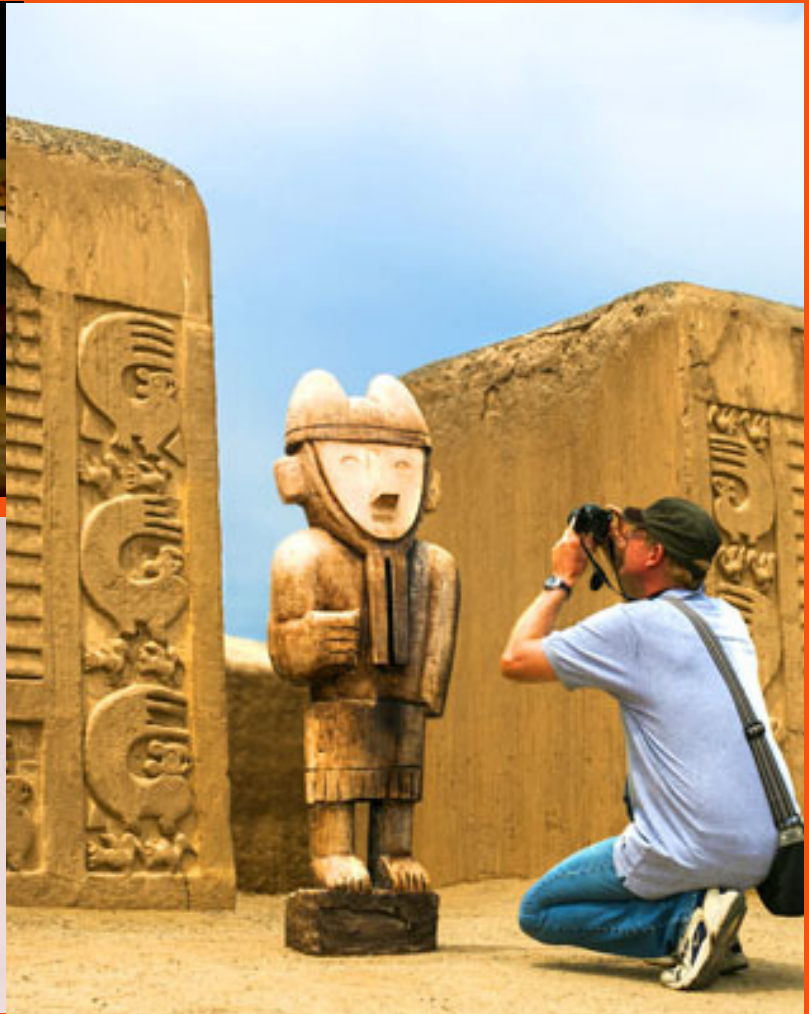




MOCHE ROUTE

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS





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Moche culture appeared approximately in the first century (a.C.) and settled in all the north of Peru. It is the predecessor of great cultures such as the Chimu or Sican and its influence is seen in all its found traces.

DAY 1 WELCOME TO TRUJILLO

Pick up from airport and transfer to hotel.

18:00

Arrive at the hotel. Small city tour in Trujillo by night. We are going to observe Trujillo's architecture. The tour starts at the principal square with a view of the most beautiful main fronts of old colonial and republican houses and cathedral; then we take a short walk across Pizarro street to the traditional Emancipation's house. In this historic house the independence of Peru was proclaimed in the nineteenth century.

Return to Hotel.



DAY 2 MOCHE AND CHIMU INTO ALIVE CULTURES

(Trujillo-Moche-Huanchaco)

08:30

Transfer to Moche's countryside. We'll meet a still living culture: Mochica's heritage. First we will visit the pottery and crafts workshop "The Inconceivable Face". Mochica culture created an environment of their own, in a realistic and expressive ceramic. In the workshop, you can witness craft production, techniques and materials that were rescued by Moche's countryside habitants. During the visit to the workshop, the folkloric group "Los Caimanes" (The Alligators) presents a sample of some music using Moche's traditional instruments such as pututo and ceramic trumpet.

Then we will go to the Temples of the Sun and the Moon and the Moche Temples's Museum. The Moon temple has several temples built on top of each other for many years. It has 12 thousand square meters of polychrome murals. Its rich iconography and esthetics are of outstanding universal value which reflects a pattern that defined the way of its culture around seven centuries. In the upper part of adobe walls, you can see the remains of many walls, decorated with figures of multicolored religious symbols; the most important is Aiapaec or "God of the Mountains". It represents an exceptional testimony of the Moche cultural tradition as it materializes political power through religious ideas.





In the museum, you will see aspects of Moche's life, the city and their environment. Also, you can witness the cult of power and the god of the mountains (Aia Paec).

12:00

Afterwards we'll visit the Huaca Arco Iris (rainbow temple) or Dragon. Its structure presents a serie of stacked platforms from east to west. This temple was used for religious celebrations in honor of the rainbow and other natural phenomenon, related to rainfall and soil fertility. It is also called Huaca El Dragon because of its figure that still exists in one of the main walls. This figure has two heads, like a dragon, with endless legs, as a centipede. The adobe walls were decorated with reliefs that represents the rainbow. Reason wich it is also known as Huaca Arco Iris.

13:00

Transfer to the balneario of Huanchaco and lunch at a local seafood restaurant. In this place, the artisanal fishermen still carry out their work in the ancestral boats Moche "caballitos de totora".

14:30

Last part of the day we will visit in Chan Chan archaeological complex, the Nik-An Palace. Chan Chan has been recognized as World Heritage by UNESCO. It was the capital of the Chimu Empire that flourished in the region after the fall of the Moche empire and covers an area of approximately 20 square kilometers. The central area is formed by a set of 10 walled enclosures (called "citadels") and other pyramids. The Citadel Nik-An is the largest illustration of the importance of water, particularly the sea, that Chimu culture worshipped. The high reliefs on the walls represents fishes, directed north and south that can be interpreted as the two streams that make the Peruvian coast, the Humboldt (a cold current) coming from the south and the Child (a hot current), coming from the north as well as waves, rhombus (fishing nets), pelicans and anzumitos (mixture of sea lion and otter).

17:00

Return to hotel.

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DAY 3

MEETING LADY OF CAO

(Trujillo-Chiclayo)

07:30

Transfer to the city of Chiclayo. On the route, we will visit El Brujo's Archaeological Complex and the Museum of Cao in Magdalena de Cao city.

9:00

El Brujo has a long cultural sequence of from the pre-ceramic period (3000 b.C.) to Moche culture (0-700 a.C.).

The most incredible discovery in this area is Lady of Cao (2006), also known as the Lady of the tattoos. In her tomb they discovered pottery and ornaments of gold, silver and copper, and others; never before they found an ancient Peruvian woman's mummy with its own outfit of the warrior aristocracy.

In Cao Museum we could see customs and beliefs of the past with present day and ends with the enigmatic discovery of recent times: the Lady Cao.

13:00

Arrival to the port of Pacasmayo. Lunch at local restaurant.

14:00

Transfer to the city of Chiclayo

16:30

Arrival to Chiclayo. Check into your hotel

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DAY 4 FIRST CIVILIZATION OF NORTHERN PERU AND LORD SIPAN

(Chiclayo)

08:00

Transfer to Ventarrón archaeological site. This place represents the rise of the first civilization of northern Peru over 4,500 years ago. In this pre-Hispanic site, you can see all architectural forms like the case of circular walls, curved walls, curved rectangular structures, altars of worship to the fire, squares in a shape like a half cross chakana and others. Ventarrón identifies an oldest American tradition, the fire worship, and it also constitutes one of the most sophisticated temples in Peru at that time, the origin of crops domestication, political organization, the symbolism of mural art. It also represents one of the oldest civilizations but also one of the most important and sustained throughout America.





10:00

We will visit Huaca rajada. In this archaeological complex they found the tomb of Lord of Sipan, the Old Lord of Sipan and his entire elite. The Lord of Sipan was one of the most powerful rulers of his time, who had absolute power of life and death over his people. The tomb of the Lord of Sipan is the best still existing example of the splendor and power of the Moche ancestors. The archaeologist discovered lots of fine gold, silver and copper jewelry. In his archaeological site exists many different tombs of the Moche elite whose are shown in an interesting museum.

13:00

Lunch at the typical restaurant in Lambayeque.

14:30

We will visit Sipan's Royal Tombs Museum, certainly one of the most impressive and modern archaeological museums in Southern America. The museum displays the wealth and ostentation in which the Lord of Sipan was buried: gold and silver, fine weaving, religious emblems and military power, and large amount of ceremonial utensils.

17:30

Arrival to the hotel.

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DAY 5 LOOKING FOR THE MUD BRICK CITIES

(Chiclayo)

08:30

Transfer to Ferreñafe village. We will visit Sican National Museum, dedicated to the Sican culture. The museum shows in detail the historical process of Sican Culture, customs and activities of Sicán people. We'll see burial garments, ornaments and patterns. Also we are able to see the famous mask with the winged eye, crowns, necklaces and ceramics and others.

10:30

We'll visit the Archaeological Complex Batan Grande, another important archaeological site in South America. Here we'll find about 20 pyramids. This place was the administrative and religious center of Sicán culture. We will visit Huaca Las Ventanas and Huaca El Loro where are still investigating and discovering the secrets of Sicán people.

12:30

Lunch in a local restaurant in Tucume.

13:30

Finally in the afternoon we will visit the Valley of the Pyramids in Túcume and it is site museum This archeological site was the last capital of the Lambayeque and Chimu kingdom. This complex is one of the most important pre- Hispanic monuments of the north coast. It has twenty monumental architectural buildings associated with other buildings: squares, mounds, yards, canal systems, walls, and other structures that are a reflection of a system of planned growth and a complex social structure.

15:30

Airport transfer

16:00

Arrival at the airport to flight to Lima B-L

Includes

- Private vehicle for all tours and transfers.
- Accommodation in 3*** hotel based on single or double room.
- Guided in Spanish, English.
- All entrances to the archaeological sites and natural areas
- Meals as indicated in the program. Breakfast (B), Lunch (L).
- A bottle of water day for tours.

Not Included

- International or domestic air tickets
- Departure taxes airport or visa fees
- Excess baggage charges
- Additional nights during the trip due to flight cancellations
- Alcoholic beverages or bottled water
- Snacks
- Insurance of any kind
- Laundry
- Calls or messages
- Reconfirmation of international flights
- Applicable taxes.

Travel recommendations

Climate: In the Pacific coast climate is generally dry and warm. Between June and August can be very cold and slightly damp.

Time Zone: Peru is 5 hours milder than Greenwich Meridian. It has the same time zone as the Eastern Time Zone of the United States, but there is no time adjustment between summer and winter.

Immunizations: COVID-19 vaccine and recommends a yellow fever vaccine 10 days before your trip.

Electricity: 220 volts in all cities.





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