

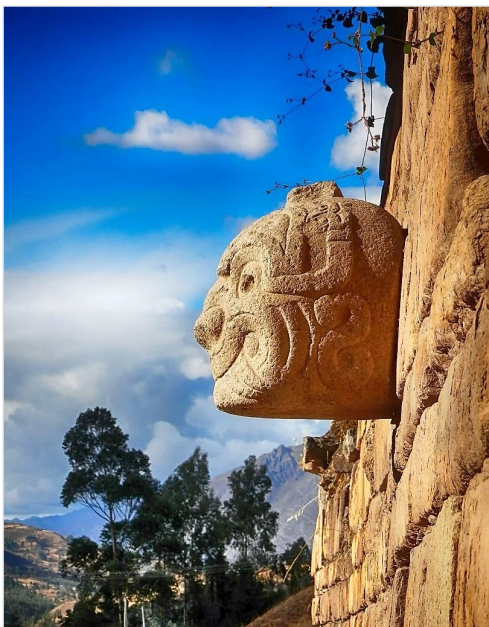
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Pre-Colombian Civilizations, Hiking in Huaraz and Mancora Beach in 9 Days

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Caral a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Day 1 • Lima • Huacho • Sacred City of Caral Supe (L)

Pickup from a hotel in Lima or from the Jorge Chavez Airport by your English-speaking driver-guide. Private escorted tour to explore the wonders of pre-Colombian Peru. After exiting from Lima, we drive along the Pacific coast towards Huacho town. After a tasty welcome lunch on-route, we drive towards the ancient city of Caral a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The 5000-year-old 626-hectare archaeological site of The Sacred City of Caral-Supe. It dates back to the Late Archaic Period of the Central Andes and is the oldest center of civilization in the Americas. Exceptionally well preserved, the site is impressive in terms of its design and the complexity of its architectural, especially its monumental stone and earthen platform mounts and sunken circular courts. One of 18 urban settlements situated in the same area, Caral features complex and monumental architecture, including six large pyramidal structures. A Quipu (the knot system used in Andean civilizations to record information)

found on the site testifies to the development and complexity of Caral society. The city's plan and some of its components, including pyramidal structures and residence of the elite, show clear evidence of ceremonial functions, signifying a powerful religious ideology. After exploring the site with your guide transportation to selected hotel for registration. 1-Night hotel accommodation in Caral, Lima.

Day 2 • Caral • Chavín de Huántar • Cordillera Blanca Mountain Range • Huaraz (B/L)

06:30 after breakfast, departure towards Huaraz. First, we drive (4-hours) on a zigzag mountain road to the Chavín de Huántar 3,137m archaeological center. The site contains ruins and artifacts constructed as early as 1200 BCE and occupied by later cultures until around 400–500 BCE by the Chavín, a major pre-Inca culture. We visit Lanzon de Chavín (a big 4.53 meter stone), Cabeza Clava in its original position, El Altar de Choquechinchay and much more. After lunch, we drive into the Chavín de Huántar town. We continue our journey towards Huaraz City (2-hours). 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Huaraz.

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Callejón de Huaylas, Huaraz



Day 3 • Huaraz • Wilcacocha Sunset Trek • Huaraz (B/L)

Free morning to acclimatize to the high altitude 3,052m. Stroll through the town and/or just relax at your hotel.

13:00 pickup from the hotel lobby by our experienced and certified mountain guide. Private transportation to a village, located near Huaraz. From here, start hiking towards the Wilcacocha outlook. Enjoy trekking on a rural path and meet Andean villagers, traditional shepherds and farmers working in the countryside along the way. Enjoy stunning vistas of the Cordillera Blanca Mountains and the Callejon de Huaylas Valley. Observe the spectacular colors of the Andean sunset before returning to your hotel after dark. Bring headlamps!

Day 4 • Lake 69 Trekking • Huaraz Departure • Trujillo (B/L)

04:00 pickup from the hotel by our experienced and certified mountain guide. Private transportation by four-wheel-drive. Today we travel through picturesque villages and fertile farmland to the Huascarán National Park (3-hours). After

breakfast, we start trekking from the Cebollapampa trailhead 3,900 meters. Enjoy a one-hour gentle hike along the Demanda Valley and then ascent on a zigzag trail to the Chaquicocha saddle for another 40 minutes. From here you can see the breathtaking Moraine Wall and Lake 69 located at an altitude of 4,604 meters. Flanked by the Chacararju and the Pisco mountains observe the silhouette of the two peaks on the water surface of Lake 69. On our return, enjoy awesome vistas of the Huascarán, the highest tropical mountain in the world, the Chopicalqui and the Yanapaccha Mountains. Private transportation by four-wheel-drive back to your hotel in Huaraz. 22:00 pickup from hotel and private transfer to the Huaraz bus terminal. 22:30 departure by deluxe coach in V.I.P. service to Trujillo. Overnight in the bus.

Alternative Nevado Mateo 5,150 meters Mountain Climbing (not included): 03:00 pickup from your hotel and private transportation by four-wheel-drive along the scenic Callejon de Huaylas Valley towards the City of Carhuaz. From there we continue through the Shilla district into the Huascarán National Park to the Punta Olimpica Tunnel, connecting the Callejon de Huaylas Valley with the Conchucos Valley. This is Peru's longest vehicular tunnel and the highest in the world located at 4,740m. The climb starts with a flat but short hike to the foot of the Moraine Wall. The rest of the route is a mixture of good path

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Nevado Mateo Trek 5,150 meters



Day 4 • Huaraz • Trujillo (continuation)

With challenging climbs. We ascent over moraine rocks and lose ground to a beautiful glacier, where we will have to put on crampons for climbing and rope-up for a 2-hour strenuous ascent. The way to the top is not extremely steep or technically hard. Depending on the season, there can be some short steep sections or hard ice. We should reach the summit in less than two-hours where there is plenty of space to walk around. Enjoy amazing vistas and take memorable pictures from the summit. Snack and picnic lunch are included. We return to your hotel in the afternoon.

Health and Fitness information for the Nevado Mateo Tour

To get the most out of your Nevado Mateo climbing experience, you need to be fit, healthy and well acclimatized to the altitude. You do not have to be an athlete, but a good overall fitness level is very important. As an indication, you should be able to hike with a heavy backpack 15 kg for up to six hours.

Day 5 • Trujillo Arrival • Colonial City Tour Trujillo (B)

06:00 Assistance, meet and greet at the Trujillo bus terminal by your personal guide upon arrival. Private transportation to your selected hotel for breakfast and registration. Balance of the morning at leisure. Enjoy a private guided panoramic city tour of Trujillo in the afternoon. First, we visit the churches of Santa Clara and El Carmen. Stroll through the Main Square, previously passing through the church of San Francisco. From the arms square, we continue to the Cathedral, through the House of Emancipation, to the Casa Calonge and Casona Urqueaga one of the historic residences of Simon Bolivar in Peru. Our tour

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Trujillo Main Square



Day 5 • Colonial City Tour Trujillo (continuation)
Goes also to the Museum of Archeology and History. The museum has over 10,000 pieces, organized in six permanent halls showing the development of the pre-Columbian cultures of the north coast of Peru. Transportation back to your hotel in the afternoon. Optional traditional seafood dinner (not included).
2-Nights hotel in Trujillo.

**Day 6 • Huaca del Sol y La Luna
Chan Chan • Huanchaco Beach (B/L)**

09:00 pickup from your hotel by our English-speaking guide. Enjoy a full day guided excursion

to explore the most important archeological sites near Trujillo. We visit the Temples of Moche, the Temple of the Sun and the Temple of the Moon (Huaca del Sol and Huaca de la Luna). Admire the detailed adobe friezes at the Temple of the Dragon. See the famous surfboats known as “caballitos de totora” in the beach town of Huanchaco. After a tasty seafood lunch, explore Chan Chan www.chanchan.gob.pe the ancient capital of the Chimú civilization. Learn about the historical, cultural and religious significance of all the sites from our knowledgeable guide. Private transportation back to your hotel in the afternoon. Ask your guide for the best restaurants in town.

Day 7 • Trujillo Departure • Talara Arrival • Mancora Beach (B)

06:00 pickup from the hotel by your English-speaking driver-guide. Private transportation to the Trujillo Airport. Departure to Talara via Lima (domestic flights are not included!). Meet and greet at the Talara Airport upon arrival by your personal Spanish-speaking driver. Private transportation to your selected hotel (a one-hour drive). 2-Nights hotel accommodation on Mancora Beach.

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Arennas Mancora Beach Resort



Day 8 • Mancora Beach (B)

Free day on Mancora beach. Two currents, the cold Humboldt from the south and Ecuatorial from the north, meet just south of Cabo Blanco, creating vastly different water temperatures (the north being considerably warmer year-round). For surfing fanatics, this section of the Pacific is renowned for its excellent swells, long waves, perfect barrels, superb point breaks and awesome lefts. The tourist zone stretches from Órganos in the south to Punta Sal and Zorritos (part of Tumbes) north of Máncora. The top beaches for swimming and sunning are Vichayito, Pocitas, Punta Sal, and Zorritos. Relax on the beach, go surfing, snorkeling with sea

turtles in Nuro, whale watching, deep sea fishing, sand boarding on the desert or explore the wetlands in Tumbes. Tumbes is the home of the Peruvian salt-water crocodile and ideal location for bird watching.

Day 9 • Mancora Beach • Talara Airport • Lima (B)

Free morning on the beach. 13:00 pickup from the hotel by your personal Spanish-speaking driver. Private transportation to the Talara Airport (a one-hour drive). Departure to Lima.

Not ready to fly home? Your tour coordinator can help with travel arrangements to extend your journey.

Optional Domestic Flights www.latam.com (not included)

Trujillo (TRU)-Lima (LIM) • Latam 2201 • 08:47-09:55

Lima (LIM)-Talara (TYL) • Latam 2216 • 11:30-13:20

Talara (TYL)-Lima (LIM) • Latam 2079 • 16:48-18:20

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Surfing in Northern Peru

Valid from August 18.2020 to December 20.2021. Hotels are subject to availability at time of booking. Not valid during trade shows, major holidays and/or other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

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Private guided tour with weekly departures • 8-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet • Transportation and private guided sightseeing tours as per program • Two guided trekking tours in Huaraz • 13-Meals included: (B) 8 Breakfasts and (L) 5 Lunches • Experienced and English-speaking licensed guides as per program • Entrance fees and taxes • Assistance in Peru.

Category Superior Tourist and First Class Hotels (Room Type)

1-Night Caral, Norte Chico • **Empedrada Lodge** (Garden View) www.hotelempedrada.com
3-Nights Huaraz • **The Lazy Dog Inn Mountain Lodge** (Standard) www.thelazydoginn.com
2-Nights Trujillo • **Casa Andina Standard Trujillo** (Standard) www.casa-andina.com
2-Nights Mancora Beach • **Las Olas Hotel** (Standard) www.lasolasmancora.com

Category Superior and Deluxe Hotels (Room Type)

1-Night Caral, Norte Chico • **Empedrada Lodge** (Valley View) www.hotelempedrada.com
3-Nights Monterrey, Huaraz • **El Patio de Monterrey** (Bungalow with fireplace) www.elpatio.com.pe
2-Nights Trujillo • **Casa Andina Premium Trujillo** (Superior) www.casa-andina.com
2-Nights Mancora Beach • **Arennas Mancora** (Garden View) www.arennasmancora.com

Not Included

International and domestic flights. Optional meals and optional services.
Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides USD \$5 pp/day and drivers USD \$2.50 pp/day.

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