and take photos in the golden twilight before racing back to Huacachina.

INCLUDED

- Local Guide
- Sand Buggy Ride
- Basic Sand Board
- (Professional Sand Board with Boots & Bindings available for an extra cost of \$5 USD - to book in advance)

NOT INCLUDED

- Ballestas Islands & Paracas National Reserve entrance fees
- Entrance fee for Huacachina tour
- Transfers to/from bus stations
- Taxi from Ica to Huacachina
- Meals & drinks
- Tour leader
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guides
- Travel insurance

Arequipa City & Country Tour



Take a panoramic bus tour around the beautiful "White City" of Arequipa and the surrounding countryside to see the city's main highlights and fall into pace with the friendly locals.,

INCLUDED

- Panoramic bus transportation
- Bilingual guide

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals & Drinks
- Personal Expenses
- Local Payments
- Entrance Fees
- Mansion del Fundador 12 Soles
- Molino de Sabandia 10 Soles
- Entrance Fees are subject to change at anytime without prior notice

Lake Titicaca Day Tour



Visit Taquile Island where you will encounter an indigenous community that has conserved its original traditions and organization. In addition make a stop at the famous Uros reed islands.,

INCLUDED

- Transfers: hotel / port / hotel
- Basic lunch
- Motor boat transport, 11 km/h
- Bilingual guide (Spanish-English)
- Entrance fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Other meals/drinks
- Tips for guide
- Optional reed boat ride, can be arranged directly at the Uros Islands and paid directly to the local boat skipper

Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N



INCLUDED

- 1 Night accommodation in Salt Hotel, basic dorm-style rooms w/ shared bathroom (hot shower included in the first night)

Recommended Itinerary

This is a recommendation for your trip, but travel passes are flexible and you can decide how long to stay in each destination.

Day 1: Paracas, Peru



Lima to Paracas

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **7:00**

Duration: **6.5 hrs.**

Day 2: Paracas, Peru



Ballestas Islands Sightseeing Boat Ride (from Paracas)

DepartureTimes: **08:00, 10:00**

Duration: **2 hrs.**

As you cruise west from the tiny beach town of Paracas, you won't be able to miss the Candelabra geoglyph, a 150m high and 50m wide figure of a candlestick etched into the mountain, rumored to have been an ancient guide for sailors or a connection to the Nazca lines. A short description and time for photos is given before cruising on to the famous Ballestas Islands.

Ballestas islands is an excellent opportunity to see large families of over 100 sea lions sleeping on the shores, basking in the sun on the rocks or some barking loudly in efforts to protect their territory. Spot cormorants, the Peruvian booby and Peruvian pelican as well as other impressive varieties of sea bird species and Humboldt penguins nesting together in small groups. Feeling lucky? Watch the waters for dolphins.

Apart from the abundant marine and bird life found here, the Ballestas Islands are also very well known for the guano (seabird droppings) deposited on the island over thousands of years which creates a natural reserve of nitrogen-rich fertilizer over 50 meters deep in some areas. The guano came to be Peru's #1 export in the mid-19th century however today the extraction of guano has been regulated to every 10 years.

The return trip to Paracas is a quick, very windy, direct boat ride to the dock. You should have some time to take photos of the friendly pelicans that hang out on the shore line beside the dock, do some souvenir shopping or grab a snack before heading on to your next destination.

Day 3: Huacachina, Peru



Paracas to Huacachina

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **13:00**

Duration: **1.5 hrs.**

Day 4: Huacachina, Peru



Huacachina Sand-Buggy & Sand-Boarding

DepartureTimes: **16:00**

Duration: **2 hrs.**

Welcome to the quaint, quiet and cute oasis of Huacachina with its tranquil lagoon and backdrop of amazing sand dunes anywhere you turn to look. Get ready to cruise to the tops of 500 meter high sand dunes and go rocketing down the slopes in the sand buggy. A roller coaster ride of 360's, sharp turns and steep hills will get your adrenaline pumping before you take your first shot at sand boarding. Strap yourself in tightly, throw your hands in the air and scream away as you are carried over sand dunes in the middle of the expansive desert.

You will have the opportunity to sandboard on 3-4 different dunes so you can try your luck. You will take thrilling rides on a basic sandboard by laying face first on the board and letting yourself fly down the dune to see how far (and fast) you can go. Cheer on your mates and don't let anyone shy away from this unforgettable experience. Lastly, you will admire the breathtaking sunset over the vast desert landscape and have the chance to take photos in the golden twilight before racing back to Huacachina.

Day 5: Huacachina, Peru



Huacachina to Nazca

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **13:00**

Duration: **3 hrs.**



Nazca to Arequipa

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **17:00**

Duration: **12.5 hrs.**

Day 6: Arequipa, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 7: Arequipa, Peru



Arequipa City & Country Tour

DepartureTimes: **09:15, 11:00, 14:00**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Get to know the beautiful "White City" of Arequipa, named for the white or pink-hued volcanic ashlar stone used to build most of the buildings in the city centre, and the surrounding countryside. See the Plaza de Armas and the streets of the Centro Historico and fall into pace with the laid-back locals. Look out over the city from the scenic overlook points of Yanahuara and Carmen Alto where you'll have time to stretch your legs and take pictures of the Chili Valley and the Misti and Chachani Volcanoes. See the Incalpaca Outlet and the mini-zoo inside it to learn about the four type of south american camelids: llama, alpaca, vicuña and guanaco. Visit the Sachaca district and its beautiful 19th century church, and Balneario Tingo and its famous typical food, the anticuchos and buñuelos. Travel the countryside along Via Paisajista to reach the XVI century "Mansion del Fundador" and the Sabandía Mill, where you will have the opportunity to learn about the techniques used to process wheat with stone mills. Before the end of the tour, admire the Andenes de Paucarpata, man made platforms that create a microclimate system that allow growing a large variety of products in each of the stands. Return to the city centre to end this amazing adventure.

Day 8: Cuzco, Peru



Arequipa to Cuzco

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **05:45**

Duration: **12 hrs.**

Day 9: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

Day 10: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 11: Cuzco, Peru

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 12: Cuzco, Peru



Cuzco to Puno

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **22:00**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Day 13: Puno, Peru



Lake Titicaca Day Tour

DepartureTimes: **06:40**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

This tour begins between 6:00-7:00 am with a transfer from your Puno City Center hotel to the port. Then by motor boat (35 feet long with a covered section in case of rain or cold weather, 25 individual seats) we visit the Uros floating Islands. Stepping on them feels very much like a water bed (but it is quite safe). We see the houses, the islands and meet its friendly habitants. Uros people are descendants of one of the oldest South American groups. Rides on traditional reed boats can be arranged. In the mornings these islands can be crowded. We visit two of the 60 islands before continuing on to Taquile Island. After a relaxed navigation of an extra 2 1/2 hours, getting the chance to enjoy the spectacular views offered by Lake Titicaca, we get to Taquile island. There, lives a unique community. A long path gradually ascending (45 min. hike approx.) will take us to the village, the views are beautiful. Visit the communal cooperative where you will find handicraft textiles of high quality. The views are magnificent. At 2:30 pm approx. we will depart back to Puno City (3 hours return journey). At 5.30 pm we arrive to Puno. On arrival to Puno we will transfer you to your Puno hotel.

Day 14: Copacabana, Bolivia



Puno to Copacabana

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 07:00

Duration: 4 hrs.

Day 15: La Paz, Bolivia



Copacabana to La Paz

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 18:00

Duration: 4.5 hrs.

Day 16: La Paz, Bolivia



La Paz to Sucre

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00

Duration: 12 hrs.

Day 17: Sucre, Bolivia

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 18: Potosi, Bolivia



Sucre to Potosi

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 06:00, 07:00, 08:30, 10:30, 12:30, 13:00, 14:00, 16:00, 17:00, 19:00

Duration: 3 hrs.

Day 19: Potosi, Bolivia

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 20: Uyuni, Bolivia



Potosi to Uyuni

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 12:30, 19:00, 21:00

Duration: 4 hrs.

Day 21: Villa Candalaria, Bolivia



Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

Departure Times: **10:30**

Uyuni - Colchani - Incahuasi Island - Pia Pia Island - Candalaria (L/D)

Your tour will begin at 10:30 am, at the meeting point. The first stop will be Uyuni's 'train graveyard', to see the first locomotives in Bolivia. You'll visit the small settlement of Colchani (salt miners' workshops next to the salt flats). Here, you'll see handicrafts made of salt, and textile art made of llama and alpaca fiber. The tour will continue onto the Great Salt Flats of Uyuni. Take photos as you cruise along the vast white expanse of salt, see Los Ojos de Agua Salada ('salt water eyes') and then visit a hotel made completely of salt! This amazing place currently serves as a museum.

Following this jam-packed morning, after lunch, you'll carry on to "Isla Incahuasi" (Fish Island), where you will have time to take a hike to the top of the island to see giant cacti, and rock formations made of petrified coral. Make sure you and your group pose for some fun perspective- and proportion-distorted photos, taken against the backdrop of the striking white surface of the salt flats.

Then, you'll head to Pia Pia island, to see the beautiful sunset over the salt flats. Finish off at the village of Candalaria, and enjoy the unique experience of spending the night in a hotel made almost entirely of salt.

Accommodation: Salt hostel "La Escondida" in VILLA CANDELARIA - double rooms. For Rainy season (from January to April): Hotel in Culpina or other location (No access to the Salt Hostel during these months). If you want a private room for the 2 nights you have to pay an extra cost of 250 BS/36 USD per person, and it's subject to availability, we recommend you to pre-order.

Day 22: Polques, Bolivia



Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

Departure Times: **10:30**

Chiguana Desert - Lagoons - Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve - Red Lagoon Sol de Mañana Geyser (B/L/D)

Start the morning off at 7:00 am with breakfast, before going to visit the Chiguana Desert, located on the south side of the Uyuni salt flats. It is surrounded by volcanoes, such as the Ollague Volcano (5840m), one that is still active, and that can be seen from the lookout.

Continue along a rocky road - Pasito Tuntun - to the beautiful Andean lagoons, inhabited by 3 species of Andean flamingos. Marvel at three lagoons on the way: 'Cañapa' where you'll spot the first pink flamingos, 'Hedionda' where lunch will be served, and 'Chiarcota' where you'll see a wider variety of birds and altiplanic fauna.

Enter to the Eduardo Avaroa National Reserve, and visit the Desert of Siloli, at 4550m (the highest and driest desert in the world). Make sure you take a photo next to the 'Rock tree', a lava rock formation. Before arriving to your final destination of the day, make a stop at the viewpoint by the Red Lagoon, where you can spot more pink flamingos in their natural habitat, and admire this intense, red-colored lake. Stay the night at a shared family lodging, "HAYLLAJARA".

Accommodation: "HUAYLLAJARA" basic lodge (dorm of 6 beds shared bathroom. If you want a private room for the 2 nights you have to pay an extra cost of 250 BS/36 USD per person, and it's subject to availability, we recommend you to pre-order). There is no electricity (only for 3 hours, 18:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs)

Day 23: Uyuni, Bolivia



Uyuni Salt Flats & Desert Adventure 3D/2N (Uyuni to Uyuni)

Departure Times: **10:30**

Dali Desert - Green Lagoon - Uyuni (B/L)

At 5 a.m. (depend on the season), you will have an early breakfast and start your tour day with a visit to Sol de Mañana Geyser. You'll walk alongside fumaroles, and steaming craters filled with boiling pots of mud at 150-200 C°. Continue to the open air hot springs, and take a bath in 35°C water.

The first place to visit is the Dali Desert, where Salvador Dali found inspiration for his work from the scattered boulders in the middle of the desert. See the Green Lagoon - toxic copper water at the foot of the big Licancabur volcano, which sits at 6000m, a few kilometers from the Bolivia-Chile border.

Finally, you'll head back to Uyuni, passing beautiful scenery along the way, and eating a picnic lunch next to the roadside. You'll go by the Valley of the Rocks, the Alota settlement, and the San Cristobal Village.

We'll get back to Uyuni by 6:30 pm.

Day 24: Uyuni, Bolivia



Uyuni to La Paz

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **20:00**

Duration: **11 hrs.**

