

To Cusco Without the Canyon

Min. time needed: **4 days**

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Start / End Point: **Start Lima / End Cusco**

DAY 1

Lima to Paracas

6:30am - 7:00am

Depart Lima - We pick up directly from hostels and hotels for safety and comfort. If staying in an Airbnb just email us. Your booking confirmation (ticket) will show you your exact pick-up time (depends on where you are staying!)

8:45am - 9:15am

We stop for a unique breakfast, straight from the bread ovens of Mirasur – Enjoy some of the freshest baked bread in Peru!

11:30am (INCLUDED)

Secret Slave Tunnels Tour - EXCLUSIVE guided tour of underground secret slave tunnels in Chincha. 17km of tunnels used to traffic slaves in 17th Century.

1:30pm

Arrive Paracas - A beautiful small fishing town by the sea.

3:30pm - 6:30pm (OPTIONAL)

Golden Shadows Trek: Tour to the heart of the Paracas National Reserve to experience an unforgettable sunset at Kori-Apu, the Golden mountain (la montaña dorada). As the sun sets, the rocks along the cliffs light up a golden color, and where even the shadows are aglow, lending to the name of the tour. Your guide can help you book this optional extra or book in advance to secure a spot. For more info click [here](#).

DAY 2

Paracas to Huacachina

7:45am

We start our day! Meeting point at Residencial Hotel Los Frayles.

8:00am - 10:00am (OPTIONAL)

Ballestas Islands: 2 hour boat tour of the islands. The Ballestas are a smaller version of the Galapagos, and just as great. You'll see sea lions, penguins and lots of birds all in their natural habitat. If you're lucky, you may even see a dolphin or three!

10:30am

Meeting point at Los Frayles Residencial hotel.

(INCLUDED)

Paracas National Reserve: Guided bus tour of one of South America's biggest protected desert reserves. Stunning Pacific coastline where desert meets ocean.

1:30pm (INCLUDED)

Pisco Vineyard Tour: Try lots of free samples of Pisco, the national drink of Peru and learn all about how it is made, from grape to bottle!

3:15pm

Arrive in Huacachina – The only desert oasis in South America.

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Dunebuggy/Sandboarding Tour: 2 hours full of adrenaline. Ride the dune buggies up and sandboard down the biggest dunes in South America. A once in a lifetime experience in the only natural desert oasis in South America.

DAY 3

Huacachina to Nazca to Puno

2:00pm

Depart Huacachina: Meeting point is Wild Rover Hostel – *Please arrive 15 minutes before the bus departs and be sure to bring all your luggage to the bus*

4:30pm (INCLUDED)

Nazca Lines Viewing Tower: See 3 of the mysterious and world-famous Nazca Lines for free!

5:30pm

Arrive Nazca - Dinner snack stop in Nazca.

6:00pm

Depart Nazca- snuggle up with our thick blankets as you prepare for a night on our luxury bus, a rite of passage for all travelers of Peru!

Nazca Lines Flight

If you are interested in doing a world famous Nazca Lines Flight (highly recommended) to see the incredible lines, then it is possible to do the flight and take the bus to Arequipa later that evening. A special shuttle service operates from Huacachina to Nazca that costs 60 soles (around \$16), and allows for bag storage too. All of this can be organized with your guide on the bus as you arrive to Huacachina.

DAY 4

Puno to Cusco

9:30am (INCLUDED)

Lagunillas Mirador Viewpoint stop

11:00am

Driver stop/ bus swap – travelers heading into Puno will hop into a smaller vehicle that will quickly and easily transport you to Puno, just an hour away!

1:00pm

Arrival in Puno - Gateway to the highest navigable lake in the world!

What to do

Tours of Lake Titicaca and the legendary man-made floating islands, or check out the Sillustani burial towers.

4:30pm - 6:30pm (OPTIONAL)

Uros Floating Islands (Lake Titicaca) Tour: These man-made islands are home to the Uros tribe. Climb aboard and learn about the history from the locals themselves.

9:30pm

Depart Puno: Pick up is from your hotels and hostels within the central city zone. Please be at your dedicated meeting point at least 15 minutes in advance.

DAY 5

Arrive to Cusco

6:00am

Arrives Cusco - Hotel/hostel drop-off

What to do

Cusco is home to the world-famous Machu Picchu citadel, but Machu Picchu is not the only thing that will captivate you. Spend time scaling the Rainbow Mountain, or lose yourself in history in the Sacsayhuaman fortress. There are thousands of incredible things to do here. For any planned tours, we recommend booking via www.findlocaltrips.com.