

GET TO CUSCO QUICK

DAY 1: Lima To Paracas

- 6:30 - 7:00am** Depart Lima - We pick up directly from hostels and hotels. If staying in an Airbnb just email us. Your booking confirmation (ticket) will show you your exact pick-up time (depends on where you are staying!)
- 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!
- 12:00 - 1:00pm** 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.
- 2:00pm** Arrive Paracas - A beautiful small fishing town by the sea.

Things To Do 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.

Where To Stay 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.

Insider Tip 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.

DAY 2: Paracas To Huacachina

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.

What To Bring 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.

What You'll See 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.

Important Note 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.

Important Note 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

What To Wear & Bring Sunscreen, light clothes, sneakers and camera

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DAY 3: Huacachina To Nazca To Arequipa

1:00pm Depart Huacachina – Meeting point is Wild Rover Hostel.

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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 and learn all about how it is made, from grape to bottle!

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!

DAY 4: Arrive to Cusco

9:00am FREE Lagunillas Mirador Viewpoint stop - Oversee the stunning Andean Lake, Lagunillas, with its four small islands at 4.174 m above sea level. Enjoy the stunning views of the lake and the Andean Altiplano.

02:00pm Lunch stop at Marangani - Affordable lunch at a local restaurant in this non-touristy town

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

What To Do

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.