

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 2.420
11 days
10 nights



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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

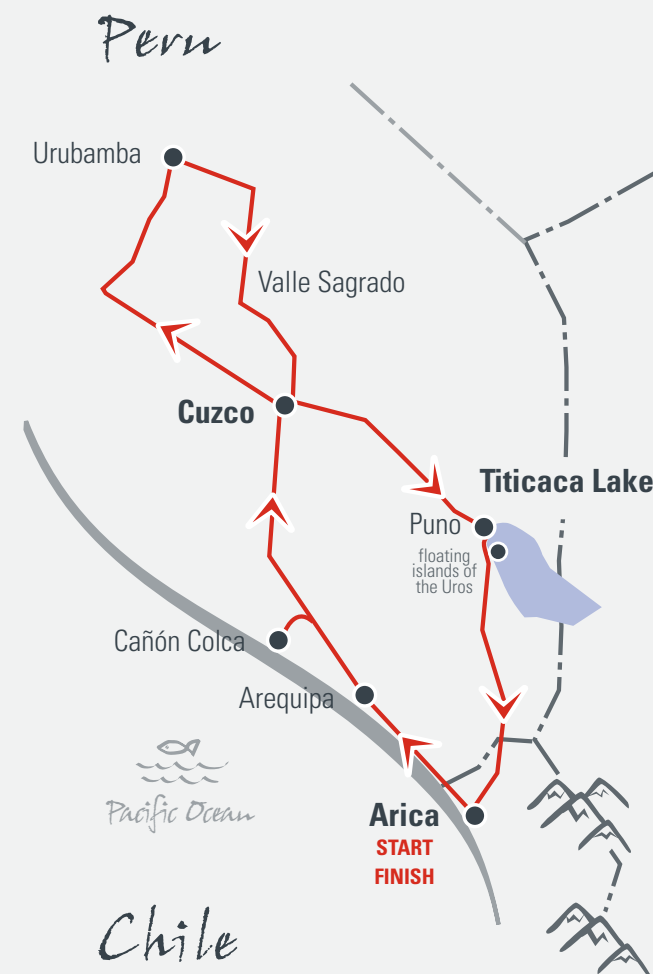
430 km.

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.



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DAY 3

170 km.

During the morning you could go to the **Sanctuary Museum**, a visit 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 at Chivay, Peru.

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 at Chivay, Peru.



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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 **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 in 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 - Korikancha**, 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 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 in Urubamba (Sacred Valley), Peru.



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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. 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

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 in Arica, Chile.

DAY 11

Fly to Santiago.

END OF TOUR



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