

CULTURAL AND NATURE ADVENTURE IN THE ANDES

15 days / 14 nights

South America is a continent of striking contrasts, where ancient civilizations, colonial legacies, and vibrant living cultures come together amid some of the most dramatic landscapes on Earth. This journey through the Andes invites you to discover the region's cultural depth and natural beauty, shaped over centuries by indigenous knowledge, Spanish influence, and the powerful presence of nature.

The cultural richness of the Andes is rooted in the legacy of the Inca Empire, one of the most advanced civilizations of the pre-Columbian world. Long before the arrival of the Spanish, Andean societies mastered agriculture, astronomy, and architecture at high altitude. The colonial period added new layers—religion, language, art, and urban design—creating a unique cultural blend that still defines the region today.

Nature plays an equally essential role in this adventure. The Andes Mountains, the longest continental mountain range on the planet, shape landscapes of extraordinary diversity: snow-capped peaks, deep valleys, vast plateaus, shimmering lakes, and arid deserts.

The journey begins in Lima, Peru's capital, rich in history, museums, and colonial architecture. From there, you travel to Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, and onward to the legendary Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The Sacred Valley of the Incas and Lake Titicaca, cradle of Andean civilization, offer unforgettable encounters with both nature and living indigenous traditions.

Crossing into Bolivia, you arrive in La Paz, a fascinating city dramatically set in a canyon at over 3,600 meters above sea level. Indigenous markets, colonial quarters, and panoramic cable cars reveal the dynamic character of this highland metropolis. From La Paz, the route continues to the breathtaking Uyuni Salt Flats, the largest salt desert on Earth—an endless white landscape where sky and ground merge into a surreal panorama.

The adventure then leads southwest into Chile and the Atacama Desert, the driest non-polar desert in the world. Its volcanic scenery, colorful lagoons, and vast horizons provide a striking contrast to the highlands. The journey concludes in Santiago de Chile, with a city tour and a visit to the Concha y Toro Winery, offering the perfect balance of culture, history, and fine wine.

This carefully crafted itinerary blends culture, nature, and discovery, creating an unforgettable Andean experience across Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Join us and live the essence of South America.

DAY 1 Saturday LIMA

After your scheduled international flight to South America, arrival in Lima and transfer to your hotel where you can rest after the long journey and time difference. In the afternoon, we will visit the most important tourist attractions of the city: the Cathedral, the Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace and the Archbishop. Afterwards, visit the residential districts of Lima: San Isidro with its olive groves, golf course and the Huaca Huallamarca, Miraflores with its Central Park "Parque del Amor" and the nearby beaches. Continue visiting the private museum Amano, which specializes in the pre-Inca culture Chancay. It also shows a selection of unique pottery pieces arranged in chronological order, showing the evolution of Peruvian cultures. Overnight

DAY 2 Sunday LIMA – CUSCO

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Cuzco (not included). Arrival in Cuzco and transfer to your hotel and accommodation. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, you will get on a walking tour to some of the highlights in Cuzco: KORI-CANCHA, the Sun Temple and Convent of Santo Domingo, Plaza de Armas (Main Square), the Cathedral and the old town with the stone of 12 angles. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

from EUR 3.275.-

Surplus single room + EUR 960.-

Individual traveling 2026

Starting every Saturday in Lima (Peru) from 2 Persons

Other days to start the program upon request. Please contact us

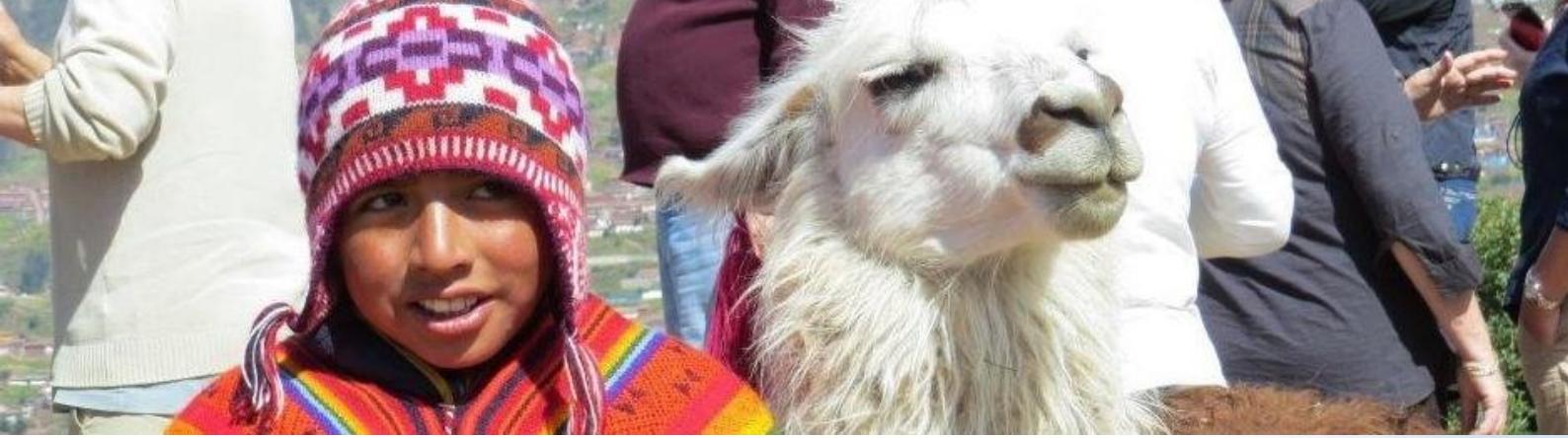
INCLUSIONS

- Private transfers airports/hotels/airports
- 14 nights in selected hotels of your choice (3*** or 4**** with bath or shower/WC)
- 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 3 dinners included
- All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program:
 - City tour in Lima, Cuzco, La Paz and Santiago
 - Full day tour at the Sacred Valley
 - Guided visit in Machu Picchu
 - Overland transfer from Cuzco to Puno
 - Visit of the Sun Island at Lake Titicaca
 - Full day tour at the Uyuni Salt Flats
 - Full day to the Avaroa National Park
 - Wine tour with tasting in Santiago
- Train ride with the Vistadome to Machu Picchu
- Local english-speaking guide in all excursions
- All entrance fees to national parks, museums and excursions
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ International and local flights
- ✓ Local airport taxes
- ✓ Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- ✓ Personal expenses
- ✓ Optional tours
- ✓ Other services not mentioned in the program





DAY 3 Monday SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

After breakfast, you will visit the ruins of Sacsay Huaman, Kenko, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay. Return to Cusco. In the afternoon, you will continue towards the sacred valley. There you will visit the Indian market of Pisac and its archaeological site, as well as the fortress of Ollaytantambo. Overnight at the sacred valley (B) (L)

DAY 4 Tuesday MACHU PICCHU

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, the visit of the citadel of Machu Picchu highlights the program. Departure in Ollantaytambo with the panoramic train to the station of Aguas Calientes and continue with small buses to the archaeological site of Machu Picchu. First, you will have a guided visit of the citadel and then you will have free time to explore the ruins on your own. After lunch, which is included at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge Hotel, return to Cusco with the Vistadome train via Ollantaytambo and further with a bus. (B) (L)

DAY 5 Wednesday CUSCO - PUNO

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Puno in a touristic bus (about 400 km). On the way, you will visit the church of Andahuayllas and Raqchi. The Temple of Viracocha and the Necropolis of Sillustani. Lunch on the way. In good weather, you can see the snowy peaks of the Andes. Arrival in Puno and overnight at the selected hotel. (B) (L)

DAY 6 Thursday PUNO - COPACABANA - SUN ISLAND

In the morning, after breakfast you will continue by car to Bolivia. After the customs formalities and passport controls, you will continue the journey and visit Copacabana, perhaps the most important Latin American catholic shrine. Visit to the Cathedral of the "Virgin of Copacabana", a wooden figure of the 16th Century. After lunch, take a boat to the island of the sun. After a soft trekking on the island, we will reach our next accommodation. Lunch on the way in form of an Andean picnic called "ajptapi". In the evening, short walk on the island to meet the "isleños", the inhabitants of the island and to watch the sunset on a beautiful spot from where you can see the magnificence of Lake Titicaca. Overnight at a family-run lodge. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 7 Friday SUN ISLAND - LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will continue our trip by bus towards La Paz. We will cross the Straight of Tiquina, the narrowest part of the Lake dividing it in two parts with different geographical features. Continue by bus through the Altiplano (highlands) to the city of La Paz. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel (B) (L)

DAY 8 Saturday LA PAZ

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning city tour of La Paz, one of the highest cities in the world (3.600 m). La Paz and its surroundings will take you to a mysterious past, where every corner, every street, is a hidden treasure where adventure begins a living story that will improve all its pre-Hispanic traditions and magic in its streets. The colonial, indigenous and modern neighbourhoods, the indigenous market, the witch market, and fascinating scenarios, framed by the majestic "Illimani", the mountain image of the city, in the Andes Mountains. Finally, we visit the Valley of the Moon, where you will see strange clay formations. Today you will have the opportunity to use the modern cable car system in the city, visit several districts and literally fly over the rooftops. The afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy the modern cable car that connects different points of interest and superb aerial views of the city. (B)

DAY 9 Sunday LA PAZ – UYUNI

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the airport for your flight to Uyuni. Arrival in Uyuni. The Uyuni salt lake is, with seemingly endless expanses of more than 12,000 km², the largest salt flat in the world. Your guide will pick you at the airport up and you will start exploring the Salar de Uyuni on board of a 4-wheel-drive jeep, the largest continuous and high salt desert in the world, and the largest lithium reserve in the world with 50-70% of the world's lithium. It has also significant amounts of potassium, boron, and magnesium. Considered the largest mirror in the world in rainy season, to its large size, to the high percentage of smooth surface and its high reflectivity, the Salar is used for satellite calibration. During the visit we will take a short break for lunch, in the middle of nowhere and surrounded by a huge white surface. Then you will visit





the Incahuasi Island which is completely surrounded by the salt surface of the Salar de Uyuni. It contains a large number of giant cacti (*Echinopsis atacamensis*), which can reach more than 10 meters in height. We'll continue to the hotel to rest for a while. When the time comes, the guide will take you to the banks of the Salar to enjoy an unforgettable sunset. Return to hotel for dinner (not included) and overnight (B) (L)

DAY 10 Monday UYUNI SALT LAKE – AVAROA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we leave at 8:00 am the hotel in a southerly direction, returning to the salt flats in our jeep with paradisiacal landscapes. Subsequently, we continue our journey to the municipality of San Juan, natural view of the Ollague volcano (active), with visit to the "comunarios" (locals), continue to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda. Accommodation in Los Flamencos Ecohotel. After accommodation and a short break, walk along the shores of the lagoon, where you can see the three species of flamingos a few meters away. Return to the hotel, dinner and accommodation. (B) (L) (D)



DAY 11 Tuesday LAGUNA VERDE - LAGUNA COLORADA - TRIP TO CHILE

Breakfast at the hotel. On this current trip, you reach the highest point of your adventure. There you will see the Licancabur Volcano (5930 m) and the Laguna Blanca, Laguna Verde as well as the geysers Sol de Mañana. You will also see mud pools and fumaroles. The emerald lagoon has a high concentration of lead, sulfur and calcium carbonates. Continue to Laguna Colorada. Then continue to Hito Cajon, border village between Bolivia and Chile. After Migration and Customs formalities, continuation by bus to San Pedro de Atacama. Overnight at the selected Hotel. (B) (L)



DAY 12 Wednesday SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Breakfast at the hotel. You will have the day at leisure to relax and rejuvenate from the hard journey behind you. You can also participate in different optional tours. We recommend to visit the Atacama Salt Lake and Laguna Chaxas. Also the Quebrada de Jere is interesting. Or you can plan an afternoon visit to the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain) and the Valley of the Moon, where you can experience an unusual sunset in this bizarre, almost lunar-like valley, with its bright colours. Overnight at the selected hotel. (B) (L)



DAY 13 Thursday CALAMA - SANTIAGO

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the airport and flight to Santiago, the capital of Chile. Arrive in Santiago and transfer to your hotel. Lunch. In the afternoon sightseeing tour of the city. We drive past the Club Hípico, along the Parque O'Higgins and the Palacio Cousiño, a gorgeous full-city palace, built between 1870 and 1878. We come into the city center. On the way, you see the government palace La Moneda, the Universidad de Chile, the Church of San Francisco, the National Library and the Santa Lucia Mountain on which Santiago was founded in 1541. The tour continues along the Alameda. We cross the Río Mapocho. We will drive through the artists and nightlife district Bella Vista to the city hill Cerro San Cristobal. From here, you have a wonderful view over Santiago. On the way back to the hotel, we see the modern residential districts of Vitacura and Las Condes. (B)



DAY 14 Friday SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Breakfast at the hotel. We will pick you up from your hotel at 9:00 and take you to Pirque, an hour southeast of Santiago. Our tour starts in Viña Concha y Toro in Pirque, one of the world's best known wineries accompanied by a local guide. You will be shown a video of the company, and guided through the old park and vineyards, including a visit to the famous Bodega del Diablo, followed by a tasting of 2 of its wines. The excursion to Concha y Toro lasts approximately 1 hour and you can buy its wines at the end if you are interested. You will also receive a glass of wine as a farewell gift that we will leave at the door of the winery and pick it up on our way back to Santiago. Return to Santiago. Accommodation. (B)



DAY 15 Saturday SANTIAGO – RETURN FLIGHT

Full day at leisure. Possibility for an optional excursion to Valparaíso and Viña del Mar, transfer from the hotel to the airport for the return flight home. End of our services. (B)

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

