

Eater Island and Machu Picchu Tour 08 nights



### Summary

Travel to the world's most isolated bit of land — Easte Island, A tiny pinprick in the great Pacific, the island is actually a mound of consolidated lava and ash from three submarine volcanoes. Fly from Chile and spend 3 days discovering the ancient history and traditions of Easter Island. Peru is known for Machu Picchu, but the varied flavours of the country will have you wanting seconds and more. From the majesty of the Andes to the grandeur of the Amazon rainforest, venture into a world where ancient ruins whisper secrets of the past and every day is a taste of splendour. The Pacific Ocean tumbles onto the vast sands as lush vineyards stretch through valleys in Chile. Opulent saline deserts contrast stunning blue glaciers. In the sparkling cities beside lavish nature, or within the heart of the scenery itself, there is no doubt that Chile will captivate you.

# **Wild Discovery Advantages**

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any
- Attention to details that make the difference

### **Overview**

Interest: Senior-couple-group Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: None Maximum # of passengers: None

### Information about the destination

- Currency: Chilean Peso
- Language: Spanish English
- Dialing Code: 56
- Transportation: private car, train or bus
- Recommended vaccine: None
- Banks & currency exchange: Money can be exchanged at hotels, exchange bureau (Casas de cambio) and banks

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#### Day 1: Easter Island

Upon arrival at Easter Island airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel Rest of the day at leisure.

#### Day 2: Easter Island

Departure from hotel in Hanga Roa, towards Rano Kao Volcano

Inside its deep crater there is a lake of fresh water covered with totora. One of the Island's most important places is the ancient ceremonial village of Orongo, southeast of the Rano Kau, where visitors may still see petroglyphs and cave paintings as well as ancient houses and walls from different eras.

Next you will visit the caves Ana Kai Tangata, which contain several cave paintings and then to the ceremonial platform Ahu Vinapu, a temple whose moais (sculptures) are curiously similar to stone works created by the Incas, providing evidence for the anthropologists that support the theory that the first inhabitants on the island were of South America descence.

Then, depart heading North towards Ahu Akivi. 'Ahu' is the name given to a stone platform where the moais were placed. The complex dates back to 1500 BC and it was the first Ahu that was scientifically restored on the island in 1960 by William Mulloy and Gonzalo Figueroa. The 7-moai platform faces the equinoctial rising sun. Unlike other Rapa Nui ceremonial centers with ahus, the Akivi-Vaiteka Complex is not located on the coast. And in contrast to the monumental statuary at other sites on the island, the moai at Ahu Akivi face the ocean.

Continue to Ana Te Pahu, also known as the Cave of the Bananas. This is a cave that features a variety of plants and vegetation. Remember to take a flashlight. Your next stop is the Puna Pau, a secondary crater used for quarrying red scoria for the Pukao, which presumably represent the islanders' hairdo tinted with red soil. Here you will learn more about the making, building, and transportation process of these colossal sculptures carved on volcanic rock. Return to the hotel in Hanga Roa.

#### Day 3: Easter Island

Departure from the hotel in Hanga Roa and tour across the Moai route

These colossal sculptures carved in volcanic rock are scattered all around the island. Visit to the 'Ahu' or ceremonial platforms, starting with Ahu Vaihu, surrounded by Moais that lay face down on the ground, it is a semi destroyed temple: the islanders destroyed its eight large statues in times gone by.

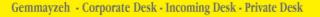
Then visit to Ahu Akahanga. The platform is decorated with red stones throughout its length and with petroglyphs that have been eroded by time, but are still visible.

The tour continues to the Rano Raraku Volcano, located near the southern coast and at the feet of Poike.

The Rano Raraku volcano is made up of gray-ochre volcanic tufa, and stands at 100 ms / 328 ft above sea level.

It is one of the island's major and most valuable archaeological sites. It has an open quarry that was used for carving the Moai. There are over 400 monuments that were in the process of being carved spread throughout its interior and exterior slopes to various degrees of complexion.

Later, departure to Ahu Tongariki, the largest Moai platform on the island. It is made up of 15 Moais. The place was destroyed in May 1960 by a tsunami, and it has been restored mainly thanks to Japanese foundations. Next, arrive at the Ahu Te Pito Kura, where there is an enormous spherical rock and the Moai Paro, the largest statue on the island. Later in the afternoon, come to Anakena, one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. Located in the north with clean and warm turquoise waters, Anakena is the island's main beach.





### Day 4: Easter Island – Santiago de Chile

Transfer to the Easter Island Airport for your flight to Santiago de Chile Upon arrival at Santiago de Chile airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel Rest of the day at leisure.

# Day 5: Santiago De Chile – Lima

Take a Santiago panoramic tour and visit the main attractions of the capital where you will appreciate the contrast between the capital's rich history and its modern buildings.

Admire the Government Palace, the Main Square or 'Plaza de Armas,' Santa Lucia hill, the Metropolitan Park and the exclusive residential areas of Vitacura and Las Condes.

Your guide will escort you today to the airport for your flight to Lima Upon arrival at Lima's airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

### Day 6: Lima

Peru's bustling capital is one of the most interesting cities in South America - a potent mix of colonial architecture, superb museums, great Pre-Columbian collections, glamorous shops and some of the best cuisine in the world.

Our excursion offers some of Lima's best attractions from its three historical periods: pre-Hispanic, colonial and modern. Ancestral Lima: We start our tour with a panoramic view of the "Pucllana Pyramid" a magnificent ceremonial and archeological center built in the 4th-century a.d. and considered a "Sacred Village" by the Incas.

The Viceroyalty of Peru was the most important of the Spanish Empire and Lima was its capital.

Colonial Lima: Visit the Historical Center of Lima, where you will appreciate more than fifty monuments and Colonial edifications, including the Paseo de la Republica, the San Martin Square, the Main Square, the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, the Cathedral Basilica, and the City Council Palace.

You'll also visit the Museum Of The Banco Central De Reserva (closed Saturday and Sunday afternoon and Monday all day), where we will admire a fine selection of objects made of gold, ceramics, and textiles from different pre-Columbian cultures. We will visit the monumental San Francisco Convent, which displays the largest collection of religious art in America. Our highlight will be the visit of the underground vaults, known as "Catacumbas" or Catacombs.

Contemporary Lima: Explore traditional residential areas of Lima, such as El Olivar of San Isidro, Miraflores and the mall Larcomar, with its spectacular view to the Pacific Ocean.

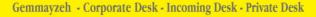
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Cuzco

Your guide will escort you today to the Lima International Airport (LIM) for your departure from Lima.

Upon arrival at Cuzco's international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel.

#### Day 7: Cuzco

Discover the fascinating historical and cultural legacy of the Incas in the capital of the Inca Empire on this 4-hour Cuzco city tour. Visit Korikancha, known as the Temple of the Sun during Inca Empire, and now the site of the Santo Domingo Convent. You'll also see the Cathedral, which faces the Plaza de Armas in the heart of downtown Cusco. Continuing on, explore the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, located above the city, and you can enjoy spectacular views of Cuzco below. Follow the road up to several other Inca stone ruins, including Q'enqo, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay. At the end of the tour, your guide will take you back to your hotel.





# Day 8: Cuzco

Early in the morning, get prepared for the tour of a lifetime to see Machu Picchu, the breathtaking Inca city in the sky. Travel through the Sacred Valley into the cloud forest, where the city of Machu Picchu lay relatively hidden for centuries. The first class Vistadome train, with its glass ceiling, allows you ample room to enjoy the unbeatable scenery as you take the 3 1/2-hour journey towards Machu Picchu. The train will take you to Aguas Calientes, the town at the foot of Machu Picchu.

Take a short walk over to the shuttle bus station, which will whisk you up the mountain to the entrance to Machu Picchu. There your guide will greet you and take you on a tour of this fascinating city of the Incas. As you gaze in wonder at the expansive stone ruins, steep terraces, and looming cliffs, you will realize why Machu Picchu has been called one of the new wonders of the world. The stonework at Machu Picchu is so well engineered that many of the walls are almost perfectly intact since the days of the Incas in the 15th and 16th centuries.

After the tour, wander around the ruins on your own, or return to Aguas Calientes..

## Day 9: Cuzco

Transfer to the hotel for your departure flight.

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