

CITY TOUR OF LIMA – THE CITY OF KINGS

Duration: 5 hours (9am – 2pm)

Fitness level: Low

Includes:

- Private transport and tour
- English speaking professional guide
- Entrance fee into all sites
- Lunch at a traditional Peruvian restaurant
- Pick up and drop off from your hotel

Not included:

- Optional museum visits
- Tips for the guide



TOUR ITINERARY:

Lima is a city of contrasts with remains of its Colonial past to the ultramodern, high-rise buildings of the financial center. This tour offers you the possibility to see this eclectic mix for yourself.

We begin by heading northeast to the downtown area where the most attractive and important sites are located.

Our tour will include a visit to the Lima Monumental, passing by the historical squares of San Martin and Plaza de Armas; the City Hall and the Cathedral with its religious art museum.

We will also visit the Convent and Church of San Francisco - the greatest monumental complex of Colonial Art in America and with a Cultural World Heritage listing. During your visit you can admire the 21 Basilica Basilica, the Convent of Cloisters, the Capitulary and Clementine Rooms, the Chorus and Library of the monks, a Museum showing 11 paintings of the Rubens School, the Sacristy with paintings of Surbaran and Ribera, its great patio decorated with Seville tiles of the XVIth Century, Moorish arches and the underground Catacombs.

Then, driving towards southwest we will visit the museum of Larco Herrera. Founded in 1926, is the world's largest private collection of pre-Columbian art, with an astonishing array of gold, silver, semi-precious stones and textiles.

The collection's predominant strength is in Mochica ceramics, of which the erotic ones are the most famous. Their notoriety ought not to obscure the fact that the museum presents a complete view of the cultural development of ancient Peru through a selection of its 45,000 pieces, housed in a colonial building of the XVIIIth century.

Afterwards, we will visit the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, passing by Huaca Pucllana – a ceremonial scaled pyramid made of hand-made bricks which used to be the main administrative centre of the Lima Culture.

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We will then visit El Olivar Park with olive trees brought from Spain in the XVth Century, the Central Park of Miraflores and Larcomar – a symbol of Lima´s modernity. Here we will enjoy views of the Park of Love overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Our site seeing is now over so we can relax over a typical Peruvian meal at a great restaurant (drinks not included).

After lunch, we will transfer you to your hotel or you can continue with us for these optional visits:

Optional: Gold Museum

This museum boasts treasures little-known and rarely exhibited outside the country. Gold, pottery and textile masterpieces form the most magnificent collection of ancient Peruvian art in the world.

Objects include monumental necklaces, funerary masks, scepters, ceremonial cups, tumis (sacrificial knives), nose rings, earrings and idols, all fashioned of sumptuous gold and semi-precious stones.

As an additional option, you may explore the museum's dazzling collection with a guide or on your own. Make sure you visit the downstairs "vault", which features the gold artifacts.

The second floor gallery contains marvelous ceramics and textiles and the annex gallery (behind the main building) features textiles and feather mantos of unbelievable quality. Between visits to the three galleries, relax in the pleasant outdoor cafe, in the eucalyptus grove.

Optional: Pachacamac

Visit one of the most well-known pre-Inca and Inca pilgrimage sites of the coast, dating back to 200 AD. It was originally devoted to the worship of the earth god Pachacamac: "He who sustains the life of the Universe".

Over the centuries, temples for other gods of the coastal cultures were erected throughout this immense ceremonial center. When the Incas arrived, they respected the religion of the conquered people but, at the same time, built their Temple of the Sun and Accllla Wasi, or House of the Virgins of the Sun.

Here, you will see weathered adobe temples, dominated by the Temple of the Sun, constructed in stone and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Looking inland, you can observe the fertile river valleys that occur in the vast desert along the coast and which were home to ancient civilizations that arose as early as four-thousand years before the Incas.

Visit the site museum, which features ceramics, textiles and a wooden idol of Pachacamac, found in its temple. Such idols infuriated the Spaniards, who expected to find gold.

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