



Peru | Suggested Itineraries | The Domains of the Condor



Destinations: Lima, Arequipa, Puno & Cusco

Length: 12 Days / 11 Nights

Lima, Colca Canyon, Titicaca Lake, Cusco, Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. The condor spreads its domains along the coast and southern highlands of Peru, and this tour perfectly combines the most important destinations in this region. Plus you will have the chance to admire this magnificent bird from the Cruz del Condor in the Colca Canyon.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1

Arrival in Lima (-)

Upon arrival, reception at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Our representative will give you a documentation kit with detailed program explanation. Luggage and hotel registration assistance is offered.

Overnight in Lima.

Day 2

City Tour: Colonial & Contemporary Lima (B)

Visit the Colonial and Contemporary areas of Lima, including the Catedral, San Francisco Convent and the Huaca Huallamarca, a pre-Columbian site in the middle of the residential district of San Isidro. Afternoon at leisure. Suggested: visit the Larco or Archaeological Museums and enjoy the best of the Peruvian cuisine at La Rosa Nautica, a unique restaurant with a wonderful view of the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight in Lima.



Day 3

Arequipa – City Tour & Santa Catalina Convent (B)

Early departure to the airport to board your flight to Arequipa (2,335 meters or 7,660 feet above sea level) this city is an excellent point to get acclimatized to the altitude gradually. In the afternoon, we will visit the “White City” including the most popular attractions like the Santa Catalina Convent, a beautiful citadel from the 16th century, the Main Square, the Church of La Compañía de Jesus and the colorful paintings of the San Ignacio’s Dome. Also, we will see the typical districts of Cayma and Yanahuara. Optional: typical dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Arequipa.

Day 4

Colca Canyon (B/L/D)

You will be picked up from your hotel to start the trip through the town of Yura and the National Reserve of Salinas/Aguada Blanca and Pampa Cañahuas, where you can see many species of birds in their natural habitats, and also South American camels, such as vicuñas and llamas. We will make a stop in Patahuasi to freshen up and enjoy a coca infusion, and later keep going to the town of Chivay. Depending on the schedule, you may have lunch in town or have a picnic enjoying the beautiful scenery from one of the natural viewing spots of the zone. In the afternoon, we highly recommend you to visit La Calera and enjoy an invigorating bath in the hot spring waters or just to spend a delightful afternoon in the hotel. Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight in Chivay or Yanque.

Day 5

Condor Cross - Return to Arequipa (B/L)

Very early, we will start the trip to Cruz del Condor (Condor Cross), which will allow us to enjoy a spectacular view of one of the deepest canyons in the world, and with luck, have a chance to take pictures of the biggest and most impressive flying bird in the Andes, the majestic Condor. Depending on the schedule, we could make a stop in the town of Pinchollo, the only pre-Inca town still inhabited, and the Maca town, with its beautiful craft market and colonial church. We will have lunch in Chivay and later we will continue with the return to Arequipa.

Overnight in Arequipa.



Day 6

Puno – Sillustani Mausoleum and Umayo Lake (B)

We must be ready to undertake our trip to know the Lake Titicaca by boarding our flight to Juliaca-Puno (3,827 meters or 12,555 feet above sea level) Upon arrival, our representatives will show you on the way the Sillustani Mausoleum on the way to the hotel. This is an archaeological site located 34 Km. north of Puno. It has the famous Chullpas, which are funerary towers with circle base, built in stone. They can reach 12m high and were used by the Collas and by the Incas. These ruins are above Lake Umayo, which increases the beauty of this mystic and wonderful place.

Overnight in Puno

Day 7

Lake Titicaca – Floating Islands of the Uros and Taquile (B/BL)

Excursion to the Lake Titicaca and as a first starting point, visit the floating islands of the Uros, which are built using totora reed and are used as home and trade centers for the natives. We will go on to Taquile Island, where the community kindly welcomes tourists, keeping their traditions alive, as well as their costumes and colorful typical dresses. Box lunch included.

Overnight in Puno.

Day 8

Departure to Cusco – La Raya / Racchi / Andahuaylillas (B/L)

Departure by road to Cusco. On the way, we will stop at La Raya, highest point on the road between Puno and Cusco, from where we will get excellent photo opportunities. Then, visit to the Racchi Ruins, the Temple of God Wiracocha. Continuing with the journey, stop in the charming town of Andahuaylillas to visit its beautiful church. Lunch at local restaurant on route.

Overnight in Cusco.



Day 9

City Tour, Sacsayhuaman & Nearby Ruins (B)

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, we will visit the Imperial City, living example of the mixture of the Andean and Spanish cultures. We start our trip visiting the Santo Domingo Convent, built over the Koricancha Palace. Later, we will stop at the Main Square, where you can find the Cathedral and the beautiful Church of La Compañía. Going on with the tour, we will visit the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, imposing sample of military Inca architecture which domains the city. Finally, we will take a look at the archaeological sites of Qenko, Puca-Pucara and Tambomachay, located north east of the city.

Overnight in Cusco.

Day 10

Sacred Valley: Pisac Market & Ollantaytambo Fortress (B/L)

We will drive towards the Sacred Valley of the Incas, taking the direct route to Pisac. We will stop on the way to have a classic view of the Urubamba valley, with crops dressing the mountains like carpets. We will arrive to the colorful market of Pisac, where we will have free time to interact with the local craftsmen, or to purchase their hand-made souvenirs. We will continue to the town of Urubamba for a buffet lunch. Finally, we will visit Ollantaytambo, attractive town of Inca origin with remarkable channels and stone streets. In its high part one rises to an impressive ceremonial center of cult to the water and a fortress that guarded the access to the inferior part of the valley.

Overnight in the Sacred Valley.

Day 11

Machu Picchu: The Lost City of the Incas (B/L)

You will visit one of the most important energetic centers of the world: Machu Picchu. The excursion will be by train and during the trip we will have an amazing view of the landscapes of the Sacred Valley of Urubamba. Upon arrival to Aguas Calientes, our representatives will assist you to board the bus which will take you to the citadel. It will be an unforgettable experience, where a professional tour guide will transmit us the history around this mysterious and charming place. After the guided tour, free time to explore the zone on your own. Buffet lunch at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge of Orient Express. In the afternoon, you will board the train that will take you back to Cusco. On arrival, our collaborators will be waiting at Poroy Station to take you to your hotel in the downtown. Optional: overnight in Aguas Calientes and second visit to the Citadel.



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Overnight in Cusco.

Day 12

Lima – International Departure

It's time to say good bye to the navel of the world, we will be taken to the airport to board our flight to Lima, where we will be assisted with the connecting flight back home.

End of Our Services.