

PERU - NAZCA LINES



TRIP CODE

PETSNAZ

DURATION

3 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru



INTRODUCTION

Got some spare time in Lima? Take a quick three day trip to see the world famous Nazca Lines plus the Ballestas Islands!

The Nazca Lines were created by an ancient Peruvian civilisation and are so large they can only be seen from the air. The three-day tour includes a return bus trip from Lima, a Ballestas Island tour, a tour of the Nazca-era Chauchilla Cemetery, one night's accommodation in Paracas and one in Nazca town.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Transfer to bus station for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel to transfer to the bus station for your onward journey from Lima.



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DAY 1: Bus Transfer Lima - Paracas

Travel by bus from Lima to Paracas in a comfortable bus offering a great designer interior with ample leg-room for you to relax or read a book in comfort, large panoramic windows through which to view the landscape and with an on-board toilet and full air-conditioning. The bus drive takes approximately 4 hours.



DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Paracas

On arrival at Paracas bus station, you will be met by a representative who will be holding a sign with your name on it, to transfer you to your hotel. Should you have trouble locating him/her, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details.



DAY 1: Paracas

Paracas meaning "sand rain" in Quechua, is a small port town and beach resort on the southern coast of Peru, a few hours south of Lima. The cliffs that fringe the beaches teem with birds, ranging from guano birds to Humboldt penguins. Paracas is the access point for tours to Islas Ballestas and to Paracas National Reserve, where there are huge colonies of seabirds as well as sea lions.



DAY 2: Ballestas Island Cruise

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the small port of Paracas to board the boat that will cruise around the Ballestas Islands. See the remarkable marine mammals and birdlife the islands are famous for. From the boat, you can see the incredible ancient etchings in the coastal cliffs including the mysterious three pronged Candelabra of the Andes. This 180 metre tall geoglyph is carved into the side of the hill alongside Paracas Bay. On completion of the cruise, you will be transferred back to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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DAY 2: Transfer to bus station for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel to transfer to the bus station for your onward journey from Paracas.



DAY 2: Bus Transfer Paracas - Nazca

Travel by bus from Paracas to Nazca.



DAY 2: Arrival transfer in Nazca


On arrival into Nazca, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



DAY 2: Nazca

Nazca is located in the Ica region of Peru, on the southern coast, one of the most arid regions in the world. The name is derived from the Nazca culture that flourished in the area between 100 and 800 AD and was responsible for the Nazca Lines, the ceremonial city of Cahuachi and for constructing an impressive system of underground aqueducts (Puquios) that still function to this day.



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DAY 3: Free Day in Nazca

Free day to explore the Nazca area. Options include a flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines where hundreds of years ago ancient Peruvians etched huge designs into the desert floor, which can be seen only from the air (flight payable locally) or an excursion to the Chauchilla Cemetery. The tombs contain pre-Hispanic mummified human remains and pottery of the Nazca people. This is the only archaeological site in Peru where ancient mummies can be seen in their original graves, along with ancient artefacts.



DAY 3: Transfer to bus station for onward destination

Transfer to bus station for outward journey from Nazca.



DAY 3: Bus Transfer Nazca - Lima

Travel by bus from Nazca to Lima.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel.
Inclusions	All sightseeing, accommodation, entrance fees, guided tours and daily breakfast in the hotel. Nazca Lines overflight not included in tour price.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	FROM US\$130 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	Tour can be taken with a starting point from Lima or Arequipa in a one way or return tour. Nazca overflight is not included but is optional for the standard 3 day tour.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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