

Discover Peru and Panama at XPLORE way

Guests Number: To be defined

Expedition: Lima – Cusco – Valle Sagrado – Machu Picchu - San Blas Archipiélago – Portobelo & Panama City

Number of days: 12 Days / 11 Nights

Welcome to Xplore, our goal is for you to take home memorable experiences in iconic landscapes, discover new ones, have fun and get out of your daily routines, immerse yourself in different cultures and gain a broader understanding of the world. Our team of experts has combined a wide variety of soft adventures specially designed for explorers, students, people who love finding new things: road finders, search engines, pioneers.

Perú

Peru, the richest country in the world, invites us to discover that it is not richer who has more but who lives more unforgettable experiences. And to start living them you have to travel to Peru, a place where the diversity and authenticity of its culture, nature and gastronomy, keep the essence of life itself.



LIMA

Lima respects its past and achieves the perfect harmony between tradition and contemporary architecture. To cross its streets is to admire its churches, archaeological sites and mansions with balconies that coexist with modern buildings. In 1991, its Historic Center was declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity: its artistic monuments were to be protected.

Lima is also the only South American capital with access to the sea. Its beaches are perfect for surfers and on its boardwalks, the gentle breeze refreshes bike rides and walks. You can also fly paragliding over the Pacific Ocean.

In this city with lineage, founded in 1535, the abundance of natural products, the fusion of techniques and cultures, forged in centuries a gastronomy with mestizo identity. For the excellent quality and passion of Peruvian chefs, Lima has been named Gastronomic Capital of Latin America.



CUSCO

Mystical sacred city, considered the capital of the Tahuantinsuyo Empire, with a great historical and architectural legacy. Surrounded by green valleys with imposing attractions, culture, tradition and still latent faith. Known as the navel of the world for being the political and territorial center of the Inca Empire, the department of Cusco shows us an impressive geographical variety from natural mountain ranges and reliefs, to rivers such as the Urubamba.

The city of Cusco, located in the Andes mountain range at 3 399 meters above sea level, was declared the Historic Capital of Peru, being an impressive sample of high Inca engineering that had stone as its main tool. Like places like Choquequirao, Sacsayhuaman, Qenko, Tambomachay, Ollantaytambo and especially Machu Picchu, an architectural jewel built with the wisdom of the ancient Incas that served as the political, religious and administrative center of the time.



THE SACRED VALLEY

In the Sacred Valley of the Incas, beautiful colonial villages that were created and that today show their miscegenation in architecture, art and living culture are disseminated. There are the villages of Chinchero and its weavers, Písac and its artisan fair, Urubamba and its cosmopolitanism, Ollantaytambo, with its fortress and its live Inca town. And Maras Moray with its dazzling Salinaras, in these territories, of the Sacred Valley, various communities have created products of rural tourism and experiential tourism that amaze their own and strangers. Each of them is a world in itself, and together, they make up an unprecedented way to get to know the most traditional region of the South American Andes.



MACHU PICCHU

Machu Picchu was declared a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary in 1981 and is on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1983, as part of a whole cultural and ecological complex known under the denomination Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. On July 7, 2007 Machu Picchu was declared as one of the new seven wonders of the modern world in a ceremony held in Lisbon (Portugal), which was attended by one hundred million voters worldwide. Machu Picchu was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide online survey.

Its peculiar architectural and landscape features, and the veil of mystery that has woven around much of the literature published on the site, have made it one of the most popular tourist destinations on the planet.



ARCHIPIELAGO DE SAN BLAS



The San Blas archipelago is made up of more than 360 islands with coral reef formations in the Caribbean Sea of Panama. Most of them are inhabited and are accessible only by sea. The virgin paradisiacal turquoise waters are home to curious and colorful sea creatures, dolphins, goldfish, sea turtles, which will accompany you along the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Sea.

The experience of joining the way of life of Guna Yala will take you to the past, they have kept their culture intact. Sailing in San Blas is an exciting experience. Visit the island where your body was committed to the sea near an island that bears its name of fantastic rainforest and witness its lush wildlife.



PORTOBELO

Probably named by Christopher Columbus as "Puerto Bello" in 1502, Portobelo became the main point for the trade of Spanish ships between Europe and Central and South America, which were loaded with the gold of the Incas and Aztecs after these Treasures will cross the Isthmus from the Pacific Coast. Because of this, Portobelo became the target of pirate attacks like Sir Francis Drake. Portobelo has a rich culture, as it is home to the culture of Congo, in the past slaves were traded here. Today this culture has become a very interesting mix of two worlds.



It was one of the most important ports in America during the colonial era, because most of the ships loaded with affected wealth from South America had to pass through here. Being an obligatory stop within the route, it was necessary to prepare a defense system in order to calculate the safety of the inhabitants of the city and the galleon traffic, which resulted in one of the most impressive sets of military architecture In America. UNESCO declared the port and fortifications of Portobelo a World Heritage Site in 1980, recognizing the exceptional character of this city built on the shores of the Caribbean Sea.

EL OTRO LADO – PRIVATE RETREAT



A Private Retreat located in the privileged enclave of the Bay of Portobelo, Panama, which integrates design, culture, nature and luxury in a unique way, to provide its guests with authentic, exclusive and tailored experiences.

Located just over an hour from Panama City, and within the National Park of Portobelo, El Otro Lado, transports you to a dream place in a harmonious and balanced environment. The perfect combination of authenticity, luxury and comfort.

SAN LORENZO FORT



Located on a cliff of the Caribbean Sea is Fort San Lorenzo, a silent witness of pirates and enemies of Panama. A short distance from the mouth of the Chagres River, this fort was built with the objective of protecting the Atlantic end of the old Camino de Cruces, a route that connected the Pacific port of Panama, the Caribbean Sea and the Chagres River with other important ports. The door to intercontinental crossings.



Legends and stories have inspired this route of the Pirates of the Caribbean. It was here that Henry Morgan and Joseph Bradley fought battles for treasures between buccaneers, pirates and conquerors.

This fortification is a UNESCO Cultural Heritage for its relevance to the understanding of the history of the Latin American conquest.



Panama was part of the legendary treasure road through which tons of gold and silver were transported from the conquered territories, mainly from South America, which were stored and distributed from Panama City. The buildings of this place were the third attempt to build a fort for the defense of pirates Henry Morgan and Joseph Bradley.

Relive history as you walk through this fortress, discover the most strategic places, the architecture of Fort San Lorenzo is a masterpiece of the military defense strategy of the Caribbean coast.

TRIBU EMBERÁ

One of our favorite experiences to share with you is to visit the Embera people aboard a canoe (typical local canoe) led by an embera. Live an experience to embrace this culture.



Immerse yourself in ritual dances, local music, shaman knowledge, crafts, medicinal plants. These will be some of the new discoveries that the Embera will share with you. Stroll through the city to experience your lifestyle firsthand. Learn how they cook the typical embera lunch you will enjoy.



THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS

This was a very controversial educational training center. Critics have described the School of the Americas as the "school for dictators," some of them argue that the soldiers who were chosen to attend were not properly evaluated, as some students and instructors were involved in human rights violations. The ten Latin American heads of state who attended the School of the Americas include General Antonio Noriega of Panama, convicted of drug charges and the murder of the leader of the Panamanian military opposition.



NEW LOCKS OF THE PANAMA CANAL

The Panama Canal is one of the two most strategic channels in the world, the other is the Suez Canal. Built in 1914, it joined two oceans that forever changed international trade. The 50-mile long road shortens the trip between the Pacific and the Caribbean Sea to approximately 8,000 nautical miles (15,000 km). Each year, between 13,000 and 14,000 ships use the Panama Canal from more than 1,700 port cities in more than 160 countries.



The New Clear Water Block Doors allow the transit of larger ships, the terms used for size limits are Panamax (original closing chambers) 33.53 m (110 feet) wide, 320.04 m (1050 feet) long and 12.56 m (41.2 feet) deep and Neopanamax (new) 427 m (1,401 feet) long, 55 m (180 feet) beam and 18.3 m (60.0 feet) deep. Environmentally friendly, the new lock gates exceeded traffic transport. LNG (liquefied natural gas transporters) begins to use the waterway after the new doors are opened. This visit will transport you to the fascinating system of construction and operation of the canal

PANAMA CITY



The essence of the Caribbean can be felt in every corner of the old town, the historic center of Panama City. Small and cozy streets, squares, bright colors, warm people, historic buildings make possible unique and intimate experiences, from an old traditional ice cream shop to exquisite gastronomic experiences.



AMERICAN TRADE HOTEL



The American Trade Hotel and Hall is a luxury boutique hotel, combining old world elegance, with modern and contemporary design. It is located in the most sought-after area of Panama City: Casco Viejo, a neighborhood designated by UNESCO as a world heritage site; It offers the best tourist places, delicious cuisine, nightlife.

Among all the options in Casco Viejo, the American Trade Hotel sparkles brilliantly. The property consists of a charming building, built in 1917 and restored in 2013. It has secured its position as an ecological and cultural bridge, since the area is connected simultaneously, with the second city and the modern city. It is a place of exchange for influential, creative and international visionary figures. The property and adjacent areas are soaked with local culture.

PANAMA OLD CITY

Located in the middle of modern skyscrapers is Panama La Vieja, a charming place that retains its mystical flavor. Built on a native accent, it was the first city founded by Spain on the Pacific Coast in the 1500s. As you walk surrounded by exotic and magnificent vegetation, you will immerse yourself in history in every corner.



This picturesque place, recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site, transports us to the link between cultures - Spanish, English, French and of course Panamanian, enriching culture and customs in a gastronomic exchange of clothing, religious beliefs, in different ways. To appreciate life.

The Cathedral Tower, the King's Bridge, The Convent, private houses and other important ruins still remain witnesses of the expansion and conquest of these territories.



BIOMUSEO

The isthmus of Panama is a milestone in the natural history of the world. Located in Amador Causeway and designed by the famous architect Frank Ghery, the Biomuseo tells us about the emergence of Panama from the ocean.



In its eight galleries with permanent exhibitions are: Bridge of Life that includes a compilation of the importance of biodiversity. Panorama offers an audiovisual experience on a trip through the different ecosystems of the country. The forces of the tectonic plates are the sample that you will find when entering the Gallery of Building the Bridge. The worlds on display show the way in which the isthmus was closed and the migration of giant animals that took place in the process of union between the two continents. You will find a sample of the incidence and human migration that took place when two continents joined.



CASCO ANTIGUO

The Old Town is a colorful and charming historical center, with fascinating contrasts between the new and the old. Carefully located on a reef, as it was formerly built there for the purpose of protecting the city from possible invasions.

Throughout history, the Isthmus of Panama has become a place of great relevance for world trade. In the Old Town there were some of the most important agreements such as the negotiation of the construction of the famous Panama Canal, signed by Theodore Roosevelt in this historic center. Relive the story and some interesting details and stories that originated in this place.



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITINERARY

Day 1

Welcome to Peru

Transfer from Lima International Airport

Check In at Hotel

Afternoon free for rest

Hotel stay in Lima

Day 2

Lima

Breakfast at Hotel

Historical and Cultural City Tour

Visit to the Larco Herrera museum

Free time for lunch

Visit to the archaeological center of Pachacamac

Hotel stay in Lima

Day 3

Cusco

Breakfast in hotel

Private transfer to Lima airport

Domestic flight to Cusco

Check In at Cusco hotel

Afternoon free to acclimatize

Guided tour of the city center and surrounding Inca ruins

Hotel stay in Cusco



Day 4

Cusco

Breakfast to hotel

Half-day visit to the Maras and Moray salt mines

Lunch and dinner free

Hotel stay in Cusco

Day 5

Sacred Valley

Breakfast in hotel

Full day visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

Lunch at Sarpampa farm

Optional: Massage or Thermal circuit depending on the hotel chosen

Stay in Sacred Valley

Day 6

Machu Picchu

Breakfast in hotel

Full day visit to Machu Picchu

Transfer to the train station, guided tour and return to Cusco

lunch

Optional: Walk early in the morning on the mountain Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu

Hotel stay in Cusco



Day 7

Perú - Panama

Breakfast in hotel

Transfer to Cusco airport - Lima

Flight from Lima to Panama City

Check In at Hotel

Free afternoon

Pairing Panamanian rums pairing dinner

Stay in Panama City

Day 8

Casco Antiguo

Breakfast at Hotel

Historical - cultural tour of Casco Antiguo

Typical lunch

Guided tour of the Panama Canal including IMAX projection

Stay in Panama City

Day 9

San Blas

Breakfast in hotel

Private transfer to Puerto Palmira

Check In at Catamaran Xplore

Navigation to the Dutch keys

Lunch, snacks, beers, wines and drinks without liquor on board

Snorkleing, Kayaks, SUP in the area

Dinner on board

Stay aboard Catamaran Xplore



Day 10

San Blas

Breakfast on board

San Blas archipelago navigation

Lunch, snacks, beers, wines and drinks without liquor on board

Snorkleing, Kayaks, SUP in the area

Dinner on board

Stay aboard Catamaran Xplore

Day 11

San Blas – Panama City

Breakfast on board

Lunch, snacks, beers, wines and drinks without liquor on board

Transfer from San Blas to Panama City

Dinner in Panama City

Stay in Panama City

Day 12

Back Home

Breakfast in hotel

Private transfer from Panama City to Tocumen international Airport

Flexible Optional Activities Included



Included

- Fees to San Blas
- All land / water transportation
- Accommodation described in the Summary
- Accommodation aboard the Xplore catamaran
- All meals with Xplore Experiences.
- Snacks in all Xplore experiences
- Soft drinks and beers.
- Equipment (safety vests, snorkeling equipment, kayaks, fishing equipment)
- One bottle of wine per cabin.
- Guide in English / Spanish (other languages upon request, additional charges may apply)

Not Included

- Services not specified
- Tips, laundry or valet services, gifts and additional items.
- Alcoholic drinks
- Wet suits (available for an additional cost)