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TRIP DETAILS

3 days / 2 nts - Peru

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3014

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Lima

Caral

Huaraz

Trujillo



PRICES FROM \$853

Ancient Cultures of the North

Day 1: Arrive in Lima - Caral - Huaraz

Transfer from Lima to Huaraz. On the way we stop at the Sacred City of Caral Temple, a religious center. Caral is composed of 32 impressive buildings with outstanding truncated pyramids connected by platforms and staircases to circular plazas, ceremonial sites, and residential areas. Ongoing archaeological work at Caral suggests that this pre-ceramic site is one of the most ancient cultures and architectural complexes of Peru. From Paramonga we drive up the buttress of the Andes until we reach Conococha Lake (4080m). We continue to Huaraz (3100m), the "Capital of Mountaineering and International Friendship". We spend the night in Huaraz at the Hotel Andino. Lunch.



Day 2: Huaraz - Chavin de Huantar - Huaraz

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we traverse the Cordillera Blanca via the Cahuish Tunnel to visit Chavín de Huántar, South America's oldest and most advanced culture, and one of the six independent centers of civilization in world prehistory. At Chavín we find monumental granite pyramids and ceremonial plazas linked by stone-carved staircases. Subterranean chamber complexes, known as galleries, are the most unusual Chavín architectural style. We visit the Lanzón Gallery with its supreme deity of Chavín, a large stone idol called Lanzón that is finely carved with human, Jaguar, Anaconda, and Harpy Eagle iconography. Sophisticated stone-carved friezes, columns, giant heads, and astronomic representations are a puzzle for Andean archaeo-astronomers. Overnight at Hotel Andino. Breakfast/Lunch/-.

Day 3: Huaraz - Sechin - Trujillo



Breakfast at the hotel. Early this morning we descend to the coastal valley of Sechin to visit the Sechin Temple (1500 years BC). Sechin's outside walls are covered with bas-relief carvings representing warriors and captives, human bodies in various positions, and human body parts. Some of these figures, more than 12 feet high, are gruesomely realistic, revealing a strong society struggling against the domination of the Chimú Culture. After lunch we continue driving across the lands of Nepeña and Pañamarca valleys. Late this afternoon we arrive at the colonial city of Trujillo, where we spend the night. Breakfast/Lunch/-.

Price per person in double occupancy	\$1,400
Price per person when 4 persons travelling	\$853
Single Supplement	\$73

*Prices valid to Dec 31, 2011

*Rates subject to change without notice

INCLUDED

- Private transfers and excursions.
- 2 nights accommodation at Andino Club Hotel in Huaráz
- Meals mentioned in the program.

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets
- Airport Taxes
- Meals not listed on itinerary

