

Lima to Cusco to La Paz

Personal itinerary for departures on Monday 26/08/2019

Day 1 - Monday 26/08/2019

6:30 -7:00am - Depart Lima – We pick up directly from hostels and hotels within the districts of Miraflores and Barranco. Check your booking confirmation for the exact pick-up time.

8:30 - 9:30am - We stop for a unique breakfast, straight from the bread ovens of MIRASUR — Enjoy some of the freshest baked bread in Peru and watch the local horses as they show the traditional dance of CABALLOS DEL PASO - yes, the horses dance!

12:30 - 1:30pm - FREE Secret Slave Tunnels Tour - Exclusive Hop Stop at the Hacienda and underground tunnels

2:00pm - FREE tour of the Secret Slave Tunnels - Exclusive Hop Stop at the Hacienda San Jose in Chincha to explore the underground tunnels, as well as learning about the history of the ex-sugar plantation and the tunnels that lay beneath.

<i>Things To Do</i> - Rent quad bikes or bicycles and explore the reserve, learn how to kite surf, take a long walk on the beach and enjoy some ceviche by the sea, or familiarize yourself with local knowledge and pay a visit to the Paracas Museum.

<i>Where To Stay</i> - Los Frayles is a beautiful hotel with a pool, free Wi-Fi and private bathrooms for all rooms. Alternatively, if a hostel is more your scene, check out Kokopelli, which is widely believed to be the best hostel in Paracas with a swimming pool and a small bar.

<i>Insider Tip</i> - For those very short on time, you can take the 6am Express bus from Lima to Paracas, do the Ballestas Islands OR the National Reserve, and then take the 1pm bus from Paracas to Huacachina on the same day.

Where to sleep

Day 2 - Tuesday 27/08/2019

- 8:00 10:00am EXTRA Ballestas Islands Tour See the Poor Man's Galapagos and get up close and personal with wildlife such as penguins, sea lions and plenty of other animals in their natural habitat.
- <i>What To Bring</i> A sun hat, windbreaker and a camera for all those perfect shots!
- 11:00am FREE Paracas National Reserve Tour One of South America's biggest protected desert reserves and the first of its kind in Peru.
- <i>What You'll See</i> Amazing views of the desert meeting the coastline and the unique red beach made up of ruby red sand and formed by natural minerals.
- 1:00pm Depart Paracas Meeting point at Los Frayles hotel.
- <i>Important Note</i> Please arrive 15 minutes before the bus departs and be sure to bring all your luggage to the bus
- 2:15pm Arrive in Huacachina The only desert oasis in South America.
- <i>Important Note</i> Due to the size of the town, we do not pick up or drop off at hotels and hostels here. The central meeting point is Wild Rover hostel.
- 4:00 6:00pm EXTRA Dunebuggy/Sandboarding Tour Fly up the slopes in a dunebuggy, and sandboard down the biggest dunes in South America <i>What To Wear & Bring</i> Sunscreen, light clothes, sneakers and camera.

Where to sleep

Day 3 - Wednesday 28/08/2019

- 1:00pm Depart Huacachina Meeting point is Wild Rover Hostel.
- <i>Important Note</i> Please arrive 15 minutes before the bus departs and be sure to bring all your luggage to the bus
- 1:15pm FREE Pisco Vineyard Visit Try lots of free samples of Pisco, the national drink of Peru
- 5:30pm FREE Nazca Lines Viewing Tower Stop See 3 of the mysterious and world-famous Nazca Lines for free!
- 6:00pm Dinner stop in Nazca. Enjoy sublime local cuisine with this buffet meal. Vegetarian options are available!
- 7:00pm Depart Nazca snuggle up with our thick blankets as you prepare for a night on our luxury bus, a rite of passage for all travelers of Peru!

Where to sleep

Day 4 - Thursday 29/08/2019

5:30am - Arrive in Arequipa – Arguably Peru's most beautiful city, the "Ciudad Blanca" to locals, or the White City!

<i>What To Do</i> - Visit the famous monastery of Saint Catalina, spend some time in the second deepest canyon in the world, the Colca Canyon, indulge in the delectable cuisine of this region, or simply join a free walking tour of this beautiful city!

<i>Insider Tip</i> - Arequipa is a big city with plenty to do so if you are looking to extend your travels, we recommend you add a few days here!

Where to sleep

Day 5 - Friday 30/08/2019

3:00am - 17:30pm - EXTRA Full Day Colca Canyon Tour - The second deepest Canyon in the world.

<i>What To Bring</i> - Your passport, your water bottle, a warm jacket, sunglasses and your camera!

5:30pm - Return Arequipa

<i>Note</i> - Many travelers find that starting a 2 Day trek or tour after an overnight bus is very tiring. If you are short on time the 1-day tour option might be best for you. To do a Colca Canyon Trek requires a minimum of 3-4 days in Arequipa (you will need at least 1 day to acclimatize properly) and will depend on the option you choose (2 Day/1 Night Trek or 3 Days/2 Nights).

Where to sleep

Day 6 - Saturday 31/08/2019

5:45am - Depart Arequipa – we pick you up from hotels and hostels located in the central city zone. Be ready for pick up 20 minutes before your scheduled departure!

9:30am - FREE Lagunillas Mirador Viewpoint - Oversee the stunning Lake

Titicaca with its four small islands at 4.174 m above sea level, making it the highest navigable lake in the world.

12:00pm - Lunch stop at Marangani - Affordable lunch at a local restaurant in this non-touristy town

6:30pm - Arrives Cusco - Hotel/hostel drop-off

<i>Vhat To Do</i> - Cusco is home to the world-famous Machu Picchu citadel, but Machu Picchu is not the only thing that will captivate you. Spend time scaling the Rainbow Mountain, or lose yourself in history in the Sacsayhuaman fortress. There are thousands of incredible things to do here. For any planned tours, we recommend booking via www.findlocaltrips.com/d>

Where to sleep

Day 7 - Sunday 01/09/2019

All Day -

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Day 8 - Monday 02/09/2019

All Day -

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Day 9 - Tuesday 03/09/2019

All Day -

Where to sleep

Day 10 - Wednesday 04/09/2019

10:00pm - Departs Cusco - Meet at private terminal

Where to sleep

Day 11 - Thursday 05/09/2019

6:00am - Arrival in Puno - Gateway to the highest navigable lake in the world! <i>What To Do</i> - Tours of Lake Titicaca and the legendary man-made floating islands, or check out the Sillustani burial towers.

<i>Insider Tip</i> - The altitude here is high, so make sure to drink plenty of water and stay away from heavy food.

6:30 - 8:30am - EXTRA Floating Islands of Uros Tour (2 hrs) - These man-made islands are home to the Uros tribe. Climb aboard and learn about the history from the locals themselves.

08:30am - Depart Puno – pick up is from your hotels and hostels within the central city zone. Please be at your dedicated meeting point at least 15 minutes in advance.

11:00am - Immigrations Peru/Bolivia border - Hassle free border crossing with your guides

1:30pm - Arrives Copacabana - Charming fishing town on the other side of Lake Titicaca and gate to Isla del Sol

2:00 - 6:00pm - EXTRA Isla del Sol Boat Tour (4 hrs) - Visit the birthplace of the Inca legend

6:00pm - Departs Copacabana

10:30pm - Arrive La Paz - Hotel/hostel drop-off

Where to sleep

Additional information

Remember, this is the fastest way to see and do it all for this pass. If you have more time, feel free to hop off and spend more time at any destination - the choice is yours!

If you're looking into following to Salar de Uyuni, make sure to check out our detailed guide on how to visit the salt flats here!

For more information or any questions you may have, contact us by email to: info@peruhop.com and we will be more than happy to help you!