

RoadRUNNER[®]

MOTORCYCLE TOURING & TRAVEL

Peru – Machu Picchu Tour 2012

Peru
March 14 - 28, 2012



Join the *RoadRUNNER* team on this tour specially designed for our readers. Savor incredible Andean roads, great green valleys, Inca villages, marvelous cultures and hospitality, and some of the best landscapes anywhere. Join us and ride to places you have only seen in National Geographic on our extended Peru tour in 2012. This tour is for experienced riders only who enjoy technical riding, dirt roads, and lots of switchbacks.

Dates:	March 14-28, 2012
Arrival/Departure:	Arequipa, Peru
Duration:	15-day vacation, 8 riding days
Total Distance:	2,300 km / 1,677 miles
Average Mileage Daily:	280 km / 174 miles
Accommodations:	Comfortable middle-class hotels
Rest Days:	Arequipa, Cusco, Machu Picchu, and Puno
Highlights:	Nasca lines, Inca Greenhouses, Chauchilla Cemetery, Lake Titicaca, Colca Canyon, and much more

RIDING EXPERIENCE

This tour is for experienced riders only. The roads are very technical, curvy, and frequently steep and narrow. About 10% of the roads are gravel. This tour reaches up to 16,000 feet.

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Wednesday March 14, 2012	Flight to Arequipa (overnight)
Thursday March 15, 2012	Arequipa – Arequipa – <i>sightseeing/rest day</i>
Friday March 16, 2012	Arequipa – Puerto Inca
Saturday March 17, 2012	Puerto Inca - Nasca
Sunday March 18, 2012	Nasca – Chalhuanca
Monday March 19, 2012	Chalhuanca - Cusco
Tuesday March 20, 2012	Cusco – Cusco - <i>sightseeing</i>
Wednesday March 21, 2012	Cusco – Ollantytambo
Thursday March 22, 2012	Ollantytambo – Ollantytambo – <i>Machu Picchu</i>
Friday March 23, 2012	Ollantytambo – Puno
Saturday March 24, 2012	Puno – Puno – <i>Lake Titicaca</i>
Sunday March 25, 2012	Puno – Colca Canyon
Monday March 26, 2012	Colca Canyon – Arequipa
Tuesday March 27, 2012	Arequipa - Lima
Wednesday March 28, 2012	Departure, flight home

TOUR PRICE

Tour price per person

	1 rider / double occupancy	1 rider / single occupancy	two-up / double occupancy
Base Price	\$3,990	\$4,340	\$3,170
Upgrade	\$4,640	\$4,990	\$3,295

Base price includes: Kawasaki KLR™ 650s, Honda Falcon NX-4s, or Honda XR650s

Upgrade: BMW 650 GS, 800 GS

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

Airport shuttle service, accommodations, all breakfasts, two multilingual guides, support vehicle, motorcycle (BMW has \$650 premium), motorcycle insurance, tour information package and safety tips, road map, all entrance fees to Machu Picchu, Inca Green House, Chauchilla cemetery, salt pans, and Lake Titicaca boat ride.

Please note: early arrivals and late departures are responsible for their own transportation

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

Not included in the tour price are: international or other airfare to/from Peru, personal items, passport, fuel, speeding tickets and other fines, laundry and dry cleaning, telephone calls, internet fees, lunches, dinners, beverages, additional and personal hotel room charges, and medical and accident insurance.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The hotels are mostly family-owned and operated, and have a local flavor. They are two- and three-star category establishments, and all provide breakfast. Some hotels have a pool, so bring your bathing suit. Casual clothes for evenings are fine, there's no need for formal wear.

INTERNET ACCESS AND PHONE SERVICE

Some hotels have wireless internet access, and some have a computer with internet in the common area.

Ask your cell phone provider about their international calling plan and data package options available for trips and traveling abroad.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Tour members will be able to store extra luggage in the hotel in Arequipa securely while on tour. The support vehicle will transport your luggage to the next hotel. We suggest packing everything into the waterproof dry duffel we will supply you with so your belongings don't get wet in the back of the pick-up truck.

MOTORCYCLES

For our tours, we use Kawasaki KLR650s, Honda Falcon NX-4s, Honda XR650s, and for a premium of \$650 either a BMW 650GS or 800GS. Motorcycles are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, depending upon availability, and are **not guaranteed**.

We will be riding up to 16,000ft elevation! At this altitude the motorcycles are working extra hard. The BMWs have less noticeable power loss in the altitude, but the Falcons and KLRs lose about 50% of their power. Some of the gravel roads can be challenging and the Falcon is a fun motorcycle on such a surface.

LUGGAGE ON MOTORCYCLE

You can put your bag in the back of the support vehicle. You can bring a small tail bag or backpack for personal items to mount to the motorcycle.

All participants will get a special *RoadRUNNER* dry duffel bag prior to departure of the US.

TANKBAGS

The rental motorcycles are not equipped with tankbags. Bring a tankbag with straps to mount on the tank if you wish.

INSURANCE

The motorcycle insurance is included in your rental price. However, it is still recommended to get travel insurance for trip cancellation or similar.

GROUP SIZE

The group will contain between six to twelve riders and will be led by two tour guides.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Deadline for tour registration is January 14, 2012.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your place on the tour. All deposits are non-refundable although they are transferable to another party. The balance for the tour is due before or on February 1, 2012. We accept personal check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, and money orders.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel your Tour (March 14-28, 2012) between February 1 and March 1, 2012 (in writing), you forfeit 50% of the total tour price. After March 1, 2012, the total tour price is non-refundable. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance.

ARRIVAL AT AREQUIPA AIRPORT

We will pick you up at the airport in Arequipa on Thursday, March 15, 2012 and shuttle you and your belongings to the first hotel.

ARRIVE EARLY

If you intend on spending additional time in Peru, keep in mind that you are responsible for making arrangements for accommodations on your own. Please let us know your arrival plans in advance, so that we can make arrangements accordingly.

EQUIPMENT

Proper riding gear (leather, GORE-TEX[®], Cordura[®]) is essential to cope with the temperature changes due to altitude and weather conditions, and to help protect you in case of injury. Jeans and chaps are not considered suitable riding gear. Bring your full-face helmet and riding boots, and pack your raingear. Bring two pairs of gloves (a warmer and a lighter pair).

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Note, though riding an average of only 174 miles per day may seem easy, don't be deceived. Riding in the Peruvian Andes you'll encounter many challenges; the roads are technical, in very high altitude, partly narrow and curvy. This is not a tour for beginners.

MONEY

The currency is the Nuevo Sol. 1 Dollar is about 2.77 Soles. It's **important** to get your credit card **validated** for Peru. However, cash is the preferred method of payment, in small bills.

For a smoother experience, funds from each participant is collected at the beginning of the tour for lunches and gas, and put into a common account for the entire group. The lead guide then pays for all lunches and gas for the group as a whole from this account. Expect to pay \$250 per person for the entire length of the trip into the common account.

If there is money leftover from the common account at the end of the trip, it is divided equally amongst the group. If the account money runs out before the end of the trip, each participant will add an additional, equal amount.

The common account does not include other personal incidentals, shopping, etc, so plan accordingly.

Currency Exchange

We recommend exchanging currency once in Peru. If there are multiple exchange stations, inquire about their exchange rates first, as they sometimes vary.

WEATHER

Temperatures will range between 30 and 90 degrees. The altitude changes during the day's ride as you go up and down the Andes, and the temperature changes accordingly. It can rain and be freezing on the mountain road, yet be warm when you come down into the valley. Dress in several layers so you can easily adjust to the weather conditions. Don't forget to bring rain gear!

TIME DIFFERENCE

There is no time difference to Eastern Standard Time.

RESERVATIONS

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<i>Day</i>		Highlights
Wednesday March 14	Departure from USA (Overnight flight)	
Thursday March 15	Arrival in Arequipa	Sightseeing/rest day
Friday March 16	Arequipa – Puerto Inca	Get acquainted to your motorcycle and be swept away by the new culture
Saturday March 17	Puerto Inca - Nasca	Mountains, valleys, and curves. You'll see it all
Sunday March 18	Nasca – Chalhuanca	Famous Nasca lines to desert oasis Chalhuanca with sandboarding and dune buggies
Monday March 19	Chalhuanca - Cusco	Ride endless curves up and down the Peruvian Andes
Tuesday March 20	Cusco – Cusco	Sightseeing of the historic capital of the Inca Empire at 11,200ft altitude
Wednesday March 21	Cusco – Ollantaytambo	“Tail of the Dragon” times 10
Thursday March 22	Ollantaytambo – Ollantaytambo	Train ride to Machu Picchu where a guide tells us about the city in the sky
Friday March 23	Ollantaytambo – Puno	Gorgeous valleys and the busy town of Juliaca
Saturday March 24	Puno – Puno	Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake
Sunday March 25	Puno – Colca Canyon	Ride to the highest point of the trip at almost 16,400ft, and curves galore
Monday March 26	Colca Canyon – Arequipa	Watch condors in their natural habitat
Tuesday March 27	Flight from Arequipa to Lima	
Wednesday March 28	Departure from Lima to USA	

