# TOP 6 MOST VISITED DESTINATIONS IN PERU



Peru is a country rich in cultural and natural attractions. It is visited by adventure seekers, backpackers as well as heritage lovers. Discover the most popular destinations in Peru. Brought to you by Tourism-Review.com.

#### Machu Picchu in Cusco

The Imperial City is the largest tourist attraction in Peru and the most visited. Cusco was one of the most important cities in Tahuantisuyo, which was taken by the Spanish conquerors. Today it shows architecture that fuses the Incan with the Spanish style. A must-visit is the enigmatic citadel of Machu Picchu. Both Cusco and Machu Picchu have been named a World Heritage Site for its historical value and its beauty.

## Chiclayo: The City of Friendship

Chiclayo has become the gateway for the most recent archaeological discoveries – the Lord of Sipan in Huaca Rajada, Lord of Sican in Batán Grande – Bosque de Pómac Historical Sanctuary, Valley of the Pyramids in Túcume, and the Royal Tombs of Sipan. Thanks to this, Chiclayo has become a popular destination for the archaeological and historical value.

## The Arequipa Volcano and the Mystic Valley

The historic center of Arequipa has been recognized as a World Heritage Site because of its beautiful colonial buildings in white ashlar, highlighting their houses, churches, temples, and monasteries, such as Santa Catalina. You can visit the famous Colca Valley and the Colca Canyon. There are also protected areas as the National Reserve of Salinas and Aguada Blanca as well as the National Sanctuary Lagunas de Mejia. Its snowy mountains and rivers are excellent areas for adventure sports.

## **Lima: The City of Kings**

They call it the gastronomic capital of South America. In Lima, you can enjoy and learn about its historic center with beautiful colonial constructions declared Cultural Patrimony of Humanity by UNESCO. It also has the best museums of Peru and some pre-Hispanic archeological sites, such as Caral. Lima offers a variety of cultural shows, folk fests, night clubs, and luxurious casinos. Moreover, the south of Lima offers sunny beaches ideal for for surfing or relaxing.

#### **Iquitos and the Amazon River**

The Peruvian jungle is an ideal place for lovers of nature tourism and biodiversity conservation. From Iquitos, you can take a tour on the mighty Amazon River. The tourists can also reach up to protected areas, highlighting Pacaya Samiria and Allpahuayo Mishana with remarkable flora and

fauna, great for bird watching. If you are in the city, you should not miss the amazing rituals, such as ayahuasca.

#### **Titicaca and Puno Lake**

Puno hosts the highest navigable lake in the world with wonderful landscapes that is inhabited by the Uros. On the Amantani and Taquile islands, you can have the experience of sharing your life with their native people. It is the land of the Aymara people and the Tiahuanaco culture. Puno is the folklore capital of Peru. The feast of the virgin of Candelaria held in February is an extraordinary opportunity to experience the traditions of the people of Puno.

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