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KINGDOMS OF THE NORTH

Destinations: Trujillo, Chiclayo, Cajamarca, Leymebamba, Chachapoyas & Gocta

INTRODUCTION

Explore the enigmatic wonders of Northern Peru, often called the "Egypt of the Americas." This remarkable tour unveils the hidden ruins of powerful pre-Incan cultures, such as the mighty Kuelap fortress. Begin in Trujillo, a coastal city boasting a blend of ancient cultures and colonial architecture. Continue to Chiclayo, where the El Brujo complex reveals a preserved tattooed mummy of Moche royalty. Journey further into the Andes and arrive in Cajamarca, a city of colonial significance, and discover the remarkable aqueducts of Cumbemayo. Finally, venture to Leymebamba and immerse yourself in the ancient Chachapoya culture, encountering the mausoleums of Revash and the captivating Mallqui Museum. Conclude your adventure with a visit to the imposing fortress of Kuelap, rivaling the grandeur of Machu Picchu, and witness the breathtaking Gocta waterfalls. Immerse yourself in the captivating history of northern Peru.



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Travel dates: 2023

TRUJILLO ARRIVAL

Arrival to **Trujillo** city and transfer to the hotel.

This day is free at your leisure to explore the city.

Trujillo, also called "The city of eternal spring, is a coastal city located on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, in the north of Peru, it possesses a mixture of ancient cultures, colonial architecture, and a welcoming population. The central part of the city features the largest Plaza de Armas in Peru and is surrounded by both colonial and republican era mansions painted in bright colors.



Overnight at
selected hotel.

TRUJILLO

FULL DAY SUN & MOON HUACAS, DRAGON, CHAN CHAN & HUANCHACO

Visit **Chan Chan**, an ancient city declared a Cultural Patrimony by UNESCO. Appreciate its quaint streets, houses, pyramids and temples. Then visit the **Huaca del Sol**, a pyramid 20m high and the smaller **Huaca de la Luna** pyramid where archaeologists had discovered a tomb with more than 40 dead soldiers. Finally end with a visit to the **Huaca Dragon**, a temple dedicated to the Rainbow.



Private english
speaking guide.



Duration of tour:
approx. 8 hours.



Includes breakfast
and lunch.



Overnight at
selected hotel.

TRUJILLO - CHICLAYO

WITH STOPOVER AT EL BRUJO COMPLEX

Private transport to Chiclayo, on the way, visit the **El Brujo** complex, located 34 Km north of Trujillo in the Chicama Valley. Just some years ago, a well-preserved tattooed mummy of a young woman, who belonged to the Moche Royalty, has been discovered deep inside the El Brujo pyramid. She is called “Señora de Cao” and she is exhibited in the Museum. Upon arrival to **Chiclayo**, transfer to the hotel.





 Private english speaking guide.	 Transportation from Trujillo to Chiclayo: 4 hours.	
 Duration of tour: approx. 2 hours.	 Includes breakfast.	 Overnight at selected hotel.



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CHICLAYO

FULL DAY SIPAN, TUCUME & TUMBAS REALES

Today, excursion to the magnificent mud-brick burial platform of **Huaca Rajada** where the world-famous Tomb of the **Lord of Sipan** was discovered. Admire fabulous gold artifacts, precious stones and the ancient Moche civilization's history. Then, visit to **Túcume**, an imposing 26 pyramids site of the Lambayeque culture. Afterwards, visit the brand new **Tumbas Reales Museum** and discover the historical richness there.

***Daily departures except on Mondays.*



Private english speaking guide.



Includes breakfast and lunch.



Duration of tour: approx. 8 hours and 30 min.



Overnight at selected hotel.



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CHICLAYO CAJAMARCA

After breakfast private transport back to the Andes, to the most important colonial city in northern Peru, **Cajamarca**.

This is the place where the Spanish conquerors met the Inca emperor Atahualpa, captured him, and killed him. At the time of the Incas, the city was one of the largest cities of the empire.

This afternoon is free to explore the city at your own pace.



Overnight at selected hotel.



Includes breakfast.



Transportation from Chiclayo to Cajamarca: 6 hours.

DAY 6

CAJAMARCA

HD CUMBEMAYO & OTUZCO WINDOWS

After breakfast, visit the archaeological complex of **Cumbemayo**, it is located 14 km outside the city of Cajamarca at an altitude of 3,500 meters. The complex is surrounded by unique landscape, including a rock forest.

Cumbemayo is one of the most notable aqueducts of the Andes as well as the watershed between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The aqueduct is divided into three parts, 850, 2,600 and 5,660 m long respectively. We admire the stone carving in superb detail using right angles to slow the speed of the water. Cumbemayo is believed to have been built 3,500 years ago.

After a 20-minute drive, visit the Otuzco windows, a fabulous pre-Incan necropolis. It looks like a town constructed into cliffs with windows cut into the rock and they served as tombs. It shows the wide mortuary enclosure of the Cajamarca culture occupation, now is admirable to observe the scenery and the rocky edge where they were developed.



Private english speaking guide.



Overnight at selected hotel.



Duration of tour: approx. 7 hours.



Includes breakfast.

CAJAMARCA LEYMEBAMBA

After breakfast private transport to **Leymebamba**, province of Chachapoyas.



Overnight at selected hotel.



Includes breakfast.



Private transportation: 6 hours.

DAY 8

LEYMEBAMBA

FULL DAY REVASH AND MALLQUI MUSEUM

We leave early and drive two hours to San Bartolo. From there we hike about 45 minutes. Visit to the mausoleums of **Revash** (2 600 m altitude), funerary constructions built on the mountainside and looking like houses with gabled roofs and between one and three floors, decorated with symbols in bas-relief.

Return to the car and continue to Leymebamba, another hour's drive. From the village center it is only 10 minutes to the **Mallqui Museum** of Leymebamba, which houses 219 mummies in excellent condition, as well as other objects of the Chachapoya culture such as fabrics, pottery and a unique collection of Peruvian quipus.



Private english speaking guide.



Includes breakfast and box lunch



Duration of tour: approx. 8 hours.



Overnight at selected hotel.



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LEYMEBAMBA

FULL DAY KUELAP TOUR

Morning pick up to start the journey to the fortified town of **Kuelap**. On the way, admire the picturesque Andean villages. Kuelap is one of the largest stone structures of South America. Similar to Machu Picchu in the North, these fortresses are even older, well preserved and located at a higher altitude.

Upon arrival at the town of Nuevo Tingo, transfer by cable car to the Kuelap fortress, visit its main buildings, houses with friezes, high and low town, the tower, the main temple and the southern platform. After the visit take the cable car back to Nuevo Tingo and then, return to Chachapoyas.

Special note: Please note that Kuelap will be closed for renovations most time of 2023. However, visitors can still explore the Interpretation Center and enjoy the included cable car ride.



Private english speaking guide.



Includes breakfast and lunch.



Duration of tour: approx. 8 hours.



Overnight at selected hotel.



CHACHAPOYAS

HALF DAY KARAJIA

Today we go to the sarcophagi of **Karajia**.

First transfer to Luya and from there to Cruz Pata. Once in the village we walk about 30 minutes through the rural surroundings, learning about local agriculture and potato growing and how the locals are adapting to tourism.

When we arrive at the sarcophagi, our guide explains all the details of the six sarcophagi, which are about 600 years old and were only rediscovered in 1987 by the Peruvian-German archaeologist Federico Kauffmann Doig. The return hike takes about 45 minutes as it is now uphill.

At the end of the tour drive to **Cocachimba** town, which is 1 hour from Chachapoyas city.



Private english speaking guide.



Includes breakfast and box lunch.



Duration of tour: approx. 6 hours.



Overnight at selected hotel.

CHACHAPOYAS

FULL DAY GOCTA WATERFALLS TOUR

After breakfast, start the 2-hours walk to the **Gocta waterfalls**, on the way observe diverse flora and fauna. The fall is one of the highest free-leaping waterfalls in the world and offers a spectacular view. During the dry season you might even have the possibility to take a refreshing bath. There will be free time for relaxation and to discover the area, before returning to Cocachimba.



Private english speaking guide.



Includes breakfast and lunch.



Duration of tour: approx. 6 hours.



Overnight at selected hotel.

CHACHAPOYAS JAEN- FAREWELL

At the appropriate time, departure from the lodge and head to airport in **Jaen** to take the flight back to Lima.



Includes breakfast.



Private transportation: 6 hours.

End of services.



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RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Trujillo

Standard: Casa Andina Standard | Traditional room

Chiclayo

Standard: Costa del Sol | Standard room

Cajamarca

Standard: Costa del Sol | Standard room

Leymebamba

Standard: La Casona de Leymebamba | Standard room

Chachapoyas

Standard: La Xalca | Standard room

Cocachimba

Standard: Gocta Lodge | Standard room
