

PRE-INCA CIVILIZATIONS
(Prices valid through December 24th 2010)
(ST-130)
LIMA – HUARAZ – TRUJILLO - CHICLAYO
(6 days / 5 nights)



A study trip to get a more comprehensive insight about the pre-Inca cultures that once flourished in Huaraz, Casma, Trujillo and Chiclayo. Start with Andean landscapes in Huaraz as you make your way to one of the most beautiful lakes in Peru. Continue to the stone temple of Chavin de Huantar, before exploring the most highly decorated building in the Casma Valley left by the Sechin culture. End your trip with a visit to the largest mud city in the world: Chan Chan and to the most magnificent museums in North Peru.

DAY 1 LIMA – HUARAZ (408 km – approx. 8 hours)

Departure in regular bus to Huaraz. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free to adjust to the altitude.

DAY 2 HUARAZ (B,BoxL)

Full day excursion to Llanganuco Lake and to the Huascarán National Park. Visit different towns from Callejón de Huaylas such as Carhuaz, Yungay and Caraz. Carhuaz is a very small town, where women still wear traditional skirt and huts. Continue towards Yungay, a site of the city that was destroyed by an earthquake and avalanche in 1972. Leaving Yungay by the road that leads to Caraz we reach the turquoise waters of Lake Chinancocha (Female Lake) and the azure Orconcocha (Male Lake) that together are known as the Lake Llanganuco. We then make a stop in Caraz, a pleasant town with a beautiful old church and also known due to its 'Manjar Blanco' (creamy beaten milk and sugar).

DAY 3 HUARAZ – CHAVIN DE HUANTAR – HUARAZ (B,L)

Visit to the temple of Chavin de Huantar, declared a Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 1975. The monument is an impressive construction of stone and contains enigmatic interior galleries. Its monoliths, its 'Nailed Heads' and its stone engravings demonstrate a pure and high aesthetic technique, yet moreover a refined sense of spirituality and worship.

DAY 4 HUARAZ – SECHIN – TRUJILLO (B) (315 km – approx. 8 hours)

We leave to Trujillo in the morning. Along the way we visit the Temple of Sechin (1500 BC), older than Chavin de Huantar. The city was largely buried by a landslide and is slowly being excavated. The site features bold, sandstone carvings of warriors disemboweling their captives, human bodies in various positions. Some of these figures more than 3.5 m high (11.48 ft) are gruesomely realistic, revealing a strong society struggling against the domination of the Chimu culture.

DAY 5 TRUJILLO (B,L)

Morning visit to Chan Chan ruins, which cover nearly 36 sq km (14 sq miles). The citadel is considered world’s largest mud city. Chan Chan was once the capital of the Chimu Kingdom an important pre-Inca culture established in the Moche Valley between the 12th and 15th centuries. Then we continue to Huanchaco, a picturesque fishing village where the narrow pointed fishing rafts, known as ‘Caballitos de Totora’ (little horses made of Totora reed) can be seeing. The next stop is at the Temple of the Dragon; also known as the Rainbow Temple, whose walls are decorated with friezes, depicting dancing warriors. Our tour ends at the Temples of the Moon and the Sun. These temples were built by the Moches, a great civilization that archaeologists say existed 700 years earlier than the Chimus. The ‘huaca’ (sacred site) of the Moon served as the main Moche temple. Some of its polychrome murals represent the ‘Decapitator’, a Moche deity to whom victims were sacrificed in rituals to yield a large crop and guarantee the continuity of the Moche society structure. The ‘Huaca of the Sun’ is said to have been built with more than 7,000,000 bricks and can be currently observe only from the ‘Huaca of the Moon’

DAY 6 TRUJILLO – CHICLAYO (B) (209 km – approx. 3 hours)

After breakfast we leave to Chiclayo to visit the world famous museum ‘Royal Tombs of the Lord of Sipan’, whose architecture was inspired by a Moche pyramid at Huaca Rajada. The museum displays all the archaeological material found in Sipan. Before you are transferred to the airport we make a last stop at Sicán Museum that boasts the artifacts found in Batán Grande. The pieces made in precious stones and gold reveal the high command achieved by the Sicán culture in metallurgy. Culturally, Sicán was influenced by the Moche and Wari cultures and flourished approx. 900-1,000 AD.

Price per person in USD sharing TWIN

Hotels	Private Services					Single Suppl.
	2	3/4	5/9	10/14	15+1	
Tourist Superior	1378	1224	1002	886	833	256

* min. 2 persons

City	Tourist Superior
Huaraz	Andino Club
Trujillo	Libertador

Domestic flights (net price per person in USD)	
Chiclayo - Lima	160 *

* Air fares subject to change according availability



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SERVICES INCLUDED

- Transfers from/to hotel
- Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category
- Excursions as noted in the itinerary
- Tourist bus Lima-Huaraz (unescorted)
- Private transportation Huaraz – Trujillo – Chiclayo
- Private services with local English, French, German or Italian speaking guide
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, BoxL: Box lunch, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation in Lima
- Domestic flights (see separate cost above)
- Airport taxes for domestic flights and international flights (approx. USD 6 for domestic flight departures and approx. USD 30.25 for international flight departures)
- Tips