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Group visits scheduled for CUGH 2027 participants
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LIMA: HISTORY & CULTURE

Departures: Minimum group of 20 persons
Duration: 4 hours 30 minutes
Time: Thursday, Feb. 25 / 2:00 pm
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:

We'll begin this tour of Lima, the capital of Peru and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, by showcasing one of the country's finest examples of Baroque architecture: the Church of San Pedro and San Francisco, the city's most visited church. We'll explore the Plaza de Armas, the Convent of Santo Domingo, which holds a very special place in its history, and walk to the "Puente de Piedra" (Stone Bridge), Lima's oldest bridge, which spans the Rímac River.

We will now head towards one of Lima's most traditional and historic districts, Pueblo Libre. Passing by the Municipal Palace, Plaza Bolívar, and the Baroque-style Santa María Magdalena Church, founded almost 500 years ago, we will arrive at the "Antigua Taberna Queirolo," an emblematic tavern with 140 years of history.

Managed by the Queirolo family (Italians), they have become a benchmark of the Peruvian wine and pisco industry, being in this emblematic place we cannot miss a demonstration of the preparation of the "pisco sour" or their traditional "res de pisco" and their delicious "butifarra".

Next, we continue with a visit to one of the world's 25 best museums, the Larco Museum, where we will intuitively appreciate its 3,000-year collection of pre-Columbian Peruvian history. Its masterpieces are considered global icons of pre-Incan art and have been exhibited in the world's most renowned museums.

Includes:
- Private vehicle, shared service with CUGH 2027 delegates.
- Tickets for Santo Domingo Convent and Larco Herrera Museum
- Pisco Sour demo and Snack at 'Antigua Taberna Queirolo'

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SAVOR THE MAGIC OF A GREAT SPECTACLE

Departures: Minimum group of 20 people.
Duration: 3 hours
Time: Friday, Feb. 26, 7:00 pm
Languages: Spanish - English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:

Tonight Experience **DanSa**, an evening where Peruvian cuisine, live music, and storytelling come together. The story "Wankar: The Myth of the Lost Drum" follows Inti and Killa through coast, highlands, and jungle, guided by symbols that reconnect the two young people with their roots. Your night begins at 20:00 hrs with a 9-course tasting menu – 6 dishes and 3 cocktails. At 21:00 hrs enjoy an immersive stage performance.

Includes:

- Private vehicle, shared service with CUGH 2027 delegates.
- Spanish or English-speaking guides.
- DanSa entrance ticket in Platea Seats

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MYTHS, ART AND TRADITION

Departures: Minimum group of 15 persons
Duration: 4.5 hours
Time: Friday, Feb 26 - 8:30 am
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:

We begin our journey along the Pan-American Highway, which will take us to Pachacamac. During the pre-Inca period, this site was a religious oracle that attracted a large number of pilgrims. Notable features include the Temple of the Sun and the Acllawasi, among others. Later, during the Inca period, it became one of the main administrative centers on the coast. During our tour, we will appreciate the various temples and enclosures and learn about the occupation of this ceremonial site by different Andean civilizations throughout the centuries. We will conclude our visit with a visit to the site's museum.

On our return to Lima, we'll travel to the bohemian Barranco district, enjoying breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean from a lookout point. We'll stroll across the famous "Bridge of Sighs," admiring its colonial houses and the district's typical boulevards, which now boast world-renowned restaurants like "Central" and "Isolina." No less famous are the beloved ice cream shop "Crem dela Crem," the traditional tavern "Juanito" operating since 1937, and "Felicia & Domingo," which offers the finest organic coffees sourced from Peruvian farmers, promoting fair trade.

Includes:
- Private vehicle, shared service with CUGH 2027 delegates.
- Spanish or English-speaking guide
- Tickets

Recommendations:
- Wear hat, sunglasses and sunblock lotion
- Wear light clothes and comfortable shoes
- Carry out water for hydration

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COLONIAL LIMA AND ITS TREASURES NEW

Duration: 3.5 hours
Departures: minimum group of 15 persons
Time: Saturday, Feb. 27 - 8:30am
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:
The best way to explore Lima's historic center is on foot (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). This time, we'll take a less common route and focus on some of Lima's most emblematic mansions. The tour starts with a walk through Plaza San Martín, where you'll find the historic Hotel Bolívar, the Club Nacional, and the Teatro Colón.

We'll continue our visit to the Casa de la Cultura Criolla (House of Creole Culture), which has been restored and converted into a museum of Creole song. This building, dating from the early 20th century, is the home of the legendary Rosa Mercedes Ayarza, author of the classic "Congorito" and a singing teacher, who founded the National School of Lyric Art and was the first woman to conduct an orchestra in Peru.

Continuing to Casa Fernandini, a historic residence designed by Claudio Sahut in the eclectic style for the mining entrepreneur Eulogio Fernandini and his family. This mansion is one of the finest examples of modern architecture and is the first building in Lima with an elevator. We continue walking along Jirón Conde de Superunda, passing the Santo Domingo Convent and Lima's Plaza Mayor, considered the heart of the city. It is surrounded by the Municipal Palace, the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima, and the Archbishop's Palace.

Finally, we'll visit the Bodega y Quadra Site Museum, located in a Republican-style house, which exhibits ceramic pieces and showcases the lifestyle of Lima society during the viceroyalty and republican eras.

NOTE:
This is a tour specially designed to help you learn more about the Historic Center if it's your second time in Lima.

Includes:
- Private vehicle, shared service with CUGH 2027 delegates.
- Spanish or English-speaking guide
- Tickets to Bodega & Quadra Site Museum, Casa Fernandini and Casa de la Cultura Criolla.

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FLAVORS OF LIMA

Duration: 5 hours
Departures: Minimum group of 15 people
Time: Saturday, Feb. 27 - 10:00am
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:

Stimulate your taste buds with a culinary tour exploring the food, flavors, and colors of Lima. Begin with a visit to a local market where you'll have the opportunity to learn about Peru's diverse cuisine.

Then head to the bohemian Barranco district, home to the 'Bridge of Sighs' and the legendary chapel 'La Ermita'. Make a quick stop at Felicia & Domingo, a charming artisanal coffee shop that supports fair trade, where you can enjoy and purchase exceptional organic coffees from Peruvian farmers. Next, visit the new food court concept in Miraflores, called 'Mercado 28', where you can sample the delicious ceviche, a traditional Peruvian seafood dish. Your day will be made even sweeter with delicious artisanal ice cream made with local fruits.

Includes:
- Private vehicle.
- English or Spanish-speaking guide.
- Enjoy a ceviche, local fruits, artisan ice cream, and a cup of coffee.

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DISCOVER WHAT ELSE LIMA HAS TO OFFER
Private tours upon request (72 hrs. in advance)

PALOMINO ISLANDS & GREAT CALLAO

Duration: 7 hours
Start time: 8:00 am
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:
Transfer to the port of Callao to begin your visit to the Palomino Islands. During our excursion at sea, we will see four islands: San Lorenzo, a cemetery for sailors and pirates during colonial times and more recently a scientific center for important researchers such as Charles Darwin; El Frontón, where you will see the old prison; Cavinzas, a former guano mining area, now a paradise for pelicans, cormorants, and many other birds. Finally, we will see the Palomino Islands, a refuge for hundreds of sea lions. You'll have the opportunity to take a dip with these harmless animals before returning to the port (ideal season for swimming: November to April).

At the end of the tour, your guide will meet you to explore the city center of Callao, a vibrant part of the city that offers a unique sense of beauty, reflecting the neighborhood's history fused with its art and culture. As we stroll through the plazas and the port, we'll admire over 60 original spray-painted murals adorning its iconic streets and architectural gems, created by some of the world's best urban artists.

Its art galleries, open studios, and exhibition spaces showcase the work of national and international artists, including the socio-cultural initiative "Fugaz," which revitalizes public spaces through art and innovation. The district is also renowned for its unique culinary scene. We'll enjoy a coffee at "Ítalo Café" before heading to the Dársena pier, one of Callao's most iconic landmarks. Nearby stands the Real Felipe Fortress, overlooking the port. We then continue to "La Punta," a charming seaside district known for its rocky beaches, stunning views, and well-preserved Neocolonial, Republican, and Modern architecture. Originally settled by Italian Peruvians, it later became a favored retreat of Lima and Callao's aristocracy. From here, enjoy breathtaking views of San Lorenzo and El Frontón islands. We conclude this fascinating tour at "Don Giuseppe," famous for his delicious *pan con pejerrey* and inspiring entrepreneurial story.

Includes:
- Private vehicle.
- English or Spanish-speaking guide.
- Guide and shared boat service during visit of Palomino Island.
- Ticket to Real Felipe Fortress, coffee at Ítalo Café and snack at Don Giuseppe.

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ARCHAEOLOGHY & TRADITION

Duration: 5 hours
Start time: 8:30 am
Operates: Daily, except Mondays
Languages: Spanish – English
Pick up: Swissotel or hotels in San Isidro

Description:

Visit the ancient adobe ruins of Pachacamac, located almost 40 kilometers southeast of Lima. The pre-Inca temple dates back to 100 AD. It was a pilgrimage site, once covering 10 square kilometers.

Built centuries before the Incas, Pachacamac is famous for its large pyramidal temples and the remains of paintings adorning its adobe walls. After the expansion of the Inca Empire, Pachacamac became an important Inca administrative center, while maintaining its status as a religious sanctuary.

The site also includes a site museum with an interesting collection of pre-Hispanic relics.

Then, you'll enjoy a delicious traditional Peruvian lunch at a Peruvian Paso horse ranch. Located in the Lurín Valley, just 30 minutes from Lima, Hacienda Los Ficus offers a Paso Horse exhibition that includes an introduction to its history and characteristics. This breed of horse is a symbol of Peruvian identity and national heritage, characterized by its distinctive gait. Introduced by the Spanish during the colonial period, the Peruvian Paso Horse is considered the finest saddle horse due to its smooth, flowing gallop. Don't miss the opportunity to ride one of these horses, a breed that dates back 400 years.

Includes:

- Private vehicle.
- English or Spanish-speaking guide.
- Tickets to Ruins of Pachacamac and Luncheon (set menu) at Hacienda Ficus

Reservations & General Information:

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