

This is the Peru that you have always heard about. The stunning lost city of Machu Picchu, the archaeological treasure trove of Cusco and the mysterious Nazca Lines. We will ride along the world's highest navigable lake and literally walk on water when we visit the floating islands of Uros, eyeball the massive condors and gaze upon the yawning expanse of Colca Canyon. Stare in awe as we ride amongst dormant snow capped volcanoes and ride into the Andes proper as we cross a 5000m/16400ft pass, in close proximity to the source of the Amazon, but wait there's more, ride with us and see what all the fuss is about.

The Ride

Week One

Leaving the city of La Paz, sitting at 3660m/12000ft, we ride the beautiful Altiplano before crossing the border into Peru. Riding along the shores of Lake Titikaka we arrive at the lakeside city of Puno where we spend two nights, enabling us to visit the amazing floating Uros Islands. Travelling west the ride will take us into the Andes crossing the 4319m/14,170ft pass at La Raya, before reaching the wonderful city of Cusco built on Incan foundations, still clearly visible, where we spend the next five nights. We ride the incredible Sacred Valley dotted with enormous Incan ruins before catching the train to the legendary Machu Picchu. Nothing can prepare you for this. A full day will be spent exploring the magical city of Cusco enjoying a beer and meal at Norton's Rats which overlooks the wonderful Plaza de Armas.



Week Two

We hit the dirt roads as we ride toward the world's deepest canyon at Chivay, home of the giant Condors. The ride is magnificent as we get off the Gringo Trail riding amongst volcanoes and mountains in this spectacular desert landscape. It is these very mountains that the mighty Amazon River begins its journey. The hot springs of Chivay are a perfect way to relax and unwind after a hard days ride. Descending out of the Andes we arrive at the "White City" of Arequipa with the snow capped volcano of El Misti looming above. We have the day to explore this beautiful city with arguably South America's finest Plaza de Armas and visit the fabulous Santa Catalina Convent and the frozen Incan mummy known as "Juanita the Ice Princess" sacrificed over 500 years ago by the Incas. The route from Arequipa leads us to the coast as we ride the stark, impossibly rugged coast road that clings to the mountainsides. We spend a night at Puerto Inca surrounded by the moonlike landscape as the Pacific pounds our beachside resort. Our final ride day brings us to the town of Nazca via the macabre Chauchilla cemetery. We enjoy a flight over the mysterious Nazca lines, the only way to really appreciate them, before transferring to Lima.



Tour Highlights

- Arequipa
- Colca Canyon
- High Andes Scenery
- Cusco
- Riding the Sacred Valley
- Machu Picchu
- Riding the amazing Peruvian coast road
- Lake Titkaka and floating islands
- Nazca Lines
- Puerto Inca
- Huacachina Oasis

The route

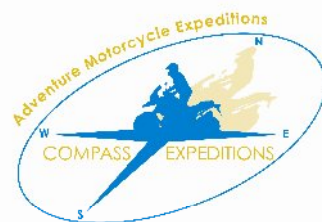


What's Included

- Airport transfers
- Motorcycle rental **BMW F 650 GS**
- GPS with waypoints pre programmed in, for entire expedition
- Fuel
- Tolls
- Border paperwork
- Services of ride leader and support vehicle driver
- Support vehicle with passenger carrying ability
- Non alcoholic drinks on support vehicle
- Breakfasts everyday, lunches and dinners on all riding days
- Accommodation in excellent small hotels
- **Bonus night** accommodation
- Pre departure material and route maps
- Access to satellite phones, pay per minute
- Compass Expeditions dress shirt and baseball cap
- Visit to Santa Catalina Convent
- Colca Canyon hot springs/ park entrance
- Cusco Visitor tickets allowing entrances to many sites
- Train and entrance to Machu Picchu
- Flight over the Nazca Lines
- Entrance to Chauchilla Cemetery

What's not included

- International Flights
- Visas (if required)
- Small amount of lunch and dinners
- Personal spending money
- Lunches and dinners on non riding days
- Personal health insurance
- Tips and gratuities



General Tour information

The following information is relevant to this tour, please read carefully and if you have more questions please email us on info@compassexpeditions.com

Ride profile

Grade two



Please refer to FAQ page on our website for full details on our grading system

The majority of riding is on pavement however there are two days that are spent on hard packed dirt, there can be sections of the dirt that has loose gravel and can be rutted. Some sections of pavement can be potholed.

The Peruvian coast road has plenty a twisties and no barriers

Suitable for off-road novice and two up riding.

Total distance ridden: 2260K/1400Miles
Days on bike: 10

On this ride we will cross a 5000mt/ 16400ft pass and some time will be spent at an altitude over 3000mts/ 9800ft.

Accommodation

- 13 nights hotels, 1 night wild camp & 1 bonus night.
- Accommodation ranges from small beachside huts through to 4 star hotels, for a list of our accommodation styles please refer to our FAQ page on our website.
- A flexible attitude is needed as standards are not always what we are accustomed to

Single supplement : US\$ 700

Included meals

Breakfasts: 14
Lunches: 10
Dinners: 10

On everyday of the tour we provide breakfast, on all ride days we provide a picnic lunch that we prepare ourselves from our mobile kitchen, on all ride days we provide dinner in a reliable restaurant that we have used many times before.

General info

- Please note that the you will need to be in La Paz one day prior to start of expedition
- Passengers are required to bring along sleeping bag liner, only.
- All prices are based on rental of **BMW F 650 GS** for **BMW 1150 GS** add **US\$ 840**
- For bookings of 60 days or less that have an "included flight" a surcharge of **US\$ 200** is added
- It is a requirement that all clients have appropriate insurance for this type of expedition.

This motorcycle tour also operates in the reverse direction starting in Lima and ending in La Paz, see website for dates.

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