PERU - NAZCA EXTENSION



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INTRODUCTION

Discover the mystery that lies hidden within Peru's desert and southern coastline with this Chimu Adventures tour to Nazca and Paracas. Departing from Lima, Peru's capital, you will travel to Nazca where you will take an archaeological tour to unearth the many secrets of this region. Visit the Aqueducts of Cantalloc and the Paredones Ruins before enjoying a bird's eye view of the Nazca lines with a flight over the UNESCO World Heritage listed site. You will then travel to Paracas to cruise to the Ballestas Islands and see the Candelabra of the Andes before exploring the unusual desert coastline of the Paracas National Reserve.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive in Lima

Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru. The city hasn't always held this title, taking the reins from Cusco in 1535 during the Spanish Conquest. Francisco Pizarro and his conquistadors sought a new location closer to the coast and originally named their capital the City of Kings, or Ciudad de los Reyes. However, this title didn't stick and instead the city name resembles what the Inca's originally called the area, 'Limaq'. Spend your day exploring Lima's various sites such as Museo Larco (which houses a collection of pre-Columbian art), the Larcomar Shopping Centre (where there are spectacular clifftop views of the Pacific Ocean), Huaccu Pucllana (a massive adobe and clay pyramid built between 200 and 700 AD) and Lima's Plaza de Armas (where you can see the Government palace, the Archbishop's Palace of Lima, the Municipal Palace, the Palace of the Union and the Cathedral Basilica of Lima).



DAY 2: Lima to Nazca & Nazca Lines Observation Tower

You will depart Lima's sprawling metropolis and travel by luxury coach to Nazca. Situated in the desert off the southern coastline of Peru, Nazca is famous for being home to the Nazca Lines, a series of geoglyphs and lines etched into the desert floor. During your stay you will uncover the great mysteries behind the Nazca lines and learn about the culture of the Nazca people, who thrived in this area between 100 and 800AD. On arrival in the afternoon, discover the fascinating legacy of María Reiche, the German mathematician and archaeologist who dedicated more than five decades to studying and protecting the Nazca Lines. Visit the María Reiche Site Museum, where personal belongings, photographs, research tools, maps, and other artifacts offer insight into her remarkable life and pioneering work. Learn how her dedication helped document and preserve these mysterious desert geoglyphs. Finally, head to the Metal Viewing Platform, where you can observe the famous Hand and Tree geoglyphs from ground level, along with the vast geometric shapes, straight lines, and trapezoids that stretch across the desert landscape. Your guide will share insights into the Nazca civilization and the enduring mysteries surrounding these extraordinary figures. Drop-off at your hotel to enjoy an overnight stay in Nazca.



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DAY 3: Archeological Tour & Paracas

Today you will tour two of Nazca's key archaeological sites and a museum. Your first stop is the Aqueducts of Cantalloc, an underground irrigation system built by the Nazca's using river stones called 'Laja' that dates back to around 300AD. There are 46 aqueducts in total, 32 of which are functioning and still used by farmers today. You will then head to the Paredones Ruins, a small administrative centre built by the Inca's in the 1400's that provided a link between the coast and the highlands. Finally, we'll visit the Antonini Museum, which houses and conserves a collection of ceramics, mummies, trophy heads, textiles and other items from the Nazca culture. The experience concludes with a visit to local pottery and gold workshops, where skilled artisans bring traditional techniques to life through live demonstrations. Afterwards we will depart Nazca to head toward the coastal port town of Paracas.



DAY 4: Paracas National Reserve

The town of Paracas, which means 'sand rain' in Quechuan, is our departure point for today's tour of the Paracas National Reserve. In the morning you will board a small speed boat at the port and cruise to the Ballestas Islands. While these islands are not part of the Paracas National Reserve, they are rich with bird and sea life. In the air you'll spot cormorant, Peruvian booby, pelican and possibly Inca terns while in the sea you'll see sea lions and sometimes Humboldt penguins and dolphins. The cruise will pass the Candelabra of the Andes, a famous three pronged geoglyph carved into the hillside of the mainland at Paracas Bay. Standing more than 150m high and 50m wide, this geoglyph dates back to approximately 200BC. In the afternoon we will tour the Paracas National Reserve. Spanning 335,000 hectares the reserve encapsulates the Paracas peninsula, the Independencia Islands and the San Gallan Islands. You will visit Playa Roja, Yumaque and La Aguada beaches, taking the chance to see flamingos at the latter. We will also take you to the Interpretation Centre of the Paracas National Reserve. There, you will be captivated by photos of the region's flora and fauna.



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DAY 5: Paracas to Lima

You will return to Lima from Paracas by luxury bus. In the evening why not head to one of Lima's many restaurants and try ceviche. Lima is considered the gastronomical capital of the Americas and ceviche is the country's national dish. Be sure to also order a Pisco Sour, Peru's national cocktail, to wash it down.



DAY 6: Depart Lima

You will return to the airport for your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers Bus transfers between listed destinations and pick up/drop off from hotels Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary **Exclusions** International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (Easy Adventure)

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Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. **Sightseeing Flight** - Passengers over 90 kg (198 lbs) must purchase an extra seat to comply with safety regulations.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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