



Peru & Bolivia: From Salt Flats to Sacred Lakes

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Trip Highlights

DISCOVER the rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes of Peru and Bolivia as you journey from the heart of the Andes to the shores of South America's highest lake.

VISIT the surreal terrain of the Uyuni Salt Flat, the largest in the world, and indulge in a gourmet picnic lunch at Incahuasi Island.

CRUISE the shimmering waters of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, and visit the floating community of the Uros-Indigenous people.

WITNESS Andean Condors soar majestically over Colca Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the world that plunges twice the depth of the Grand Canyon.

EXPLORE a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Monastery of Santa Catalina—a centuries-old convent that spans over 20,000 square meters.

ENJOY an unforgettable Andean panpipes performance, widely regarded as one of the best folkloric performances in South America.

STAY in one-of-a-kind accommodations, including colonial-era hotels and a lodge almost entirely made of salt bricks.



What's Included

- Ten nights at city & boutique hotels
- 24/7 local Peruvian Gondwana guide
- Internal flights:
 - La Paz → Uyuni;
 - Uyuni → La Paz
- Private transport with professional drivers and boat captains
- All meals, as described in the itinerary
- All tours and activities, as described in the itinerary
- Tips for local activity guides
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Bolivian tourist visa



Tour Dates

- ~~April 3–13, 2027~~ — Full
- April 1–11, 2028

Price

\$10,895 USD per person (based on double occupancy).

\$995 USD single supplement for a private room is added for solo travelers.

Group size is limited to 18 guests.

Tour Map





TOUR ITINERARY

*We reserve the right to make minor changes to make this itinerary even better for our guests.

Day One

Welcome to Peru! Arrive at Alfredo Rodriguez Ballon International Airport (AQP) in the morning or early afternoon and enjoy a private transfer to your downtown hotel in Arequipa. Known as ‘the city of white volcanic rock’, Arequipa is built at the foothills of three volcanoes—Misti, Chachani, and Pichu Pichu.

Our journey begins with a 5 p.m. Meet & Greet, where you'll get an overview of the days ahead—an unforgettable adventure through the highlands and heritage of Peru and Bolivia—and have a chance to connect with your fellow travelers, followed by dinner.

Dinner included.

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So many people have been asking me about how I take such amazing trips and I get so excited to tell them about this company. I have met some of the kindest, funniest people along the way and all without having to stress about whether or not I am missing any beautiful or interesting sights because the guides with Gondwana know...exactly what's worth seeing, eating and drinking and when to go!

I can't recommend this company enough.”

- Emily Y.



Day Two

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll begin our first day of adventure with a walking tour of Arequipa's UNESCO-listed historic center. Explore the Plaza de Armas, admire the Cathedral of Arequipa's volcanic stone structure, and visit the Jesuit Church of La Compañía.

Then, take in the splendor of this city at Yanahuara, a historic district known for its breathtaking views, where we'll have lunch. Stroll through the local market and artisan streets in the afternoon. Return to the hotel afterwards for some rest before dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

Day Three

After breakfast, explore San Camilo Market, Arequipa's oldest and most traditional public market. Experience local culture and learn about the unique ingredients used in Peruvian cuisine. Next, we'll visit the Monastery of Santa Catalina, a sprawling, centuries-old convent. Spanning over 20,000 square meters, this vibrant complex feels like a city within a city.

After lunch at a local *picantería*, we'll visit Museo Santuarios Andinos to learn about *Mummy Juanita*, a well-preserved Inca girl discovered atop Mount Ampato. This mummy offers insight into Incan culture, spiritual practices, and beliefs. Enjoy some free time relaxing in a café or shopping for local crafts before we return to the hotel for dinner and rest.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Four

After breakfast, we'll depart and begin our journey to Colca Canyon—one of the five deepest canyons in the world. We'll begin this drive through the Salinas and Aguada Blanca National Reserve, home to wildlife like guanaco, puma, and vicuña.

Along the way, we'll travel over the Patapampa Pass, reaching an altitude of 16,109 ft. (4,910 meters) above sea level. From this altitude, enjoy sweeping views of the rugged terrain and Mount Mismi—the source of the Amazon River. We'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant in a small Andean village, indulging in tasty traditional dishes and warm drinks to help with acclimating to the altitude.

During our drive through the highlands, we'll encounter diverse wildlife like vicuñas, llamas, alpacas, Andean foxes, and flamingos. Learn more about how these animals adapt and thrive in extreme elevations. We'll be on the lookout for these fascinating species as the wonders of the Andes unfold before us. We descend into the Colca Valley, passing through traditional Andean villages.

After arriving at the hotel, you can rest or take a relaxing soak in its natural hot springs before dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.





Day Five

Following an early breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for Cruz del Condor, the most famous viewpoint in Colca Canyon. Witness the breathtaking sight of Andean Condors soaring majestically over the deep canyon. These massive birds have wingspans reaching up to ten feet and glide on thermal currents during their daily search for food. Observe their routine and learn more about their significance in Andean culture and mythology.

We'll continue our drive across the Andean highlands towards Puno. The dramatic cliffs and winding roads make it feel as though the earth has split open to reveal this vast landscape. Admire the surrounding snow-capped peaks, vast plains, and herds of wild animals like vicuñas, alpacas, and llamas that roam freely. We'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant, sampling traditional dishes.

Our drive continues until we reach Puno, located on the shores of Lake Titicaca. This lake is the highest navigable lake in the world at 12,507 feet (3,810 meters) above sea level. Upon arrival, we'll check into a waterfront hotel, offering a perfect place to relax and acclimatize. After settling in, join an optional lakeside walk. We'll hopefully watch a beautiful sunset cast a golden hue over the waters of Lake Titicaca before gathering for dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Six

After an early breakfast, we'll head to the pier and board a motorized boat for an exciting day on Lake Titicaca. Explore the floating community of the Uros, an indigenous people who live on floating islands made by totora reeds. Learn more about their fascinating way of life as you explore their remarkable homes. Then, take a short ride in a traditional totora reed canoe, a practice that dates back thousands of years.

Next, we visit Taquile Island, which is often considered the most beautiful island on the lake. Stroll past terraced fields, rolling hills, and panoramic views of the glittering lake and surrounding mountains on a guided walk. This area is also known for UNESCO-recognized textile art, made by local artisans who create intricate woven garments that symbolize their cultural heritage. Meet the island's Quechua-speaking locals, learn about their ancient customs that have been preserved for generations, and admire their remarkable textiles up close. We'll sit down for a traditional lunch prepared by the islanders, featuring local trout, quinoa soup, and muña tea (a high-altitude medicinal herb).

After spending time on the island, we'll reboard our boat and head back to Puno for a relaxing lakeside evening.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.





Day Seven

After breakfast we'll begin the day with a scenic drive along the shores of Lake Titicaca. We're driving to La Paz, Bolivia, today, and it's one of the most breathtaking routes in the Andes! Take in the incredible sights of the vast lake, traditional Andean villages, and the majestic Cordillera Real mountain range.

Following international border procedures, we head to Copacabana for lunch, a legendary beach town on Lake Titicaca. We cross the Tiquina Strait by boat and continue on to La Paz, Bolivia's high-altitude capital.

The transition from rural landscapes to the sprawling city nestled within a deep valley is quite dramatic. Once we arrive, enjoy an overhead look of La Paz from a modern cable car. The aerial ride provides an expansive view of the city's vibrant neighborhoods, rugged mountain terrain, and bustling streets below.

We check in at the Ritz Apart Hotel for a leisurely evening and enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Bolivian cuisine, such as *salteñas*, llama steak, or the famous *sajta de pollo*.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.





Day Eight

Following breakfast, prepare for an exciting day in La Paz, the world's highest altitude capital city—11,975 feet (3,650 meters)! We'll begin our day with a cable car ride and visit to Plaza Murillo, the city's historic square that's home to the Presidential Palace, the National Congress building, and the La Paz Cathedral.

After, we'll drive to the Killi Killi Lookout Point, one of the best viewpoints in the city before exploring local markets and landmarks. We'll learn more about local culture and spiritual traditions, admire Baroque-Mestizo architecture, and see an array of Bolivian handicrafts, textiles, and souvenirs.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll drive to Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley), a surreal landscape of eroded clay formations that resemble a lunar surface. Enjoy a short hike through the unique landscape and learn about the region's geological history. The afternoon is yours to explore the city center, browse local shops, or take a leisurely stroll.

In the evening, experience an unforgettable Andean-Pipes show at Restaurant Wari, widely regarded as one of the best folkloric performances in South America. The live music and dance showcase Bolivia's rich cultural heritage and is paired with a delicious traditional Bolivian dinner featuring local flavors.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Nine

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Uyuni. Located in southwestern Bolivia, this town is known for its salt flats and vibrant history. The flight offers beautiful aerial views of the vast, arid landscapes of the Altiplano region.

Upon arrival, we'll visit the Train Cemetery, a collection of old steam locomotives and rail cars that date back to the early days of Bolivia's railroad system. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll drive to the Pulacayo Mine.

Pulacayo is one of the oldest and most important mining towns in Bolivia. The mine was once a key source of silver during the colonial era and played a significant role in Bolivia's industrial revolution. Explore the remnants of the mine, including abandoned buildings, tunnels, and equipment. The area offers a glimpse into the harsh working conditions of miners from centuries past and the deep historical connection to Bolivia's mining culture.

After a day of exploration, we will return to Uyuni and check in at Luna Salada Lodge. Relax and unwind after the day's adventure with a hearty dinner and an evening of rest.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Ten

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll begin our journey to one of the most remarkable natural wonders on Earth—the Uyuni Salt Flat. We'll drive across the vast, white expanse of salt, which stretches over 4,000 square miles (10,000 square kilometers) and is the largest salt flat in the world*.

Our first stop is Colchani, a small village located at the edge of the salt flat. Here, we learn about the traditional methods used by locals to harvest salt from the flat. We also visit a salt treatment plant to see how raw salt is processed and prepared for sale.

We'll visit Incahuasi Island next (also known as Fish Island), a small hill of ancient volcanic rock rising from the middle of the salt flat. The island is famous for its giant cactus plants, some of which are over 700 years old. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch on the island and take in the surreal views.

During our journey back, we'll find a perfect spot to enjoy the sunset over the salt flat. We return to Uyuni for our final night in town. We gather for our farewell dinner at the hotel. A delicious selection of Bolivian cuisine and international dishes will be served, and we will toast to the unforgettable experiences shared over the course of our journey.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

**We're aiming to visit when a thin layer of seasonal water transforms the flats into a giant mirror. Since this is a natural phenomenon, we can't guarantee it—but the flats are an extraordinary sight in any condition. When dry, the surface reveals striking natural hexagonal patterns.*



Day Eleven

Enjoy your final breakfast in Uyuni, reflecting on the incredible travel memories made. After breakfast, we'll head to the airport for the flight back to La Paz, Bolivia. Take in stunning aerial views of the Andes mountain range and La Paz's unique location in a vast valley surrounded by towering peaks.

The guides will either drop you off at the El Alto International Airport (LPB) or at a downtown hotel depending on your plans.

Breakfast included.

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We love to travel and have used many travel companies, but the Gondwana Ecotour company is FAR beyond any experience we have had. Every person in the company that we interacted with was extremely kind and accommodating, doing everything they could to make sure we had the best experience possible. The tour itself was well planned, extremely detailed, and SO MUCH FUN!”

- Annamaria F.



ACCOMMODATIONS



Casa Andina Premium Arequipa

Nights 1-3

Casa Andina Premium Arequipa Hotel is a national historic landmark originally built in 1794. The building is the former Mint House or 'Casa de La Moneda', and recognized as a World Heritage Building by UNESCO in 2019. Just three blocks from Arequipa's main plaza, this hotel combines breathtaking colonial architecture with modern comforts, all in the heart of the city. Relax in its tranquil courtyard and enjoy the views of the nearby Misti Volcano.

As is common with boutique hotels, room sizes and views are often different within the same property. Please note that we assign guest rooms on a first come, first serve basis. No exceptions.



Aranwa Pueblito Encantado Lodge

Night 4

Nestled on the banks of the Colca River, Aranwa Pueblito Encantado Lodge is an idyllic retreat for those seeking to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the Andes. Reconnect to nature on this storybook-like property, complete with cobblestone paths, Andean architecture, picturesque gardens, and panoramic views of the Colca Valley.

Relax in its rustic yet chic rooms and enjoy a range of amenities like an on-site restaurant, a game room, outdoor hot springs, and more.

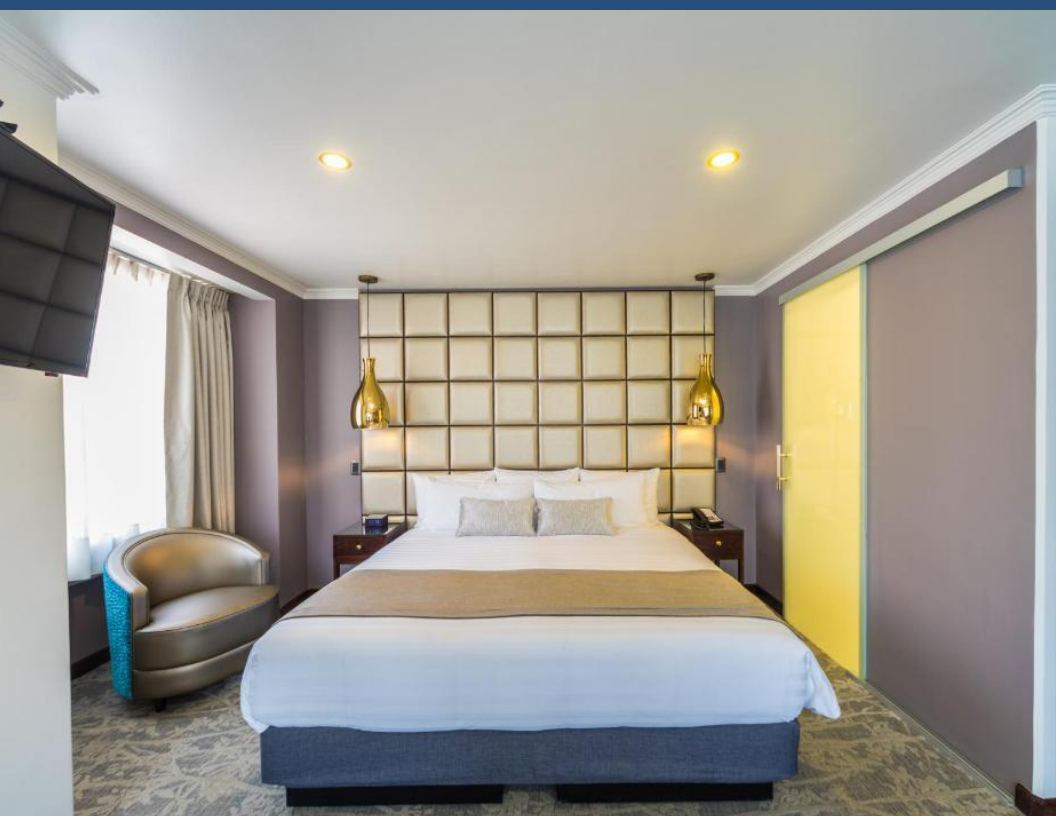


GHL Titicaca Hotel

Nights 5-6

GHL Titicaca Hotel is located on the shores of Lake Titicaca at around 12,500 ft. above sea level. This impressive location boasts stunning views of the lake's shimmering waters and the surrounding Andes Mountains.

The hotel features stylish decor and incredible lake views, as well as amenities like Wi-Fi, a fitness center, and an on-site restaurant and bar.



Ritz Apart Hotel

Nights 7-8

Located near the center of the city, Ritz Apart Hotel is a five-star accommodation in a quiet residential neighborhood. It offers a relaxing stay in elegantly designed rooms, close to La Paz's key districts and attractions.

The Ritz Apart Hotel is an ideal base for exploring the area and offers a thoughtful amenities like an on-site restaurant, Wi-Fi, flat-screen televisions, and more for you to enjoy after exploring the city.



Luna Salada Lodge

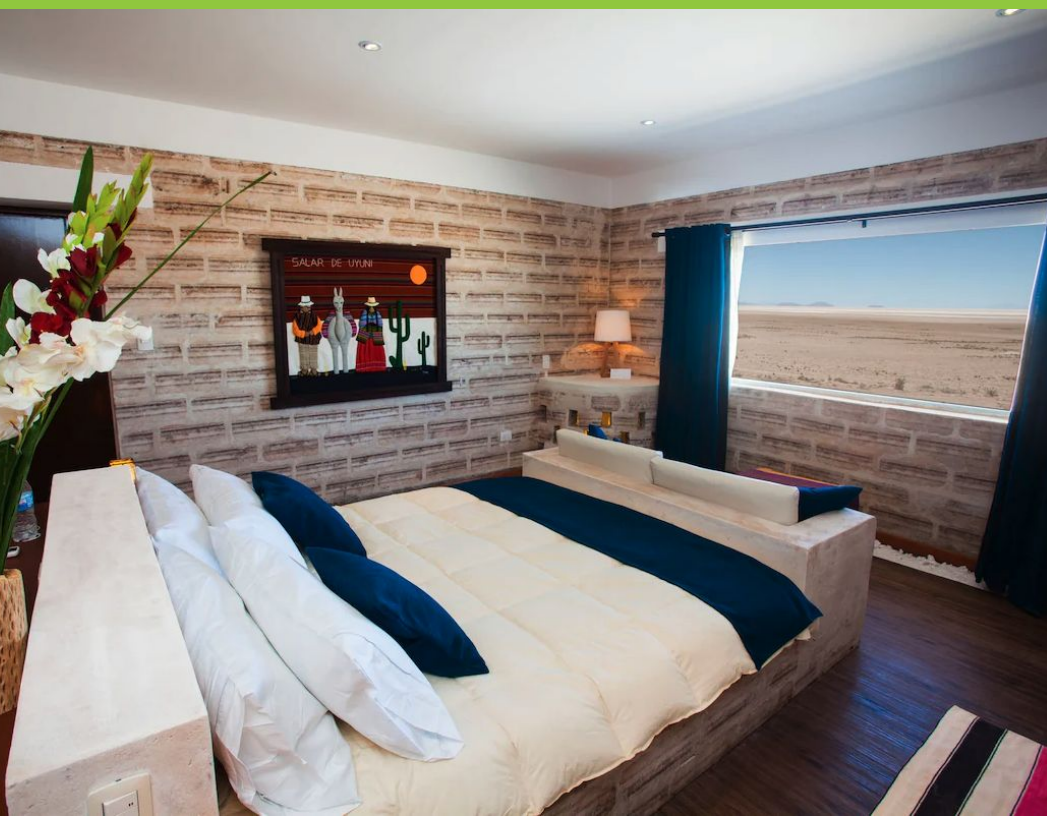
Nights 9-10

Secluded at the edge of the Uyuni Salt Flats of Bolivia and fashioned almost entirely out of salt, Luna Salada Lodge is one of the most mystical places to stay. Just steps from its doors, vast expanses of the white salt flats stretch as far as the eye can see.

The property is furnished with warm Andean décor and features an intriguing blend of rustic bricks, wood accents, salt block construction, and rich textiles. Relax in rooms with bright, locally woven fabrics, plush bedding, and stunning scenic views of the expansive salt flats.

The lodge also offers amenities like a pool table, darts, a library, and more.

This remote stay in Bolivia is truly one-of-kind and the perfect sanctuary to return to after a day of adventures.





PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

NAZCA LINES & PISCO TASTING

Before joining the main tour, consider an unforgettable extension through Southern Peru, where you'll experience coastal culture, winemaking traditions, and a visit to the fabled Nazca Lines. Begin in Lima's coastal district of Chorrillos and visit a bustling market and fishing port. Travel along the scenic Pan-American Highway for a private vineyard lunch and guided pisco-tasting at a family-run estate. Spend the evening relaxing at a tranquil hotel on the Bay of the Paracas.

The next day, take to the skies for a scenic flight over the Nazca Lines. This series of mysterious geoglyphs, etched into the desert floor more than 1,500 years ago, are an ancient marvel. Best seen in the air, a scenic flight over the lines allows you to see the impressive scale of these geoglyphs, whose origins and purpose are still a mystery to this day. This optional pre-tour offers a deeper glimpse into Peru's landscapes, flavors, and history.



Nazca Lines & Pisco Tasting Inclusions

- Two nights hotel accommodations
- Guided visit to Chorrillos seafood market
- Private three-course vineyard lunch
- Guided artisan pisco tasting and distillery tour
- 90-minute flightseeing excursion over the Nazca Lines
- Internal flight:
 - Lima → Arequipa
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation via private vehicles and taxis
- 24/7 Trip Leader: Juan Carlos Yanez, professional guide and expert on local history, culture, and mountaineering

Dates & Price

April 1 - 3, 2027: \$3,295 USD per person (price based on double occupancy). \$340 USD single supplement added as a single supplement for solo travelers.

March 30 - April 1, 2028: \$3,495 USD per person. \$415 USD added as a single supplement for solo travelers.

Nazca Lines & Pisco Tasting Day One

Upon your arrival in Lima, your guide will be waiting to greet you and assist with your check in at the hotel.

Your accommodations for the night are at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel—located just steps from the terminal, it's the perfect place to rest and recharge after your international flight.

This modern and comfortable hotel offers a restful place to unwind, with spacious rooms, a restaurant and bar, and amenities like an indoor pool and fitness center—perfect for recovering from a day of travel before your adventures in Lima begin.

Meals not included.



Nazca Lines & Pisco Tasting Day Two

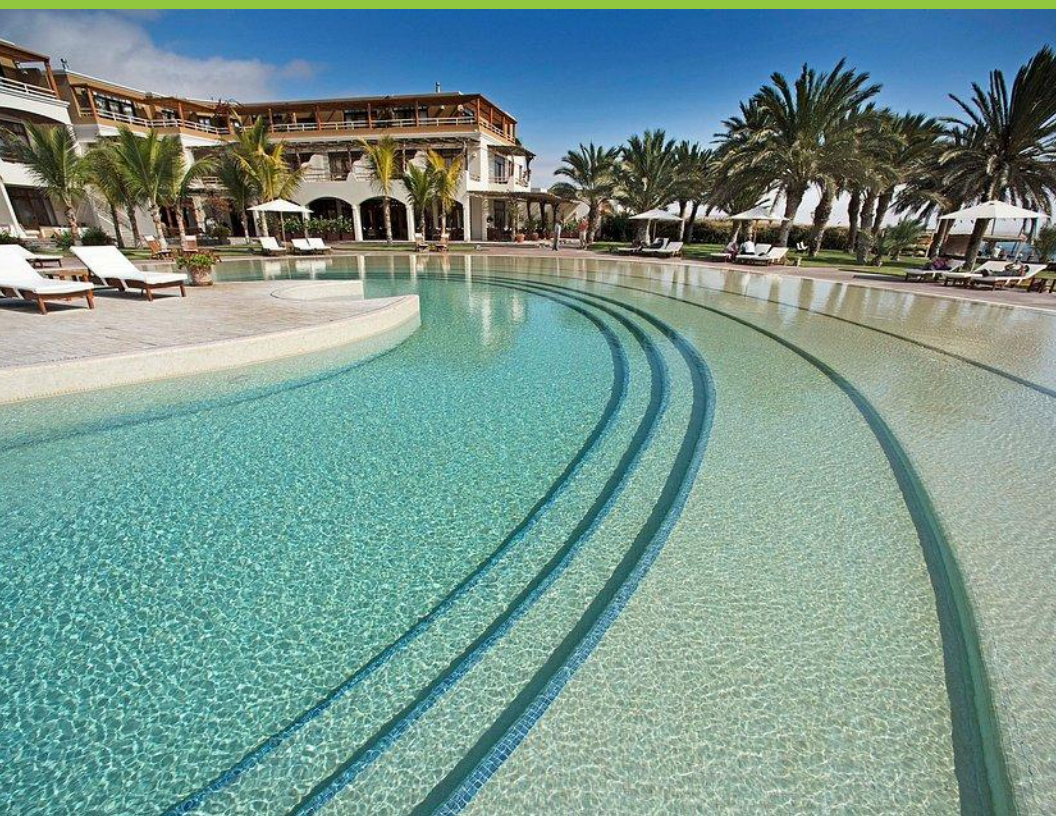
Welcome to Lima! Your adventure begins with an early pick-up from your hotel followed by a short drive to the city's traditional coastal district, Chorrillos. Here, you'll visit a lively seafood market and fishing port, where you can watch artisanal fishers in action and lightly sample fresh flavors.

After, journey along the famed Pan-American Highway, one of the longest in the world, with a short coffee and rest stop along the way. Admire views of the coastal desert landscapes and rural communities. Around mid-day, arrive at Bodega Tres Generaciones, a peaceful family-run vineyard. Savor a private 3 course lunch crafted with local flavors, served under the shade in a quiet garden or among the vines.

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided pisco tasting at the estate, featuring a tour of the vineyard and distillation areas. Learn about the distillation process and sample a variety of grape-based spirits including Quebranta and Italia.

By late afternoon, check in at La Hacienda Bahía Paracas, a hotel on the bay known for its stunning views. In the evening, dine at the hotel restaurant and choose from a menu of freshly caught seafood and regional specialties.

Lunch and Dinner included.



Nazca Lines & Pisco Tasting Day Three

Following an early breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a private transfer to the Pisco Airport for our flightseeing activity.

Board a light aircraft for a 90-minute panoramic flight over the Nazca Lines. This series of mysterious geoglyphs, etched into the desert floor more than 1,500 years ago, are an ancient marvel. Best seen in the air, a scenic flight over the lines allows us to see the impressive scale of these geoglyphs, whose origins and purpose are still a mystery to this day. Notable formations include the Hummingbird, the Monkey, the Condor, and more.

Return to the hotel later in the morning to freshen up or drink a coffee by the bay before our departure for Lima. Enjoy a comfortable return trip along the Pan-American Highway and indulge in lunch with views along the Pacific coastline. In the afternoon, arrive at the airport to board our flight to Arequipa.

A private transfer returns us from the airport to Casa Andina Premium Hotel where we check-in and freshen up before our Meet & Greet dinner, which kicks off the activities of the main tour.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport

Pre-Trip Night 1

This comfortable and modern hotel is perfectly located just across from Lima's international terminal, making it an ideal place to rest after a long flight. With no need for a shuttle or taxi, check-in is quick and easy—so you can settle in and relax within minutes of landing.

The Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel offers a range of amenities designed for convenience and comfort, including a full-service restaurant and bar, a fitness center, and an indoor pool.

Spacious guest rooms feature plush bedding, free Wi-Fi, and well-appointed bathrooms—providing a quiet, restful space to recharge before your time exploring Lima begins.



La Hacienda Bahía Paracas

Pre-Trip Night 2

This charming waterfront hotel sits on the edge of Paracas Bay, offering peaceful surroundings and sweeping ocean views.

This hotel offers an array of on-site facilities included a refreshing outdoor pool, fitness center, and restaurant. Its rooms are tastefully decorated with modern amenities like free Wi-Fi and spacious bathrooms.



As is common with boutique hotels, room sizes and views are often different within the same property. Please note that we assign guest rooms on a first come, first serve basis. No exceptions.



POST-TRIP EXTENSION

MACHU PICCHU

This post-tour extension brings you to Machu Picchu, one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world! Fly a little over an hour to Cusco, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Spend one night here, before taking a train to the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the stone temples, terraces, and ceremonial plazas of this ancient citadel, nestled amongst the Andes mountains. Often called the “Lost City of the Incas”, you’ll learn more about the history, engineering, and culture of the Incan Empire during a guided visit.



Machu Picchu Inclusions

- Two nights hotel accommodations
- Flight:
 - La Paz, Bolivia → Cusco, Peru
- Train ride through the Sacred Valley
- Entrance fee to Machu Picchu
- Private guided tour of Machu Picchu
- A visit to Aguas Calientes
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation via private vehicles and taxis
- 24/7 Trip Leader: Juan Carlos Yanez, professional guide and expert on local history, culture, and mountaineering

Dates & Price

April 13 - 15, 2027: \$2,495 USD per person (price based on double occupancy). \$240 USD added as a single supplement for solo travelers.

April 11-13, 2028: \$2,895 USD per person. \$295 USD added as a single supplement for solo travelers.



Machu Picchu Day One

Following the conclusion of the main tour, fly from La Paz, Bolivia to Cusco, Peru in the afternoon. Upon arrival, enjoy a private transfer to your hotel, which is located in the heart of Cusco's beautiful historic district.

The evening is yours to enjoy! Relax or walk through the cobbled streets of Cusco's center, where centuries-old architecture meets vibrant modern life. After, we'll dine at a local Peruvian restaurant and experience the city's culinary charm.

Breakfast & Dinner included.

Machu Picchu Day Two

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we depart by train for a memorable journey through the Sacred Valley—once an agricultural center for the Incas.

Upon arrival, we take a shuttle bus to the entrance of Machu Picchu, where our specialist guide leads a private tour of the iconic citadel. Spanning over 32,000 hectares, this UNESCO World Heritage Site, often called the "Lost City of the Incas", remains one of the world's great archaeological mysteries. Our tour focuses on the main citadel and runs about two to three hours, with moderate walking on uneven paths, and a few short climbs and descents.

After the tour concludes, we transfer by shuttle to Aguas Calientes for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant before taking the train back to Cusco. The evening is yours for rest and relaxation at the hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Machu Picchu Day Three

After a good night's rest we begin to say our goodbyes as this is the end of our adventure.

Our guides will transfer you to Cusco's Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ) for your departing flights home, with time to enjoy lunch along the way.

Breakfast & Lunch included.

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"What excites me most about this journey through southern Peru and Bolivia is that it goes far beyond the usual tourist trail. We'll meet the real people of the Andes: herders, farmers, weavers; and share moments from their daily lives, surrounded by landscapes that still feel wild and untouched.

From the volcanic valleys of Arequipa to the vast silence of the Uyuni Salt Flats, and finally up to La Paz, the world's highest capital, this is a trip that will change the way you see the Andes mountains ... and maybe even yourself."

—Juan Carlos, Trip Leader



Aranwa Boutique Hotel

Post-Trip Nights 1-2

History and elegance combines to create a one-of-a-kind stay at Aranwa Boutique Hotel, in the heart of Cusco. Housed in a restored 16th century mansion, the hotel's colonial architecture reflect the city's rich heritage and combines its historic charms with modern comforts.

Enjoy original artwork and antique furnishings with luxurious amenities like heated floors, bathrooms with jacuzzi tubs, a library, and a central courtyard.



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GENERAL INFORMATION



MEET YOUR LOCAL GUIDE

Juan Carlos Yanez

Juan Carlos Yanez is a seasoned guide, passionate about creating unforgettable travel experiences.

Born and raised in Cusco, Peru, he followed in his father's footsteps and began guiding at 22. Over the years, he has led trips across South America, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, Central America, and Antarctica, with a special love for destinations rich in history and high mountains.

JC's deep knowledge and enthusiasm for ancient cultures, history, and the outdoors make his trips truly immersive. Whether leading a trek to Machu Picchu or an expedition across Asia, he ensures every journey is extraordinary.

JC will be sharing his expertise as a Trip Leader on other tours. See a full list of JC's Trip Leader departures [here](#).

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“I've known Juan Carlos for more than 15 years and he is one of my all-time favorite guides! His knowledge, humor, care, and attention makes for a fun and incredible journey.”

—Eric Segalstad, Gondwana Ecotours
Vice President & Partner



MEET YOUR TRIP LEADER

Dani Catania

We work with a carefully selected crew of expert guides. All of our guides are personable, professional, courteous, friendly, and excited to show our guests some of the most incredible parts of Peru and Bolivia. All of our guides are vetted, trained, and hold relevant certifications such as CDL, Wilderness Medicine, and / or First Responder.

Your Trip Leader, Dani Catania, has extensive experience guiding tours around the world. He is a native of Argentina and a seasoned explorer of South America's breathtaking landscapes, fascinating history, and vibrant culture. With his expertise, you'll enjoy a thoughtfully led journey through Peru and Bolivia. On this journey, he works alongside expert locals to help bring each destination to life, combining seamless leadership with local knowledge and perspective.

Dani is also Gondwana Ecotours' Head of Guiding and Operations, which means he oversees, coaches, and mentors all of the guides that we work with across the world.

See a full list of Dani's Trip Leader departures [here](#).

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

Is This Trip For Me?

- Our Peru & Bolivia Adventure requires moderate mobility and physical fitness. You should be able to walk on uneven, natural terrain hiking trails for at least three miles unassisted. You must also be physically able to comfortably enter and exit vans, buses, planes, and boats, without assistance. We spend time at high altitudes, reaching 16,000 ft., so guests must feel comfortable with the effects of thinner air and lower oxygen levels while walking. We will provide many opportunities for rest and acclimatization.

Please note that the minimum age for all of our tours is twelve years old. Some activities may also have specific age restrictions. However, we may be able to make exceptions in certain cases. For more information or to inquire about younger participants, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com.

Where do we arrive and depart from?

- On the first day of the tour, please arrive at the Arequipa's Alfredo Rodriguez Ballon International Airport (AQP). On the last day of the tour, most guests will likely depart from El Alto International Airport (LPB) in La Paz, Bolivia.

When should I arrive in Arequipa?

- You should arrive in at Alfredo Rodriguez Ballon International Airport (AQP) during the morning or afternoon on Day One of the tour. If you wish to arrive early and spend more time in Arequipa, let us know if you would like help booking pre-tour nights at the hotel.

What if I want to come explore other parts of the country before or after the trip?

- We recommend joining our pre-trip extension to the Nazca Lines & Pisco Tasting in Peru. Here you'll experience coastal culture, winemaking traditions, and a visit to the fabled Nazca Lines. Begin in Lima's coastal district of Chorrillos and visit a bustling market and fishing port. Travel along the scenic Pan-American Highway for a private vineyard lunch and guided pisco-tasting at a family-run estate. The next day, take to the skies for a scenic flight over the Nazca Lines. This series of mysterious geoglyphs, etched into the desert floor more than 1,500 years ago, are an ancient marvel.
- We also recommend joining our post-trip extension to Machu Picchu, one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world! Take a 45-minute flight to Cusco, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Spend one night here, before taking a train to the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- If you'd like to visit other parts of Peru or Bolivia prior to or after your trip, let us know if you want any travel tips!

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

What do I need to do to prepare for my journey?

- Book your flight to Alfredo Rodriguez Ballon International Airport (AQP) for anytime on or before Day One of the trip. After booking we will send you a pre-trip guide that includes local information and a packing list.

Can you cater to my dietary restrictions?

- We cater to common dietary restrictions and can accommodate most common diets with advanced notice. After registering for a tour, we provide a Registration Form to collect personal information, including dietary preferences and restrictions, which we share with our vendors to make necessary accommodations. If you have specific questions about an uncommon dietary restriction, please email our Guest Services department at info@gondwanaecotours.com, and we will explore possible options to match your needs.

Do you offer private tours?

- Yes, our itineraries can be arranged as private tours for small groups from 6-18 people, depending on the season and itinerary. You and your group can travel together on a more personalized trip while still benefiting from the same guides, accommodations, and activities included in our regular departures. To receive more details on dates, pricing, and special requests, please email info@gondwanaecotours.com.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$500 USD per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided the trip is at least 121 days away at the time of cancellation. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#)
- After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

Our promise is to deliver handcrafted travel experiences that enrich your mind, body and soul. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

AUTHENTIC Our adventures are filled with nature and culture that will amaze, enlighten and deeply connect you with the region.

LOCAL GUIDES Enjoy the unbeatable experience of local guides who love to share their country, culture and customs.

FIVE-STAR REVIEWS We take pride in our commitment to quality, service, and unforgettable adventures, all of which have earned us glowing reviews from guests. We're honored by the [kind words they share](#) about their positive experiences.

SUPPORT Our guest services team is available for any assistance you need before your trip. We provide a detailed pre-trip guide and packing list so you know what to expect and what to pack.

SUSTAINABLE To minimize our trip's impact on the environment we pay to carbon neutralize the entire tour and activities, as well as guest flights to and from Peru/Bolivia.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a small impact on the environment because of the small group size of 18 and activities such as walking, kayaking, using buses, and passenger ferries.

UNIQUE LODGING Feel the heart of the destination by staying at some memorable hotels. We book at locally owned and eco-friendly hotels whenever possible.



We hope you'll join us in Peru & Bolivia!

A \$500 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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