

SAE 1856



GROUP TRAVEL

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DEPARTURE DATES**

28.09.18 - 26.10.18 - 22.03.19

17.05.19 - 05.07.19 - 23.08.19

22 days / 21 nights

BIKING THE ANDES Peru, Bolivia and Chile

4.390 USD – EUR 3.768.- Half board



DAY 1 (Friday)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

You will start your journey flying to Lima, Peru. After arrival, reception and welcome through our partner in Peru and transfer to your hotel in Downtown. Rest of the day at your leisure.

DAY 2 (Saturday) LIMA

After breakfast at the hotel, begins our Lima City Bike Tour, a very interesting way to start the adventure in South America. Experience a close up visit to the city through the streets, avenues, parks, boulevards, bike paths and main interesting places of Lima, including those almost secret little known sites and details that form an important part of the city history. On the bike ride, we will visit the city highlights: Huaca Pucllana, the Historic Center, the traditional and elegant neighbourhood of San Isidro, Parque de la Exposición, Plaza San Martín, Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral of Lima and San Francisco monastery and much more... On the way, we will have the opportunity to taste the original Pisco Sour, the Peruvian national drink, right at the bar where it was created in 1935.

After the lunch/snack break at the traditional Cordano's the ride continues by the nice residential areas of Jesus María to Miraflores on the seaside bike path. We will return by 4 – 5 pm to the hotel in Miraflores for rest. In the evening, enjoy the first great welcome buffet dinner including the best Peruvian cuisine and international meals as well as traditional live music and dances show.

(B) (L) (D)

DAY 3 (Sunday) LIMA - CUZCO

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Lima airport. Flight from Lima to Cusco. Upon arrival reception and meeting with our partner at Cusco airport. Transfer to the selected hotel in Cusco. In the afternoon we go on the Yuncaypata bike tour on the best downhill trails near Cusco an off the beaten path option to have a close view of the real Cusco life

style. Visit Pucapucara up to Kenko, Sacsayhuaman, Lanlacuyoc and Kusilluchayoc Inka temples. The ride goes following an ancient inka trail through narrow stone paved streets by San Blas neighbourhood, Teteqaqa sanctuary, the twelve corners stone, the seven snakes' street and finally the Cusco's main square. Overnight **(B)**

DAY 4 (Monday)

CUZCO-MORAY-MARAS-CALCA

Breakfast. Full day bike tour to Moray and Maras. The adventure begins going on a private vehicle to Chinchero plateau from where the bike ride begins along the valley, passing by Huaypo lagoon towards the awesome Moray archaeological site. Here we will have a rest break and take a magnificent lunch in an old beautiful Hacienda restaurant in the middle of the Sacred Valley of the Inkas. After lunch follows an exciting downhill ride to Maras' pre-inka salt mines, including a guided tour to the site. The journey ends at Calca village on the Sacred Valley of the Inkas. Accommodation in Calca in a nice local lodge. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 (Tuesday) LARES – CALCA – OLLANTAYTAMBO – VALLE SAGRADO

Breakfast. Bike tour Lares - Calca - Ollantaytambo. Transfer to the summit Huayracpunku (4250 m.a.s.l.) to ride on the best downhill trail in South America. Riding on an old section of the ancient Inka Trail surrounded by panoramic views of the Vilcanota range is going to be an unforgettable and amazing experience! After 4 hours of awesome downhill ride, we will arrive Calca village on the Sacred Valley of the Inkas. Lunch break and rest. In the afternoon transfer to visit the Ollantaytambo village and the archaeological site. Unique and interesting place since local people on present days are still living in ancient inka palaces and houses built more than 500 years ago. Later on Vista Dome tourist train trip to Aguas Calientes.

Overnight in a local hotel in Aguas Calientes. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) MACHU PICCHU - CUZCO

Breakfast. Full day Machu Picchu tour and return to Cusco. This day the tour begins very early in the morning with a 1.5 hour hike up to Machu Picchu inka citadel to watch the awesome sunrise spectacle -optional you can take the bus service to go up to Machu Picchu. Once at the Inka Citadel follows a 2 hours guided tour and then open time to visit on your own Huayna Picchu, Inti Punku, Moon temple and others... After all these activities, we will return to Aguas Calientes to take the train to Ollantaytambo and then to Cusco. **(B)**

DAY 7 (Thursday) CUZCO - PUNO

Buffet breakfast. Transfer to the station. Full day trip with the Andean Explorer train to Puno, on a road that runs through the most beautiful scenery with snowcapped mountains, hot springs and small towns of the Altiplano. The view from the train, which finds on behalf of the Orient Express Inc. is very beautiful, thanks to its panoramic windows. Lunch included. Upon arrival reception and transfer to hotel Casa Andina. **(B) (L)**

DAY 8 (Friday) PUNO - ISLA DEL SOL (BOLIVIA)

Buffet breakfast. Departure from the hotel towards the border with Bolivia. After the formalities of immigration, continue to the town of Copacabana, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Visit to the Basilica de la Virgen Morena, a wooden work from the sixteenth century. Copacabana is the most important Catholic shrine in Bolivia and South America. After lunch we will take a hydrofoil towards the Island of the Moon. There, we will visit the Temple of the Sun Virgins (called Inak Uyu). Continue by hydrofoil to the Sun Island, visiting "Pilococaina" the temple of the sun. Easy hike to the Posada del Inca. Free time to explore the surroundings and watch the

sunset on the highest navigable lake in the world. Dinner and overnight stay at the Posada del Inca. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 9 (Saturday) **ISLA DEL SOL- LA PAZ**

American breakfast. Before we continue our cruise, we will visit the Inca Steps and Sacred Well where you shall drink the water of eternal youth. According to an Inca legend, who drinks of this water will always be young and happy. Then we will continue to the Peninsula of Yampupata where our bikes will be waiting for us. Start your next adventure biking to Zampaña, a prehispanic town which conserves still the ancient architecture on their homes. We will be biking the whole day until we get to Huatajata after crossing the narrowest part of the Lake by ferry. In Huatajata we will make a break and have a cup of coffee. Before the bus transfer to La Paz, visit the "Andean Roots Echo Village" with the Altiplano Museum, where a special Audio system explains on your own language, the cultural heritage of Aymara and Inca, their traditions and Knowledge, the colonial period and the Jacques Cousteau expedition to Lake Titicaca. There you can meet the Limachi family, reed boat builders like the RA II and Tigris, which used Thor Heyerdahl in his legendary expeditions across the Atlantic. Transfer to La Paz, to the Europa Hotel or similar **(B) (L)**

DAY 10 (Sunday) LA PAZ

Buffet breakfast. In the morning tour of the city. La Paz and the surrounding area bring you to a mysterious past, where every corner, every street, is a hidden treasure where the adventure starts a living story that will enhance all their pre-Hispanic traditions and magic in their streets. The colonial neighborhoods, indigenous and modern, the indigenous market, the witch market and fascinating scenarios, framed by the majestic "Illimani" the mountain landmark, in the Cordillera de los Andes. Finally, we visit the Valley of the Moon, where you will see bizarre formations of clay. Today you will have the chance to use the modern cable car system in the city, visiting several districts and literally, flying above the roofs. **(B)**

DAY 11 (Monday) **LA PAZ- LOS YUNGAS**

Buffet breakfast. Early morning, we head towards the town of Coroico. On the way, we cross the Andes mountain range down to the rainforest of the Yungas of subtropical climate. At La Cumbre Pass, the highest point of our trip to 4,800 meters, according to ancient traditions, we make a small ceremony to the

Pachamama, the Mother Earth who will protect us in the future. Our guide will explain us the details on descending through the "camino de la muerte", the death road and the use of our special mountain bikes. Then the descent begins on bikes through an old road built at the beginning of the 1900 's and known as the most dangerous road in the world until a new paved road was open to the public in 2006. Especially biking adventurers now use this old road only with tourism purposes. It goes down to a height of 1,450 m. to the city of Coroico, where we reach our hotel today. After a delicious lunch of local products, we will take a short walk where we see coffee, fruit and coca plantations. In the evening, walk around the city of Coroico. Optional: It is possible to make the whole trip on a van or bus down to the hotel, where you will wait for the rest of the group. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 12 (Tuesday) **LOS YUNGAS-LA PAZ**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, you can enjoy the subtropical climate of the Yungas and use the hotel pool. After lunch, return to the city of La Paz. Overnight **(B) (L)**

DAY 13 (Wednesday) LA PAZ - UYUNI **SALT LAKE - COQUESA**

(E-bike-Tour: 57 km - 35 miles)
Early morning flight to Uyuni. Our guide and vehicles pick you up from Uyuni airport and invite you for a breakfast at our meeting place, where the rest of the passengers who stay in the city of Uyuni are waiting for you. At 8:30 a.m. we start with an explanation of the qualities of the E-bikes and their handling as well as tips for the tour. The guide will tell you the route to be defined according to the weather conditions of the day. Since the distances are relatively large, the route to be covered is defined by the group according to the suggestion of the tour guide. Departure at 9 a.m. On the way we will visit the train cemetery and after a short break we will continue to the indigenous village of Colchani, where we will see the elaboration of iodized salt in its rustic form. You will enter the white desert in its fullness with typical extraction landscapes like pyramids of salt, salt eyes and the first hotel built entirely from salt, which is now a local museum. Our guide will look for the ideal place to enjoy a typical community lunch called "ajtapi", aymara word for picnic. After lunch, we visit the island of Sajchilla with thousand-year-old cactuses, an unexplored place. We continue towards Coquesa at the foot of the volcano Thunupa. Accommodation in "Tambo Coquesa Lodge". After a short break, you

will visit the Museum of the Chantani mummies and stony clusters. At the end of the afternoon we will find the ideal place to watch the sunset accompanied by a Coca cocktail as a welcome drink. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 14 (Thursday) COQUESA - **LAGOONS - LOS FLAMENCOS**

(E-bike-Tour: 45 km - 28 miles)
After breakfast at 8.00 am, we leave the hotel driving south, we return with the e-bikes to the Salar with paradisiac landscapes, towards the island of Incahuasi, whose translation of Quechua is "House of the Inca". The island is completely surrounded by the huge salt surface of the Uyuni Salt Flat and its relief is steep. It contains a large number of giant cacti (*Echinopsis atacamensis*), which can reach more than 10 meters high. Afterwards, we continue our journey towards the municipality of San Juan, natural view of volcano Ollague (active), with visit of the "comunarios", continuation to Laguna Cañapa and finally Laguna Hedionda. Accommodation in Los Flamencos Echotel. After the accommodation and a short break, walk along the shores of the lagoon where you can see the three species of flamingos just a few meters away. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 15 (Friday) LOS FLAMENCOS - **LAGUNA DE COLORES - SAN PEDRO** **DE ATACAMA**

(E-bike-Tour: 46 km - 28 miles)
Breakfast in the hotel. Departure before dawn to Eduardo Abaroa Reserve National Park. Today you reach the highlight of your adventure. Visit Laguna Honda, Charcota, Siloli Desert, Stone Tree, Laguna Colorada with geysers and hot springs, Dali Desert and Laguna Verde. Continue to Hito Cajón on the border with Chile, where you will carry out the migration and customs formalities. We continue to San Pedro de Atacama. Arrive at your chosen hotel. **(B) (L)**

DAY 16 (Saturday) ATACAMA **SALTFLATS AND LOS FLAMENCOS** **NATIONAL PARK - CALAMA**

In the morning visit to the Atacama Salt Lake and Laguna Chaxas. Then visit to the Quebrada de Jere. Lunch at San Pedro de Atacama. Afternoon visit to the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain) and the Valley of the Moon. You will experience an unusual sunset in this bizarre, almost lunar-like valley, with its bright colours. Overnight at the selected hotel in San Pedro. **(B) (L)**





DAY 17 (Sunday) CALAMA - SANTIAGO

Breakfast at the hotel. Early transfer to the airport and flight to Santiago, the capital of Chile. Arrive in Santiago and transfer to your hotel. Lunch. Afternoon city tour, visiting the city and excursion to San Cristobal Hill for a beautiful view of the city and the Andes **(B) (L)**

DAY 18 (Monday) SANTIAGO Maipo Valley

We pick you up from your hotel at 9:00 and drive to Pirque, one hour south east of Santiago. Our tour begins at Viña Concha y Toro in Pirque, at 10:20 accompanied by guides of the winery. You will be shown a video of the company, and will be guided through the old park and vineyards, including a visit to the famous Devil's Cellar and followed by a tasting of 2 of their wines. The Concha y Toro tour takes about 1 hour and you can buy their wines at the end of it if you are interested. You will also receive one wine glass as a parting gift that we shall leave at the gate of the winery and pick it up on our way back to Santiago. Our biking experience starts after the Concha y Toro tour. We will bike some 18 km (11 miles) on sidewalks and secondary rural streets making several stops on the way to make comments or take pictures. Please let us know if you want to make more stops or if you have any special interest. We will try to adjust the route to enhance your experience. The second winery we visit is Viña William Fevre. Here we will guide you in detail through the winemaking process. We may also bike through the vineyards if there is no mud (because of rain or irrigation).

You will take the tour at Viña William Fevre early in the afternoon, after enjoying an abundant homemade meal. Back to Santiago. Overnight **(B) (L)**

DAY 19 (Tuesday) SANTIAGO AND PARKS

For about 5 hours, we will go biking around some of the most interesting parks in town, making short stops to hear explanations about the geographical surroundings and architecture. We have included the ascent of a portion of Parque Metropolitano where we will have a light snack and a sumptuous wine tasting of 2 Chilean wines. **(B)**

DAY 20 (Wednesday) SANTIAGO Casablanca Valley, Tunquén and Quintay

We pick you up from your hotel at 9am to take you to Viña Orgánicos Emiliana in the Valley of Casablanca where you will make the tour of the winery. After the tour, we will start pedaling along old tree-flanked and paved country roads with little or no traffic. On a length of approx. 4 miles, we will bike along Ruta 68, the main highway between Santiago and Valparaíso. We will leave Ruta 68 at Lo Vásquez, and will take a quiet secondary road towards "Las Dichas", where we will stop for an abundant on-route picnic. After lunch, we will follow our way in our vehicle, to reach the enchanting town of Algarrobo and immediately follow to Tunquén, where we will take our bikes again for a thrilling descent. We will visit the deserted white-sanded beach of Tunquén and we'll have time for a snack before taking our vehicle to head to Quintay, an old whale harbor now an enchanting touristic town.

Our pedaling resumes at the entrance of Quintay, where we will pedal another breathtaking descent. Our adventure stops at the beach of Quintay, where we will stretch our legs and enjoy the view before getting on our vehicle to come back to Santiago in the evening. **(B) (L)**

DAY 21 (Thursday) SANTIAGO Cuesta la Dormida

Today we will travel approx. 1 hour on our bus and head out of Santiago to reach Tiltil, an enchanting little town and an early settlement of Colonial Chile, charged with history, and homeland of delicious olive oil, prickly pears, goat cheese and several types of olives. We will depart our biking experience in the central square of Tilttil, and very soon, we will start negotiating the steep climbs of Cuesta La Dormida. On our way up, we will have the chance to admire the native Chilean flora and if we enjoy a clear day, from the highest point of our climb we will have the chance to appreciate the Andes and Aconcagua Mountain, the highest peak of America, and at the same time, we will see the Pacific Ocean. We will enjoy a thrilling descent towards the valley of Olmué, where a traditional Chilean lunch awaits. We will come back to Santiago in mid afternoon. Overnight in Santiago **(B) (L)**

DAY 22 (Friday) SANTIAGO DE CHILE - RETURN FLIGHT

Full day at leisure. Possibility for optional excursions. You can also enjoy the city before your departure flight. Early transfer to the airport for your return flight. End of our services **(B)**

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY EUR 3.768.- USD 4.390.-

INCLUSIONS

- ✚ Private Bus for transfers, sightseeing tours and connections
- ✚ 20 nights in 3*** and 4**** selected hotels including breakfast
- ✚ 20 breakfast, 15 lunches and 5 dinners
- ✚ All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program
- ✚ Local english-speaking tour guide in all excursions and transfers.
- ✚ Entrance fees for all visits in Museums and National parks.
- ✚ Technical support from professional biking personnel
- ✚ Bikes according to technical demands for the ride
- ✚ Helmet
- ✚ Four wine tastings in Chile
- ✚ Travel money security certificate
- ✚ 24 h. support (Hotline)

NOT INCLUDED

International and local flights - Local airport taxes - Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters - Personal expenses - Optional tours - Other services not mentioned in the program.

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

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28 September 2018
 26 October 2018
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