

## INCA TOUR WHERE GODS BECAME MOUNTAINS CHILE – PERU

**Fifteen nights – sixteen days**  
**Total Kilometers 3.750**

*An ADVENTURE of an incredible mixture of mystical archaeology sites and historical monuments, amazing nature combined with one of the oldest and most diverse cultures in South America.*

### DAY 1

#### **Fly from Santiago to Arica**

There are very few counties that you can see both international borders from an aircraft at the same time. On one side on the plane you will see the Pacific Ocean coastline and from the other side, the majestic Andes mountain range.

**Lodging in Arica – Chile.**

### DAY 2

**430 km.**

After the border crossing, which is only 35 km from Arica, we will travel 395 km through gigantic sand dunes and desert until we reach Arequipa. Considered the second most important city in Peru, Arequipa stands out as the main Alpaca wool textile center in the world.

Known also as the "White City" because of the volcanic rock with which most of its buildings are built, the city maintains its colonial style which together with the beautiful valley where it is set and the eternal blue sky, makes it one of the country's loveliest cities.

Optional guided visit to **The Santa Catalina Monastery**. Founded in 1579 and built to take in the daughters of the city's most distinguished families who had a religious calling, the Monastery was inaugurated in October 1580 as a center of absolute enclosure and stayed thus until August 15, 1970.

**Lodging in Arequipa.**

### DAY 3

**170 km.**

During the morning we will take a guided tour of the **Santury Museum**, a visit which nobody should miss. This museum holds the Juanita mummy, one of the most important discoveries of recent times. The **LADY OF THE ICE OF AMPATO** or **JUANITA MUMMY** was found in September 1995 on Mount Ampato (6,380 m above sea level). This is the intact mummy of a 12 to 14 year-old girl

probable sacrificed to calm the fury of nature or to ensure the triumph of the ruling Inca. Days after the discovery, at a lower altitude, two other girls of 8 to 12 years in age were found who could have been companions to Juanita. The museum holds not only Juanita's mummy, but also the objects that were buried with her.

After the visit to the museum we will set out on our trip to the Colca Canyon. A spectacular 170 km. run up a mountain road that will take us to the city of Chivay, just a few kilometers from the Canyon.

**Lodging and dinner at Chivay.**

## DAY 4

**80 km. approx.**

Today we will tour the Canyon on motorbike.

Colca Canyon is the deepest and one of the most beautiful canyons in the world. The canyon is a geological formation produced by a fault in the Earth's crust, on which the millennial erosion of the waters of its namesake river continue to act.

We will reach Cruz del Condor outlook located at 3,287 m above sea level. This is a privileged spot from which to watch the depth of the canyon, the vegetation and, particularly, the flight of the condors, the region's most representative bird.

**Lodging and dinner at Chivay.**

## DAY 5

**620 km.**

Today we have a long trip to one of the destinations most looked forward to by all, Cuzco.

The city of Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire, was declared a Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 1983. Without a doubt Cuzco is one of the country's most important destinations. Its stonepaved streets hold some Inca-built buildings such as the Korikancha and Andean Baroque-style colonial buildings such as the Cathedral and the Jesuit church.

Upon our arrival and after a well-earned rest, we will dine in the picturesque San Blas neighborhood, where the best craftsmen in this city have their shops.

This magical city has an exciting night life, with coffee shops, restaurants and bars for all tastes.

**Lodging and dinner at Cuzco.**

## DAY 6

**Non riding day**

Today we will visit historical sites of the City of Cuzco.

**Guided tour of the Santo Domingo Convent - Korikancha**, this was one of Cuzco's most important religious places. **Guided tour of the Cathedral** located in the City Square. This cathedral with its renaissance exterior and baroque interior has one of the most outstanding collections of colonial silverware. Equally important are its carved wood altars and the painting on fabrics of the local artists of that time.

The afternoon is free for you to walk around this wonderful city which has so much to offer.

**Lodging in Cuzco.**

## DAY 7

**120 km**

Today we will head to our next destination point, Urubamba, travelling the Magical Sacred Valley and its ruins, in each of which there will be a guide waiting for us to give us a short informative talk about each location.

**Lodging and dinner in Urubamba.**

## DAY 8

**Non riding day**

Today we will devote the whole day to visit the most looked forward to by all, Machu Picchu. Since its discovery in July 24, 1911 by Hiram Bingham, Machu Picchu, because of its amazing magnificence and harmonious construction, has been considered one of the most important architectural and archeological monuments on Earth.

Located at 2.400 meters above sea level, Machu Picchu surprises by the way in which the stone constructions are deployed on a narrow uneven rise. A city surrounded by mystery, because until now the archaeologists have been unable to decipher the history and the function of this stone city of almost 1 kilometer in size, built by the Incas in a magic geographical zone where the Andean and the Amazon worlds meet.

**Lodging and dinner at Urubamba (Sacred Valley).**

## DAY 9

**500 km.**

Today we will travel some 500 km to reach our destination for the day, the city of Puno, Peru.

Guided visit to **Raqchi**, an archeological site located at 3.460 m above sea level. Just before reaching Puno, we will stop at **Sillustani**, located some 20 km from Titicaca Lake and some 40 km from the city of Puno at an altitude of 4.000 m. What has made this location famous is a series of funerary towers or "chullpas". The most imposing of these are built with large, regular blocas of stone joined together that may reach up to four or five meters in diameter and up to 10 meters in height.

**Lodging and dinner in Puno.**

## DAY 10

**Non riding day**

On the shores of Lake Titicaca, at 3.860 m above sea level, is Puno, a captivating city that manages to bewitch with the strange magnetism that seems to emerge from its hills, from its lake that looks almost like a sea.

Visit to the floating islands of the Uros. The Islands are one of the most unique attractions of world tourism. The boat excursion begins at 9 a.m. and ends around noon.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy as you wish. Maybe a nice walk around town to see its churches, its museums and the local craft markets.

**Lodging and dinner at Puno, Peru**

**DAY 11**

**500 km.**

We leave Lake Titicaca and start our descent to Arica, Chile. Across the arid dessert and the majesty of the Highland, the road will take us to the coast bordering the deep blue Pacific Ocean.

**Lodging and dinner in Arica, Chile.**

**DAY 12**

**490 km.**

Today we will start early as we will be driving through the heart of the famous Atacama Desert, the most arid desert in the world.

Visit to the mining ghost town of **Humberstone** which was a **Salitre mine** (Sodium Nitrate). The notable attractions in Humberstone are the old theatre and church, both built of Oregon pine, and its hotel, which boasts a full sized swimming pool, built of iron. It takes only a little imagination to see the splendor of this important period in the Chile's history, we arrive to Iquique in the afternoon.

**Dinner and lodging at Iquique, Chile.**

**DAY 13**

**520 km.**

Today we will travel from Iquique to the famous village of San Pedro de Atacama.

Upon entering San Pedro de Atacama we will stop to admire and take some photos of the fantastic landscape of the hills which have unusual shapes and a variety of colors due to the combination of numerous minerals.

**Lodging at an outstanding hotel resort in San Pedro de Atacama.**

**DAY 14**

**Non riding day**

After our long day yesterday, today is all yours to enjoy the wonderful facilities and setting of our hotel and/or to wander around the beautiful village of San Pedro (everything is within walking distance).

**Lodging and dinner at San Pedro de Atacama. Chile.**

## DAY 15

**320 km.**

San Pedro de Atacama is considered Chile's archeological capital.

Today we will start our day early, as a private vehicle provided by the hotel will take us on an outing to the Geysers.

Located in a landscape of imposing, arid beauty, the El Tatio Geysers is a volcanic geothermal field where water and vapor sprout violently from the depths of the earth.

As the Geysers are located at over 4.000 m above sea level, the air temperature in the morning -the time when the jets of boiling water sprout- is very low.

The time when the Geysers are on their best form is between 05:30 and 07:00 hours in the morning, when they easily reach up to 10 meters.

**Breakfast organized by the Hotel at the Geysers.**

In the early afternoon we will ride to the City of Antofagasta which is **315 km** from San Pedro.

In the evening we will have our **farewell dinner** at the hotel where we will be lodging in Antofagasta.

## DAY 16

**Fly to Santiago to connect to your final destination.**

**END OF TOUR**

**Prices** (Based on double occupancy)

Rider with BMW R 1200 GS 2008 / 2009 Model	- USD\$ 8,488
Pillion passenger / support vehicle passenger	- USD\$ 3,596
Single room supplement (optional)	- USD\$ 1,080

## Includes

- Bilingual Motorcycle guide (English and Spanish) for the entire tour
- Flights: Santiago - Arica & Antofagasta - Santiago.
- A combination of 3, 4 and 5 star hotels and lodges (depending on location), with breakfast included.
- Fuel and oils for entire trip
- 4 x 4 Support vehicle with driver
- One spare motorbike towed on a trailer
- Motorbike Spare Parts
- One mobile phone per rider
- Coffee, tea, soft drinks, biscuits, sandwiches during the trip
- 3 Dinners including farewell dinner (alcohol not included)
- 9 lunches
- Motorbikes with panniers and tank bag
- Maps of Chile and Peru
- Documents for borders crossing.

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MOTORBIKE TOURS

- Entrance fee to the old Humberstone mine
- Entrance fee to see the mummy of Juanita in Arequipa
- Entrance fee to the Colca Canyon
- Train trip to and from Machu Picchu
- Machu Picchu entrance fee and bilingual guide
- Admission fees and guide fees to the main sites in Sacred Valley
- Boat ride and entrance fee to the Uro Islands
- Admission and guides fees to see the Geysers del Tatio in Atacama
- All airport /hotel transfers
- Insurance for third parties in Chile
- Storage and parking for the motorbikes
- Transportation of the motorbikes from Santiago – Arica
- Satellite phone for receiving calls and emergencies
- Personal gift from South America Motorbike Tours