

## SOUTH AMERICA - NORTHERN KINGDOMS



### TRIP CODE

PETSNK

### DEPARTURE

Daily

### DURATION

7 Days

### LOCATIONS

Peru



## INTRODUCTION

Peru is known as the "Egypt of the Americas" on account of the wealth of its archaeology and with this tour you will visit fascinating, little known ruins of powerful pre - Incan cultures in Northern Peru, including the mighty Kuelap fortress.

For the serious traveller, this is a tour not to be missed.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Trujillo and Chiclayo

On arrival at Chiclayo airport or bus station, you will be transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, we drive to Lambayeque to visit the Tumbas Reales Museum, a modern building inspired by the architecture and designs of the Moche culture it celebrates, and arguably the best museum in Peru. It aims to recreate the atmosphere of a Moche temple, serving as a mausoleum for the Lord of Sipán and his companions, as well as a museum. (NB. This visit can be done on Day 7, prior to your departure, depending on your schedule) Overnight in Chiclayo.



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AVAILABLE

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## DAY 2: Chiclayo to Chachapoyas

In the morning, we transfer you by private transport from Chiclayo to Chachapoyas, a journey of some 9 hours, climbing from the coastal desert into the Andes, descending to the Marion River, via the Utcubamba Canyon, and finally arriving in the high jungle town of Chachapoyas where the hotel is located. Overnight in Chachapoyas.



## DAY 3: Chachapoyas & Utubamba: Karajia

This morning, depart from Chachapoyas to the village of Cruz Pata, where we will leave our vehicle and hike downhill to Karajia. These striking sarcophagi, sculptured as human effigies, once held the corpses of the elite members of Chachapoya society and have become an icon of the area: for 750 years, they have looked towards the rising sun.



## DAY 4: Utcubamba: Revash & Leymebamba


In the morning, we drive to Yerbabuena from where we walk for two hours for a close-up view of the spectacularly colourful funerary complex of Revash. This extremely photogenic site is perched on a yellow cliff and the tombs are like mini houses with red pictographs dating back to 1200 AD. After lunch, we continue to Leymebamba to visit the new museum housing the 219 mummies found at a nearby lake in 1997. Later in the afternoon, we return to our accommodation in the Utcubamba Valley.



## DAY 5: Kuelap

To get the best opportunity for photography we leave the hotel early to drive to the Chachapoya fortress of Kuelap. The towering walls and hundreds of roundhouses, encircled by cloud forest, at 3,000m (9,900 ft) above sea level always amaze first-time visitors. We'll explore the many ceremonial constructions and aqueducts as a group, but with plenty of opportunities to wander on you own. We then return by private transport to Chachapoyas, soaking up the scenery ... made all the more atmospheric by the setting sun. Overnight in Chachapoyas.



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### DAY 6: Chachapoyas to Chiclayo


This morning, depart Chachapoyas in a private vehicle, to return to Chiclayo. Late afternoon transfer to your hotel.



### DAY 7: Chiclayo: Departure

After breakfast, we transfer to Chiclayo Airport or bus station for your onward journey.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels
Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast Tours as stated on the itinerary Airport transfers Other meals where stated Entrances Permits Transportation Tour Guides
Difficulty Rating	2 (Low Level Fitness required)
Single Surcharge	Available Upon Request
Notes	An additional fee will be charged in case you require night transfers (from 9pm to 7am).
Price Dependent upon	Season and Availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

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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 structured 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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