

# The enigma of the Nazca Lines and the beauty of the Paracas National Reserve – 2 Days / 1 Night (PBTRE2)

Destinations at a glance : Paracas / Ballestas Islands / Nazca

## TRIP DESCRIPTION

On this tour you will visit both the Ballestas Island and fly over the Nazca Lines.

The islands are a thirty minute boat ride from the Bay of Paracas. You will have ample opportunity during this trip to see the abundance of wildlife the islands have to offer, including many types of sea birds and also sea lions.

The Nazca Lines lie outside the town covering a desert plain of 500 km<sup>2</sup>. The best way to see these vast, enigmatic engravings is from the air. There are nearly 30 different geometric designs and figures. The best known of the lines are the man, the monkey, spider, hummingbird, dog, fish, and the condor.

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Lima – Paracas – Nazca (B)

An early start is needed for this tour to catch the bus to Paracas, don't worry about a thing as you will be collected from your hotel for your transfer.

Once you arrive in Paracas you will be met by our guide who will take you to the port area where you will board the boat for your trip around the Ballestas Islands.

The islands are a thirty minute boat ride from the Bay of Paracas. Erosion has formed spectacular rock formations that provide nesting places for thousands of seabirds, including pelicans, penguins, flamingos that cohabit in this paradise. One of the highlights of the boat ride are the hundreds of playful sea lions that come right up to the boats.

Here you will also see many types of sea birds as well as the opportunity to see the mysterious Candelabro rock carving, the origins of which are unknown.

Once you have finished the tour you will be transferred to the bus station for your journey towards Nazca, where you will spend the night.

### Day 2: Nazca – Lima (B)

After breakfast we will head to the aerodrome. Here you will board your flight that will take you over the mysterious Nazca Lines.

The first of the lines was believed to have been made around 400 BC, and the "construction" of the lines was thought to have continued for around another 1000 years. The lines have been studied since their discovery and are still not fully understood. The most common theory is that the people of the Nazca culture made them as gifts to the gods. Pictures the gods could look down on from heaven.

The Nazca people made many shapes and figure in the desert the most famous of which are the monkey, hummingbird, fish, "space" man, dog, fish and the Condor.

After the flight is completed we will take you back to the bus station for your bus to Lima, were you will be collected and transferred back to your hotel. Or if you are returning to Lima you will be taken to the international airport for your onward flight.

\*Or perhaps you would like to continue your adventure with us? Feel free to take a look at our regional trips to Lima or Arequipa and Colca Canyon.

#### INCLUDED

1 Hotel night  
All breakfasts  
All the tours stated in the itinerary  
All transfers and entrance fees  
Accredited tour guides  
Personalized assistance by Peru Best Tours during your whole stay

#### NOT INCLUDED

Domestic Transportation  
Lunches and dinners  
Travel insurance  
Tips

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Ballestas Islands Tour (Regular group tour)  
Nazca Lines Overflight (Regular group tour)

#### STYLE

History/Culture  
Family  
Nature

#### PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY

Easy : Paracas, Ballestas Islands, Nazca - No strenuous activities involved

#### CUSTOM MADE TRIPS

At Peru Best Tours, we do our best to meet your travel needs rather than you adjusting your trip to fit a company's schedule, It means: A more personalized service, greater flexibility of travel options, and better over all value giving you more for your money.

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#### DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

We always strive to give our customers the lowest prices on all domestic transport. Due to the number of bookings for flight, trains and buses we make each year, we are often able to give the cheapest prices on the market to customers booking packages with us.

You may also if you wish make your own transportation arrangements for your trip, just that most clients find it easier and less hassle to let us do the work for them.

## INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

Following our desire to pass on savings to the customer, we suggest booking your international flight via one of the large internet based providers such as [www.opodo.com](http://www.opodo.com), [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com) or [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) as these companies are some of the market leaders in international discount airfares. Please note we do not work with any of the above companies, nor do we receive a commission for recommending them.

## HOTELS

We only work with the best hotels in each rating category. We constantly review our choices and listen to feedback from clients when we make reviews of the hotels we use. Before booking we will give you a list of our recommended hotels for you to select from. If you wish to stay in a hotel that's not listed, say one you read a review about on TripAdvisor for example just let us know the name and we will be happy to book it for you.

## WHAT TO BRING?

### Luggage

All types of luggage are fine to bring with you to Peru, although we do recommend something like a backpack or a rucksack. As they are often easier to handle in many places where cobble stone roads make suitcases with wheels a little cumbersome for example

Also recommended is a day bag, something light weight but big enough for your daily needs. Such as a bottle of water, your camera, tickets and other travel documents etc.

### Clothing

It rarely rains on the desert coast of Peru, although the winter morning mists and the chill of the evening can sometimes call for a light jumper or a jacket. Summer on the other hand is generally very hot often hitting above 28 celsius. So it's best to pack for all eventualities, take a look below at the recommended packing list.

- Trousers / Jeans / Shorts / Jogging Pants
- T-Shirts / Shirts
- Light Jacket or Fleece
- Cap or Hat (For protection from the sun)
- Trainers / Sandals

### Other things to pack

- Camera / Extra Memory or Films / Batteries / Charger
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses & Sun Cream
- Small First Aid Kit
- Medication – Remember if you are taking medication to bring enough with you to complete your journey

### Documents

- Passport + copies (We advise you leave your passport in the hotel and carry copies with you when outside)
- Andean Immigration Card – You will be given this card at the airport do not lose it as you have to hand it back in on your departure.
- All Peru Best Tours vouchers and coupons.
- Entry Visa (Should you require one.)
- Travel Insurance + copies.

## TRAVEL MONEY

How much will I need for my trip? This will of course depend on your personal choices and preferences. Included at all hotels is breakfast, and some parts of your itinerary may include all your daily meals (See above). You will also need some money for souvenirs, and personal items.

Meals in a budget café or restaurant start at around \$4.00 per person, and dining at a top class restaurant can be upwards \$30-60 per person. So there really is something to fit every budget and taste.

Souvenirs start from as little as \$1.00 for a post card to \$100+ for such things as the fine alpaca woolen knitwear items that you will see for sale at many of the tourist shops and markets.

Airport Taxes are also a consideration as they have to be paid at the airport by the traveler. They have to be paid in cash in either US\$ or local currency. Domestic departure tax is \$6.25 per person and international departure tax is \$30.25 per person.