

ICA, PERU

Ica & Paracas Desert Escape

Ballestas Islands + Huacachina

FULL DAY



EXPERIENCE ICA & PARACAS



Price per person

\$199 usd

Minimum of 10 participants



Schedule

Start: 03:30am in Lima

End: 10:00pm in Lima

**Meet your guide at the lobby
of the hotel**



Head to Southern Peru

Learn about Peruvian history and ecosystems on an adventure that takes you from penguin dotted islands to rolling desert sand dunes.

Beginning with a 3:30am pick-up, you will take a 3.5 hour bus ride down the Peruvian coast for a 7:00am arrival to the small seaside town of Paracas. The only national reserve on the Peruvian coast, Paracas is known for its wind-carved cliffs, diverse marine life, and ancient history.

Arriving early means you'll have the chance to embark on a boat tour of the incredibly biodiverse Ballestas Islands and Paracas Bay!

Paracas Natural Reserve

The first stop on your boat ride will be the enigmatic Candelabro - a mysterious drawing etched into the sand on the side of Paracas peninsula. From the sea, you will have a perfect view of the 180m / 590ft tall carving, the historical significance of which is unknown to this day.



After hearing some of the experts' theories on what the Candelabro represents and how it was created, continue your ride to the Ballestas Islands. A must-visit stop on any trip to the south, this cluster of impressive rocks is home to some of Peru's most unique sea birds such as pelicans, Peruvian boobies, and Humboldt penguins. There is also a friendly colony of seals and sea lions that sun themselves on the rocks and swim through the wind-carved tunnels that give the islands their iconic silhouette.



Huacachina

When you're back on shore, you will board the bus and continue to your next stop, Huacachina. About a one hour drive away, make sure to peek out the window and watch as the environment shifts dramatically from coastal cliffs to spectacular sand dunes. The Huacachina Lagoon will seem to appear out of nowhere, a small green oasis amidst a vast desert, and here you will begin the next learning experience. Board four-wheel sand buggies for a journey through the sloping dunes. Experienced drivers will take you on a natural roller coaster ride that provides stunning views of golden mountains as far as the eye can see.

Tour Bodega Cultur Pisco

The final stop of the day will be one of the many bodegas in the region that produce Pisco, Peru's national drink. Ica is the heart of Peru's wine and Pisco industry, and you will have the opportunity to learn about its role in the local economy.

Tour Bodega Cultur Pisco, and learn the intricate process of artisan Pisco production as well as the long history they have making some of the finest Piscos in Peru. Along the way, you can taste many varieties of the spirit, before boarding the bus for the relaxing return journey to Lima. You will arrive at approximately 10:00pm.





Important Notes

This tour departs from Lima

Average Temperature: **23° C / 74° F**

Important: this itinerary is subject to change and may be adapted according to weather conditions.

For a comfortable trip, we recommend you bring:

- Athletic clothes
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30), even if it is overcast
- Hat or cap
- Athletic shoes
- Camera
- Snacks

Package Details

Included

- ✓ Private guide and transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fee to Paracas National Reserve and all mentioned excursions
- ✓ Box Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch at local restaurant

Not Included

- ✗ Other meals that are not mentioned in the description.
- ✗ Tips
- ✗ Personal expenses