

### **PERU** - ANDEAN EXPLORER



# TRIP CODE PETSAPID

### **DEPARTURE**

**Every Saturday** 

#### **DURATION**

3 Days

#### LOCATIONS

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# INTRODUCTION

Departing from the beautiful volcanic â\[\]White Cityâ\[\] of Arequipa as the sun sets, the Belmond Andean Explorer travels overnight towards Puno and Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the word. The luxury train traverses the wide open plains of the Peruvian Altiplano where llamas and alpacas graze, through deep valleys and high mountains to the historic city of Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire.

Belmond Andean Explorer from Chimu Adventures on Vimeo.

# **ITINERARY**



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#### DAY 1: Depart Arequipa

Board the train in the baroque city of Arequipa. Take some time to get comfortable in your cabin and acclimatise to the indulgent atmosphere of the train as you begin your journey towards Puno. Then take your seat in one of the elegant dining cars for your first-time dinner on board. Relax and savour refined Andean dishes served with contemporary flair. After dinner, why not head to the bar car and enjoy a cocktail as you get to know your fellow travellers. Departs every Saturday.



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#### DAY 2: Puno and Titicaca Lake

Awake early for a spellbinding experience as you witness the sunrise across Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world. The beautiful lake is home to many diverse islands, each boasting a unique way of life. First, take a traditional boat to Uros, a man-made island artfully constructed from interwoven reeds which are constantly being replenished. The locals who live on the island use the same reeds to create homes, ships and tools. Continue your exploration to Taquile Island, notable for its stunning agricultural terraces. The people here follow a social code that has been barely touched by time, and their handwoven fabrics are regarded as the best in Peru. After enjoying lunch there will be a visit to Collata beach, followed by a performance from local dancers and a demonstration of artisans at work. Return to the train station at the lake for a delicious afternoon tea. Board the train and relax as the journey continues on to Cusco. As evening descends enjoy another tempting dinner in the dining carriage.



## DAY 3: Arrive Cusco

Start your morning with a delicious onboard breakfast. Then, explore an Alpaca and Lama breeding farm to learn more about these Andean animals. After the visit, get back on the train for a scenic journey to Cusco, enjoying views of the Andes as we leave La Raya. Have a nice brunch on board before we reach Cusco around 1:30 pm. Bid farewell to your crew and disembark for your onward travel arrangements.





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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Bunk Bed Cabin on board the Andean Explorer
Inclusions	1 Night on board the Andean Explorer (bunk bead cabin - twin and suite also available on request) Activities as per the itinerary 1 Dinner on board 1 Breakfast on board 1 Lunch on board
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Contact us for more details
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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# **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.