

South America MOTORBIKE TOURS

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.

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INCA tour Chile - Peru WHERE GODS BECAME MOUNTAINS

Total Kilometers 3.750
Fifteen nights
Sixteen days

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DAY 1

Fly from Santiago to **Arica**.

During the flight we will admire the spectacular views where the international borders of this thin "but long" country can be clearly seen. To one side of the plane is the pacific coastline and on the other side, the majestic Andes Mountain range which divides Chile and Argentina.

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.

The Hotel where we stay has been restored to its original grandeur, this storied sillar (white volcanic stone) colonial mansion is one of the finest hotels in Arequipa's historic center - and is as much living museum as it is a hotel.

Brilliantly illuminated at night, the hotel is in the heart of Arequipa's historic quarter, just around the corner from the magnificent 16th-century **Santa Catalina Convent** and only 3 blocks from Arequipa Plaza de Armas.

Lodging in Arequipa, Peru.

DAY 3

170 km.

During the morning we will take a guided tour of the **Sanctuary 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, Peru.



49' 50' 51' 52' 53' 54' 55'

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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, Peru.

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 stone paved streets hold some Inca-built buildings such as the **Koricancha** 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, Peru.

DAY 6

Non riding day.

Today is a day off to walk around Cuzco.

We recommend you to visit the **Santo Domingo Convent - Koricancha**, this was one of Cuzco's most important religious places. **The Cathedral** located in the City Square is also a high recommended visit. 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.

Cuzco is also one of the best destinations to do shopping; just around the City square you will find the best shops for local designs.

Lodging in Cuzco, Peru.



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DAY 7

120 km.

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

Lodging and dinner in Urubamba (Sacred Valley), Peru.

DAY 8

Non riding day.

Tour to **Machu Picchu** - The Treasure of the Incas.

To talk about Peru is to talk about Macchu Picchu, a myth that became real in 1911 when Bingham discovered it. It is also to talk of hundreds of legends and about an entire culture, the Inca.

Macchu Picchu is a real treasure, hidden deep in the heart of the Andes Mountains, where the Urubamba River gives rise to the **Sacred Valley**; and so, among stones, water and clouds; the history of Macchu Picchu is linked to a legend.

One of the most impressive sides of Macchu Picchu is in the north of the temple, on top of the sanctuary. Behind the sacred rock, there is a staircase that goes up to Wayna Picchu, the young mountain. It's worth the effort to climb up the steps into the mountain to reach the top, and from there admire the incredible landscape that extends to your feet. At an altitude of 2,720 m. seating on the carved stone of the "Silla del Inca", you can see spread throughout the sanctuary of Machu Picchu, and far below, the entire course of the sacred Urubamba River and the Andes mountains. This is a moment that captures the sublime beauty of this monument, sitting up there, feeling the fresh air in your face, captivated by the sacred silence; you become one with nature.

Lodging and dinner at Urubamba (Sacred Valley), Peru.

DAY 9

500 km.

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

Located on the shores of **Lake Titicaca**; Puno was founded in 1666 by the Spaniards. The Titicaca Lake is one of the most beautiful and mysterious lakes in South America. Its waters are home to an indigenous population who still live by many of the traditions of the Inca Empire.

This is a land where past and present come together to make one of the most symbolic places of the Inca culture; with all its mysteries which continue to amaze us.



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During an expedition that involved divers from the Navy and Peruvian oceanic experts in October 2002, remains of what could have been a lost city were discovered. It has been said that those remains could have belonged to a culture even older than the Incas. This is only one of the many legends surrounding Lake Titicaca.

Overnight in Puno on the shores of this famous lake, Peru.

DAY 10

Non riding day.

On the shores of Lake Titicaca, at 3860 mts in altitude is **Puno**, a captivating city that manages to charm with the strange magnetism that seems to emerge from its hills and from its lake that looks more like a sea.

Visit to the **floating islands of the Uros**, one of the most unique attractions of world tourism. The urban legend had it that the islands of the Uros float magically as a blessing of the Gods nowadays, however, we know that the islands float because they are built on blocks of cattail roots which upon decomposing produce gases which are trapped in the maze of roots and aid the floating.

The boat excursion begins at 9 am. and ends around noon.

Overnight in Puno on the shores of this famous lake, Peru.

DAY 11

500 km.

We leave Lake Titicaca and start our descent to **Arica**, Chile. Across the Atacama Desert and its amazing range of colors: reds, oranges, browns, bronze and beige that surprise the riders in each bend on the road.

Lodging and dinner in Arica, Chile.

DAY 12

490 km.

An early start, to continue riding through the heart of the famous **Atacama Desert**.

Just before arriving in Iquique, we will make a short stop to visit 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 history.

Here, in Iquique, we will spend the night in the Atacama Desert in an ecological camp, an ideal place to enjoy an outdoor dinner with the group.

Dinner and lodging at Iquique, Chile.



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DAY 13

520 km.

Today we will travel from Iquique to the well-known village of **San Pedro de Atacama**.

Lodging in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.

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 have an early start as a private vehicle will take us on a tour to the Geysers.

Located in a landscape of imposing, arid beauty, the **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 at the Geysers.

After the tour we will continue riding to the City of Antofagasta which is 315 km from San Pedro.

In the evening we will have our farewell dinner.

Lodging and farewell dinner in Antofagasta, Chile.

DAY 16

Fly to Santiago.

END OF TOUR



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Rider based on double twin room:

- BMW F 800 GS :USD 7,850
- BMW R 1200 GS :USD 8,100
- BMW F 1200 GS Adventure :USD 8,350
- Pillion Passenger :USD 3,250
- Single room supplement :USD 810

* Prices subject to change without notice.

INCLUDES

- Motorcycle guide (English and Spanish) for the entire tour.
- All airport / hotel transfers.
- A combination of 4 and 5 star hotels and lodges, with breakfast.
- Motorcycle BMW R 1200 GS, BMW R 1200 GS Adventure or BMW F 800 GS.
- **Full insurance for the Motorcycle. Deductible USD 2,500.**
- Storage and parking for the motorcycle.
- Fuel.
- Transportation of the motorcycles from Santiago - Arica / Antofagasta - Santiago.
- Insurance for third parties in Chile and Peru.
- Documents for borders crossing.
- 4 x 4 Support vehicle.
- Coffee, tea and soft drinks, provided by the company all the way.
- 2 Dinners including farewell dinner (alcohol not included).
- 8 lunches.
- Private guided tour to the floating islands.
- Train trip to and from Machu Picchu.
- Admission and private bilingual guide to Machu Picchu.
- Admission and private bilingual guide to Sacred Valley ruins.
- Entrance fee to the old Humberstone mine.
- Entrance fee and bilingual guide to see the mummy of Juanita in Arequipa.
- Entrance fee and private bilingual guide to the Colca Canyon.
- Private tour - admission and bilingual guide fees to see the Geysers del Tatio in Atacama.
- Satellite phone for receiving calls and emergencies.
- Video of the tour in high definition.
- CD photos.
- T-shirt and hat.

We suggest that you take travel insurance that provides coverage against personal accidents, sickness, etc. South America Motorbike Tours has included in the rental contract third party liability and comprehensive motorcycle insurance.



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