

TRAVEL PASSES

## Peru Circuit Express Ways (from Lima)

Backpacking

12 Days / 1 Country

Peru

Departure city: **Lima, Peru**

End city: **Lima, Peru**



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise to the top of 500 meter high sand dunes
- Discover Arequipa's most important city landmarks
- See the mysterious Nazca lines in the Peruvian desert

Learn about the true Peruvian culture firsthand! The oasis of Huacachina welcomes you to fly over sizzling sand dunes, discover Arequipa's and Lima's most important city landmarks and take a boat tour to see Peruvian boobies (native bird), penguins and abundant marine life.

### 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: 1

- 1 Cuzco Junior suite



### Transport: 7

- Cuzco to Lima
- Puno to Cuzco
- Arequipa to Puno
- Nazca to Arequipa
- Huacachina to Nazca
- Paracas to Huacachina
- Lima to Paracas



### Meals: 2

- 1 Breakfast(s), 1 Lunch(es),



### Experiences: 4

- Lake Titicaca Day Tour
- Arequipa City & Country Tour
- Huacachina Sand-Buggy & Sand-Boarding
- Ballestas Islands Sightseeing Boat Ride (from Paracas)

## What is not included

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

\*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



### 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)

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.

## Huacachina Sand-Buggy & Sand-Boarding



### 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

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.

## Arequipa City & Country Tour



### 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

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.,

## Lake Titicaca Day Tour



### 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

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.,

# 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: Puno, Peru



### Arequipa to Puno

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **05:45**

Duration: **7 hrs.**

## Day 9: 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 10: Cuzco, Peru



### Puno to Cuzco

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **10:00, 21:30**

Duration: **7 hrs.**

## Day 11: Cuzco, Peru

### ● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



### Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

## Day 12: Cuzco, Peru



### Cuzco to Lima

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **14:00, 18:00**

Duration: **21 hrs.**



