



NORTHERN PERU

TOURS

2022

Archaeological North Orient of Peru

16D/15N

A fascinating way of knowing the wonderful Peruvian North-oriental circuit. Get familiar with the History of Peru by visiting the places that have always marvelled mankind with their authentic natural beauty. Walk along Chan Chan, the largest adobe-built citadel in America and visit the most important ceremonial centers of Moche culture which include the Huacas del Sol y la Luna, and the historical city of Cajamarca, declared an “American Heritage site” by UNESCO. Take a tour along the ancient world of the CHACHAPOYAS and discover the archaeological treasures of this splendid area, also known as the Machu Picchu of the North. Be fascinated at the magnificence that accompanied the Lord of Sipan in his last dwelling. A trip that will come as a surprise to you with many extraordinary landscapes.

DAY 01: LIMA

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 02: LIMA / TRUJILLO

In the morning transfer to the airport to board the flight to Trujillo. Arrival and transfer to the hotel at 13.30 p.m. City tour around the amazing Main Square, the cathedral, del Carmen Church, the famous colonial houses and the Casinelli Museum. (private service).

DAY 03: TRUJILLO

9.00 a.m. Visit to the Huaca del Sol, a step pyramid 20 meters high, and the Huaca de la Luna, with astounding wall paintings depicting Moche rituals, places that clearly show the splendour of the ancient inhabitants of the northern coast of Peru.

We will continue with a visit to the famous seaside resort of Huanchaco, where we will be able to see the traditional “caballitos de totora” (“little reed horses”) which are still used by local fishermen and enjoy a fresh delicious seafood lunch.

Visit to the Moche valley where the citadel of Chan-Chan, the capital of the Great Chimu Kingdom. It is considered the largest adobe-built citadel in the world (an area of 20 square kilometers). Return to the hotel at 5:30 pm approximately.

DAY 04: TRUJILLO/ CAJAMARCA

8.00 AM. A drive to the historical city of Cajamarca in our private transportation.

Arrival at 13.00 pm. approx. and transfer to the hotel.

14.30 pm. City Tour to visit the Main Square (Plaza de Armas), the cathedral (Santa Catalina Church) which is one of the most representative colonial religious constructions in Peru of baroque style; San Francisco Church, one of the earliest religious temples of colonial Peru, the Monumental Complex Bethlehem, one of the most relevant colonial masterpieces in the city and Santa Apolonia Hill, a viewpoint from which the panoramic view of the city and the countryside will delight our eyes.

DAY 05: CAJAMARCA

8.00 am A full day visit at Porcon Farm. This alternative will enable us to enjoy and experience rural life style in the highlands. Visitors to the farm take part in different farming and ecological activities, such as planting trees for reforestation, sowing and

harvesting potatoes and vegetables, milking the cows of the farm and visiting the biohuertos (organic gardens). A top priority, nevertheless, is to share with local residents so that we can familiarize and benefit from their wisdom, their culture and their traditions.

DAY 06: CAJAMARCA

8.00 am. Visit to the Archaeological complex of Cumbemayo. This complex is made up of several megalithic constructions that extend in an area of 25,000 square meters. It is believed that such remarkable constructions, which combine perfectly with the splendid landscape- were built around the year 1,200 A.C by the Cajamarca-Marañon culture. Cumbemayo is located at 3,400 meters a.m.s.l., 22 kilometers south of Cajamarca.

This complex has a hydraulic cultural sequence covering periods preceding the dissemination Chavin and reach the Inka conquest.

14.00 pm. visit to the Inca Bathing Place. Hot springs which were enjoyed by Inca Atahualpa when the Spanish Conquistadores arrived. This is a unique place, as it is rather surprising to learn of the variety of minerals contained in its waters. At the Inca bathing place (2,667 m.a.s.l.) the so-called Poza del Inca (Individual Inca Bath) has been preserved intact, as well as the stone canals and some fountains dating back to those days. New pools have been built both for groups and individuals, to which visitors have access. Residents comment on the medicinal or healing properties of these waters, with a temperature of about 70° C. Actually, they are considered ideal to treat some skin, bone and nervous system diseases and to relax.

DAY 07: CAJAMARCA / CELENDIN

8.00 Visit to the niches of Otuzco.

The site is a pre-Inca cemetery which pre-dates the Caxamarca culture, probably influenced by the Wari empire.

Hundreds of galleries and individual niches resembling windows were hewn into the volcanic stone. The niches are 8-10 meters deep, 50-60 cm high and are rectangular or quadrangular shaped. The niches probably were originally sealed with gravestones carved with figures in haut-relief, judging by fragments found nearby.

Legend has it that the Incas cleared out the niches and used them as grain storerooms ("collca" in Quechua), redirecting their entrances towards the wind to keep them cool. The niches lead into a network of dark and mysterious galleries which appear to have no end, giving rise to myths of secret tunnels that linked Cajamarca to Cusco.

14.00 pm. Departure to Celendin. With mild weather and light breeze, Celendin is the capital of a province in the department of Cajamarca, which is called Celendin too. The town is famous for the quality of the taquilla-straw hats which are woven there. There are all kinds of straw hats, for ladies, gentleman, children, low or high quality ... etc. A straw hat of fine quality takes about three or four weeks to finish it, and there are even finer ones, that can take up to two months! Celendin is a stop over in the route to the beautiful Amazonas región and is located 109 kms from Cajamarca.

DAY 08: CELENDIN / LEYMEBAMBA

8.00 A.M - Departure to Leymebamba, arrival and transfer to the hotel.

02.00 P.M. Visit to the mummy museum of Leimebamba (Mallqui Research Center) where the mummies, ceramics, carvings and other pieces, which were discovered in a ledge-farallon of the Condores lagoon, are exhibited.

DAY 09: LEYMEBAMBA/CHACHAPOYAS

8.00 A.M. As we head for the city of Chachapoyas, we will visit the fortress citadel of Kuelap, one of the most outstanding archaeological remains of the Chachapoyas culture., located on top of a mountain at 3,000 meters a.m.s.l. It consists of two enormous superposed platforms, over which the citadel stands protected by massive defensive walls. The structure of the main building is circular and for security purposes has only one access corridor, sufficiently narrow to allow only one person at a time to enter. Inside there are several divisions, hundreds of round stone houses decorated with zigzag patterns, small up to 1,969 feet (600 m) long and 66 feet (20m) high. Towers indicate how well protected the compound was. It comprised more than 400 buildings, many of them with decorated walls and cornices or protruding friezes. Ancient Peruvians were highly successful in integrating with nature. The Chachapoya, whose secrets still lie buried in the dense jungle, created harmonic structures in a privileged site, a timeless land where the jungle-clad hills are wreathed by mist. The view from the towers is incredibly beautiful.

In the afternoon we will continue our trip towards Chachapoyas. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 10: CHACHAPOYAS

8.00 Visit to the Sarcophagus of Karajia

The Sarcophagus of Karajia are precariously located on a mountain cliff at about 2600m. It is an spectacular funerary site down the road about a mile and a quarter. Here we will find 2 meter anthropomorphic wooden coffins located under a cliff. Mummies were placed inside each coffin.

In the afternoon we will visit the citadel of San Antonio.

Drive back to Chachapoyas at 5.00 pm. Approximately.

DAY 11: CHACHAPOYAS

8.00 am. We will head for the Gocta Waterfall. Nowhere is there more spectacular high waterfalls than here! This is similar but bigger and more spectacular than gigantic waterfalls you might have seen in the movies of pristine mountainous jungles. With a height of 771 meters it is well over twice as high as the Eiffel Tower or America's tallest building. It was discovered in 2006 by Stefan Ziemendorff, and testifies to the remoteness and unfolding discoveries of America's newly accessible and most pristine ecological and archeological destination. This is considered the world's 3rd highest waterfall. Although others may be higher, they only run off while it is raining. A unique feature here is that it is a substantial river that doesn't dry up in the dry season.

To reach this waterfall the only way is walking 5 hrs by virgin jungle departing from the village of Cocachimba, through the trek its possible to see another amazing 22 waterfalls, toucans, hummingbirds, monkeys and much more.

DIA 12: CHACHAPOYAS / CHICLAYO

8.00 am Departure towards the city of Chiclayo. On the way we will visit Bagua, the capital of the district. The city of Bagua is located on a natural platform raised from

the right shore of the Utcubamba river. All the houses of the western part of the city have a view of the river waters. There are a big quantity of animals that are typical of the zone, such as huanganas, pumas, anteaters, tigrillos, cashpaicuros, armadillos.

Thanks to the valuable number of species, a tourist current dedicated to the sport of hunting can be achieved, of course with rules adapted to assure the survival of these species. For collectors, the quantity and variety of butterflies can be of big attraction in the wooded zone of the district mainly.

Arrival to Chiclayo and transfer to the hotel.

DIA 13: CHICLAYO/Batan grande /Sican

8.00 am . Visit to the Pomac dry forest,

Located in the province of Ferreñafe in Lambayeque, only 36 kilometres from Chiclayo, the Bosque de Pómac is the world's largest dry forest. The Bosque de Pómac, part of the Reserved Zone Batán Grande, offers a great variety of eye-catching attractions. Besides the impressive landscape of the dry forest with its algarrobos (carobs) in the middle of a meager desert, you will find several archaeological sites. The forest used to be the centre of the Sicán culture, which followed that of the Mochica. 34 pyramids and ruins are waiting to be explored. The surrounding forest is also home to a great number of bird and mammal species, among them foxes, wildcats and anteaters.

Archaeologists excavating Huaca El Loro in Pomac found a 1,000 year-old Tallán mummy, wearing a distinctive headdress, facemask and chest plate and surrounded by gold and silver ornaments, buried in a lavish Sicán tomb.

The findings are rather sensational because one of the ceremonial knives measures 35 centimeters (13.8 inches) and has an engraved image of the God Sicán or Naylamp, the mythical name of a wise and courageous warrior. This constitutes a new landmark in Peruvian archaeology

We will continue our tour heading for the National Museum of Sican, devote to the preservation and promotion of Sican cultura, also referred to as Lambayeque (750-1373 AD). It displays the different daily aspects of the Sican culture including different processes for making pottery and metal crafts. In addition Sican Museum has an interesting display of the tombs of the Sican nobility.

DAY 14: CHICLAYO - Sipán (Huaca Rajada + Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum).

Through this tour we will discover the complete history of the Great Lord of Sipan, starting from Huaca Rajada (Sipan), an archaeological complex made up of two pyramids and the platform under which the Lord of Sipan was discovered in 1987 and, later, the Old Lord of Sipan.

So far, researchers have excavated three major tombs of spectacular contents, and many other minor burials also have been found all through the platform.

We will see the archaeological reminders and the site museum. Then we will head for Lambayeque to enjoy a delicious lunch in a typical restaurant previous to our visit to the Royal Tombs Museum, where a recreation of the Huaca Rajada tombs, the attires of the Lord of Sipan and the Old Lord of Sipan, gold and silver jewels and other ornaments and ceramics that were also found in the tombs, can be seen. We will also attend a dramatization of the life of the Lord of Sipán and his royal court.

This tour takes 7 hours ,approximately.

DAY 15: CHICLAYO / LIMA

Transfer to the airport to board our flight to Lima. Once there a full day city tour to visit colonial Lima, the Main Square, the cathedral, the popular church of San Francisco and the mausoleum, and the moderna rea of the capital that includes Miraflores, Barranco and San Isidro.

DAY 16: LIMA...

Transfer to the airport to board our international flight.

INCLUDED:

Booking for Hotel based on double occupancy.

All scheduled land, lake and air transportations.

All transfers.

All scheduled excursions with local guides and interpreters.

All entrance fees.

Meals and domestic flight airfares as specified in the itinerary.

B=Breakfast; L= Lunch; D=Dinner.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEE

International airfares, airport departure taxes or visa fees, excess baggage charges, additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations, alcoholic beverages or bottled water, snacks, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages and items of personal nature.

Northern Kingdoms of Peru 9D/8N (Trujillo, Cajamarca, Celendin, Balsas, Leymebamba, Tingo, Chachapoyas, Abra Patricia, Moyobamba & Lima)

This tour combines archaeology and nature observation in one of the most impressive regions of the Andes not only for the rich history reflected in almost every single stone of its monuments but for the beauty of the landscapes whether they be mountains, rivers or valleys that characterize the highlands. In addition to this, visitors will experience the real life of local peasants, a unique experience that will enable them to better understand their feelings, their customs and their traditions.

DAY 01: LIMA

Arrival to Lima and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2: Lima / Cajamarca City - Cumbemayo - Cajamarca

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cajamarca. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. In the morning we will have a city tour in our private transportation to see, among other attractions, the Cathedral, which is an impressive monument with a volcanic rock facade, the Main square, the Church of San Francisco, the Monumental Complex Bethlehem, Colonial Hospitals, the Rescue Room, that was filled by the Inca Atahualpa twice his size with pieces of silver and once with pieces of gold to obtain his freedom from the Spanish conquerors. We will also visit Santa Apolonia hill, natural viewpoint from where the entire city and the valley can be observed and the Inca's chair.

At noon lunch and in the afternoon an excursion to Cumbemayo. On the way we will visit Bellavista, Layzon, the Forestal park, and, once in Cumbemayo, the Stone forest, the Sanctuary, the Aqueduct and the Sacrifice altar.

Return to the city, and night at the hotel..

Day 3: Porcon Farm - Celendin

Breakfast. During the day you can participate in the daily activities of the farm such as planting, milking by hand, and others. The purpose of this activity is to make you feel and experience the routine chores of local peasants in order to understand their life style, customs and traditions.

In the afternoon, departure towards Celendin, arrival and night at the hotel.

Day 4: Celendin - Balsas - Leimebamba - Tingo

We leave Celendin and head for Leimebamba in our private transportation. On the way we will climb to the top of the Jelik viewpoint from where the valley landscape and the city can be observed. We will see giant cactuses, some of them 10 meters high and, on our arrival to the village of Balsas, we will witness a real caprice of nature performed by the Marañon river as it makes its way through a very deep canyon.

We will continue our ascent until crossing the famous cordillera Calla-Calla which is located 4600 meters amsl. On our route we will come across the impressive fauna and flora which are typical in the region and comprise different types of orchids, ferns, arboreal and bromelaceas.

Arrival to the Leimebamba town, where we'll visit the Malqui Museum with more than 220 Mummies, ceramics, dress and other manifestations of the Chachapoyas Culture, We'll continue by the right margin of the Utcubamba River to arrive at the Tingo town. Transfer to the chosen lodge, dinner and night stay.

Day 5: Tingo - Fortaleza de Kuelap - Chachapoyas

We will leave in automobile to Malca Pampas, a two hour drive. From this place we will take a 15 minutes walk up to the Kuelap Fortress where we will remain for approximately 4 Hours. We will be able to enjoy this impressive tourist attraction located 9,843 feet above sea level (3,000 masl). It consists of two enormous superposed platforms, over which the citadel stands protected by massive defensive walls. The structure of the main building is circular and for security purposes has only one access corridor, sufficiently narrow to allow only one person at a time to enter. Inside there are several divisions, hundreds of round stone houses decorated with zigzag patterns, small up to 1,969 feet (600 m) long and 66 feet (20m) high. Towers indicate how well protected the compound was. It comprised more than 400 buildings, many of them with decorated walls and cornices or protruding friezes.

The view from the towers is incredibly beautiful.

Box Lunch

At the appropriate time return to Tingo. Then we will visit the Religious zone of Macro.

Transfer to Chachapoyas and night stay.

Day 6: Chachapoyas - Abra Patricia

Departure from Chachapoyas in our private transportation heading for Abra Patricia at 2300 amsl. Along the way we will be able to watch different unique bird species and once we reach our destination we will take a well deserved rest at a bungalow.

Day 7: Abra Patricia

At dawn we will start our birdwatching activities in the surroundings of the lodge where mixed flocks are common. It is also likely to see the Yellow-tailed Woolly monkey and other mammals. In the evening and at night birds can be observed within the reserve and in the different pathways it is very likely to hear the Long Whiskered Owlet. Dinner and night stay.

Day 8: Pomacochas - Moyabamba

Very early in the morning we will head for the Pomacochas lagoon and then for the CIB of Huembo to observe the spectacular spatulatail hummingbird among other species. We will continue watching birds along the route.

Transfer to Moyobamba.

Day 9: Moyabamba - Tarapoto - Lima

Start of a private trip in the Capital of the Orchids in Peru with more than 2,800 varieties. We will visit the nursery of Wakanki which has a great diversity of orchids such as Anguloa, Brassia, Cataseum, Cattleya, Bollea, Coryanthes, Lycaste, Masdevallia and many others. The most representative is the Cattleya, locally referred to as "Golondrina" (swallow).

Transfer to the airport in Tarapoto for your flight back to Lima.

INCLUDES:

Booking for Hotel based on double occupancy.
All scheduled land, lake and air transportations.
All transfers.
All scheduled excursions with local guides and interpreters.
All entrance fees.
Meals and domestic flight airfares as specified in the itinerary.
B=Breakfast; L= Lunch; D=Dinner.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEE

International airfares, airport departure taxes or visa fees, excess baggage charges, additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations, alcoholic beverages or bottled water, snacks, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages and items of personal nature.

Natura & Archaeological North Orient of Peru 7D/6N

The Northern region of Peru has amazed the world with fabulous archaeological discoveries that date back to pre-Incas times. The fortress of Kuelap speaks by itself and has thrilling stories to tell us about life in ancient times. Some experts refer to it as “the Machu Picchu of the North”. Historical Cajamarca, on the other hand, will delight you with pre-Inca, Inca and colonial reminders of the past and will delight your eyes, likewise, with the view of breathtaking landscapes that spread along mountains, valleys and rivers up in the Andes.

Nature makes its way in this region of Peru in a fascinating way, too. Nature lovers will feel like in Heaven in this region of diverse ecosystems that host bird species and orchids, some of them, only found here.

Rejoice at the contemplation of nature while listening to thrilling stories told by the witnesses of the past.

DAY 1: LIMA

Arrival in Lima and transfer to the chosen hotel.

Day 2: Lima - Cajamarca

Early arrival in Cajamarca and transfer to the selected hotel. In the morning you will have a city tour to get to know the beautiful town Cajamarca. It is situated in the wonderful and fertile valley of the northern Andes and is one of America's historic and cultural heritages. Cajamarca's buildings stem from the colonial time and reflect this era. The influence of the Spanish architecture can be seen in the cathedral, the San Francisco, and Belen church.

Afternoon at leisure.

Day 3: Cajamarca - Leimebamba - El Chillo

A 15 hours journey traveling across two cordilleras and several different habitats, such as cloud forest, agricultural land, desert-like areas and the Marañon Canyon. The journey from Cajamarca to Leimebamba, passing by the Marañon Canyon, is one of Peru's most spectacular drives, offering astonishing scenery. The Marañon River forms one of the world's deepest canyons, and you will descend through different ecosystems from over 3000 m to the town of Balsas at 850 m. After crossing the river you then ascend back through the various habitats to nearly 3200 m. Boxed-lunch on the road.

Afternoon visit to the Mallqui Institution Museum in Leimebamba. The Mallqui Institution has taken charge of recovering and restoring more than 200 Chachapoyan mummies found in the cliffs near the Lake of the Condors, a mystical site located in the cloud forest a day's walk from Leimebamba.

Dinner and lodging at Hotel Estancia El Chillo.

Day 4: Kuelap - Chachapoyas

Full day excursion to Kuelap. Three hours hike from El Tingo Viejo (1800 m) to the fortress of Kuelap (3000 m). Kuelap is an ancient fortress built on the knife edge of a precipitously steep ridge. It was an important political, religious, administrative, and military center for the pre-Incan Chachapoya culture. The fortress is surrounded by an

immense and impressive wall almost 2,000 feet in length. The gates, or main entrances, are uniquely constructed resembling narrow walled passageways that continue to narrow as they reach upwards and into the fortress. This brilliant design served to funnel and narrow any column of attackers down to just 2 men wide, so they could easily be killed as they tried to enter, effectively making Kuelap insurmountable to its enemies. Lunch in camping nearby Kuelap, the transfer by car to the city of Chachapoyas.

Dinner and lodging at the selected hotel in Chachapoyas.

Day 5: Chachapoyas - Abra Patricia

Transfer to Chachapoyas in private transportation. Then we head for Abra Patricia which is located at 2300 meters a.m.s.l. On the way we will have the opportunity to observe different bird species. Once we reach our destination, a cozy Bungalow will be ready for us. It is time to take a well deserved rest.

Day 6: Abra Patricia

At dawn we will start our birdwatching activities in the surroundings of the lodge where mixed flocks are common. It is also likely to see the Yellow-tailed Woolly monkey and other mammals. In the evening and at night birds can be observed within the reserve and in the different pathways it is very likely to hear the Long Whiskered Owlet. Dinner and night stay.

Day 7: Moyobamba - Tarapoto - Lima

Transfer in private transport from Abra Patricia to the Capital of the Orchids in Peru with more than 2,800 varieties. We will visit the nursery of Wakanki which has a great diversity of orchids such as Anguloa, Brassia, Cataseum, Cattleya, Bollea, Coryanthes, Lycaste, Masdevallia and many others. The most representative is the Cattleya, locally referred to as "Golondrina" (swallow).

Transfer to Tarapoto and from there we will board a flight back to Lima.

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

Binoculars, Camera and film ASA 200 and 400 for the inner forest.

Warm clothing (in case of a cold front), long sleeve shirts and long pants (cotton)

100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear)

Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion

Hiking shoes and sandals

Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs

Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses

Towel, swimming suit, personal medicines and/or supplies (liquid for contact lenses, for example).

Day pack, and one back pack or duffel bag of luggage per person

One bottle of water for the first day, plastic bags.

INCLUDES:

Booking for Hotel based on double occupancy.

All scheduled land, lake and air transportations.

All transfers.

All scheduled excursions with local guides and interpreters.
All entrance fees.
Meals and domestic flight airfares as specified in the itinerary.
B=Breakfast; L= Lunch; D=Dinner.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEE

International airfares, airport departure taxes or visa fees, excess baggage charges, additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations, alcoholic beverages or bottled water, snacks, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages and items of personal nature.