


PERU - LIMA TO ICA



INTRODUCTION

Explore the unique corners of Peru on this incredible itinerary as you travel from Lima to Ica. Depart from Lima the incredible gastronomical of Peru as you explore the coastal deserts of Ica. Discover the oasis town of Huacachina before taking sand buggy drive across vast desert dunes. Dip into the regions unique culture on a Pisco Route tour and taste the incredible sweet wines at the Tacamo and Bodega facilities. This is a perfect journey that explores a more niche region of Peru, perfectly combining adventerous and cultural activities.

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DAY 1: Lima

Lima, the capital of Peru, sits on the country's arid Pacific coast. Founded in 1535, its colonial centre is well preserved, but today Lima is a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. The city is home to the various museums including the Museo Larco that houses a collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nación, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations. Lima is known as the "gastronomical capital of the Americas", encompassing specialties from ceviche and traditional coastal cooking to refined global fare. It even boasts several of the top restaurants in the world. If you have any free days during your stay, we recommend that you take a visit to the Larcomar shopping centre. Located on a cliff with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean in the heart of Lima's Miraflores district, it is worth the visit. You can either walk from Barranco or have your hotel arrange a taxi for you. Additionally, Huaccu Pucllana is a massive adobe and clay pyramid built between 200 and 700 AD. It served as an important ceremonial and administrative centre for the advancement of Lima culture, constructed from seven staggered platforms. Take a taxi to this amazing site in Miraflores (closed on Tuesday's). You can take a tour upon arrival, or simply admire the structure while sipping a coffee or a pisco sour in the lovely Peruvian restaurant overlooking the site (open for lunch until 3pm). Or if you are interested in history and archaeology, a visit to the one-of-a-kind private Museo Larco could be an unforgettable experience. Discover over 5000 years of ancient Peruvian civilisations and the intimate bond that existed between pre-Columbian societies and the natural world. Open daily, however it is a good idea to check if a guided tour in English is available prior to visiting.



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DAY 2: Transfer Hotel to Bus Station

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DAY 2: Bus Transfer Lima - Ica

We depart early and head south down the Pan Americana Highway passing the little known Inca ruins of Pachacamac and into Peru’s coastal desert strip. We arrive in the desert oasis town of Huacachina, where our hotel is located and where you can take part in sand boarding, sand buggying or boating on the lagoon (payable locally). Or just climb a sand dune to watch the sunset over the desert.



DAY 2: Arrival transfer in Ica


Arrival into Ica and transfer to hotel.



DAY 2: Lima to Ica and Huacachina Sand Buggies

In the afternoon hop into a dune buggy and cruise across the sand dunes. As you ride along, enjoy the beautiful desert scenery. Afterwards, set up the sandboards and learn how to ride on small dunes before passing to larger ones. The views from the top of the dunes are lovely and perfect for incredible pictures.




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DAY 3: Ica Pisco Route Tour

At the appropriate time you will make your way and begin your Ica Pisco Route tour. During this tour you will visit a number of famous wineries and the favourite pisco distillery of Ica. . The first one called “Bodega Tacama”, Tacama is run out of a sprawling pink hacienda backed by striped fields lined by vines. Eschewing Peru’s penchant for sickly sweet wines, Tacama produces some rather good chardonnays and malbecs. The tour includes a visit through the ageing process (in French oak barrels, no less), a glimpse of an old colonial chapel and wine tasting at the end. Later on, you will visit “Bodega Caravedo” with its last generation industrial plant, considered the best in South America. You will appreciate the facilities, enjoy a pisco tasting and try its famous pisco called 'El Porton”. This Bodega is dedicated to the elaboration of a big variety of piscos under the leadership of the Master Distiller Johnny Schuler. After this activity you will transfer back to your hotel. Please note: This is a private tour and lasts approximately 3.5 hours.



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DAY 3: 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.



DAY 4: Transfer to bus station for onward destination

Transfer to bus station for outward journey from Ica.



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DAY 4: Transfer Ica to Lima

At the appropriate time, transfer from the hotel to the bus station for your upcoming journey back to Lima. Upon arrival to Lima's bus station, transfer to the hotel.



DAY 4: Transfer Bus Station to Hotel


At the appropriate time you will be collected from the bus station, where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.



DAY 5: Depart Lima

Please make your way to the terminal for your departure flight. Please note check in time is 3 hours prior to scheduled departure time.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	Hotel accomodation with breakfast daily All included meals and activities unless otherwise stated All included transfers Guiding by experienced and professional English Speaking guide Included sand dunes buggy tour Exclusions International flights Beverages Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Any activities not stated in itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us to discuss.
Notes	Please note that for superior options a private transfer from hotel to Huacachina is included in the price due to the properties proximity from Ica (approximately 40 minutes).
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

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