

FMC Travel Club

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***** Peru – El Grande 2018 *****

Option 1. El Norte : 25 days – 8th June to 2nd July 2018. \$8995

Option 2. El Sur : 25 days – 25th June to 18th July 2018. \$8695

Option 3. El Completo : 41 days – 8th June to 18th July 2018. \$12495

All options are Auckland to Auckland

Leader : Eileen Cameron

Any payments by visa or mastercard adds \$225 to the trip cost for Option 1 and 2 and \$300 for Option 3

Prices shown are based on a minimum group size of 6 for each module

Our most extensive trip to Peru yet!

This will appeal to first timers to South America and past travellers alike...

PRICE INCLUDES:

- *International airfares and internal flights as per the itinerary, all flight taxes and departure taxes*
- *All accommodation in Peru*
- *All internal transportation (bus, boat, flights, airport transfers etc.)*
- *Experienced Spanish speaking NZ trip leader throughout*
- *Most meals (as shown by B.L.D)*
- *National park and other entrance fees, qualified local guides, cooks and tramping support staff*
- *Various other inclusions as detailed in the itinerary*
- *Group tipping for local guides, drivers, cooks and porters*
- *Premium trekking routes – Alpamayo Circuit (El Norte) and Lares Trek (El Sur)*
- *An all inclusive 4D/3N stay in the Amazon Jungle region*

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- *Travel insurance (mandatory)*
- *Some meals*
- *Items of a personal nature such as Internet, optional activities i.e. flight over Nazca Lines and shopping.*
- *Personal tipping for hotel porters, maids and at restaurants, etc*

Trip Leader

Eileen hails from the Waikato, but has lived in South America for more than a decade, and currently resides in Hanoi, Vietnam. She has worked in various aspects of tourism for 15 years, led tours through South America for GAP, and more recently has been a regular tour guide in New Zealand for 'Stray Travel'. Eileen designed and led our trip to Patagonia in 2011 and to Peru and Bolivia in 2012, all of which were greatly enjoyed by participants.

She has a wealth of knowledge and understanding of Latino culture and speaks Spanish and Portuguese fluently. She also holds a BA in Spanish and Latin American studies.

I'm delighted to have Eileen to lead this trip and I know that you will enjoy a great experience with her, particularly as she has led numerous trips into these areas.

She welcomes your contact at: spantranz@gmail.com

Eileen has assembled the trip components, so has full control 'on the ground' and is the co-ordinator ensuring everything runs as smoothly as possible. Eileen facilitates accommodation check-ins and briefs the group, responds to questions and issues and helps with language and cultural issues. She has a wide range of local contacts to assist and ensure you enjoy the best possible experience and feels very much at home in Latin America, even though she is Kiwi by birth, so this helps bridge cultural gaps.

Trip Organisation

Overview:

This trip is very comprehensive and cost inclusive, and includes international flights from NZ plus all domestic flights in South America. The vagaries of airline services to and within South America make it essential to have these flights included within our advertised price, to maintain proper control. Pricing includes a small margin for effects of currency fluctuations and oil prices; we have allowed for some movement within our advertised price. **We are at the mercy of such changes that are out of our control, or other unforeseen cost implications, so cannot guarantee the final trip price until full payment has been received.**

We have split the trip into separate modules.

Option 1. El Norte may appeal to those who have either not been to Peru before and have limited time, as well as those who have travelled there with Eileen before, as we have included The Alpamayo Circuit, rated as one of the world's finest supported multi-day treks.

Option 2. El Sur is also a shorter trip and offers the Lares Trail, an alternative to the over used Inca Trail.

Option 3. El Completo is exactly that, the 'complete Peru'. The amazing cultures of the north, the Alpamayo Circuit, a jungle excursion for a total contrast, the south including the famous Nazca Lines, beautiful Arequipa and the Colca Canyon, a full immersion into the Inca history at Cusco and the Sacred Valley, plus the Lares Trail and Machu Picchu, finishing with an exploration of the Lake Titicaca region. For anyone wanting to see it all and if you can spare the time, this is the option for you!

Operations:

A variety of local operators are used as we go from region to region. These include transport services, local guides, drivers, cooks, and porters.

Accommodation:

There is a mix of small family run hotels, cabins and hostels, often with private facilities. In the Amazon jungle we will stay in a purpose built lodge and while on multi-day tramping sections e.g. The Alpamayo and Lares Treks, we will be camping in tents but all gear is included, except sleeping bags which may be hired or B.Y.O.

Transport:

A varied mix of public and private transport, including one overnight sleeper bus, which assists with acclimatization (Nazca – Arequipa,) internal flights, boats, rickshaws and taxis.

Meals:

Generally speaking, most breakfasts are included and there are also many included lunches and dinners particularly on the excursions and tramping sectors which take us to remote regions; we'll have our own cook for many legs of the journey. If you have any food allergies or preferences, please advise in advance so we can let the local crew know and prepare accordingly. The meals are indicated as B, L and D in the daily itinerary. For other meals allow

\$35US, which should be enough to dine well enjoying many of the culinary delights of the region. If you enjoy a drink with your meals please budget a further \$10US per day, as there are many good wines and beers to be had in this part of the world not to mention the lovely Pisco Sours; - Peru's national drink.

A typical day:

There is so much variety that it is impossible to generalize, nevertheless, we can say that most days start early and the range of activities will keep you enthralled as this region has a lot to offer, no matter what your interests. Before we move on to a new town, Eileen will give you a briefing on what to expect at the next stop so you can prepare.

Newsletter:

Typically, at least one newsletter will be compiled to inform of things not included here. Recommendations on how to prepare for the trip, accommodation list, group member contact details, recommended gear list, cultural and food details plus suggested inoculations, and anything else relevant to your trip.

There are many books and publications on Peru, trekking in the Andes etc to read, and of course the Lonely Planet series and Rough Guides can be helpful. The more you find out the more you will enjoy the trip.

El Norte begins...

Day 1. 8th June – Arrival

A long day of travel with flights from Auckland – Santiago – Lima – Chiclayo in northern Peru. Transfer to the hotel in Chiclayo, a good base to explore the Moche and Sican culture.

Day 2. 9th June – Local explorations

*Mid morning visit to the Huaca Rajada site. After lunch, visit the Ferrenafe Museum, where the Lords of Sican finds are on display i.e. gold earrings, ceramics etc. **B.D.***

Day 3. 10th June – Local explorations

*Visit Tucume, including the longest pyramid in America at over 700m long. Then drive to Lambayeque to visit the Sipan Royal Tombs Museum famous for the Lords of Sipan exhibition. **B.D.***

Day 4. 11th June – Drive to Cajamarca

*After breakfast, we leave the coast and travel by bus to Cajamarca about 5 hours away in the highlands. Enjoy a city tour of this quaint colonial town – some liken this town to Cusco about 30 years ago. The city tour includes the jail room where Atahualpa offered the Spanish gold in exchange of his freedom. Soak in the Inca hot springs in the evening. Great colonial architecture. **B.D.***

Day 5. 12th June – Local explorations around Cajamarca

*A morning hike along the ancient aquaduct system. A tour of local villages in the afternoon takes us to a cheesery, try local preserves and elderberry wine and buy local handicrafts. We also visit the Oruzco burial sites : cave niches. **B.D.***

Day 6. 13th June – Return to the coast

*We bus back to the coast and visit El Brujo archaeological site en route. Off the beaten track but fascinating. Seafood lunch nearby, then head south down the coast to Trujillo. We spend the next two nights in the cute fishing village of Huanchaco. **B.L.D.***

Day 7. 14th June – Local explorations

*Today we visit Arco Iris and Chan Chan, the famous coastal city made from sandstone. In the afternoon visit Huaca de la Luna y Sol. **B. D.***

Day 8. 15th June – Drive to Huaraz

*Free morning in Huanchaco to enjoy the traditional boats and coastal vibe. See the traditional Trujillo horse show, then drive back into the mountains to Huaraz, the mecca of trekking in Northern Peru. **B.D.***

Day 9. 16th June – Acclimatisation hike

A day hike through the Quilcayhuanca Valley. Relatively easy and reaching a maximum altitude of 4100m. Tonight, a briefing for our multi-day tramp. Excess gear can be left at the hotel in Huaraz. **B.**

Day 10. 17th June – Begin the big tramp

We begin the journey with a spectacular drive along the Callejon de Huaylas Valley and then into the Huascaran National Park, past the turquoise Llanganuco Lakes and over the Paso Prtachuelo de Llanganuco Pass at 4785m to Vaqueria which is the starting point. From here we walk about 5 hours to our first campsite in the Paria Valley at 3890m. **B.L.D.**

Day 11. 18th June – Tramping

Only a short day of around 2 hours up the valley to camp at Tuctubamba at 4100m. Treat this as an acclimatisation day. **B.L.D.**

Day 12. 19th June – Tramping

We ascend towards Alto de Pucaraju Pass at 4640m with amazing views of Taulliraju and many other peaks. We descend to camp at the end of Laguna Huecrocha Lake 4000m. Around 7 – 8 hours today. **B.L.D.**

Day 13. 20th June – Tramping

Another ascent - descent day. Over the Paso Tupatupa Pass at 4360m giving stunning views of the Cordillera Blanca. Then descend to the camp at the top of Jancapampa Valley at 3700m. Around 7 – 8 hours today. **B.L.D.**

Day 14. 21st June – Tramping

Ascend towards Paso Yanacon Pass at 4610m with more stunning mountain scenery. Then descend to camp at Huillca at 4100m. Around 7 – 8 hours today. **B.L.D.**

Day 15. 22nd June – Tramping

For a change we cross two passes today! Firstly the Pass of Mesapata at 4460m, Then the second pass **Paso Gara Garo at 4830m**. From this pass we can enjoy the unique pyramid shaped Alpamayo Mountain (5947m), Jancarurish, Quitaraju and Laguna Jancarurish Lake. We descend to camp at Jancarurish 4250m at the foot of Alpamayo. Around 7 – 8 hours today. **B.L.D.**

Day 16. 23rd June – Tramping

The longest day on the tramp also crosses two passes. Descend a flattish valley for several hours, then ascend towards the first pass Paso Vientunan 4770m and descend and ascend again to the second pass Paso Osoruri 4860m from where we have more awesome views of the surrounding mountains. Descend to camp at Wishcash 4350m. Around 9 hours today. **B.L.D.**

Day 17. 24th June – Complete the tramp and return to Huaraz

Descend a long zig zag path to the village of Hualcayan at 2900m and drive back to Huaraz. 3 hours walking and 3 hours driving. **B.L.D.**

El Sur begins...

Day 18. 25th June – Cross over day

After some early shopping time in Huaraz, catch a public bus back to Lima.

The **El Norte** group now welcome the **El Sur** group.

For those only doing **El Sur**, you flew into Lima from Auckland today. You will meet up with Eileen at Lima Airport and the rest of the group in Iquitos including those staying on to enjoy **El Completo**.

There is an evening flight up to Iquitos in the Amazonian jungle.

Day 19. 26th June – Into the jungle

We enjoy a late departure so the El Sur group can get some rest. After breakfast, our local jungle crew take us 2 hours by bus to the river port of Nauta. Then by boat up river to the Pacaya Samiria Lodge, where upon arrival we'll enjoy lunch with typical food from the region. The afternoon is free to nap and adjust to the time change and also the heat of the jungle. An optional short jungle walk late afternoon. **B.L.D.**

Day 20. 27th June and Day 21. 28th June – Amazon Jungle

We will do a variety of activities ranging from jungle walks, river exploration trips, piranha fishing, visiting local villages and observing an abundance of wildlife, which may include : pink Amazon dolphins, anacondas, sloths, capybara, peccary, jaguars, bats, hoatzins, kingfishers, toucans, macaws and a myriad of other bird life to name a few. **B.L.D.**

Day 22. 29th June – Iquitos to Lima

This morning we will enjoy some more activities at the lodge, before heading back to Iquitos by boat and bus. Here, we'll see the Belen community, a neighbourhood whose streets spend 6 months each year under water and then transfer to the airport for the flight back to Lima. We will have dinner before the flight back to the capital. **B.L. D.**

El Norte finishes, El Completo and El Sur continues...**Day 23. 30th June – Lima to Auckland (El Norte) and Lima to Paracas (El Sur)**

This morning we head into downtown Colonial Lima for a city tour including a visit to the Cathedral and the Catacombs of San Francisco.

After the tour, the **El Norte** group transfer to the airport to start the journey home (arriving 2 days later at around 5am).

The **El Sur/Completo** group head south by bus and trace the barren Pacific coastline for around 240kms to Paracas/Pisco. **B.**

Day 24. 1st July – Ballestas, Ica and Nazca

We enjoy a boat trip around the peninsula and should see penguins, sea lions, cormorants, boobies, pelicans, dolphins as well as amazing cultural and archaeological sights.

Continuing south, we pass through Ica, a city known for its wines and production of pisco as well as the oasis of Huacachina where enormous sand dunes invite sand boarders and buggy riders to have fun.

We eventually come to Nazca, made famous in 1939 by the discovery from the air of a series of extensive lines and shapes of animals, birds, people, etc etched into the sun-bleached pampa. The intrigue behind this huge work is now a UNESCO World Heritage listed site and is best understood by taking an optional flight. **B.**

Day 25. 2nd July – Nazca and night bus to Arequipa

An optional flight over the Nazca Lines can fit around the excursion to the Chauchilla Desert Cemetery, where we see mummies hundreds of years old from the Nazca culture. The arid climate assists in retaining the mummies intact. Timing of the flights is weather dependent. We also visit a local ceramic and artisan gold workshop. Late afternoon we depart Nazca, driving along the coast and then inland to Arequipa. Nearly 600 kms further south and inland, we come to this beautiful city, framed by smouldering volcanoes and packed with enchanting colonial architecture and fascinating ice-mummies. **B.**

Day 26. 3rd July – Arequipa

Nestled in a verdant valley, Arequipa is a great base for exploring the spectacular landscape that surrounds it, superb museums and one of the places Eileen calls home! She will reveal the city and its surroundings. We have a free day to explore and relax as we adjust to the altitude. **B.**

Day 27. 4th July – Chivay/Corporaque

Departing Arequipa, we pass through the altiplano and the Salinas y Agua Blanca Reserve, where it is common to see vicunas, the smallest cousin of the llama.

We carry on to Chivay, the main town of the Colca region and then enjoy lunch in the neighbouring village of Corporaque, followed by a siesta and/or/walk to a lookout.

The beauty of this region is in the impressive terracing, the contrasting landscapes and the intricacies of the embroidery found in the locals' every day dress.

In the early evening we will enjoy the hot springs and then dinner at a local restaurant with typical regional dances and music before heading back to our hotel in Corporaque. **B.L.**

Day 28. 5th July – Colca Canyon/Puno

After breakfast we drive along the rim of the Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest at 4160m, stopping at different points of interest along the way. We will do a walk along the rim ending at Cruz del Condor to enjoy some free time observing and photographing these majestic birds. After lunch in Chivay, we head to Puno on the shores of Lake

Titicaca, arriving later afternoon. Our local guide will meet us at the hotel for a briefing on the following days' excursion on the lake. **B.**

Day 29. 6th July – Lake Titicaca Homestay

This morning we transfer to the port about 7.30am. We depart early for Taquile Island by motorboat. During the relaxing 2.5 hour ride, have some Aymara language lessons and more. We will arrive at this unique place in the most secluded section of the island about 1.30am. Apart from it being the least visited sector of Taquile Island, there is also a pristine sandy beach to enjoy. We will have at least 3 hours to explore this paradise including a 1 hour hike along a re-Inca pathway with breathtaking landscapes. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (not included) while members of the community show us their dances, textiles and other unique cultural expressions. Later, about 1.45pm we hike to the main port and descend some 500 steps down to the dock. At 2.30pm we depart to continue our journey to the Luquina community on the Chucuito Peninsula. There, we are welcomed by the friendly inhabitants and accommodated at a local home stay. Take some time to learn about the local culture and in the late afternoon an optional hike to a nearby hill for an unforgettable Titicaca sunset. After dinner, enjoy a small celebration with traditional music and dances. Overnight at the home stay with basic but comfortable facilities, good mattresses, blankets and sheets, private toilet. **B.D.**

Day 30. 7th July – Island hopping back to Puno

After breakfast, we farewell our local host family, and travel by motorboat to visit some of the more authentic Uros floating islands to learn about their history and culture. These man-made platforms are built with totora reeds. We have the opportunity to step on them, observe the houses from inside and out, and even take a ride on a reed boat with one of the local fishermen. It is amazing to see an entire floating village with its thatched reed roofs. In the afternoon we will visit Sillustani, a pre-Inca burial site about 45 minutes drive from Puno. Huge funerary towers are set in spectacular landscapes formed by the surrounding mountains and the "Umayu" Lagoon. This tour will give you a wider perspective of the regional history and help you understand the origin of the Incas, archaeologists are still finding traces of different cultures which overlap this site. Return to Puno. Free time in the evening. **B.L.**

Day 31. 8th July – Tourist bus to Cuzco

Today we enjoy a trip by bus across the Altiplano, with stops for sightseeing at different sites and a buffet lunch enroute. We arrive into Cuzco, the centre of Inca culture, around 5pm. **B.L.**

Day 32. 9th July – Cuzco

Cuzco is a wonderful city to explore on foot, and after we give you the Cuzco Tourist Pass, valid for 7 days and includes free entrance to a number of museums, churches, galleries and exhibitions, you can do as much sightseeing as you wish, as well as let the body acclimatise. We have a trail briefing in the evening. The main bags can be left at the hotel in Cuzco and a duffel bag is provided for your gear for the trail. **B.D.**

Day 33. 10th July – Sacred Valley Tour

Our first stop is the archaeological site of Pisac, perched on a hill with a fantastic view over the verdant valley. We visit Moray, an ancient Inca agricultural centre, then Maras, a group of imposing salt terraces which have been exploited since the time of the Incas. Finally we come to Ollantaytambo, the great Inca fortress with huge rock slabs overlooking the Urubamba River. We return to Cuzco for final preparations before the trek. **B.D.**

Day 34. 11th July – Begin the Lares Trail

Travel by bus to Colca and then Lares for about four hours. Possibly relax in the hot pools before lunch. Start the trail in Lares, walk up through a beautiful valley to the village of Cuncani to our campsite at 3750m. Around 4 hours walking this afternoon. **B.L.D.**

Day 35. 12th July – Lares Trail

Around 2 hours to wind our way up the pass of Uchuykasa at 4000m, passing the lake Huillke and offering fantastic views of several glaciers and the mountain ridge of Urubamba. We then descend to the village of Quishuarani (3700m) passing another lake before a break for lunch. Then a steady climb to the Pachacutec Pass (4500m) for more fabulous glacier and mountain vistas, including Pitusiray (5750m) and Chicon (5500m). We then descend to Cancha-Cancha where we have our last camp beside a beautiful lake. Around 8 hours trekking today. **B.L.D.**

Day 36. 13th July – Complete the Lares Trail and train to Aguas Calientes

Walk 4 hours, mostly downhill, to the village of Huaran at 2400m, where our transport takes us back to Ollantaytambo and from here we take the train to Aguas Calientes in the afternoon. Time for a shower, shopping and the local hot pools if you desire. We spend the night in a hotel. **B.L.**

Day 37. 14th July – To Machu Picchu, then return to Cuzco

El Completo would not be just that without the trip to see this wonder!

We take an early bus to Machu Picchu to beat the crowds and have plenty of time at the site, returning to Aguas Calientes for lunch and some free time before returning to Cuzco by train and bus arriving around 9pm. **B.**

Day 38. 15th July – Cuzco free day

A free day to catch up on laundry, emails, shopping and/or visit more sites on your Tourist Pass. **B.**

Day 39. 16th July – Transfer to Cuzco Airport and begin flights home

Free time in the morning, then transfer to Cuzco Airport to check in for our afternoon flights home via Lima and Santiago to Auckland. We arrive early morning on 18th July. **B.**

Booking Conditions for Peru 2018 (all options)

1. The FMC Travel Club (FMC) offers this small group trip in conjunction with Travel Smart Napier (TSN). All travel arrangements are made through TSN. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. FMC and TSN are not responsible for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential, or to offer a modified trip to a smaller number of people.
4. The trip price includes the apportioned cost of the trip leader's travel and a payment to FMC. **Final pricing depends on factors such as currency fluctuations and on ground suppliers are paid in US Dollars. Therefore, the final price cannot be guaranteed until full payment has been received.** The final trip payment is due by 28th February 2018.
5. **Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comers basis on receipt of the Registration Form along with a scan or photocopy of your passport. A deposit is not required with registration. Once we have sufficient registrations to confirm viability, we will call for a deposit of \$5000 per person. This provides for cost of flights and a portion towards land arrangements. Our preferred method for payments is internet banking to the office account of Travel Smart Napier : 010685 0151601 46. Payments by cash or EFTPOS at the office of TSN are also acceptable, as are payments by cheque (payable to Travel Smart Napier), visa or mastercard. Any or all payments by visa or mastercard increase the final trip price by \$225 per person for Option 1 and 2. And \$300 for Option 3.**
6. **Cancellations.** If you have to cancel your registration once deposited for any reason, please advise TSN in writing as soon as possible. An email following a phone call would be acceptable. Fees apply as follows :
 - Cancellations received from 1st January to 28th February 2018 incur a fee of \$5000
 - Cancellations received from 1st March 2018 onwards incur a fee of 100% of trip costs
7. **Travel Insurance is mandatory and should be arranged not later than when the deposit is paid.** We recommend Kiwi Holiday Insurance and can provide a quote at any time. For cover taken elsewhere, full details must be provided.

Registration Form for Peru 2018 (all options)

Complete and send to John Dobbs with passport copy. We need 8 participants to be viable and maximum is 16. Please register early so can ascertain viability and be fair to others. Ideally, registrations close by 30th November 2017. Once we reach viability, we will request the deposit of \$5000.

Option 1. El Norte Option 2. El Sur Option 3. El Completo

Please tick or circle your preferred option

Names as shown in passport(s) and circle or underline preferred 1st name.....

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Snail mail address.....

Day phone.....Night phone.....Mobile.....

Email.....Date(s) of birth.....

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions we should be aware of.....

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Tramping club affiliation(if any).....Summarise recent tramping experiences NZ and overseas. Types/durations, frequencies, etc

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One contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, relationship, phone nos, email etc

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I / We have read the entire dossier and I / We accept the booking conditions of this trip. I / We will pay the \$5000 per person deposit when requested and I / We will pay all remaining trip costs by due dates as invoiced. I / We understand that the final price cannot be guaranteed until final trip payment has been made.

.....to be signed and dated by each person registering

Send registration form with passport copy to :

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