

Peruvian Spanish Immersion Extravaganza

Lima/School (3 week begins 1st Saturday of the month)

Lima/School (2 week begins 2nd Saturday of the month)

Lima/School (1 week begins 3rd Saturday of the month)

Cuzco, Manchu Picchu and Sacred Valley (Begins Saturday after last day of school)

Lima, founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, is a fascinating city and a treasure trove of history. Explore ancient Incan archeological sites, or stroll through the elegant cathedrals and opulent palaces dating from Spanish colonial times. You'll enjoy exploring the city's neighborhoods—especially the beachfront areas, which have great shopping and dining. It is a fabulous city to be immersed in the Spanish language and culture.

Day 1: 2018: Lima - Saturday

Welcome to Peru! Upon arrival of your flight, you will be picked up from the airport and transferred to the hotel for rest.

Meals: none

Day 2: 2018: Lima - Sunday

Buffet breakfast.

MORNING CITY TOUR + LARCO MUSEUM (Private)

You will leave Miraflores and head to the Historic Center of the city of Lima, passing by the Huaca Pucllana on your way there. Upon arriving to the Main Square, you will find the Government's Palace, the Archbishops' Palace, the City Hall and the Cathedral. Here you will have the chance of photographing the impressive colonial buildings of this part of the city. Then you will walk towards the Cathedral, where you can appreciate its renaissance style of decoration, as well as its statues of apostles. Afterwards, explore the Santo Domingo Convent, which was built in 1535 and still stands until today. Finally, you will visit the Larco Museum, one of the most complete in Latin America, where the amazing collection Treasures of Ancient Peru is on display. This impressive collection inspires its visitors, helping them discover, understand and enjoy -through more than 45,000 pieces- the more than five thousand years of Ancient Peruvian history. One of the exhibits that draws the most attention is the one with ceramics from the Mochica culture, which -due to its special characteristics- is known as erotic ceramic.



After the tour you will then be introduced to your host family.

Meals: B-D

Day 3-7: Monday – Friday – 1 week school

Day 10-14: Monday – Friday – 2 week school

Day 17-21: Monday – Friday – 3 week school

Intensive Course – Faster and more effective than Spanish immersion programs offered at traditional Spanish language schools. You will develop reading writing, speaking and listening skills. Maximum 8 students per class.

- Start date Monday
- Intense Group Class Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (20-minute break)
- Academic hours 20 Per Week
- Closed Specialized Groups Monday to Friday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (10-minute break)
- Academic hours 10 Per Week
- Levels offered Basic to Advanced

***3 week school typically begins on 1st Saturday of the month and 2 week school the following Saturday**

Meals: B-D

Tour Begins: Lima, Cuzco - Saturday

Buffet breakfast.

At scheduled time, you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport to take the departure flight to Cusco.

Afternoon flight is recommended

Arrival in Cusco, reception and transfer to the hotel in the Sacred Valley (1h30mi drive) so you can check in and relax this evening.

Meals: B-D

Cuzco - Sunday

Buffet breakfast.

HALF DAY CITY TOUR & NEARBY INCA SITES (Private)

Visit to the city of Cusco, also called the Imperial City, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The excursion starts at Koricancha temple, an ancient Inca palace and centre of worship of the sun god, on the site of which the Dominicans ordered a church to be built, which survives to this day. Then to the Main Square, where you will visit the cathedral, the most important religious building in the city. The climb continues to Sacsayhuamán fortress, an impressive example of Inca military architecture. Then to Kenko, where the sun, moon and stars were worshipped. Next: a visit to Puca-Pucara, which may have been a "tambo" or rest and lodging place for the Inca.

Afternoon at leisure

Overnight

Meals: B-D



Cuzco – Sacred Valley Monday

Buffet breakfast.

FULL DAY EXPLORING THE SACRED VALLEY. Ollantaytambo, Maras & Moray.

Get to know the Sacred Valley. Stop at Racchi vantage point to admire the beautiful natural scenery. You will also go to **Moray** to see the enormous circular terraces that were used by the Incas as a botanical laboratory. This is followed by the **Maras** salt pans, which produce the finest salt in the world, used by great international chefs. A delicious lunch will be served in a local restaurant. After lunch you will continue to **Ollantaytambo**, one of the most imposing building complexes of the Inca Empire and the site of one of the Spanish Conquistadors' rare strategic defeats. Famous for its terraced fields (cut into the hillsides), Ollantaytambo was an effective fortress as well as a religious center. Finally, a visit to the village of Ollantaytambo, the only "living Inca town" and the best remaining example of Inca urban planning, with stone-paved streets that have been continuously inhabited since the 13th Century.



Meals: B-D

Machu Picchu - Tuesday



Buffet breakfast.

FULL DAY MACHU PICCHU BY VISTADOME or EXPEDITION TRAIN.

A visit to one of the most important tourist destinations in the world: Machu Picchu. The excursion starts with a train trip to the town of Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo. The natural beauty of the surroundings makes the train the best way to start your visit. When you arrive, you will start the ascent to the ruins, which will without a doubt be one of your most unforgettable experiences. At Machu Picchu you can see one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World and take some impressive photos. Then it is back down to Aguas Calientes for lunch in a local restaurant. Finally, you board the train for the return journey and transfer to your hotel in Cusco

Overnight

Meals: B-D

Cuzco – Mullaka Misminay Wednesday



Buffet breakfast.

HALF DAY VISIT MISMINAY ANDEAN COMMUNITY WITH BRUNCH

Visit the community of Mullaka's Misminay, located 75 minutes away from Cusco, and discover the Andean lifestyle. Share with the local people the ancestral knowledge of this community choosing one of their daily activities: weaving seminar, agricultural or ethnobotany session. During the Weaving Seminar, the hostess will teach you the techniques used since many centuries ago by their ancestors. They are still using some traditional old tools as the "Telar" made of wood, and for coloring they use natural tints that come from roots and typical plants.

In the agricultural session, you will also have the chance to learn about ancient techniques, the tools used by the Incas, which are the same they still use daily. You will know about the different products that come from their fields and which they produce. The Ethnobotany session will show you the local herbs that we can use for some sicknesses. You will learn how to chop them and about what proportions should be used for medicine. Finally, discover more of Peruvian gastronomy and enjoy a delicious brunch made by their local products.

Overnight

Meals: B-Brunch-D

Cuzco, Lima - Thursday

Buffet breakfast.

Rest for your morning flight to Cuzco or you can enjoy last minute walks or shopping around.

At scheduled time, you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport to take the departure flight Cuzco to Lima.

Meals: B-