

# Peru

& The Galapagos



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The name Peru is derived from a Quechua Indian word meaning “Land of Abundance.” For the traveler, the name is especially fitting. High snow-covered Andean peaks contrast with lush rainforests, and the country is a treasure trove of archaeological wonders, including world-famous Machu Picchu.

North of Peru, off the coast of Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands were long a stopover for explorers, pirates and whalers. In 1835 they were visited by British naturalist Charles Darwin, who, pondering how each island hosted unique species, developed his Theory of Evolution.

The California Native proudly offers our series of special trips to Peru and the Galapagos, and we would love to have you join us.

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## Peruvian Adventures



*Discover Machu Picchu, Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Lima, and the many wonders of Peru. Travel back in time to the days of the Incan Empire and the Spanish Conquistadores.*

### 5-day Peruvian Explorer

This trip is perfect for those who want to see the most they can of Peru but only have a short time to spend.

**1st Day:** We fly from Lima to Cusco, the capital of the Incan Empire. After lunch we tour Cusco—the Cathedral, ancient streets and the Santo Domingo Convent. The convent was built in the 17th century on the walls of the Inca Temple of the Sun. Outside of Cusco we visit the fortress of Sacsayhuamán, the amphitheater of Qenko, the ruins of Puka Pukara and the Inca Baths of Tambo Machay.

**2nd Day:** Today we tour the Sacred Valley, following the Urubamba River through beautiful countryside to visit Pisac's colorful market. We climb the steps to the fortress of Ollantaytambo and visit many other historic Inca sites. In the town of Urubamba, we stay at a delightful hotel built around a garden courtyard.

**3rd Day:** A morning train ride through spectacular Andean scenery takes us to the most important archaeological site in the Americas—the “Lost City” of Machu Picchu. We tour the ancient city and have plenty of time to wander on our own. In the late afternoon we ride the train back to Cusco. (See Inca Trail Option, page 9.)

**4th Day:** We fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel, located in the upscale community of Miraflores. In the afternoon we tour the capital city, visiting its government buildings, cathedrals, catacombs and fabulous Gold Museum.

**5th Day:** Today we depart Lima to continue our journey (see optional add-ons) or return home. We feel that we have been in a magical, surreal world and bring back with us the memories and photographs of this fabulous journey.

**What's included:** Air travel within Peru, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, six meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1880*
	Single room supplement	\$ 460*

<b>Optional:</b> Overnight at Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes) or additional night in Lima (including transfers)	Double occupancy	\$ 160*
	Single room supplement	\$ 130*

## 7-day Peruvian Explorer

**T**his trip is the same as our 5-day Peruvian Explorer, but in addition we travel to the city of Puno and Lake Titicaca.

**1st thru 3rd Day:** Same as our 5-day Peruvian Explorer.

**4th & 5th Day:** We travel by deluxe bus to the town of Puno, where we spend two nights. From here we visit Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, and the Uros floating islands. On these islands the inhabitants make their houses, their boats and the islands themselves out of reeds. We also visit the island of Taquile, famous for its pre-Inca and Inca ruins.

**6th Day:** We fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel, located in the upscale community of Miraflores. In the afternoon we tour the capital city and former center of the Spanish territories in South America, visiting its government buildings, massive cathedrals and fabulous Gold Museum.

**7th Day:** Today we depart Lima to continue our journey (see optional add-ons) or to return home.

**What's included:** Air travel within Peru, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, nine meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$2540*
	Single room supplement	\$ 690*

**Optional:** Overnight and extra day at Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes), or additional night in Lima (including transfers):

Double occupancy	\$160*	Single supplement	\$130*
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# 10-day Peruvian Explorer

This trip is the same as our 7-day Peruvian Explorer, but in addition we visit the city of Arequipa and Colca Canyon, the world's deepest canyon—twice as deep as the Grand Canyon.

**1st thru 5th Day:** Same as our 7-day Peruvian Explorer.

**6th thru 8th Day:** We fly to the city of Arequipa and tour the city. Located at the foot of the El Misti volcano, Arequipa is known as the “White City” because of its beautiful stone buildings constructed of sillar, a pearly white volcanic material. The next day we travel to the Colca Canyon, passing through beautiful countryside and picturesque villages. Here we spend two days exploring the area and watching the condors before returning to Arequipa.

**9th Day:** We fly to Lima and transfer to our hotel, located in the upscale community of Miraflores. In the afternoon we tour the capital city and former center of the Spanish territories in South America, visiting its government buildings, massive cathedrals and fabulous Gold Museum.

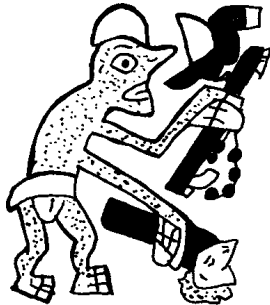
**10th Day:** Today we depart Lima to continue our journey (see optional add-ons) or to return home.

**What's included:** Air travel within Peru, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, 13 meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$3440*
	Single room supplement	\$ 840*

**Optional:** Overnight and extra day at Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes), or additional night in Lima (including transfers):

Double occupancy	\$160*	Single supplement	\$130
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## 11-day Peruvian Explorer

This trip is the same as our 10-day Peruvian Explorer, but in addition we visit the city of Nazca, made famous by the book and film *Chariots of the Gods*.

**1st thru 8th Day:** Same as our 10-day Peruvian Explorer.

**9th Day:** From Arequipa we travel by deluxe bus to spend the night in the town of Nazca.

**10th Day:** In the morning we fly over the mysterious Nazca lines in a small airplane, followed by a tour of the Nazca cemetery, with its well-preserved mummies, and a visit to local craftsmen. In the late afternoon we travel by deluxe bus to Lima and transfer to our hotel, located in the upscale community of Miraflores.

**11th Day:** In the morning we tour Lima, Peru's capital city and the former center of the Spanish territories in South America. We visit its government buildings, massive cathedrals and fabulous Gold Museum before transferring to the airport to continue our journey (see optional add-ons) or return home.

**What's included:** Air travel within Peru, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, 14 meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$3790*
	Single room supplement	\$1060*

**Optional:** Overnight and extra day at Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes), or additional night in Lima (including transfers):

Double occupancy	\$160*	Single supplement	\$130*
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## 12-day Peruvian Explorer

This trip is the same as our 11-day Peruvian Explorer, but in addition we visit Paracas and the Ballestas Islands.

**1st thru 9th Day:** Same as our 10-day Peruvian Explorer.

**10th Day:** In the morning we fly over the mysterious Nazca lines in a small airplane, followed by a tour of the Nazca cemetery, with its well-preserved mummies, and a visit to local craftsmen. In the late afternoon we travel by deluxe bus to the seaside town of Paracas.

**11th Day:** Traveling by speedboat, we visit the spectacular Ballestas Islands, with their numerous arches and caves. The islands are home to thousands of seabirds, including penguins, and hundreds of sea lions. In the afternoon we tour the Paracas National Reserve, with its stark, beautiful cliffs, coves and scenery, before traveling on by deluxe bus to Lima. Our hotel is located in the upscale community of Miraflores.

**12th Day:** In the morning we tour Lima, Peru's capital city and the former center of the Spanish territories in South America. We visit its government buildings, massive cathedrals and fabulous Gold Museum before transferring to the airport to continue our journey (see optional add-ons) or return home.

**What's included:** Air travel within Peru, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, 15 meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$4120*
	Single room supplement	\$1290*

**Optional:** Overnight and extra day at Machu Picchu (Aguas Calientes), or additional night in Lima (including transfers):

Double occupancy	\$160*	Single supplement	\$130*
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## Peru Add-Ons



*Add as many of the following packages as you want to your Peruvian Explorer vacation to design an individual trip that is perfect for you.*

## Hike the Inca Trail

Add four extra nights to our Peruvian Explorer trips and hike one of the most beautiful trails in the world. We cover a little over 26 miles in these four days, and the trek takes us along raging rivers, through a cloud forest and over spectacular mountain passes (the highest one is 13,750 ft.). Along the way we visit ruins and restored Inca sites. All camping gear is carried by our porters, leaving us free to carry only a light daypack. Each day we enjoy the changing landscape and scenery, stopping midday for a welcome hot lunch and rest before resuming our hike. Each night we camp in “style,” enjoying a post-hike snack and a delicious fresh-cooked dinner. The trek climaxes as we watch the sun rise over Machu Picchu from *Initpunku*, the Gate of the Sun. We then explore the ancient city. On our final night we stay in a hotel in the town of Aguas Calientes, where we can relax and visit the hot mineral springs or return to Machu Picchu for another look before returning to Cusco on the famous, scenic train ride. Best time: April thru November.

**Length of time:** This package adds four nights to our Peruvian Explorer trips.

**What’s included:** Transportation to the trailhead, all meals during the hike, tents and sleeping bags, admission fees, hotel accommodations at Aguas Calientes, train to Cusco, porters, cook, English-speaking guide. Minimum: two persons.

**Departures:** Departs 3 times a week, subject to availability.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$780*
	Single room supplement	\$280*

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## Urubamba River Rafting

Spend a day whitewater rafting down the beautiful Urubamba River. This trip also includes an additional night in Urubamba.

**Length of time:** This package adds one night to our Peruvian Explorer trips.

**What's included:** Transfers, whitewater rafting, accommodations, two meals. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$350*
	Single room supplement	\$270*

## Amazon Jungle

This trip begins with a flight from Lima to Puerto Maldonado, located on the Tambopata River in the Amazon Basin. From here we travel two hours upriver by boat to the rustic Posada Amazonas Lodge, where we spend the night. We watch for birds and other wildlife as we hike through the lush rainforest. The next morning we continue our journey upriver to the remote Tambopata Research Center, where we spend the next two nights. In the mornings and afternoons we hike through beautiful rainforests, cruise to remote areas, and observe and photograph the many birds and animals that inhabit this equatorial region. Then we return to the Posada Amazonas for our final night before departing early in the morning for Puerto Maldonado and our flight to Cusco or Lima.

**Length of time:** This package adds four nights to our Peruvian Explorer trips.

**What's included:** Transfers, air, boat and land transportation, accommodations, all meals, guided tours. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1190*
	Single room supplement	\$ 260*

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## Chan Chan & Sipan

We fly from Lima to the charming colonial city of Trujillo, where we spend the night. In the morning we explore the many archaeological sites in this untouristed area of the northern Peruvian coast. We visit the Moche pyramids—the *Huaca del Sol*, at one time the largest man-made structure in the Western Hemisphere, and the colorful *Huaca del Luna*. We also visit the Huari pyramids—*Huaca del Dragón* and *Huaca La Esmeralda*. Most impressive of all is our visit to the vast ruins of the ancient imperial city of Chan Chan, the capital of the Chimú empire. We then drive up the coast to the bustling city of Chiclayo to spend the night. In the morning we visit the important archaeological site of Sipán, where the undisturbed extravagant tomb of the priest, now called the “Lord of Sipán,” was discovered in 1987, his remains clad in gold and lavished with valuables. Finally, we fly back to Lima.

**Length of time:** This package adds two nights to our Peruvian Explorer trips.

**What’s included:** Transfers, air and land transportation, accommodations, guided tours. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1080*
	Single room supplement	\$ 390*

**If option follows 11-day or 12-day Peruvian Explorer trips, you must add an additional night and transfers in Lima:**

Double occupancy	\$ 150*
Single room supplement	\$ 125*

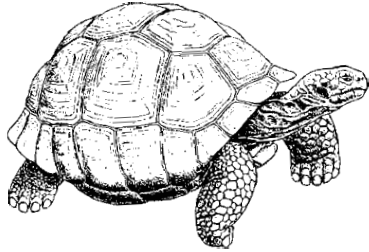


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## Galapagos Cruises



*Isolated for thousands of years, the creatures of the Galapagos Islands evolved into the unique species which inspired Charles Darwin to develop his Theory of Evolution.*

### **8-day Galapagos Adventure**

**1st Day:** We arrive in the lovely mountain city of Quito, capital of Ecuador. A former Inca capital, Quito boasts an old town area as well as a beautiful modern city.

**2nd Day:** In the morning we fly from Quito to the island of Baltra, where we board a yacht to begin our Galapagos journey. After lunch we visit Las Bachas Beach or Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz Island, where we may see our first blue-footed boobies.

**3rd Day:** In the morning we disembark at Rabida, a small island with the best pelican nesting sites. Behind the beach there is a saltwater lagoon with flamingos, white-checked pintails and a sea lion bachelor colony. At the end of the trail there is a great snorkeling spot. After lunch we visit Bartolomé Island for a hike among volcanoes. From the beach we can snorkel near Pinnacle Rock, one of the most photographed sites in the islands.

**4th Day:** Today we explore the naturalist's paradise of Tower (Genovesa) Island. We see many bird colonies, including red-footed and masked boobies, lava gulls and frigate birds on the white coral sand beach and among the mangroves. There is also an opportunity for some excellent snorkeling.

**5th Day:** This morning we visit South Plaza Island, inhabited by land iguanas, audubon shearwaters, red-billed tropic birds, pelicans and the ever-present sea lions. In the afternoon we return to Santa Cruz Island to visit the Darwin Institute, where we see the Giant Tortoises, including "Lonesome George," the last survivor of his species.

**6th Day:** In the morning we travel to the nearby highlands, with miconia bushes, scalesia trees and more species of endemic flora than on any other island in the Galapagos, before returning to Baltra Island for our flight back to Quito.

**7th Day:** Today we tour Quito, its historical plazas, cathedrals and colonial government buildings, and visit the *Mitad Del Mundo*, the “Center of the Earth,” where we can stand right on the equator.

**8th Day:** We transfer to the airport for our flight home or fly on to Lima to begin our Peruvian Adventure.

**What’s included:** Air travel within Ecuador, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours and all meals aboard ship. National Park fee of \$110 is not included. Minimum: one person.

**Departures:** Weekly, every Thursday.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$3160*
	Single room supplement:	\$2020*

## 12-day Galapagos Adventure

This trip is the same as our 8-day Galapagos Adventure, but in addition we spend three more days aboard ship, visiting the islands of Santa Fe (Barrington), Española, Floreana and North Seymour. We also spend an additional day in Quito to visit the outlying countryside and villages and the Indian town of Otavalo, famous for its craftsmen and weavers.

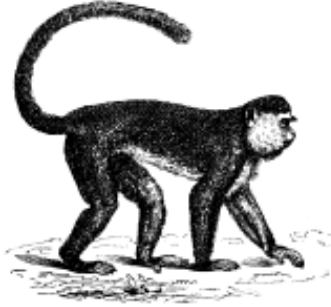
**What’s included:** Air travel within Ecuador, transfers, transportation, accommodations, guided tours, all meals aboard ship and three additional meals. National Park fee of \$110 is not included. Minimum: one person.

**Departures:** Weekly, every Thursday.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$4830*
	Single room supplement:	\$3290*

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## Galapagos Add-On



*Add this unique experience in one of the most remote areas of the Amazon jungle to your Galapagos Adventure.*

## Ecuadorian Amazon Jungle

This trip adds four nights to our Galapagos Adventure. We begin with a flight from Quito, over the Andes, to the Amazon rainforest, where we travel by canoe to the Napo Wildlife Center, located in Yasuní National Park. Here we spend the next four nights. We can participate in naturalist-led hikes and canoe trips, accompanied by native Anangu guides. Hundreds of bird species have been recorded in the park, as well as innumerable species of plants, mammals and amphibians.

**Length of time:** This package adds four nights to our Galapagos Adventures.

**What's included:** Transfers, air, boat and land transportation, accommodations, all meals, guided tours. Minimum: one person.

<b>Price, 2012:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1330*
	Single room supplement	\$ 390*

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# Terms, Conditions and Stuff Like That

## **RESERVATIONS:**

Please reserve as early as possible as space is limited on all of our trips. A \$200 deposit is required at the time of booking. Airfare not included in packages must be paid in full at time of booking. Final payments are due 60 days prior to the trip date. All deposits and payments are **nonrefundable**. For your convenience, we accept most major credit cards.

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

In the case of cancellation by participants, **no refunds** will be made. To protect yourself against unforeseen illness or other emergencies, we encourage you to purchase travel insurance.

## **TRIP INSURANCE:**

We offer optional travel insurance.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The California Native is acting only as an agent for the particular airlines, lodgings and other providers of services. Accordingly, these arrangements are made for you upon the express condition that neither The California Native nor its officers or employees shall have any responsibility for, nor shall they be liable for, any claim or loss whether or not arising from any personal injury, illness, property loss or damage, wrongful death, monetary loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, irregularity, omission, failure to provide adequate service, additional charge, failure to warn, defect or failure in any vehicle, facility, roadway or structure or by any breach of contract, negligence or wrongful act by any person.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

We reserve the right to substitute accommodations, transportation and itinerary when we deem it necessary or advisable.

## **HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS:**

The altitude at Cusco is almost 11,000 feet. The Inca trail climbs to an altitude of almost 14,000 feet. We urge those with a history of heart problems to consult their physician before participating in these trips.

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