

PARACAS AND BALLESTAS ISLANDS

(Prices valid through December 24th 2011)

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LIMA – PARACAS – LIMA

(3 days / 2 nights)



Get relaxed in the peaceful and sunny Paracas Bay, now offering new and comfortable hotels. Learn more about the rich sea wildlife of Ballestas Islands. Take the chance to learn not only the Nasca Lines but other less known drawings left by the Paracas culture in modern planes departing from Pisco airport (15 min drive from Paracas).

DAY 1 LIMA – PARACAS (approx. 250 km – approx. 3 ½ hours)

Drive to Paracas. Depending on the type of the selected service this can be offered on private basis (escorted by a guide) or by regular bus (equipped with A/C, reclining seats and toilet/washroom). On arrival transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon you will fly over the Nasca-Lines from Pisco. You will be transferred to the airport in Pisco (15 min drive from your hotel). During the 1 ½ hour flight aboard a modern Cessna Gran Caravan plane with capacity for 12 passengers you can photograph the most famous images: the condor, the hummingbird, and many more. Best viewed from the air, these huge geometric patterns, animal figures and hundreds of perfectly straight lines were etched on the desert sands by Nasca people centuries ago. Additionally you will fly over the Palpa Lines, the recently discovered drawings near Ocucaje left by the Paracas culture and the archaeological complex built by the Nasca Culture in Cahuachi.

DAY 2 PARACAS (B)

In the morning we will aboard a comfortable speedboat to head out toward the ocean and the Ballestas Islands. Here we enjoy close-up observations of dozens of sea lions as they swim near the boat or sunbathe themselves on the shore; watch hundreds of various marine bird species including the Guanay cormorant, Peruvian pelicans and with some luck even one of the famous Humboldt penguins (there is no chance to disembark). On the return, you enjoy an excellent view of the Candelabro, a figure sketched into the side of the cliff overlooking the sea that is similar to those found on the Nasca plains.

Afternoon at leisure. Or In case of flight cancellation due to bad weather conditions the day before, a second attempt to fly over the Nasca Plains may proceed.

Optional: Visit the Paracas National Reserve. This is the only nature reserve on the Peruvian coast and is considered one of world's strangest and richest ecosystems by Unesco. It was in this area that the first musical instrument of Peru, a 'Quena', a Peruvian flute, was found. As we enter the National Reserve we have the chance to photograph stunning natural rock formations, sculpted by the wind and sea as the 'cathedral' and the 'friars'. A number of overlooks along the coast are ideal locations for landscape shots of Paracas Peninsula and the Pacific Ocean. Before we return to the hotel we stroll through the beaches of Yumaque, Playa Roja and Lagunillas.

DAY 3 PARACAS – LIMA (B)

At proper time return to Lima by private vehicle or by regular bus. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel in Lima.

Price per person in USD sharing TWIN	Private Services					SIC*	Single Suppl.
	2	4	6	8	10		
Tourist	1178	792	711	622	603	544	56
First	1313	906	810	714	691	614	98
Deluxe	1447	1016	911	811	782	698	223

* min. 2 persons

Opcional	2	4	6	8	10	SIC
Paracas National Reserve	31	29	29	26	26	27

City	Tourist	First Class	Deluxe
Paracas	Posada Emancipador	La Hacienda Bahia	Doubletree Paracas

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Transfers from/to hotel
- Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category
- Excursions as noted in the itinerary
- Services in SIC basis (seat in coach - shared with other travelers, with local English/Spanish speaking guide)
- Private services with local German, French, Italian or English speaking guide
- Private transportation Lima – Paracas – Lima with English speaking guide for private services
- Regular bus Lima - Paracas – Lima for SIC services
- Flight over the Nasca-Lines from Pisco
- Boat excursion to Ballestas Islands for SIC and private services with local Spanish/English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation in Lima
- Airport taxes for domestic flights and international flights
- Tips