

1. LIMA



The Peruvian capital was founded in 1535 by the Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. Also known as the “City of Kings,” in it you will encounter colonial richness, a modern metropolis and the bustling vitality of a major city. It is divided into 43 districts, each with its own magic and magnetism. The weather tends to be warm and humid throughout the year, with a thick fog called the “garua” during the winter months (May to December).

Lima - Excursions

City Tour colonial and modern with visit of San Francisco and Larco Museum (5h)

In the historical center, admire the colorful colonial architecture around the “Plaza San Martín” and the main square “Plaza de Armas”, where you can also see the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the Municipality. From here, visit the San Francisco Monastery and discover its underground maze of tunnels and catacombs. Finally, head to Lima’s contemporary districts, Miraflores and San Isidro, that combine beautiful parks, such as “El Olivar” and “Parque del Amor”, shopping centers, and modern architecture. End your tour at the Larco Museum and appreciate its collection with over 45.000 objects including pre-Columbian ceramics, textiles, gold and silver pieces. Don’t miss the museum’s famous and unique erotic ceramics collection from the Mochica culture.

City Tour colonial and modern with visit of the Cathedral (4h)

In the historical center, admire the colorful colonial architecture around the “Plaza San Martín” and the main square “Plaza de Armas”, where you can also see the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the Municipality. Enter the Roman Catholic Cathedral and appreciate a unique collection of sculptures and paintings from the 17th and 18th century. The tomb of the Spanish who conquered Peru, Francisco Pizarro, is kept inside the Cathedral. Finally, head to Lima’s contemporary districts, Miraflores and San Isidro, that combine beautiful parks, such as “El Olivar” and “Parque del Amor”, shopping centers, and modern architecture.

****Remark:** *The Cathedral is closed Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings, and holidays.*

City Tour colonial and modern with visit of San Francisco (4h)

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City Tour colonial and ruins of Pachacamac (6h)

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****Remark:** *Pachacamac is closed on Mondays.*

Ruins of Pachacamac (4h)

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City Tour colonial with visit of Huaca Pucllana (5h)

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****Remark:** *Huaca Pucllana is closed on Tuesdays.*

The following museums can be combined with the city tour (1 museum – total duration approx. 3h) or take the visit of 2 museums (approx. 4h):

Visit of Larco museum (3h)

The Larco Museum has over 45.000 objects including pre-Columbian ceramics, textiles, gold and silver pieces. Don't miss the museum's famous and unique erotic ceramics collection from the Mochica culture.

Visit of Archaeological museum (3h)

The Archaeological Museum's building used to be the residence of famous personalities such as San Martín and Bolívar. Today, admire its fascinating collection of ceramics and objects that come from Peru's different periods and cultures.

Visit of Art Museum of Lima – MALI (3h)

Surrounded by a park in Lima's historic center, the “Palacio de la Exposición”, also known as Lima's Art Museum (MALI) was built in 1871. The permanent collection includes 3000 years of history and displays art from the pre-Colombian period to today.

Tour to Barranco including Victor Delfin, MATE and a local Art Gallery (5h)

Barranco is considered the capital's bohemian district where many renowned artists, musicians, photographers, and designers live and work. Its charming colonial architecture, flowery parks, and inspiring vibe give it a romantic air. End your tour at the Bridge of Sighs, an ancient yet solid bridge that has inspired poets and songwriters like Chabuca Granda. Travelers interested in visiting an art gallery and/or art shops can coordinate with their local guide. Next stop will be the house-Museum of Victor Delfin, Peruvian sculptor, painter and craftsman. He created the famous monument of the “kiss” located in the Love Park in Miraflores. You will learn a little about this life and work.

Finish the tour with one gem that is not to be missed, the MATE Museum by the internationally renowned Peruvian photographer, Mario Testino. The permanent exhibit is a stunning display of color and culture that provides visitors with a glimpse of Cusqueño culture. Apart from exploring native Andean traditions through the lens, during your visit you will also find the temporary exhibits which never fail to disappoint.

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Ruins of Pachacamac and visit of a Museum (6h)

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****Remark:** You can choose between Larco Museum or the Archaeological Museum Pachacamac and Archaeological Museum are closed on Mondays.

Gastronomic Lima + Lunch (7h)

Combine the classic city tour in Lima with a touch of the famous Peruvian Gastronomy. Start the tour with the visit of a local market and walk through the colorful stands, admire a wide variety of national products, and taste exotic fruits. Continue to the historical center and admire the colorful colonial architecture around the “Plaza San Martín” and the main square “Plaza de Armas”, where you can also see the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the Municipality. From here, visit the San Francisco Monastery and discover its underground maze of tunnels and catacombs. Afterwards visit the Gastronomy Museum also called The House of Peruvian Gastronomy, a newly-opened museum spanning thousands of years of the country's culinary history. The tour shows visitors why the Peruvian cuisine is becoming increasingly popular across the globe.

To finalize the tour you will go to the Restaurant El Bolivariano to receive a small demonstration of how to prepare our famous drink “Pisco Sour” and will enjoy lunch.

Bike Tour in Lima (2h)

If you only have a short time in the capital, take a bike tour along the coast and appreciate the Pacific Ocean views. See Lima's contemporary district of Miraflores and make your way to the bohemian district of Barranco. Along the way, visit the main attractions so you don't miss the best of The City of the Kings.

****Remark:** Distance: 11,5km. The tour starts and ends at the bike rental store. The tour and English-speaking guide are with other international travelers.

Restaurant recommendations:**Restaurant & Café del Museo Larco (Pueblo Libre)**

Enjoy a variety of regional dishes in the Café Del Museo, located in the Larco Museum. Set in the garden of the beautiful colonial building, you can either sit outside on the terrace surrounded by colorful flowers or inside in the modern atmosphere

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 100 people.

El Señorío de Sulco (Miraflores)

Savor local flavors at the restaurant El Señorío de Sulco. Situated in a residential house with the sea as its background, the 33-year-old restaurant offers Peruvian cuisine, recreating the history of Peru's food and tastes.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 150 people.

La Huaca Pucllana (Miraflores)

Visit the Huaca Pucllana ruins in Miraflores district and stay to relish a meal at the adjacent La Huaca Pucllana Restaurant. With its colonial decoration, this restaurant offers traditional Peruvian Novo-Andean and international cuisine in a delightful ambience with a panoramic view of the ruins.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 150 people.

Mangos (Larcomar, Miraflores)

Mangos is perfectly located in the Larcomar shopping mall in Miraflores. Enjoy an array of Peruvian cuisine while sitting outside on the patio with its imposing view of the Pacific Ocean or inside in a comfortable atmosphere.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 250 people.

Amoramar (Barranco)

Restaurant located in the bohemian district of Barranco. It is an old republican house of 1900 which offers the best options of the Peruvian Gastronomy. A combination of antique and modern atmosphere invites you to have a great experience enjoying the best options of the Peruvian food.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 140 people

Central Restaurant (Miraflores)

Central Restaurante is the flagship restaurant of the Peruvian chef, Virgilio Martínez Véliz, and serves as his workshop in the investigation and integration of indigenous Peruvian ingredients into the restaurant's menu. The restaurant is known for its contemporary interpretation and presentation of Peruvian cuisine.

This restaurant is considered the 2nd best restaurant in Latin America and is within the 50 best restaurants of the World.

It is important to mention that this restaurant must be booked much time in advance to get a confirmed table.

This restaurant is opened from Monday to Saturday only.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 70 people

Maido Restaurant (Miraflores)

This restaurant offers a Nikkei food Experience.

Here the cook is not the protagonist, but it is the top quality ingredients that promise the artist the creation of the unique work of art. It looks for customers to live a genuine Nikkei experience. This wonderful cuisine is the reflection of the Japanese influence on the Peruvian gastronomy. The ingredients of both cultures complement each other as if they had been born to be one. It is an honest cuisine with unique textures and flavors.

Restaurant is opened for lunch from Monday to Sunday and dinner from Monday to Saturday.

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Restaurant's capacity is approx. 90 people

Astrid & Gaston Restaurant (San Isidro)

Restaurant that belongs to the famous chef Gaston Acurio and is currently located in a very nice old house in San Isidro.

This stylish and modern spot serves a creative criollo-Mediterranean menu. Specialties include spicy roasted ribs or the excellent noble robado fish served in miso sauce with crunchy oysters.

It is important to mention that this restaurant must be booked much time in advance to get a confirmed table.

Restaurant is opened from Monday to Saturday for lunch and dinner and Sundays only for lunch.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 350 people

Amaz (Miraflores)

Amaz is a restaurant of Amazonian Cuisine that wants to take to the world the gastronomy, culture and harvests of the forest of Peru. Pedro Miguel Schiaffino is the creative chef and researcher of Amaz.

Same as Central, Maido and Astrid & Gaston, this restaurant is one within the 50 best restaurants of Latin America.

It is opened for lunch and dinner from Monday to Saturday and only for lunch on Sundays.

Restaurant's capacity is approx. 115 people