

Discovering Peru With Larry Conrad

And MexiMayan Travel Adventures

Adventuring into the lands of the Incas

February 4 - 15, 2011

Welcome to adventure and to an exceptional opportunity to explore with archaeologist Larry Conrad.

Peru's wealth of archaeological sites is unsurpassed. In fact there are so many "must-see" archaeological sites and museums spread across remote and difficult places that archaeologist Larry Conrad has decided not to try to do it all in one trip. This year you will have the opportunity to visit the modern capital of Lima, the Inca capital of Cuzco and the fabled Machu Picchu. From these hubs we will visit a series of important museums and archaeological sites. If you have the time there will be an optional trip to The coastal desert, the Ballestas Islands, also known as the Mini-Galapagos, where you'll see a variety of birds and sea mammals and a flight over the enigmatic Nazca "Lines" which include not only geometric figures but also mammals such as a monkey, a humanoid and a canid; birds; a spider and a tree.



Friday, Feb 4, Day 1: *Depart for Peru.*

Arrive Lima in the afternoon or evening, check into the convenient Airport Ramada Hotel. Let Larry Conrad know that you have arrived. Overnight Airport Ramada Hotel.

Saturday, Feb 5, Day 2: *The Plaza de Armas, Lima Museums Markets, and the Huaca Pucllana site in downtown Miraflores.*

After breakfast your Lima guide will pick you up at 9:30 am. First we will have an introduction by Peruvian archaeologist Carlos Velarde to the colonial architecture and the city as we drive to the **Plaza de Armas** to see the square where Pizarro's equestrian statue once stood. Pizarro's remains are at rest in the **Cathedral** — his tomb can be visited. Then we will leave for a comprehensive guided tour of the **Museum of the Nation** (Museo de la Nacion) which collection includes the **Estela Raimondi**, an enormous carved stone from **Chavin de Huántar**. We will be ready for lunch (on your own) at a Peruvian style restaurant. In the afternoon we will be ready to explore the **Museo**

Arqueologico Rafael Larco Herrera with its extensive collection of **Moche** finds. Next we have a visit to the **Feria Artesanal** (Artisans' Market) and its display of handicrafts that will be seen along your journey. Your first day of exploration ends but not the adventure. After an opportunity to refresh yourself, you will be picked up for dinner on the fabulous terrace of the **Restaurant Huaca Pucllana** with its marvelous view of the illuminated pre-Incan pyramid. At **Pucllana** an ancient burial was recently discovered. Afterwards you return to your hotel. Overnight at the Ramada Hotel. (BB, D)

Sunday, Feb 6, Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley - Pisac - Ollantaytambo

Meet for breakfast at 7:00 am and go, as a group, to the ticket counter of Star Peru to check in for flight #1181 departing at 9:40 a.m. arriving **Cuzco** 10:50 am, center of the **Inca Empire** (Tawantinsuyo, "Land of the Four Quarters"). Our staff will meet and transfer you to waiting vans for your journey through the gorgeous hills and terraces of the **Sacred Valley of the Incas** (the Urubamba Valley).



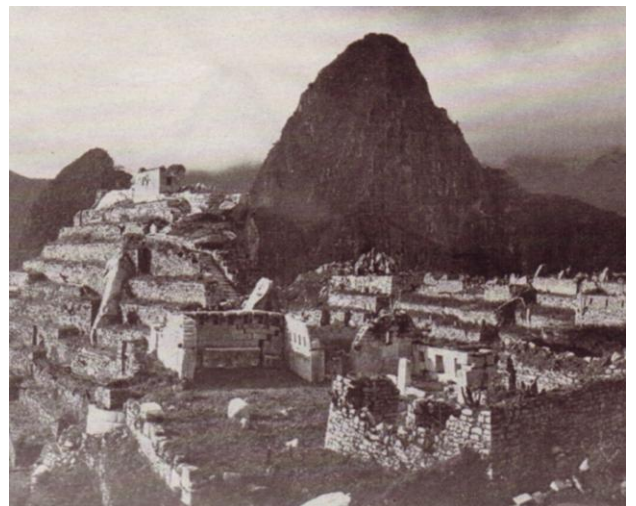
This is market day at **Pisac** and **Chinchero**, Inca sites along the way. After checking into the Pakaritampu Hotel you will tour the massive **Ollantaytambo Inca** fort constructed of huge stones brought from a neighboring mountain and dragged high onto a special place halfway up the fort. We will visit the homes of the Inca's descendants where they still live in family compounds built centuries ago. Overnight at the Pakaritampu Hotel. (BB, D)



Monday, Feb 7, Day 4: Ollantaytambo - Machu Picchu - Aguas Caliente.

Morning walk to train the station for the exciting ride past river, towns and jungles to **Machu Picchu**. You will never forget your entry to Machu Picchu with a

circular arrangement of buildings around a central green area cut into the mountaintop. Sometimes there is a rising mist adding to the magnificence of the moment. You will have an expert guide who will explain this awesome summer palace of the most famous Inca, **Pachacuti**. A slow and careful ascent brings you past rounded



structures with large stones suggesting ritual places and other sacred areas and finally to the highest point of the sacred, the **Hitching Post of the Sun**. You will see cave-like places with enigmatic carvings and more. After a brief rest and lunch on your own, with your ticket, you may return to the site for additional exploration or photo opportunities before your transfer to Aguas Caliente and Hotel Hatuchay Tower; Overnight at the Hatuchay Tower.(BB, D)

Tuesday, Feb 8, Day-6: Your Exploration Day at Machu Picchu - Cuzco.

The day is yours for a return to **Machu Picchu** for more exploration (you must buy another ticket). Climb **Huayna Picchu** [if you dare!], or experience the jungle on the trail, or explore and shop in the town of Aguas Caliente before catching the afternoon train to **Cuzco**. Overnight at the Los Andes Hotel. (BB, D)

Wednesday, Feb 9, Day 6: Cuzco City & Sacsayhuaman Park.

Today we explore Cuzco's treasures with visits to the incredible **Coricancha**, the Inca Temple of the Sun that was converted into a Spanish church but with enough of the marvelous Inca structure to amaze us. **Sacsayhuaman** is a zig-zagged walled stone fortress, temple, storehouse and citadel of the Incas. Cultural features also will be explored with visits to a weaving area with women in native dress weaving items for sale and an opportunity to view herds of llamas, alpacas and even vicuñas. Dinner at a Peruvian restaurant with the haunting sounds of live Andean musicians performing on pipes, guitars and drums. Overnight at the Los Andes. (BB, D)

Thursday, Feb 10, Day 7: Pikillacta - Tipon - Andawaylillas - San Blas.



After an early breakfast we will start at 8:30 am our guide will pick us up to visit **Pikillacta**. The site of Pikillacta is a pre-Inca **Wari** city close to **Cusco** [Usually overlooked by most tours, MMT believes your experience would be incomplete without a visit to this **Wari** site] . In common with other **Wari** settlements, Pikillacta was a walled city. The **Wari Empire** constructed its buildings from small stones and often built houses of more than one storey. Pikillacta is situated close to **Lake Wacarpay**, which is a picturesque spot ideal for bird watching. Afterwards continue to the south and the colonial town of **Andawaylillas** that is

located in the fertile river valley of the **Vilcanota**. The village is famous for its unique church with its beautifully decorated interior adorned with paintings and murals as well as fine wood carvings. The church has been called the Sistine Chapel of the Americas. The village has fine colonial mansions. After a visit here we will continue to the Inca site of **Ragchi**, an enormous temple once dedicated to the Inca creator god **Wiracocha**. About 1:00 pm return



to Cuzco. Overnight at the Los Andes Hotel. (BB, D)

Friday, Feb 11, Day 8: Lima - Pachacamac - Indian Market - Lima.

Early morning you will be met and transferred to the Cuzco airport for your Star Peru flight #1116 departing at 7:40 am arriving Lima at 8:50 am Here you will be met and depart by private van and transferred to **Pachacamac**. Among Peru's archaeological treasures is the ancient religious site of Pachacamac. Named for the god, Pachacamac, the site was ancient even as the Inca's absorbed it. Pachacamac is massive and undergoing continuous exploration. Afternoon drop off at **Feria Artesanal**, Native Markets, for a final shopping spree. As the sun sets enjoy a happy hour dinner at the renowned Porto Fino Restaurant. Overnight at the Hotel Colon. (BB, D)

Saturday, Feb 12, Day 9: Lima - Caral - Lima.

This morning you will be met and escorted by private bus for the excursion to **Caral**, believed to be the oldest town in the New World (2600BC - 2000BC, parallel to the time of Egypt's pyramids. Return to Lima and the Hotel Colon. As the sun sets a farewell dinner at the Porto Fino Restaurant which overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards transfer to the Lima airport for your departing flight home ...or spend the night at the Hotel Colon to prepare for your extension. Overnight at the Hotel Colon.(BB D)

Ballestas and Nazca Extension:



Sunday, Feb 13, Day 10: - Lima - Paracas

At mid-day you will be met and transferred to the Cruz del Sur station and the First Class Service departing at 1:30 pm on the Pan American Highway to where you will travel to Paracas. Where you will be met and assisted upon at the Hotel Double Tree Paracas. Over night at the Hotel Double Tree. (BB)

Monday, Feb 14, Day 11: Paracas - Ballestas Islands - Nazca

After breakfast you will be met and transferred to the **Pacific Ocean** departure dock where you board the boat to the **Ballestas Islands**. The power boat excursion offers a spectacular view of the marine and animal life that exists in a natural habitat similar to that of the **Galapagos Islands**. You may see: Seals, Sea Otters, Sea Lions, Leatherback and Green turtles, Lizards or a variety of over 18 regional bird species. Afterwards return to the dock and then to the Double Tree Hotel from where you will depart by private car to **Nazca**. The afternoon is free to rest or to explore Nazca. Overnight at the Casa Andina Hotel. (CB)



Tuesday, Feb 15, Day 12: Nazca - Lima

After breakfast you will be met & transferred by private car to Nazca and the local airstrip for your morning overflight of the **Nazca Lines**. These desert drawings date back somewhere between 200 B.C. & 600 A.D. Scientists and historians have been unable to explain the reason for the huge trapezoids, triangles, rectangles & quadrangles that stretch



across miles of desert plain. The theories for these mysterious geoglyphs left behind by the Nazca Indians range from, the reading of the constellations to weather forecasting and ancient ritual places. Though we may never find the true reason for these incredible pieces of art that are just as mysterious as the civilization that made them, your abilities to fly over and get a bird's eye view, such as the ancient gods may have, lets you form your own idea on their purpose to the Indians of the Nazca

plain. Afterwards tour of the pre-Inca cemetery of **Chauchilla** which dates back more than 2000 years and the ancient Nazca irrigation system. Late afternoon depart by first class tourist bus at 1:30 pm for your return to Lima at 8:30 pm where you will be transferred to the Lima airport for your departure to the USA. (BB)

Tuesday, Feb 16, Day 13: arrive USA. Welcome Home!



MexMayan at Pucllana: My recent trip to Ayacucho, Peru with MexiMayan Travel for Semana Santa or Holy Week was a most moving and unforgettable experience. We also visited Inca and pre-Inca archaeological sites, many completely off the beaten track.

Kemi Ichiho

INSURANCE: International health and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Upon receipt of reservation, an application form for trip cancellation, accident, and baggage insurance will be mailed.

Basic Package	1962.00
Ballestas Nazca Extension	485.00
Total Package	2447.00
Single Supplement Basic Package	490.00
Single Supplement Bellastas/Nazca	80.00

Optional Payment Schedule or Full Payment \$ 1962:

Payment 1 on enrollment....	\$ 500
Payment 2 Due September 15, 2010\$	\$ 500 + Travel Insurance if elected
Payment 3 Due October 15, 2010	\$ 500
Payment 4 Due November 15, 2010	\$ 462
All Payments Due December 15, 2010	
Optionals, single supplements, Group Ins.	
Bellestas/Nazca Extension	\$ 485
Single Supplement Basic	\$ 490
..... Nazca	\$ 80

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INCLUDES :

Local air all hotel and lodge accommodations based on Double occupancy.

All scheduled land transportation. All transfers. All scheduled excursions with English-speaking guide services.

16 Meals (basic) + 3 Meals (extension) as specified in the itinerary, B=Breakfast; BB= Buffett Breakfast L= Lunch; D=Dinner.

NOT INCLUDED :

International airfares, airport departure taxes or visa fees, excess baggage charges, tips, additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations, alcoholic beverages or bottled water, snacks, insurance of any kind, laundry, phone calls, radio calls or messages, reconfirmation of flights and items of personal nature.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: Not included in the *Discovering Peru* package are international travel arrangements from your point of departure. However MexiMayan can advise you of your lowest airfare and booking arrangements using your credit card.

Application Ancient Discovery Peru

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Name as it appears on passport: _____

Passport Number _____ Exp. Date _____
 (Expiration Date (needs to be more than 6 months beyond February 4, 2011):
 Date of Birth _____

Address:

Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail (please print clearly) _____:

Room Preference: Single Double: *Bellestas/Nazca Extension*

Name of Roommate or single: _____

Name of Travel Insurance Company _____

Policy Number: _____ International phone number : _____

Please send Group Insurance information (Travel Guard)

I am aware of travel insurance and prefer not to purchase it. Signature required:

Emergency Contact: _____, relationship _____ contact #: _____

Special Health Needs and/or Diet: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

Some Guidelines

MexiMayan plans comprehensive and stimulating itineraries for the traveler who desire in-depth learning. Some days are long with a good deal of walking, but we try to pace the activities with MexiMayan plans comprehensive and stimulating itineraries for the traveler who desire in-depth learning. Some days are long with a good deal of walking, but we try to pace the activities with some more relaxing days. Any one may opt out for a day or part of a day and that is understandable. Some travelers may have "vacation anxiety" and do not want to miss a thing, but if you are ill or tired it might be best to rest. Please advise your leader if you feel seriously ill or are ill for more than a day.

On those days that you are walking in areas with no restaurants, we recommend that you carry breakfast/protein bars, trail mix, snacks that you bring from home or a piece of fruit from the breakfast table. Sometimes the boxed meals that can be provided locally leave something to be desired. A shoulder sling or carrier for water is a good idea.

We fit in time for shopping where and when it is feasible. Always good purchases are ceramics and weavings, Weavings and wood carvings can harbor bugs. Laundering and freezing once you return to your home are recommended.

Weather is variable, especially in the Andes where layering is recommended. Sunblock is essential as is a wide brimmed hat.

Cancellations start at \$200 see cancellation schedule.

Please read and acknowledge and return with registration:

MexiMayan Academic Travel and Tambo Tours act only as agents and are not responsible for flight delays and related expenses, accidents or acts of Nature that are unavoidable.

Signature

Date

July 7, 2010