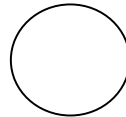




Paracas

2 Days/1 Night

Paracas is located in the province of Pisco, 260km south of Lima. It is a small town yet one of Peru's largest tourist attractions.



Easy



Moderate



Difficult

Itinerary

Day one

03.45 a.m. Bus from Lima to Paracas on Cruz del Sur. The bus ride lasts about 3 hours to the Paracas Bay.

07.45 a.m Pick up from the bus station and transferred to the the Paracas port.

08.00 a.m. You will start your visit of the Ballestas Islands. During our boat excursion to the Islands you will see many attractions, among them, stands out a huge design etched on the slope of hill, known by the local people as The Candelabra. This is an enormous figure that can be seen clearly from the sea. Our local guide will explain the most important theories concerning this drawing. Afterwards, we will continue our excursion around the Ballestas Islands, where you will see hundreds of birds flying Peruvian Bobbies, Inca terns, Pelicans, Cormorants and others above the Islands, as



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well as dozens of sea lions on the shore of the beaches, and if you are lucky you also can see the famous Humboldt Penguins and dolphins swimming nearby. You are not allowed to land on the Island, which means you will spend all the tour on the boat.

11.00 a.m. After visiting the Ballestas Islands we will take you to visit the Paracas Reserve.

This is a huge protected area located south west of the city of Pisco. The name of this beautiful place is derived from a Quechua word meaning “sand rain” probably due to the strong winds that hit the evenings here. The Paracas National Reserve is also very important since in their inhabit waters are abundant quantities of zooplankton and phytoplankton, which allows for a variety of fish that foment both industrial and artisanal fisheries. This is a very important activity in the town of Pisco. The Paracas National Reserve is located in an area of 335,000 hectares and is considered one of the most important ecosystems on the planet. During our visit we will see the beautiful cliffs and beaches along this tour (red beach beach Yumaque, Lagunilla).

During this tour we will stop at the beach where you can taste seafood from the Lagunilla Lake and also take a refreshing swim. We can also see groups of flamingos feeding on the sea’s shore. To appreciate these beautiful birds will require a short hike to a small viewpoint where we will be able to appreciate them more closely. According to some historians these were the birds who inspired the Liberator San Martin to create the colors of our red and white flag.

Then you can visit the interpretation center of the reserve, in this place we learn about the flora and fauna of the Paracas Reserve.

02.00 p.m Transferred to the Hostal in Paracas. Free afternoon you can do sandboarding or rent a dune buggy

Day two

06:00 a.m After having breakfast you need to go to the bus station which is near the hostel to take the 07.15 a.m bus from Paracas to Nazca.

11.15 a.m You will be picked up from the bus station and then will be transferred to the airdrome of Nazca to fly over the Nazca lines. Prior the flight you will watch a video film about the Nazca Lines that will allow you get a better understanding of the archaeological zone you are about to see. This interesting documentary lasts about 40 minutes and involves serious information about the Nazca Culture, as well as the figures you will see from the air. For this aerial tour, you will board a small Cessna single-engine aircraft (Station air, Sky hawk or Skyline type), which has space for 5 people, each person with a window seat. After the video, our English speaking pilot will proceed to give you a



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briefing about this air tour and also will give each participant a map of the archaeological zone, which shows all the figures you will see from the air. Among the figures, you will see an impressive representation of a monkey, a whale, a spider, a hummingbird, a parrot, a condor, geometrical shapes and hundred of straight lines crisscrossing the Nazca desert.

Afterwards you will be transferred to Nazca's city centre where you will have the rest of the afternoon free. One option is to visit the Antonini Archaeological museum.

At 9.30pm you will need to go to the Cruz del Sur office to take the 10pm bus to Arequipa.

Included in the price

- Bus tickets from Lima-Paracas-Nazca-Arequipa
- Transfer from the bus station to the port of Paracas
- Tour Ballestas Islands and Paracas National Reserve
- Guide Spanish / English – Assistance at the tours
- Transfer after the tour to the hostel
- 1 night stay with continental breakfast in Paracas

Not included in the price

- Transfer to the bus station in Lima
- Entrance tickets or fees during the excursion in Paracas
- Food
- Transfer from the hostel to the bus station in the second day
- Airport tax
- Transfer from the city center in Nazca to the bus station to take the bus to Arequipa
- Transfer from the bus station in Arequipa to the accommodation.

We recommend

- Sun block
- Hat
- Sun glasses
- Sports clothes
- Trainers



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- Bring a coat for the morning as the boats do not have a roof to protect from the

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