

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

## Andean Air-Expedition 15D/14N (from Lima)

Nature & Adventure

15 Days / 2 Countries

Peru & Bolivia

Departure city: **Lima, Peru**

End city: **Santiago, Chile**

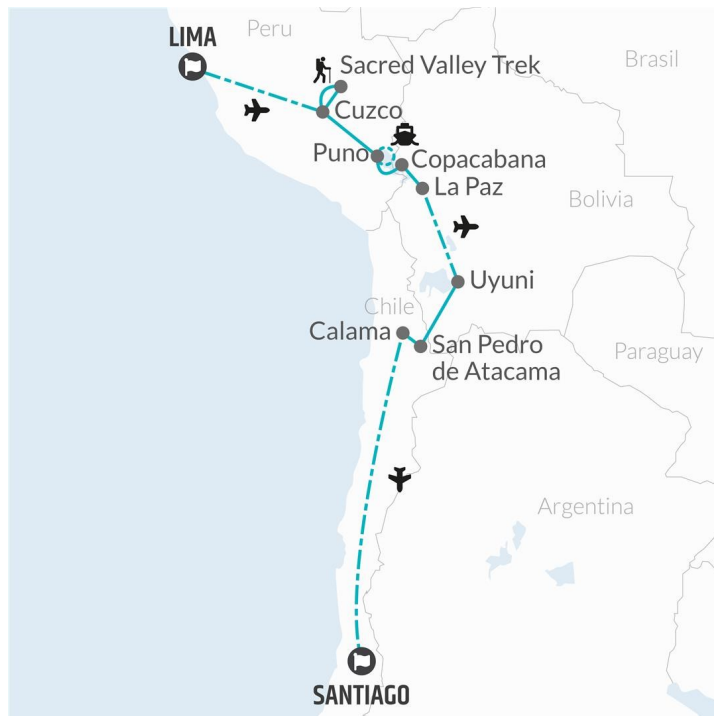


### HIGHLIGHTS

- Trek to Machu Picchu through amazing Andean landscapes
- Visit South America's largest lake, Lake Titicaca
- Be amazed at the Uyuni Salt Flats
- Discover the World's driest desert, Atacama
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Take a 15-day trip through the Andes travelling from Lima, Peru to Santiago, Chile via Bolivia with stops in Cuzco, Puno, La Paz, Uyuni and Atacama.

### MAP



## What is included



### Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



### Accommodation: 14

- 1 Santiago Junior suite
- 2 San Pedro de Atacama Junior suite
- 2 La Paz Junior suite
- 2 Puno Junior suite
- 1 Cuzco Junior suite
- 1 Cuzco Junior suite
- 2 Lima Junior suite
- 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
- 3
- hotel at Aguas Calientes



### Transport: 23

- Santiago Airport Transfer
- San Pedro de Atacama to Calama Airport
- Calama to Santiago
- Santiago Airport Transfer
- Uyuni Airport Transfer
- La Paz to Uyuni
- La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)
- Copacabana to La Paz
- Puno to Copacabana
- Cuzco Airport Transfer
- Lima to Cuzco
- Lima Airport Transfer
- Lima Airport Transfer
- Pick-up available from Uyuni bus station or Uyuni accommodation (must be booked in advance, transfer from airport to accommodation have an extra cost 5 USD)
- Airport Pick-Up (only the day the tour starts) and Drop-Off
- 4WD transport on tour (max 7 people per car)
- Accommodation pickup, most transfers
- Accommodation pickup
- Van transport Cuzco - Chinchero (start of trek)
- Van transport Lamay - Ollantaytambo
- Roundtrip train Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes
- Roundtrip bus Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu
- Return bus Ollantaytambo - Cuzco



### Meals: 20

- 12 Breakfast(s), 5 Lunch(es), 3 Dinner(s),

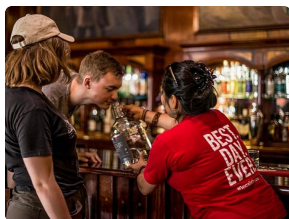
## What is not included

- 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

## Lima Urban Discovery Walking Tour



Get a feel for urban Peruvian life by spending the day exploring Lima's landmarks, markets, and history on foot and by public transport with a local English-speaking guide. Finish your day of exploring with Peru's iconic drink, Pisco Sour.

### INCLUDED

- English-speaking local guide
- San Francisco monastery entrance fee
- Typical Pisco Sour drink
- Small group experience; max 12 people

### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals & other drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guide

## Sacred Valley Trek to Machu Picchu 2D/1N



Reach heights of 4,100m on this trek to Machu Picchu with awe-inspiring views of the Sacred Valley dotted with magnificent Inca archaeological sites, such as Huchuy Qosqo. Stay away from the crowds on this lesser-known trek and appreciate the beauty of this remote trail.

### INCLUDED

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- hotel at Aguas Calientes
- Accommodation pickup, most transfers
- Accommodation pickup
- Van transport Cuzco - Chinchero (start of trek)
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- 1B / 1L / 1D
- As per itinerary
- English speaking guide on trek & Machu Picchu tour
- Pre-departure briefing
- Entrance fees at Huchuy Qosqo and Machu Picchu

### NOT INCLUDED

- Other food/drinks
- Trekking poles
- Guide for bus and train transfers (these portions are on your own)
- Tips (please remember that tipping is 100% optional and depends entirely on the service you received. It is customary to give tips in Latin America, however it is not mandatory. If you do wish to give a tip, these are our recommended guidelines: Guides: 15-25 soles per guide per trekker)
- Accommodation drop-off
- Travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Optional Huayna Picchu trek (48 soles) must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance
- Optional Machu Picchu mountain hike (48 soles) must be booked at least 1 week in advance
- Personal expenses
- Airport transfers



# Itinerary

## Day 1: Lima, Peru



### Lima Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **05:00 - 22:00**

Duration: **1 hrs.**



### Check-In Selina Hostel Miraflores

## Day 2: Lima, Peru



### Lima Urban Discovery Walking Tour

DepartureTimes: **13:15**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Today you'll uncover urban life in the capital city of Lima where your local guide will lead you on foot and by public transport to experience the city through its markets, landmarks, and history.

The walking tour starts with a bus ride to downtown Lima where the first stop will be the Bolivar Hotel before making our way through the City of the Kings where you will explore the pedestrian avenue while your guide points out the city's hidden gems.

Next, you'll uncover the fresh produce in the market as your guide takes you through the stalls full of local Peruvian foods. Afterwards, continue your tour of Lima's historical landmarks where you'll visit Plaza Bolivar and the catacombs of the UNESCO World Heritage site Monasterio San Francisco.

Your day of exploring comes to an end with a tasting of the national drink, Pisco Sour, at the place where it was supposedly invented.



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## Day 3: Lima - Cuzco, Peru



### Lima Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **05:00 - 22:00**

Duration: **1 hrs.**



### Lima to Cuzco

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes:

Duration: **hrs.**



### Cuzco Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **24hr**

Duration: **hrs.**



Check-In Milhouse Hostel Cusco

## Day 4: Aguas Calientes, Peru



Sacred Valley Trek to Machu Picchu 2D/1N

Departure Times: 06:00-06:15

Cuzco - Chinchero (3,600m) - Piuray passage (4,100m) - Huchuy Qosqo ruins (3,600m) - Lamay (2,900m) - Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes (L/D)

Today you will be picked up from your accommodation between 6:00 and 6:15 am for a 1-hour drive to the community of Lago Piuray, close to the town of Chinchero. Here we will begin our adventure at 3600m. The trek begins with a 3-hour walk uphill until arrival at Piuray passage (4100m), where you will be awarded with a beautiful panoramic view of the Urubamba mountain range and small lagoons.

Our adventure continues with a 2-hour downhill journey towards the Huchuy Qosqo ruins. Enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful Inca city nestled in the Sacred Valley. At the end of our visit we will have some time to enjoy a box lunch. Then, with a steep 2-hour downhill walk we'll make our way to the town of Lamay, where our transport service will pick us up and drive us to Ollantaytambo. Enjoy a hearty dinner before boarding the train to Aguas Calientes, where we will stay the night. A guide will be waiting at the train station to take you to your hotel and give you the instructions for the next day.

Note: Alternatively the dinner can take place at Aguas Calientes (depending on the train schedule).

Inclusions: Accommodation pick-up, Van Cuzco - Chinchero, Van Lamay - Ollantaytambo, Train Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes, 1N Aguas Calientes 3\* Hotel, Meals 1L/1D. (15km, 7hrs)

## Day 5: Cuzco, Peru



Sacred Valley Trek to Machu Picchu 2D/1N

Departure Times: 06:00-06:15

Explore Machu Picchu & Return to Cuzco (B)

Get an early start and take one of the first buses (5:30am) to reach the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu (25-min ride), where you will enjoy a 2-hour guided tour visiting all the corners of this gorgeous site. Enjoy some free time to take in the unforgettable scenery and snap some incredible photos. Take the bus back to Aguas Calientes, followed by the train to Ollantaytambo and the bus to central Cuzco late in the day at 14:30, 16:12 or, 19:00.

. Please make your own way back to your accommodation.

Inclusions: Round trip Bus Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu, Train Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo, Bus Ollantaytambo - Cuzco, 2-Hour Machu Picchu Guided Visit, Meal 1B.



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## Day 6: Puno, Peru



Andean Explorer Bus (Puno to Cuzco)

Departure Times: 07:00

Duration: 10 hrs.

Travel between Cuzco and Puno (in either direction) and stop along the way to have lunch in Sicuani before taking a peek into the past at the archaeological sites of Raqchi and Pukara high in the mountains with a local guide. Cross over the high altitude pass of La Raya at over 4,000 meters and see the colonial church with its quaint plaza in Andauaylillas.



Check-In Cozy Hostel Puno

## Day 7: 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.



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## Day 8: Puno - La Paz, Bolivia



Puno to Copacabana

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **07:00**

Duration: **4 hrs.**



Copacabana to La Paz

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **13:30, 18:30**

Duration: **4 hrs.**



Check-In Adventure Brew Hostel

## Day 9: La Paz, Bolivia



La Paz Local City Encounter

DepartureTimes: **09:00**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Get into the heart of La Paz with your experienced local guide who will take you around to the best highlights of the city and show you what real life is like for most Paceños (La Paz residents). Begin the day at Plaza Murillo with its beautiful architecture for a perfect introduction into Bolivia's history and culture. Learn about the current social and political situation in Bolivia as we walk by Murillo Square with the Presidential Palace and House of Parliament. We will be stopping to sample a traditional mid-morning snack.



Next, we will visit the outside of San Pedro Prison from the book “Marching Powder” with your local guide who will explain why this prison is so famous and will also share a few strange bone-chilling stories about this infamous prison. After walking by the prison walls we will then head towards several local markets to learn about Bolivian staple foods and exotic fruit from the rainforest which you will get to taste.

Next, you will jump into a local transportation to head towards an unknown, but spectacular viewpoint. Take a moment here, to enjoy the life happening below you in La Paz, enjoy the slow rhythm of the place you are at the moment. And once you have taken all the photos you want you will jump back in the local transport to reach the local witch market. Take a walk through the market and maybe you can find a magic spell you have been longing for!

You will have an exciting return back to La Paz on a cable car; be sure to capture the views! We will be stopping by another market where you will have time to buy last minute souvenirs if you wish. Your exploration of La Paz will end upon our return to Plaza Murillo (around 12:30pm). We wish you safe travels onwards!



### Adventure Brew Hostel

## Day 10: Uyuni - Villa de Candelaria, Bolivia



### Uyuni Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes:

Duration: **hrs.**



### La Paz to Uyuni

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **Check availability**

Duration: **1 hrs.**



### La Paz Airport Transfer (Day)

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **07:00 to 19:00 Daily**

Duration: **hrs.**



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

DepartureTimes: **10:30**

Uyuni - Colchani - Incahuasi Island - Pia Pia Island - Candelaria (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 then 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, which are at an altitude of 3650m. Take photos as you cruise along the vast white expanse of salt, see Los Ojos de Agua Salada ('saltwater 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, we'll head to Pia Pia island, to see the beautiful sunset over the salt flats. Finish off at the village of Candelaria, 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. The 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 11: Polques, Bolivia



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

DepartureTimes: 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.

Next, we'll 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.

We'll then enter 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, we will 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 12: Atacama - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile



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

DepartureTimes: 10:30

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

Have an early breakfast at 5am (depend on the season) and start your tour day with a visit to Sol de Mañana Geyser, at 5,000m. 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. You'll then 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. For those that wish to finish at San Pedro de Atacama in Chile instead of coming back to Uyuni: Guides will assist with your border crossing at 10:30 am, and you should arrive in San Pedro at 12:00 pm on the third day of the tour. The drop off is at San Pedro de Atacama's main square.



### Check-In Campo Base Hostel

## Day 13: San Pedro de Atacama, Chile



### Moon Valley Sunset Tour

DepartureTimes: 15:00

Duration: 4 hrs.

This trip is going to take you to see the salt and clay formation in the "Three Marias" area, where you can witness unique natural shapes created in the desert in one of the world's driest zones, the Atacama Desert. Here you will be able to observe and appreciate the powerful and delicate forces of nature that have carved and molded this landscape over thousands of years from the Mirador Cordillera de la Sal. Take amazing photographs and contemplate life as you explore this remote desert on a nature walk through Valle de la Muerte.

Enjoy an exciting excursion through salt caves where you will see new and different salt formations hidden in this mountain range. Visit Tres Marias and Gran Duna, some of the most spectacular places on Earth. Watch the awe-inspiring sunset in the Valle de la Luna over the desert sands with the Licancabur Volcano in the distance as the landscape turns brilliant shades. This trip is an experience that will surely be one of the most amazing highlights of your trip.

We recommend bringing drinking water, sunblock, sun hat, hiking shoes and jacket to wear after sunset.



### Campo Base Hostel

## Day 14: San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago, Chile



### San Pedro de Atacama to Calama Airport

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 3-3.5hrs before flights

Duration: 1.5 hrs.



### Santiago Airport Transfer

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes:

Duration: hrs.



### Calama to Santiago

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 24hrs

Duration: 2:05 hrs.



### Check-In H Rado Hostel

## Day 15: Santiago, Chile



### Santiago Airport Transfer

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes:

Duration: hrs.

