The Chivay Tour of Peru

Private Individual Tour - 15 Night Itinerary from GBP 3,185pp

Our comprehensive journey through Peru. Discover Andean landscapes, ancient civilisations, stunning ruins and the magnificent islands of Lake Titicaca

Highlights

- Discover historic Lima with its fascinating museums and excellent fusion cuisine.
- Colonial splendour of Arequipa and ancient terraces of the Colca Canyon.
- Explore the legacy of ancient Inca and Aymara civilisations on Lake Titicaca.
- Inca heartland of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas.
- 'Vistadome' train journey to visit the magnificent ruins Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas.
- Marvel at stunning Andean Landscapes on a comprehensive tour through the Peruvian Andes.



Itinerary Route

- Lima 2 Nights
- Arequipa 1 Night
- Colca Canyon 2 Nights
- Lake Titicaca 2 Nights
- Sacred Valley of the Incas 3 Nights
- Machu Picchu 1 Night
- Cusco 3 Nights
- Return via Lima 1 Night



Personalise this trip

Contact a specialists who can help to design your trip and will have explored the country many times before, offering their first-hand knowledge and expertise to help you plan your trip.



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Day-by-Day Summary

Day	Activity	Location
Wednesday, 29 April 2020	Arrival in Lima	Lima
Thursday, 30 April 2020	Tour of Lima	Lima
Friday, 01 May 2020	City Tour & Santa Catalina Convent	Arequipa
Saturday, 02 May 2020	Journey to the Colca Canyon	Colca Canyon
Sunday, 03 May 2020	Tour of the Colca Canyon	Colca Canyon
Monday, 04 May 2020	Journey to Lake Titicaca	Lake Titicaca
Tuesday, 05 May 2020	Visit Uros & Taquile Islands	Lake Titicaca
Wednesday, 06 May 2020	Bus or train journey to Cusco	Sacred Valley of the Incas
Thursday, 07 May 2020	Tour of Sacred Valley	Sacred Valley of the Incas
Friday, 08 May 2020	At Leisure in the Sacred Valley	Sacred Valley of the Incas
Saturday, 09 May 2020	Train Journey to Machu Picchu & Guided Tour	Machu Picchu
Sunday, 10 May 2020	Machu Picchu and return to Cusco	Cusco
Monday, 11 May 2020	Tour of Cusco	Cusco
Tuesday, 12 May 2020	At Leisure in Cusco	Cusco
Wednesday, 13 May 2020	Departure	In Transit
Thursday, 14 May 2020	Arrive in UK	



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Itinerary Overview

Lima

Wednesday, 29 April 2020

Arrival in Lima

Direct flight to Lima on a Wednesday, arriving the same day in the evening, and staying for 2 nights.

Thursday, 30 April 2020

Tour of Lima

Afternoon tour of the city including the historic centre. Visit the Presidential Palace, Plaza San Martín and the Larco Herrera Museum, with a fabulous collection of ancient artefacts from all over Peru.



Arequipa

Friday, 01 May 2020

City Tour & Santa Catalina Convent

Leaving in the morning, fly to Arequipa, Peru's second largest city, set in a rich green valley at the foot of the mighty El Misti Volcano. The buildings in the centre have been built almost exclusively of the volcanic material 'sillar', a white, porous rock, giving Arequipa its nickname of 'The White City'.

Your guide and transport will meet you at your hotel for a delightful city tour which visits the church of La Compania and other colonial buildings, including the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral. The Santa Catalina Convent once held some two hundred nuns and is a maze of colourful alleyways and rooms, providing a fascinating insight into the way the nuns once lived.





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Colca Canyon

Saturday, 02 May 2020

Journey to the Colca Canyon

We start our journey by travelling along the Yura highway which runs along the snow-capped mountains of Chachani towards Pampa Canahuas. On the route there are several short stops to visit the Villages of Callalli (Callalli's Castles) and Sibayo, before arriving in Chivay, staying at a local lodge for 2 nights.

Sunday, 03 May 2020

Tour of the Colca Canyon

Our full day tour into the world's deepest Canyon to walk along the ancient farming terraces, the local villages and communities where people still dress in their traditional clothing, and visit the Cruz del Condor lookout point, with a chance of seeing the magnificent Andean Condors soaring above.



Lake Titicaca

Monday, 04 May 2020

Journey to Lake Titicaca

We continue our journey across the altiplano desert landscape to Puno on the shore of Lake Titicaca, staying for 2 nights.

Tuesday, 05 May 2020

Visit Uros & Taquile Islands

Full day excursion by boat onto the lake, beginning with the floating reed islands of Uros. Although the Uros Indians of these islands have intermarried with Aymaras and no pure-blooded Uros exist, many of the inhabitants of the islands still practice the old traditions of fishing, trapping birds and living on the lake plants. The totora reeds which grow abundantly in the shallows of the lake are used to build and maintain their floating islands, their boats, and also their houses.





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Sacred Valley of the Incas

Wednesday, 06 May 2020

Bus or train journey to Cusco

Journey by bus (tourist) or private vehicle (first) to Cusco. The other options are to travel by train aboard Peru Rail's Titicaca train or for the ultimate travel experience upgrade to the Andean Explorer, with lunch, high tea and entertainment included. Whatever mode of transport you choose, this is an unforgettable journey across the Andean altiplano, offering dramatic landscapes throughout. You will stop at local villages and markets and meet the people that make this remote region their home.

On arrival in Cusco, you will be met by our representative and taken to your hotel in the Sacred Valley, staying for 3 nights.

Thursday, 07 May 2020

Tour of Sacred Valley

Enjoy our extensive, special Full Day tour of the Sacred Valley. Begin by visiting the market at Chinchero, where locals come to barter and sell local produce and handicrafts. Also visit a local weaving collective, to learn the traditions of weaving by hand on a back-strap loom. Next you will proceed to Moray, thought to have been an open-air crop laboratory of the lncas, followed by the pre-Inca salt pans of Maras. After lunch, visit the stunning fortress town and ruins of Ollantaytambo. This large archaeological complex is believed to have been a significant agricultural, administrative, social, religious and military centre. The town itself is geometrically perfect; with straight streets, trapezoidal doors, and lnca drainage systems. Finally we travel to the colonial town of Pisac, built on the ruins of an Inca citadel and located at the entrance to the immensely fertile Urubamba 'Sacred' Valley. Here you can see the bustling market, and watch the sunset over the mountains from the ruins.

Friday, 08 May 2020

At Leisure in the Sacred Valley

Today you have the flexibility to pursue your own interests or relax.





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Machu Picchu

Saturday, 09 May 2020

Train Journey to Machu Picchu & Guided Tour

Board Peru Rail's 'Vistadome' train at Ollantaytambo for the journey to Machu Picchu. This is a spectacular journey through a dramatic and changing landscape with some fantastic views. Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes, you will be met by your guide and travel via a winding road up the mountain before finally glimpsing Machu Picchu. After lunch at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge you will have a private guided tour of the extensive archaeological site to learn about the history and culture of the lncas.



Cusco

Sunday, 10 May 2020

Machu Picchu and return to Cusco

The morning is free to explore. You may wish to climb Huayna Picchu, a steep climb but well worth it for the fantastic views of the valley and a different perspective of Machu Picchu. Alternatively, there is a gentle climb, back along the Inca Trail, to Intipunku: the Gate of the Sun, and the first sight one has of the complex if walking the Inca Trail. In the afternoon, take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes and the train back to Ollantaytambo Station and on to Cusco.

Monday, 11 May 2020

Tour of Cusco

Beginning in the main square of Cusco we visit the cathedral, built by the Spanish on Inca foundations and with an unusual local variation of the painting of the Last Supper. We also visit Qoricancha, the Temple of the Sun, part of which survived having a Colonial church built on top of it. From the city centre we travel into the mountains above Cusco to visit the archaeological sites of Sacsayhuaman, Puca Pucara and Kenko. The mighty fortress and complex of Sacsayhuaman was built with massive stones, some weighing over 100 tons, and which all fit together like a jigsaw, without mortar.

Tuesday, 12 May 2020

At Leisure in Cusco

A full day at leisure in Cusco to explore the city, relax, take an optional extra excursion, or simply enjoy the surroundings and atmosphere of this magnificent city.





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Return via Lima

Wednesday, 13 May 2020 **Departure** Flight to Lima, connecting with return flight home in the early evening.

Thursday, 14 May 2020 **Arrive in UK** Arrive back in the UK in the morning.





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What's Included:

- Guidelines prices are per person based on 2 people sharing a twin room
- 16 Days / 14 Nights
- International flights (1 overnight)
- Internal flights
- Accommodation as shown on the itinerary
- 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 2 dinners
- Transfers to and from airports
- Transport throughout the itinerary
- Excursions listed, all with expert, English-speaking guides

Guaranteed Price

Contact us so we can provide a guaranteed price for this tour, based on your preference of hotels, transport, excursions and flights. It is necessary for us to speak on the telephone in order to go through all the options.

Tailor-Made Service

We can modify and adapt this tour itinerary according to your preference or start afresh completely. It is necessary for us to speak on the telephone for us to prepare your precise and detailed tour itinerary.



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