

PERU – JULY 10 – JULY 21, 2012 - GeoTours Trip Organized and Led by Matt Ebner – WWW.GEOTOURS.US

LAND COST = \$1090 (hotels, transportation by bus, train, and boat, entries/activities, local guides, all breakfasts)

International and domestic airline tickets are extra and cost about \$1000 from LAX, including taxes

Optional extension to Amazon Rainforest (July 6-10) costs \$395, not including round-trip airfare from Lima to Iquitos (about \$230)

Tuesday July 10 – Depart USA to Peru

Depart LAX in the early morning (1 am) (about \$800 round-trip on Copa or Taca), arrive in Lima, and connect to afternoon flight (\$100) to Arequipa. Arequipa is beautifully located at the edge of the Andes with Misti Volcano towering behind. Check in to Casa de Melgar Hotel, formerly the residence of the archbishop. If doing the Amazon extension from July 6-10, please see below, bottom of this page.

Wednesday July 11 – Arequipa

Visit Arequipa's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One highlight is Santa Catalina Monastery with beautiful architecture and murals. Enjoy Arequipa's beautiful Plaza de Armas with plenty of restaurants and shopping. Take an open-air double-deck bus to some scenic viewpoints overlooking Arequipa towards Misti Volcano. Night #2 in Arequipa.



Thursday July 12 – Colca Canyon

Two-day excursion to Colca Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the world. See rare vicunas at the Aguada Blanca Vicuna Reserve. Soak in hot springs at Chivay. Stay at the beautiful Killawasi Lodge in Yanque.

Friday July 13 - Colca Canyon to Puno

Morning visit to Cruz del Condor viewpoint to see Andean condors. Stop in small villages to see indigenous culture. Scenic viewpoints of ancient terracing. Continue to Puno on the shore of Lake Titicaca, 12,500' elevation. Two nights at Mosoq Inn in Puno.



Saturday July 14 – Puno

Morning is free to relax or shop in Puno. Afternoon tour of the pre-Inca tower tombs at Sillustani. Night #2 in Puno.



Sunday July 15 – Lake Titicaca

Take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca, first to the Uros Islands, floating islands made of reeds. Continue to Amantani Island where you'll spend the night at a home in a village. Learn about traditional lifestyles. Hike to an ancient temple on a hilltop for sunset over the lake.

Monday July 16 - Lake Titicaca to Cusco

From Amantani Island we take a boat across Lake Titicaca back to Puno. Continue to Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire 500 years ago and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Three nights in Cusco, with excellent shopping and restaurants.

Tuesday July 17 – Cusco & Pisac

Explore Cusco – Plaza de Armas, San Blas Church. In the afternoon attend the Fiesta of the Virgin of Carmen in Pisac, with vibrant dancing and colorful costumes. Night #2 in Cusco.



Wednesday July 18 – Cusco

Free day in Cusco to enjoy the museums, restaurants, shops, and overall charm of this beautiful city. Night #3 in Cusco.

Thursday July 19 - Cusco-Salinera-Sacred Valley-Aguas Caliente

Leave Cusco and visit the ancient salt mines at Salineras. Enjoy views of snow-capped peaks of the Andes as we travel through the beautiful Sacred Valley to Ollantaytambo. Afternoon train ride along the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes, at the foot of Machu Picchu. One night in Aguas Calientes.



Friday July 20 – Machu Picchu

Morning bus ride up to Machu Picchu, the greatest archeological site of the Americas and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the ruins around sunrise when it is most beautiful. Take a guided tour with an option to climb Huayna Picchu peak for an additional great view of Machu Picchu. Afternoon train back to Ollantaytambo, and bus to Cusco. One night in Cusco.

Saturday July 21 - Cusco to Lima; return to USA

Morning flight from Cusco to Lima. Fly home to the USA or continue your travels in Peru on your own.

Friday July 6 – Pre-trip extension to the Amazon Rainforest – Matt Ebner might not accompany the group to the Amazon, but will make all arrangements and a guide will be with the group from the arrival at Iquitos until the end

Depart LAX in the early morning, arrive in Lima, and connect to Iquitos. One night in Iquitos, in the Peruvian Amazon.

Saturday July 7 – Amazon Rainforest

Leave Iquitos by boat down the Amazon River. Stay in a jungle lodge for 3 days/2 nights (all-inclusive: lodging, 3 meals/day, transport, activities). Visit an animal reserve with opportunities to see (and hold) rainforest wildlife up close. At night explore the rainforest by canoe (with guide).

Sunday July 8- Amazon Rainforest

Canoe ride at dawn to see birdlife. Afternoon jungle hike with a guide. Visit a village of Yagua Indians. Take an excursion on the Amazon River to see pink dolphins. Swim in the Amazon. A colorful Amazon sunset completes an amazing day.



Monday July 9 - Amazon Rainforest

Go fishing in the Amazon for piranhas and catfish. Return by boat to Iquitos. One night in Iquitos

Tuesday July 10 Iquitos to Arequipa

Fly Iquitos to Lima Peru and then to Arequipa.



Included Highlights/Entries

- Arequipa - Santa Catalina convent
- Arequipa – Open-air bus tour around the city and to viewpoints
- Colca Canyon Tour, including Cruz del Condor viewpoint to look for Andean condors
- Aguada Blanca National Reserve – See wild vicuñas
- Hot Springs in Chivay
- Lake Titicaca Boat Trip
- Overnight home stay on Amantani Island (in Lake Titicaca)
- Uros Islands (floating islands made of tortora reeds, in Lake Titicaca)
- Puno – Sillustani Funerary Towers
- Fiesta of the Virgin of Carmen in Pisac
- Sacred Valley
- Salineras salt mine
- Train ride to Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu station) - Ollantaytambo
- Machu Picchu
- Amazon Jungle excursion (4 extra days: 2 nights in Iquitos; 2 nights in the jungle)
 - Iquitos– Peru’s largest city in the Amazon
 - 2 nights at a jungle lodge with meals and activities included
 - Jungle walk with local guide explaining the rainforest ecosystem
 - Yagua Indian village visit
 - Fishing for piranhas and other fish
 - Rainforest wildlife like monkeys, birds, and freshwater dolphins



Accommodations

- Hotels are sometimes simple, but clean and comfortable with private bathrooms and hot water; many hotels have much character, e.g., in old colonial buildings
- Price is based on 2 people to a room; if you don’t have a preferred roommate you will be matched with someone of the same sex in the same age group
- Single room supplement is +350

Transportation

- The group will travel by private tour bus, train, boat, and taxis.
- All airline tickets will be purchased by the participants; GeoTours will inform the participants which flights to take

Meals

- Simple breakfasts are included throughout the trip; all meals are included at the Amazon jungle lodge

Leader/Guide

- Matt Ebner will lead the group throughout the main portion of the trip (July 10-21) and we will have local English-speaking guides during various excursions (Lake Titicaca, Colca Canyon, Machu Picchu)
- Group size will be approximately 15 people; 20 is the maximum size

Pace/Physical Effort/Culture Shock

- This trip is somewhat physically challenging as we will be walking at high altitude.
- Some people might experience altitude sickness (headache, nausea).
- You will sometimes have to carry your luggage for 5-10 minutes.
- Most Peruvians do not speak much English.



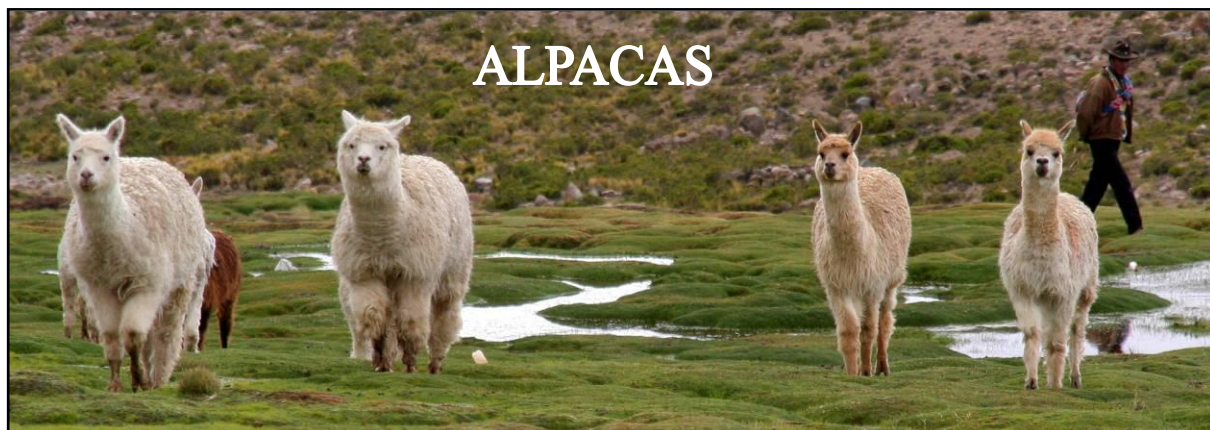
Peru Trip Cost (July 10-21, 2012) = \$1090 for Hotels, Transportation, Entries/Activities, Breakfasts

Airfare is additional: USA-LIMA; LIMA-AREQUIPA; CUSCO-LIMA; LIMA-USA (about \$1000 total, including taxes)

Optional Extension to Amazon, July 6-10, 2012 = \$395

Includes 3 days, 2 nights at jungle lodge, 2 nights in Iquitos (airfare LIMA-IQUITOS-LIMA is additional, about \$230)

To reserve a spot for the program, see the form on the next page. Questions? Contact Matt Ebner at mattebner@geotours.us



Registration Form - GeoTours Trip to Peru: July 10 - 21, 2012 – Land Cost = \$1090 (+ optional Amazon extension July 6-10) (Includes hotels, transportation by private bus, boat, train, entries/activities, most breakfasts; International Airfare extra)

CONTACT: Matt Ebner, Trip Organizer and Leader, (888) 496-8676, mattebner@geotours.us

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!
Sign up for the Peru trip with your \$200 deposit by February 10 and receive a \$25 discount off the program price. Pay in full by April 10 and receive a \$25 discount. Sign up with a roommate and each of you gets \$25 off. GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trip they have done previously.

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Submit this form with a \$200 check to GeoTours (address below).
2. You should keep a photocopy of this completed form.
3. Second payment of \$200 is due April 10.
4. Final payment is due on May 10
5. Payments made after June 1 will be assessed a \$50 late fee
6. Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:

**GeoTours
427 Larkin Drive
Covina, CA 91722**

DO YOU WANT TO DO THE EXTENSION TO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST JULY 6-10 (+\$395 NOT INCLUDING AIRFARE)

Yes ___ No ___

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No, I am a citizen of _____ Passport # _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST The program price is based on double occupancy. A single room incurs a supplement.

Please check one: Sharing a twin/double room _____ Single Room (+\$350) _____

Please circle one: Non-smoking _____ Smoking _____ Do you object to a roommate smoking? Yes ___ No ___

Name of preferred roommate (if any) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Cancellations

In order to cancel your participation in the tour, you need to inform GeoTours in writing. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written cancellation notice.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty	Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty
On or before January 31	No penalty; full refund	April 1-30, 2012	\$300
February 1-28, 2012	\$100	May 1-31, 2012	\$500
March 1-31, 2012	\$200	After June 1, 2012	No Refund

Responsibility

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage and delay due to equipment problems, quarantine, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.

I have carefully read and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

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