Come join us for an 8-day tour to Lima and the Andes during the height of summer in South America! Peru is one of our favorite destinations: Gaston College Study Tours has done 10 tours to Peru over the years. We have been able to put together an excellent itinerary at a very reasonable price for the week after Christmas (December 26, 2014 through January 2, 2015). Because of our tour company’s connections in Peru (the owner is Peruvian), we have been able to secure entrance to the fabled “Lost City of the Incas,” Machu Picchu. As you may know, the Peruvian government has restricted entrance to this UNESCO World Heritage site in order to protect the ruins from damage and vandalism by tourism.

Our tour includes the following:

Day 1, December 26, 2014 .. Fly from Charlotte to Lima, Peru by way of Miami International Airport.
Day 2, December 27, 2014 .. After arrival and transfer to our Miraflores hotel, we will have an escorted city tour of Lima (colonial and modern Lima), lunch at Chifa, and a visit to the Museo Larco Herrera in Lima (where you will see an extensive collection of pre-Inca, Moche, and Inca pottery and art).
Day 3, December 28, 2014 .. Today we will visit the famous Museo de Oro (Gold Museum) on the outskirts of Lima, which houses one of the greatest collections of ancient gold and silver art from the Andean civilizations (including the Incas).
Day 4, December 29, 2014 .. Today we will have a “free day” for exploration, shopping, and sight-seeing. During part of this day, we plan to visit Peruvian school children and present them with basic school supplies which we will take with us to Peru.
Day 5, December 30, 2014 .. This morning we transfer to the Lima International Airport for early flights to Cusco, where we will be met and transferred to our hotel (Los Andes de America). After time for adjustment to the altitude, we will have an afternoon tour of the city of Cusco (the ancient Inca capital) and the nearby ruins at Tambomachay and Sacsaywaman.
Day 6, December 31, 2014 .. This morning we will visit Chincheros, Moray, and Maras, followed by lunch in the Sacred Valley. Afterwards, we will visit the quaint town of Ollantaytambo (where we will view the hillside fortress built by the Incas). We will then board the train from Ollantaytambo to Aguascalientes, located at the base of Machu Picchu mountain. We will overnight in a hotel at the foot of the mountain. This evening calls for a New Year’s Celebration!
Day 7, January 1, 2015 ........ This morning, New Year’s Day, we will get an early start to the top of the mountain where we will experience a sunrise over the spectacular ruins of Machu Picchu. Here we will have a guided tour of the ruins. Later that afternoon we will return by train to Cusco where we will be transferred to our hotel.
Day 8, January 2, 2015 ........ This morning our exciting tour comes to an end when we transfer to the Lima airport for our return flight to Charlotte, North Carolina by way of Miami.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:
* Roundtrip airfare on a regularly scheduled airline from Charlotte to Miami and Lima. Internal flights from Lima to Cusco roundtrip, including taxes and fees.
* Overnight accommodations in selected hotels with breakfasts, taxes and service charges.
* Sightseeing with bilingual guides as per the itinerary with entrance tickets to all venues, including a BTG ticket while in Cusco and entrance fees to the Machu Picchu site.
* All transfers as per the itinerary.
* Train ticket from Ollantaytambo to Aguascalientes, and return to Cusco via Poroy.
* Meals: breakfasts daily, lunch at Chifa while in Lima, special dinner show while in Cusco.
* Services of our company’s local representatives while in Peru.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:
* Lunches and dinners, except for those stated above
* Beverages (such as wine) with meals
* Valid Passport
* Cost of Gaston College registration for a three-hour semester class
* Travel insurance (which is optional since most participants are already covered by existing health/hospitalization policies such as Blue Cross-Blue Shield). If not already covered, we will assist you in finding a suitable insurance policy.
* Tips/gratuities for the local guides and bus drivers
* Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for extra checked bags.

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE:
$2,936.00 per person, double hotel occupancy. Single-occupancy room supplement: $358.00

Reservation Form - Lost World of the Incas - December 26, 2014 - January 2, 2015

Full name (as it appears on your passport): __________________________________________________________
Current address: _______________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone number: _______________________________ Email:_________________________________________
Valid passport number (for airlines): _________________ Expiration date: _________________________________
Note: Many foreign countries now require that your passport be valid at least 6 months after you end your visit. Make sure yours will meet this requirement.

I wish to room with: _____________________________________________________________________________
I require a private room at additional cost: ___________________________________________________________
Special dietary/health needs (for hotels/airlines): ______________________________________________________

☐ I am already covered by my own health/hospitalization insurance policy while overseas.
☐ I plan to purchase health/hospitalization insurance.

Please complete all information on this form, detach it and send it along with a check in the amount of $500 per person, asap. Deadline for final payment is October 15, 2014. Participants must send a copy (can be b/w) of the photo page of their passport (for airlines) with this deposit payment made payable to GASTON COLLEGE STUDY TOURS, and send to:

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No space can be reserved without receipt of your deposit. Tour deposits are nonrefundable except in cases where we can resell your space on the tour. All prices, based upon a minimum of 20 paying participants, are valid at the time of this printing, but are subject to change. Tours are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Balance payments will be due approximately 25 days prior to departure.
Lost World of the Incas

View of the Andes at Chincheros

Inca ruins at Sacsaywaman

Gaston College group at the Sacred Springs (Tambomachay)

Mother and daughter in typical village dress.

Church of San Francisco - Lima, Peru

Gaston College group at Machu Picchu

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