

**PERU – JULY 17 – JULY 25, 2017- GeoTours Trip Organized and Led by Matt Ebner – [WWW.GEOTOURS.US](http://WWW.GEOTOURS.US)**

**LAND COST = \$1290 (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 25-29) costs \$590, not including round-trip airfare from Lima to Iquitos (about \$250)**

**Monday July 17- Depart USA to Peru**

Depart LAX in the morning (or July 17), arrive in Lima, and connect to afternoon flight to Arequipa, beautifully located below towering Misti Volcano. Two nights at Casa de Melgar Hotel, formerly the residence of the archbishop of Arequipa.

**Tuesday July 18 – Arequipa**

Visit Arequipa's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The highlight is Santa Catalina Monastery with beautiful, colorful colonial architecture. Enjoy the beautiful Plaza de Armas with plenty of restaurants and shopping. Afternoon is free to visit scenic viewpoints or visit the excellent Andinos Museum with a recently discovered mummy of an Inca sacrificial victim. Night #2 in Arequipa.

**Wednesday July 19 – Arequipa to Puno**

Morning 6-hour bus ride to Puno on the shore of Lake Titicaca, 12,500' elevation. Afternoon tour of the pre-Inca tower tombs at Sillustani followed by a rural home visit to learn about traditional culture. Two nights at Mosoq Inn in Puno.

**Thursday July 20 – Lake Titicaca**

Take a boat trip on Lake Titicaca, first to the Uros Islands, floating islands made of reeds. Continue to Taquile Island where you'll enjoy traditional music, dancing, and lunch. Hike to a white sand beach and consider taking a swim in the cool, clear waters of the lake. Night #2 in Puno.

**Friday July 21 – Puno to Cusco**

Bus ride from Puno to Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire 500 years ago and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afternoon orientation walk in Cusco's beautiful historic center. Two nights at Hostal Corihuasi in Cusco, just 2 blocks from the main plaza; many excellent restaurants nearby.

**Saturday July 22 – Cusco**

Explore some of Cusco's highlights in the morning. Free time in the afternoon for museums, shopping, or relaxing. Night #2



in Cusco.

**Sunday July 23 - Cusco-Salineras-Sacred Valley-Aguas Calientes**

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

**Monday July 24 – Machu Picchu**

Morning bus ride up to Machu Picchu, the greatest archeological site of the Americas. Visit at sunrise when it is most beautiful. Guided tour of Machu Picchu with an option to explore on your own for additional great views of the ruins, gorges, and mountains. Afternoon train back to Ollantaytambo and bus to Cusco. Farewell dinner. One night in Cusco.

**Tuesday July 25 – Cusco - USA**

Morning flight from Cusco to Lima. Fly home to the USA or continue your travels in Peru with a post-trip extension to the Amazon Rainforest. If doing the rainforest extension, fly Lima to Iquitos. One night in Iquitos, the largest city in the Peruvian Amazon.



**Wednesday July 26 - Lima to Iquitos**

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).

**Thursday July 27- Amazon Rainforest**

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

**Friday July 28- Amazon Rainforest**

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

**Saturday July 29 – Return to USA or continue traveling on your own in Peru**

Morning departure from Iquitos to Lima, connecting to a flight to the USA. Or spend more time in Peru traveling on your own.





### Included Highlights/Entries

- Arequipa - Santa Catalina convent
- Lake Titicaca Boat Trip
- Uros Islands (floating islands made of tortora reeds, in Lake Titicaca)
- Taquile Island village visit with lunch, music, dancing, and hiking
- Puno – Sillustani Funerary Towers
- Rural home visit near Puno
- Salineras salt mine
- Train ride Ollantaytambo – Machu Picchu station - Ollantaytambo
- Machu Picchu
- Amazon Jungle excursion (4 extra days: 2 nights 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 usually hot water; many hotels have much character, e.g., in old colonial buildings, but do not have elevators; sometimes it is necessary to walk up 2 or 3 flights of stairs
- Price is based on 2 people to a room; if you don't have a preferred roommate we will try to match you with someone of the same sex in the same age group, but this is not guaranteed
- Single room supplement is +\$300 for main portion of trip; +\$200 for the Amazon extension

### Transportation

- The group will travel by private tour bus, tourist train, private boats, 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; drinks cost extra
- One lunch is included at Taquile Island; drinks cost extra
- Farewell dinner in Cusco is included on final night; drinks cost extra

### Leader/Guide

- Matt Ebner will lead the group throughout the trip and we will have local English-speaking guides during various excursions (The Amazon, Lake Titicaca, Machu Picchu)
- Group size will be approximately 14-20 people; 24 is the maximum size

### Pace/Physical Effort/Culture Shock

- Most Peruvians do not speak much English.
- This trip is somewhat physically challenging as we will be walking at high altitude (several days over 11,000').
- Some people might experience altitude sickness (headache, nausea).
- Amazon weather in July is typically in the low 80sF and humid with brief spells of rain; the highlands of Peru are dry in July, with temperatures usually from the 40s to the 60s.
- You will sometimes have to carry your luggage for 5-10 minutes.
- Participants over 70 years old are encouraged to consult their physician regarding their ability to do this trip



**Airfare is additional. For the main part of the trip:  
USA-AREQUIPA; CUSCO-USA is about \$1000-1200**

**Airfare is additional: For the Amazon extension:  
LIMA-IQUITOS-LIMA is about \$250**



To reserve a spot for the program, see the form on the next page or book online at [www.geotours.us](http://www.geotours.us) .  
Questions? Contact Matt Ebner at [mattfebner@geotours.us](mailto:mattfebner@geotours.us)



**Registration Form - GeoTours Trip to Peru: July 17-25, 2017--\$1290 (not including airfare)**  
**Optional Amazon extension July 25-29, 2017 - \$590 (not including airfare)**



**REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

1. Attach a \$300 payment (made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below or submit payment online through [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), payable to [payment@geotours.us](mailto:payment@geotours.us). You can also make an online bank transfer if you are a customer of Chase (through QuickPay) or Wells Fargo (Sure Pay) to [payment@geotours.us](mailto:payment@geotours.us) or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
2. Second payment of \$400 is due March 31, 2017.
3. Final payment is due on April 30, 2017
4. Payments made after May 31, 2017 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.
5. Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:

**GeoTours**  
**1547 E. Puente Street**  
**Covina, CA 91724**

**CONTACT:** Matt Ebner, Trip Organizer and Leader  
 (310) 686-8171  
[mattebner@geotours.us](mailto:mattebner@geotours.us)

**SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!**

- Sign up for the Peru trip with \$300 deposit by July 31, 2016 and receive a \$60 discount.
- Sign up 8/1/16- 9/30/16 and receive a \$40 discount.
- Sign up 10/1/16-12/15/16 and receive a \$25 discount
- GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trip they have done previously (maximum \$75 alumni discount).
- Maximum discount of \$125 if doing Peru + Amazon trip.
- Maximum discount of \$100 if doing only the Peru trip.
- Maximum discount of \$50 if only doing the Amazon.

**DO YOU WANT TO DO THE EXTENSION TO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST (+\$590 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 # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST** The program price is based on double occupancy. If you sign up without a roommate we will do our best to match you with another traveler of the same sex, but this might not be possible. A single room incurs a supplement of +\$300 for the main part of the trip, and +\$200 for the Amazon.

Please check one: Sharing a Twin room (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing a Double room (1 large bed) \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room \_\_\_\_\_

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 December 31, 2016	\$100	March 1-31, 2017	\$400
January 1-31, 2017	\$200	April 1-30, 2017	\$600
February 1-28, 2017	\$300	After May 1, 2017	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. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. 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 \_\_\_\_\_