

# CULTURAL AND NATURE ADVENTURE IN THE ANDES

There are two icons that make South America a unique destination: Its **culture**, highlighted by the Inca Empire and followed by many other small but particularly important cultures as well. The influence that the Spanish conquerors left in the region, the religion, the language and many other issues, enhance the cultural importance of the region. After the conquerors left South America, the new republics tried to write their own history. Culture means also architecture, gastronomy, music... This diversity will conquer you as it did with all visitors (and conquerors) upon the time.

**Nature** plays also a very important role. The Andes Mountains as well as the Amazonas motivate travellers from all over the world to come visit the region. The latter offering a great biodiversity and adventure and the Andes showing great and diverse sceneries that will impregnate your pupils for ever.

You will start your trip in Lima, the capital city of Peru and full of history and culture. Highlight is the Amano Museum. Then comes Cuzco and Macchu Pichu in the program. We don't need to explain anything about the most visited spot in South America and one of the new Wonders of the Earth. Nature will surprise you at the Sacred Valley of the Incas, at Lake Titicaca, at the newly Destination of the superlative in Bolivia and Latin America, the Uyuni Salt Flats, the Atacama Desert... these and more wait for you in this spectacular adventure with nature and culture we have prepared for you.

If you are planning to organize your group for this Andean countries, please contact us for special offers and suggestions.

## 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. The museum has an outstanding collection of tissues. It also shows a selection of unique pottery pieces arranged in chronological order, showing the evolution of Peruvian cultures. Back to the hotel for rest.

## 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)**

## 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)**

## PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

from EUR 3.560.-

Surplus single room  
+ EUR 960.-

Individual traveling  
2024

Starting every Saturday in  
Lima (Peru)  
From 2 Persons  
15 days / 14 nights

## INCLUSIONS

- ✚ Private transfers for sightseeing tours and connections.
- ✚ 14 nights in selected hotels of your choice (3 or 4 stars with bath or shower/WC)
- ✚ 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 3 dinners included
- ✚ All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program.
- ✚ 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 4 Tuesday MACHU PICCHU**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, the visit 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. 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. Private bus ride to Puno (about 400 km). On the way, you will visit the church of Andahuaylillas 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 accommodation in selected hotel. **(B) (L)**

#### **DAY 6 Thursday PUNO - COPACABANA - SUN ISLAND**

In the morning, after breakfast you will drive to Bolivia. After the customs formalities and passport controls, we will continue our 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 "apjtapi". 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 Strait 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 neighborhoods, 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 km<sup>2</sup>, 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, 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. Then visit the Incahuasi Island which is completely surrounded by the huge 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 get to the hotel to rest. When the time comes, the guide will take us to the banks of the Salar to enjoy an unforgettable sunset. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight **(B) (L) (D)**





#### **DAY 10 Monday UYUNI SALT LAKE – AVAROA NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast at 8:00 am, we leave the hotel in a southerly direction, returning to the salt flats 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. Accommodation at the selected Hotel. **(B) (L)**

#### **DAY 12 Wednesday ATACAMA SALTFLATS AND LOS FLAMENCOS NATIONAL PARK**

In the morning, visit to the Atacama Salt Lake and Laguna Chaxas. Then visit to the Quebrada de Jere. Lunch at San Pedro de Atacama. In the afternoon you will visit the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain) and the Valley of the Moon. You will experience an unusual sunset in this bizarre, almost lunar-like valley, with its bright colours. Overnight at San Pedro de Atacama **(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

