

Andean Explorers

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Sacred Places of Power

Peru Tour & Pilgrimage

Sign up today! **Deposits due by May 1st**

You are invited to join Sean as he visits some of the earth's most magnificent and awe-inspiring locations, shedding new light on the Andean Explorers' work in Peru for over half a century. For more details about this exciting trip visit the Tour Host's website, www.seansavoy.com

TOUR ITINERARY, PRICING & OPTIONS

MAIN TOUR: Inca Legacy.

Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Inca Trail – Machu Picchu
August 6 – August 13 (7 days / 7 nights). **Cost: \$3200**

Note: Continue from Pre-tour (see below) or arrive in Lima night of Aug 6. First overnight in Hotel Estelar, Lima-Miraflores. Land tour begins Aug. 7.

The early morning finds you at Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport for transport to the ancient Inca capital city of Cusco. Start your Inca tour by visiting Awanakancha, a living museum of Andean camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicuñas). Then, visit the famous Pisac market as you travel through the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Spend a morning at the community of Huilloc where ancient Inca customs are still alive. You will also visit a rural school. (Small school supplies will be welcomed as a donation!) Participate in the Kusi Runa, as you experience how the Andean men ("runa") live their daily agricultural life, wearing the typical Huilloc poncho and using traditional tools. The activity ends with a spiritual moment expressed through local dance and music. Then, enjoy a delicious home-cooked Andean lunch with local products harvested in traditional and sustainable ways. Later, visit the ancient ruins of Ollantaytambo.

As the Sacred Valley tour continues, you will board the Vistadome train to the base of Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas," for the trip up to the ancient citadel by bus. Return to Machu Picchu the next day by bus for sunrise and to tour the entire city. On the way back to Cusco you will be able to visit the spectacular ruined fortress of Sacsayhuaman and the vestiges of Puka Pukara, Tambomachay and Qenquo. A day spent in Cusco itself will complete this portion of the tour. Visit the Coricancha ("Temple of the Sun"), the main plaza, and enjoy a relaxing final evening at the El Mercado Tunqui Hotel.

Upon return to Lima, visit the breathtaking Gold Museum and enjoy some last-minute shopping before your international flight that evening, or continue on the Post-Tour.

PRE-TOUR: Mysteries of Nazca.

Lima – Paracas – Nazca – Ballestas Islands
August 2 – August 6 (4 days / 5 nights) **Cost: \$2000**

Note: Arrive Peru night of Aug. 2. First overnight in Hotel Estelar, Lima-Miraflores. Land tour begins Aug 3.

Experience the bustling capital of Lima, known as "The City of Kings." See the Presidential Palace and the Lima Cathedral. Enjoy lunch at a vice-regal mansion, and visit the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology in Lima's old district of Pueblo Libre.

Four hours south of Lima in the wine country of Ica, see Huacachina, the famous Oasis of the Americas.

Then, face one of the world's great mysteries as you fly over the Nazca Lines etched by this pre-Inca civilization on the arid planes of one of the driest deserts in the world. Later, sail to the Ballestas Islands, home to a large population of sea lions and penguins. Then, back to Lima to enjoy some of the world's greatest cuisine, "la comida criolla," and a rich array of folkloric music at La Dama Juana in Lima's artistic district of Barranco.

POST-TOUR: Andes Pilgrimage.

Lima - Huaraz – Yungay – Chavin de Huantar
August 13 – August 17 (4 days / 5 nights) **Cost: \$1575.**

Note: Continue from Main Tour (see above) or arrive in Lima night of Aug 12. First overnight Hotel Estelar, Lima-Miraflores. Land tour begins Aug 13.

Start the Andes Pilgrimage with a short morning flight to find yourself in the central Andes. Beginning in Huaraz, the capital city of Ancash province, you will drive along the breathtaking Callejon de Huaylas watered by the Santa River below Peru's majestic Mt. Huascarán, the country's highest snow peak.

On the way through the valley, visit the picturesque towns of Carhuaz, Caraz, Recuay and the national shrine of Yungay, where, it is said, the "Christ Child of the Andes" lived and walked before perishing in the avalanche of 1962. A later avalanche of 1970 sealed the town as a memorial for all time. Spend the day walking and reflecting on the messages of The Child.

Then, traverse the Cordillera Blanca to visit Chavin de Huantar (1300 to 1400 BCE), one of South America's oldest and most advanced cultures. Chavin's monumental granite pyramids and ceremonial plazas are linked by colossal carved stone staircases and platforms. Chavin de Huantar has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This Andean Pilgrimage concludes with a journey to Lake Ullungu in the heart of the Huascarán Biosphere Reserve. Once back in Lima, enjoy a final day of shopping and an optional visit to the pre-Inca temple of Pachacamac outside the City of Kings before taking your international flight that evening.

FULL TOUR – SACRED PLACES OF POWER. – SAVE \$200!

15 days / 15 nights (not including int'l. travel days) – All of the above. Cost: Only \$6475