

The Lord of Sipan & Chan Chan 2 Days / 1 Night (PBTRE8)

Destinations at a glance: Chiclayo / Trujillo

TRIP DESCRIPTION

This tour will take you to visit to Chiclayo and Trujillo on the northern coast of Peru.

Chiclayo - This tour will take you to Sipan where the tomb of the lord was discovered . The Lord of Sipan ruled around 200 AD over the Moche culture, and his gold-laden tomb is considered to be the richest in the Americas. You will travel with the guide to the Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum considered by many as one of the best museums in the world. Here you will see displayed the golden riches of the Lord of Sipan on display.

Also whilst in Chiclayo you will visit the 26 pre- Columbian pyramids of Tucume. These pyramids were excavated by Thor Heyerdahl (of Kon-tiki fame), who discovered burial sites, textiles, Incan figurines and depictions of reed boats. This, together with goods from far-flung corners of the South America, allowed Heyerdahl to prove that the ancient people of Tucume were experienced voyagers and traders.

Trujillo - You'll stroll along the grand central plaza and the streets lined with colonial mansions. We'll then visit the royal palace complex of Chan Chan, built by the Chimu culture in pre-Inca times. This enormous complex, the largest in pre-Columbian America, is divided into nine separate citadels. Later we'll travel to the charming seaside town of nearby Huanchaco for lunch.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Chiclayo – Trujillo

As you arrive in Chiclayo you will be given a very warm welcome at the airport or bus station by the Peru Best Tours staff. Once you have collected all of your belongings we will head straight off to start your tour.

Our first stop will be at the 26 pre-Columbian pyramids of Tucume. These pyramids were excavated by Thor Heyerdahl (of Kon-tiki fame), who discovered the burial sites, textiles, Incan figurines and depictions of reed boats. This, together with goods from far-flung corners of the South America, allowed Heyerdahl to prove that the ancient people of Tucume were experienced voyagers and traders.

Continuing onwards we will travel to the town of Lambayeque to visit the Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum where many of golden riches of the lord are displayed. In the afternoon we'll travel by private car to Trujillo where you will spend the night.

Day 2: Trujillo

After breakfast our guide will collect you from your hotel for you days tours. Starting off in the morning with a short city tour of Trujillo where you will visit places such as the Casa del Mayorazgo, Casa Orbegozo, Casa de la Emancipación, and La Merced Church. You'll stroll along the grand central plaza and the streets lined with colonial mansions.

After our city tour we'll head onwards to visit the royal palace complex of Chan Chan, built by the Chimu culture in pre-Inca times. This enormous complex, the largest in pre-Columbian America, is divided into nine separate citadels. The site really is huge, and due to the weather in the region the mud brick walls have been very well preserved for you to appreciate today.

For the afternoon we will travel to the charming seaside town of nearby Huanchaco for lunch, where you can try the famous Peruvian national dish of ceviche. Ceviche is a fish dish where by raw fish is "cooked" by marinating it in a mixture of lime juice and chili's. I suppose you could call it the Peruvian answer to Sushi.

After lunch our guide will transfer you to the airport to board your flight back to Lima, or to the bus station if you are travelling by bus.

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, other than those mentioned above
Travel insurance
Tips
Airport taxes

HIGHLIGHTS

Tucume & Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum (Private group tour (The Sipan Museum is closed Mondays))
Trujillo City Tour (Private group tour)
Chan Chan Tour (Private group tour)

STYLE

History / Culture
Family

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY

Easy : Chiclayo / Trujillo – No strenuous activities involved

CUSTOM MADE TRIPS

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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.

Luggage for LAN Peru flights. The maximum weight limit for flights within Peru is 23 kgs of hold luggage (Max. 2 Bags). Hand luggage is limited to 8 kgs and one personal item such as a purse or, laptop. We recommend checking the website of the airline before traveling to check for the latest baggage and security information.

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 , www.travelocity.com or 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 to 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 places such as Cuzco where cobble stone roads make suitcases with wheels for example a little cumbersome.

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

This will depend on the season you are travelling but generally winter on the coast is summer in the mountains and vice versa. Also the northern coast of Peru is closer to the Equator and as such is very hot and dry. We recommend a hat or cap as well as sun cream to protect against the mid day heat. So for some guidance take a look below at the recommended packing list.

- Trousers / Jeans / Shorts / Jogging Pants
- T-Shirts / Shirts / Hat or Cap
- Sturdy shoes or Hiking boots / Trainers / Sandals

Other things to pack

- Camera / Extra Memory or Films / Batteries / Charger
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses & Sun Cream (It can often feel cool at altitude but burns are still possible)
- 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.