

Travel Route

17 Days and 16 Nights

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 The agricultural center of the Inca Empire
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Day 1: Historic Centre of Lima Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site

We will be waiting for you in <u>International Airport Jorge Chávez</u> Transportation to <u>Hotel Mariel</u>*

In the afternoon, we'll begin our tour with a panoramic view of the Huaca Pucllana Pyramid, a magnificent ceremonial and archaeological center built in the 4th century A.D., considered a "sacred village" by the pre-Incas culture.

During our visit, we will visit the Historic Center of Lima, where you'll see over fifty colonial monuments and buildings, including the Paseo de la República, Plaza San Martín, Plaza Mayor, Government Palace, Archbishop's Palace, Basilica Cathedral, City Hall, and more.

The tour includes entrance to San Francisco and its Catacombs. Then, our excursion continues through Lima's modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, where we'll enjoy a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean from the city's bay. After the tour, you'll have free time to relax at your hotel or explore the local cuisine—we'll gladly suggest restaurants where you can taste the best of South American cuisine.

Depending on arrival time, includes breakfast.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

- ↑ Huaca Pucllana Pyramid
- 🚐 Lima City Tour Historic Center
 - Paseo de la República
 - Plaza San Martín
 - Plaza Mayor
 - Government Palace
 - Archbishop's Palace
 - Cathedral Basilica
 - Municipal Palace
- San Francisco and its Catacombs
- Lima City Tour San Isidro and Miraflores
- Free time



Day 2: Archaeological sites around Cusco Legacy of Inca engineering

After breakfast, you will be transferred to <u>Jorge Chávez International Airport</u>. We will greet you at <u>Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport</u> Transportation to <u>Hotel Royal Inca II</u>*

In the afternoon, we'll take a guided tour of the city of Cusco and four nearby archaeological sites. Our journey begins in the historic center with a visit to the Cusco Cathedral, which houses magnificent works of craftsmanship and a collection of paintings from the "Cusco School." Next, we'll visit the Temple of the Sun (Qoricancha), built during the Inca era in honor of their main deity Inti, the Sun god. Today, it features impressive examples of Inca architecture alongside the Convent of Santo Domingo.

We'll continue out tour on the outskirts of Cusco to visit four archaeological sites located nearby. First, we'll see the imposing Sacsayhuamán, where you can observe stones up to 9 meters tall and weighing over 120 tons, fitted together with incredible precision. Just 1 kilometer away lies the Inca ceremonial center of Qenqo, a ceremonial center used for rituals and astronomical purposes. Next is Puka Pukara, believed to have served as a military and administrative checkpoint. We'll finish the tour at Tambomachay, where you'll witness one of the best examples of Inca skill in hydraulic engineering. After the tour, you'll have free time to relax or explore the local area.

Includes breakfast at the hotel.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

- 🚃 Cusco City Tour Historic Center
 - Basilica Cathedral of Cusco
 - Temple of the Sun (Qoricancha)
 - Santo Domingo convent
- Archaeological Sites of Cusco
 - Sacsayhuaman
 - Inca ceremonial center of Inca de Qenqo
 - Inca ceremonial center Puka Pukara
 - Tambomachay
- Free time



Day 3: Sacred ValleyThe agricultural center of the Inca Empire

After breakfast, we'll depart for the Sacred Valley of the Incas on a picturesque journey where you'll experience important archaeological sites, stunning landscapes, and local traditions.

Our first stop is the town of Pisac and its artisan market, where you can shop handmade products and immerse yourself in the customs of the local people. We'll then ascend to the Admire Pisac archaeological site, nestled high on a mountain.

Then, we'll travel by bus along the right bank of the Vilcanota River, passing through various towns of the Sacred Valley until we reach Urubamba, where you'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we visit the Ollantaytambo Fortress, an Inca site that served as a ceremonial center and military fortress. You'll walk through its typical streets and climb the terraces to admire the valley's stunning views. After the tour, we return to Cusco, where you'll spend the night.

Includes breakfast at the <u>hotel</u>. Includes excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas + Lunch Day does not include other meals.

DESTINATIONS

AM - PM

- Sacred Valley Tour
 - Pisaq Archeolical complex
 - Pisaq Typical craft market
 - Urubamba town
- Ollantaytambo archaeological site
- Transfer to Cusco



Day 4: Machu PicchuAn Inca legacy, World Heritage and wonder of the world

After breakfast, we'll head to the bus station in Cusco to begin our journey to one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. You'll board the <u>Expedition or Vistadome Observatory ticket train</u> to the town of <u>Aguas Calientes</u>, where Machu Picchu awaits arriving after approximately 30 minutes.

We'll enjoy a guided tour lasting of approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, where you'll explore and learn about this enigmatic site.

After the tour in Machu Picchu, we'll return by bus to Aguas Calientes. Upon arrival in Cusco, you'll be met at the station and transferred to your hotel.

Finally, you'll board the return train to Cusco. Upon arrival, a transfer will take you to your hotel.

Includes breakfast at the hotel. Includes lunch menu in 3 times at a local restaurant. Day does not include other meals.

DESTINATIONS

AM

🥽 Bus a <u>Machu Picchu</u>

📍 Machu Picchu Citadel - Guided Tour

Machu Picchu Ruins

PM

Free time



Day 5: La PazCrossing throught the Andean Altiplano

After breakfast at the hotel, we set off for another Andean icon: La Paz, Bolivia, the highest capital city in the world.

You'll will transferred to <u>Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport</u> to <u>El Alto International Airport</u>. Upon arrival, our team will meet you at the airport to escort you to <u>La Maison de la Bolivie Hotel</u>*

The rest of the day is free for you to explore, enjoy a leisurely dinner or explore the city at your own pace and taste some of the best flavors of Bolivia.

Includes breakfast at the hotel. Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.



Day 6: Titicaca Lake and Isla del Sol The highest navigable lake in the world

In the morning, we depart from La Paz in private transport towards Copacabana. Along the way, we will stop to take photos of Lake Titicaca and the impressive Andes Mountain Range. We cross the Tiquina Strait by motorboat (a 20-minute ride), and then continue our journey through pre-Columbian agricultural terraces built during the Chiripa, Tiwanaku, and Inca cultures.

Arrive in Copacabana and check in at Hotel Rosario del Lago Titicaca*

In the afternoon, we take a boat ride to Isla del Sol, the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Upon arrival at the island's southern shore, we visit the Temple of Pilkocaina, followed by a hike to the village of Yumani with breathtaking views of the lake and the Royal Andean Range. We descend the Sacred Stairway and visit the Sacred Fountain of the Incas, believed to be a source of eternal youth. Return by boat to Copacabana and transfer to hotel, where you'll have the chance to enjoy a beautiful sunset over the sacred lake.

Includes Breakfast at the hotel in La Paz.

Includes lunch.

Includes dinner at the hotel in Copacabana.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

PM

Boat

- Port of Copacabana
- Titicaca Lake

Island of the Sun

- Pilkocaina Temple
- Hike to Yumani
- Descent via the Sacred Stairway
- Inca Fountain



Day 7: Copacabana City Religious and cultural center in Bolivia

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour through the picturesque streets of Copacabana. Visit the iconic Basilica of Our Lady of Copacabana, home to the revered Dark Virgin (Virgen Morena), the local market where you'll find the famous pasankallas – a sweet Andean popcorn treat.

Optionally, you can opt for a short hike up El Calvario Hill for panoramic views of Titicaca Lake.

In the afterternoon, we return to La Paz by private transport. Upon arrival, our team will waiting for you at the bus terminal.

Transfer to Hotel La Maison de la Bolivie*

Includes breakfast.

Lunch at your own expense.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

AM

- 📍 Copacabana
- Walk through the town
- Church of the Virgen Morena
- Local Market
- Optional: Ascent to Cerro del Calvario

PM

©Free time in La Paz



Day 8: Uyuni Salt Flats The largest salt desert in the world

After breakfast, transfer from Hotel in La Paz to <u>El Alto International Airport</u>
We arrive early in Uyuni, transfer from <u>Joya Andina Airport</u> - <u>Uyuni Airport</u> to offices in Uyuni

Transportation to <u>Hotel Luna Salada</u>* ★★★★

First, we visit the Train Cemetery, where the rusted remains of locomotives tell the story of Bolivia's once thriving rail industry. Then we head through Colchani, the entrance to the salt flats, where you'll learn about traditional salt processing techniques and browse local crafts and woven goods made by artisan families. Once on the salt flats, we explore the salt mounds, the "Ojos del Salar", and the Salt Hotel. Our highlight stop is Incahuasi Island, famous for its giant cacti (some up to 10 metres tall).

We end the day watching the sunset over the salt flats. Afterwards, we return to Uyuni to spend the night at the hotel.

Includes breakfast at the hotel in La Paz.

Includes luch at Incahuasi Island.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

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- Train Cementery
- Colchani community
- 📍 Uyuni Salt Flats Tour
- Salt mound
- Ojos del Salar
- Salt Hotel
- Incahuasi Island

PM

Sunset viewing



Day 9: Andean lagoonsThe most surreal landscapes of the Bolivian Altiplano.

After breakfast at the hotel, our first stop in the Chiguana Salt Flat, followed by the Ollagüe Volcano. We then visit to the Cañapa Lagoon, where flamingos are often seen.

After lunch, the journey continues through the Hedionda and Onda Lagoons. We cross the Silolí Desert, visit the Stone Tree, a rock formation sculpted by wind erosion.

We end the day at the Red Lagoon (Laguna Colorada), a lake known for its reddish tones and flamenco sighting.

Overnight stay at the <u>Huayllajara shelters</u>.

Includes breakfast at the hotel. Includes lunch at Cañapa Lagoon. Day does not include other meals.

DESTINATIONS

AM

- 📍 Chiguana Salt Flat
- ₹ Viewpoint of Ollagüe Volcano
- ₹ Cañapa Lagoon

- 📍 Hedionda Lagoon
- ₹ Onda Lagoon
- Silolí Desert
- ₹ Stone Tree
- Pred Lagoon (Laguna Colorada)



Day 10: Bolivian Altiplano

Extensive high-altitude plateau in the heart of the central Andes

We depart early in the morning, before sunrise, to visit the geysers, which are part of a volcanic crater. Next, we head to the Polques Hot Springs, where you'll enjoy breakfast while surrounded by the serenity of the high Andes.

Afterwards, we visit the Dali Desert and the Green Lagoon. Around midday, we stop in Villamar for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit the Valley of the Rocks and the last stop is San Cristóbal, home to a colonial-era church relocated stone by stone during the expansion of a mining project.

We return to Uyuni by private transport between 5:00 to 5:30 PM You will be transferred to the hotel where you will spend the night

Includes breakfast in the hot springs area Includes lunch at Villamar Village.

Day does not include other meals.

DESTINATIONS

AM

- 🥈 Sol de Mañana Geysers
- Polques Hot Springs
- Pali Desert
- 📍 Green Lagoon and Licancabur Volcano
- ↑ Villamar Village

- Valley of the Rocks
- San Cristóbal



Day 11: Santa Cruz de la Sierra Tourist gateway to eastern Bolivia

After breakfast at the hotel in Uyuni, we moved to <u>Joya Andina Airport - Airport in Uyuni</u> to take our flight to Santa Cruz de la Sierra.

Upon arrival at <u>Viru Viru International Airport - Airport in Santa Cruz</u>, our team will be waiting to greet you and escort you to <u>Yotau All Suites Hotel</u>*

In the evening, we will go out to explore the city with a night-time city tour. The day ends with a traditional dinner at a loca restaurant, where we will savour typical dishes from the eastern region.

After the city tour and dinner, you will be transfer back to your hotel.

Includes breakfast at the hotel in Uyuni.
Includes dinner at one of the local restaurants.
Day does not include other meals.
*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONSPM

? Santa Cruz Night-time City Tour



Day 12: QuitoDeclared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we get ready to continue our journey and go to <u>Viru Viru International Airport - Airport in Santa Cruz</u> to board our flight.

This time, we leave behind the eastern Bolivia to fly towards a new Andean gem: Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

Upon arrival in Quito, you will be welcomed and transferred to the <u>Hotel Holiday Inn Express Quito by IHG</u>. You'll have the rest of the day free to rest, acclimatisa to the altitude, or begin exploring the city at your own pace.

Includes breakfast at the hotel in Santa Cruz
Day does not include other meals.
*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.



Day 13: Historic Centre of Quito The best preserved and least altered historic center in Latin America

In the morning, we begin the day exploring the Historic Centre of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our tour includes the Basilica of the National Vow (entrance included to explore its towers and impressive stained-glass windows), Plaza Grande, the Government Palace, and the Church of La Compañía de Jesús (entrance and guided tour included). We will also visit San Francisco Square and Church, and the viewpoint of the Winged Virgin at El Panecillo.

Afterwards, we transfer to the Middle of the World city, where there will be time for lunch, followed by visits to the Monument marking the Equator Line (included) and the Intiñan Museum (included). Finally, we'll stop at the cable car (Teleférico) for those who wish to visit it (optional, at your own expense).

Return to Hotel Holiday Inn Express Quito by IHG*

Includes breakfast at the hotel.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

- Basilica of the National Vow
- Plaza Grande
- Government Palace
- Church of La Compañía de Jesús
- Tancisco Square and Church
- F El Panecillo viewpoint Winged Virgin of Quito

- Middle of the World city
- 📍 Intiñan Museum
- POptional stop at the Quito Cable Car



Day 14: Santa Cruz Island

Known worldwide for its unique biodiversity and ecosystems

We transfer to <u>Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport - Airport in Quito</u> to catch our flight to the Galápagos Islands.

Upon arrival at <u>Baltra Airport</u> - Airport in Galápagos Islands, you will be welcomed and transferred by the "Lobito" bus to the Itabaca Channel, then cross by ferry to <u>Santa Cruz Island</u>. Depending on your flight arrival time and to avoid long waiting times, we will head directly to Puerto Ayora.

In the afternoon, transfer from your hotel to one of the farms to visit the Giant Tortoises in their natural habitat, with time to enjoy the surroundings. There, we also see the Lava Tunnels—this area is known as the Highlands of the island. We make a final stop at Twin Craters, a unique geological formation of the islands, where we will admire the local flora and landscape.

Transfer to Puerto Ayora and return to Hotel La Isla*

Includes breakfast at he hotel Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

- Yisit to a Giant Tortoise
- † Exploration of the Lava Tunnels
- Tvisit to the Twin Craters



Day 15: Adventure, nature and ecotourism

Diversity of ecosystems that allow the observation of emblematic species

In the morning after breakfast, we begin the day with a walk from the hotel to the entrance of the ecological trail that will take us to Tortuga Bay Beach, surrounded by abundant native vegetation, takes approximately 40-minute walk. Upon arrival, you'll discover one of the most stunning beaches in the Galápagos with white sand and mangroves on its sides.

We'll spend time relaxing at Playa Mansa, a calm bay where you can go snorkelling. You may see fish, marine iguanas, and sea lions. Afterwards, we'll return to Puerto Ayora by boat (included).

In the afternoon, we'll walk to the pier for a short boat ride of approximately 15 to 20 minutes as we begin our open sea tour of the bay. We will visit Shark Channel, where you can observe harmless white-tipped reef sharks. Next, we will visit the Crystal-clear Waters of Love Channel, Dog Beach, and Salt Mines, followed by Las Grietas, a sea inlet located between two cliffs. The final stop is Punta Estrada beach, where we may stay until sunset.

Recommendation: bring towels and snorkelling gear from the hotel Includes Breakfast.

Day does not include other meals.

DESTINATIONS

AM

- \P Walk from the hotel to the ecological trail entrance
- 📍 Trail walk to Tortuga Bay
- 📍 Snorkel at Playa Mansa

- ¶ Walk to the pier for a boat tour of the bay
- Page 1 Boat ride through Shark Channel
- Tisit Love Channel and Dog Beach
- **?** Salt Mines
- **†** Las Grietas
- 📍 Enjoy Punta Estrada Beach until sunset



Day 16: Quito CityInvaluable historical legacy in its architecture and art

We'll leave Santa Cruz Island, heading to Baltra to board our flight to Quito. Transportation to <u>Galápagos Ecologic Airport</u>
Upon arrival in Quito, our staff will meet you at <u>Mariscal Sucre Quito</u>
<u>International Airport</u> and transfer to <u>Hotel Holiday Inn Express Quito by IHG</u>*
The rest of the day is free for you to relax, explore at your leisure. or enjoy the local cuisine at your own pace.

Includes breakfast.

Day does not include other meals.

*Hotel subject to availability. We will book a similar hotel for you.

DESTINATIONS

PM

©Free day for personal activities or rest



Day 17: QuitoFlight back home

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, it will be time to say goodbye to Quito and this unforgettable adventure through South America.

At the scheduled time, you will be transferred to <u>Mariscal Sucre Quito</u> <u>International Airport - Airport in Ecuador</u> to board your flight back to your city of origin.

Includes breakfast at the hotel Day does not include other meals.

Travel with us

Travelers who book with DHOSA will experience a hassle-free journey. We take care of every detail so you can focus on enjoying the ride.

Before the Trip

Travel preparation starts weeks before boarding the plane. We support you in:

- Assisting with visa processes for Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador
- Sharing a "What to Pack" guide to navigate each ecosystem and climate
- Offering a local food guide for free days and dietary preferences
- Recommending travel insurance (we partner with Travel Ace and Cardinal Assistance)
- Providing preparation steps for altitude acclimatization

During the Trip

Enjoy 24/7 support throughout your tour, which includes:

- A welcome kit with local essentials (sun hat, insect repellent, altitude pills, etc.)
- Guided tours in English, in every location
- All accommodations
- Flights and ground transport to every destination of the itinerary
- Multiple meals (non-included meals listed in the itinerary)
- Thoughtful souvenirs to remember the journey

After the Trip

We stay in touch and continue adding value with:

- A cloud folder link with professional travel photos
- Invitations to join the DHOSA traveler community, where we share updates, travel inspiration, and exclusive offers

