

The Holiday Designer

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Itinerary at a glance

2 Weeks is a great amount of time to spend exploring the south of Peru and in order to do this at a relatively unrushed pace I suggested visiting Lima, Arequipa, Chivay, Lake Titicaca and Cusco during this time. which has an abundance of colonial towns, natural wonders and indigenous villages. You will have the chance to see the second largest canyon in the world and explore the indigenous towns that surround the canyon and give you insight into a very different way of life. You can visit the unique floating islands in Lake Titicaca, the largest high altitude lake in the world, and learn about their way of life by staying in a homestay on the islands. You will end the trip with a few days in Cusco, one of the most beautiful colonial towns in Peru that plays host to a variety of different Inca ruins including Machu Pichu.

Day 1	Lima	Arrive late, have a nice evening meal
Day 2	Lima	Free time to explore
Day 3	Arequipa	Free time to explore
Day 4	Chivay	Guided walk, thermal baths
Day 5	Arequipa	Colca Canyon Tour in Chivay am, drive to Arequipa in the evening
Day 6	Puno	Cruz del Sur bus, dinner in the evening
Day 7	Lake Titicaca	Tour of the floating islands
Day 8	Cusco	Scenic train to Cusco including tour of sights along the way
Day 9	Cusco	Free time to explore and acclimatise
Day 10	Cusco	Free time to explore and acclimatise
Day 11	Aguas Calientes	Sacred Valley Tour and train
Day 12	Cusco	Machu Pichu (am)
Day 13	Cusco	Free Time
Day 14	Lima	Fly to Lima and home

Itinerary in full

Day 1 & 2: Lima

Sights and Activities: This is the capital of Peru and the perfect place to start your culinary adventure, there are plenty of nice restaurants to go to here and sample the local cuisine on your first evening.

On day 2, there are different neighbourhoods to explore here depending on your mood, choose from a coastal walk to watch the surfers and eat some seafood, a walk around the colonial old quarter with a free walking tour, or shopping and museums in Miraflores.

Accommodation: Casa Fanning Hotel, Barranco district, £40 per night

Transport: Taxis are the easiest way to get around and you can also use the metro in the city centre.

Day 3: Arequipa

Sights and Activities: Arequipa is a charming medium sized town with a nice plaza and surrounding streets to explore. You can fly here in the morning and spend the day exploring and doing some shopping- this is the best place to buy alpaca clothing.

Accommodation: Alwa Hotel Boutique Vallecito £30, La Casa de Ana - Peru £32, Casona Plaza Hotel Colonial £32, El Portal de San Lázaro £35

Transport: Fly and use taxis that are either on the meter.

Notes for trip organisation: Visit X Tour Agency to arrange a trip to the Colca Canyon. Ask for a bus to take you to your hotel at 9am tomorrow, spend the day exploring Chivay by yourself, and the guide can pick you up the next morning for an early tour of the canyon and surrounding villages before driving you back to Arequipa after lunch. This should cost around \$40 per person for a private tour.

BUDGET	per person	total
Accommodation	300	600
Flights to Lima	555	1110
Flights to Arequipa	45	90
Colca Canyon Tour	50	100
Bus Arequipa to Puno	17	34
Floating Islands Tour	30	60
Puno to Cusco Train	120	240

Machu Pichu Tour	175	350
Flights Cusco to Lima	80	160
The Holiday Designer fees		200
TOTAL	1372	2869

Additional areas of interest

Additional places of interest that are not on this itinerary include Huacachina, the oasis in the midst of huge sand dunes and the Nazca Lines, mysterious shapes in the desert viewed best from above. I have omitted these because they require more bus travel, but if they sound interesting and you would like to visit these places instead of somewhere I have suggested do let me know.