

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Team



Soccer in Peru

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPART NORTH AMERICA - ARRIVE LIMA AREA (7 NIGHTS)
- DAY 2 TRAINING SESSION & COLONIAL LIMA
- DAY 3 SERVICE ACTIVITY & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 4 TRAINING SESSION & LIMA
- DAY 5 PACHACAMAC & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 6 STADIUM TOUR & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 7 TRAINING SESSION, MIRAFLORES & ATTEND A PRO MATCH
- DAY 8 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY- DEPART LIMA
- DAY 9 ARRIVE NORTH AMERICA

ITINERARY

Peru is a melting pot that has created a variety of expressions in art, literature, and music. It was home to two of the great ancient civilizations, and while it now boasts the modern urban centers of Lima and Cusco, in many of the small villages the old ways have been preserved and are respected throughout the country. A trip to Peru is more than a visit; for many, the experience is life-changing.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	 Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



DAY 1



Relax and enjoy our scheduled flights to Lima.

* Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)

Our Tour Director will meet us at the airport and accompany our group 24 hours per day through our departure from Peru.



We will be met at the airport and transfer to our Lima area hotel. We will have use of a private coach and driver for all touring and soccer content during our tour.



Lima is Peru's capital and largest city. It is set against dusty cliffs on the desert coast, and is often shrouded in a dense sea mist, known as the garúa. Lima boasts a number of important historical sites, and features pre-Columbian temples and vestiges of colonial mansions, as well as quality museums. The historical heart of the city is the Plaza de Armas, a large and handsome square with a 17th century bronze fountain.

Our base for the trip will be in the greater Lima area (often Miraflores). While here breakfast will be included at the hotel each morning. (If the hotel features a restaurant dinner may also be included at the hotel)

DAY 2



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will explore Colonial Lima.



TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



COLONIAL LIMA TOUR

Enjoy a Walking Tour of the Colonial Old Quarter as it once boasted many of the finest mansions in the hemisphere. View the Casa Riva-Agüero, an impressive 18th century mansion with a beautiful courtyard that now belongs to the Catholic University of Peru; Casa Aliaga, the oldest surviving house in Lima; Casa de Osambela Oquendo, the tallest house in colonial Lima and the Osambela House with eight wooden balconies to the street.



SAN FRANCISCO CONVENT

Visit the Convento y Museo de San Francisco, the most spectacular of Lima's colonial-era churches. The Convent of Saint Francis is a strikingly restored, yellow-and-white 17th century complex. Cloisters and interiors are lined with beautiful azulejos (glazed ceramic tiles) from Seville and carved mudéjar (Moorish-style) ceilings are overhead.



We will dine this evening in either the hotel restaurant or in a local restaurant.



DAY 3



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will volunteer and then play our first friendly.



GLOBAL AMBASSADORS THROUGH SPORT

Our team will have a wonderful and rewarding opportunity to provide a Coaching Clinic for a youth or special needs team. We will volunteer our time and expertise to serve as global sports ambassadors and to spread the love of our sport to the youth of another country. This is certain to be one of the most rewarding elements of the trip. (this activity may be substituted for a different volunteer project, including at an orphanage or a local school)



FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



We will dine this evening in either the hotel restaurant or in a local restaurant.



BARRANCO WALKING TOUR

Enjoy a relaxing walking tour of Barranco, a charming seaside district and one of the highlights of Lima. Its serenity and laid-back artiness is a welcome contrast to the rest of the city, and a stroll around the tranquil side streets of brightly colored bungalows is very rewarding. It's little wonder that artists and writers have long been drawn to Barranco. Beneath the poetically named wooden footbridge Puente de los Suspiros (Bridge of Sighs) is a gentle passageway, La Bajada de Baños, which leads to a sea lookout and is lined with lovely, squat single-family houses, spindly trees, and stout cacti.

DAY 4



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will take a stadium tour and explore Miraflores.



TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



LIMA STADIUM TOUR

This afternoon we will enjoy a Stadium Tour of one of Lima's three major soccer stadiums. This may include the National Stadium, Monumental Stadium or Matute Stadium. During our tour we will have amazing views of the stadium and get a feel for football in Peru. (Subject to schedule and availability on your travel dates and an alternative activity may be required)



MIRAFLORES

Explore the Miraflores District, known for its shopping areas, gardens, flower-filled parks and beaches. It is an area of intense artistic and cultural activity that unfolds in its theaters, cinemas and art galleries. Miraflores is also home to a pre-Inca temple, Hauca Pucllana.



This evening we will enjoy a Pollo a la Brasa Dinner in a local restaurant. This rotisserie style chicken is a staple for the locals of Lima.



THE MAGIC WATER CIRCUIT

After dinner we will visit the Parque de la Reserva to experience the magnificent and fun water and light show called the Circuito Magico del Agua (The Magic Water Circuit). The Magic Water Circuit has the Guinness Book record for the largest fountain complex in the world, displaying 13 distinct fountains and many are interactive. All of the fountains are illuminated at night, many with continuously changing color schemes. A colorful laser light program synchronized with classical and Peruvian music makes the fountains sparkle and shine as the water flows in unique patterns and shapes.



DAY 5

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel south of Lima to explore Pachacamac.
-  **PACHACAMAC**
Visit Pachacamac in the Lurín valley, which was inhabited by several pre-Columbian cultures prior to the Incas. Explore the extensive site, which was a sacred city and holy place of pilgrimage and includes plazas, adobe-brick palaces, and pyramidal temples, some of which have been rebuilt by the Peruvian government.
-  **SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).
-  We will dine this evening in either the hotel restaurant or in a local restaurant.

DAY 6

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will volunteer and play a match.
-  **GLOBAL AMBASSADORS THROUGH SPORT**
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-  **THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).
-  **CHIFA DINNER**
Tonight we will enjoy a Chifa Dinner in a local restaurant. Chifa is a term used in Peru to refer to Chinese cooking, in which Peruvian and Chinese ingredients are fused to Cantonese culinary tradition. Chinese immigrants came to Peru mainly from the southern province of Guangdong in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They settled for the most part in the coast of Peru and the capital city of Lima. Chinese-Peruvian food has become one of the most popular types of food in Peru; there are thousands of Chifa restaurants across all districts of Lima.

DAY 7

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel to the Larco museum and to a professional match.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).
-  **MUSEO ARQUEOLÓGICO RAFAEL LARCO HERRERA**
Visit the Museo Larco, which has the largest private collection of pre-Columbian art in the world. The highlights are pieces from the Moche dynasty (A.D. 200 - 700), which flourished on the north coast of Peru. The civilization is best known for its art, particularly ceramics, and there are 45,000 pieces from the culture here, with fine textiles, jewelry, and stonework providing incredible insight into many elements of Moche society. Healing practices, architecture, transportation, dance, agriculture, music, and religion are all explored.



DAY 7



ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL MATCH

We will attend a professional soccer match featuring teams from the top leagues. Seeing the top talent in the world in person would itself be an unforgettable experience, but add the passionate crowds signing, cheering and chanting and you will enter an atmosphere that can only be understood through personal experience. (Excel Programs will secure tickets for the group after time of booking and upon release of the official schedule. Due to scheduling your final itinerary may need to be adjusted to accommodate attending a match).



We will dine this evening in either the hotel restaurant or in a local restaurant.

DAY 8



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to our final match.



FOURTH FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



Our afternoon will be free to explore and shop in Miraflores. Walking the clifftop, exploring Parque del Amor, or shopping in Larca Mar are all wonderful options. Larca Mar is a shopping mall built into the cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



We will dine this evening in either the hotel restaurant or in a local restaurant.



Our rewarding tour will come to an end as we take our early morning flight home. (generally departing from 10:00 pm - 2:00 am)



DAY 9



We will arrive back in North America today.



What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches between teams from different confederations, and we provide U.S. Soccer Federation sanctioning of all games, which
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital
- Marketing support for Program Leaders to assist in group recruitment (digital, print, and in-person presentations)
- One free place in a single room throughout the tour

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$50 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)