



## Andean Textile Arts Fall Peru Tour

October 15-26, 2023

*with optional extension to Ecuador October 26-31*

**Join us on a remarkable journey for textile enthusiasts and adventure travelers alike.**

- Visit remote weaving communities accompanied by Quechua master weaver Nilda Callañaupa.
- Encounter many of the greatest archaeological sites of the Incan Empire: the massive ceremonial center of Sacsayhuaman above Cusco, the fortresses of Pisac and Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley, and the crown jewel, Machu Picchu.
- Explore the ruins as our private guide Raul Jaimes shares his knowledge of Incan architecture and history.
- Stop for views of the glacier Chicon on your way to Nilda and Raul's hometown of Chinchero, where you'll have a traditional Andean lunch and take part in a natural dye workshop.
- Try your hand on a backstrap loom and drop spindle.
- Cap off our tour in Lima with a viewing of the Amano Museum's private collection of exquisite pre-Columbian textiles.

An experience like no other, this nonprofit tour benefits the weaving communities of the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco.

For further information or to register, contact Pam Art at [pam.art@icloud.com](mailto:pam.art@icloud.com)

## REGISTRATION

**\$4,750 per person, double occupancy**

**\$598 single supplement**

**Includes \$500 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts**

## TOUR LEADERS



**Raul Jaimes Callañaupa** grew up in the village of Chinchero, Peru, as the child and grandson of weavers. He received his degree in tourism from the University of San Antonio Abad. The number one thing that he wants his travelers to experience is his Andean culture. He has led

tours in Peru and Bolivia for twenty-three years with travel companies such as Andean Treks and Overseas Adventure Travel in the U.S. and Exodus in Great Britain, before opening his own travel agency in 2014, Day Hikes and Self Guided Tours Peru (D.H.S.G). In 2004 Raul was named one of the “Best of the Best” tour guides internationally by Overseas Adventure Travel.

**Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez** was born in Chinchero where as a child she tended sheep and learned to spin and weave. In 1996 she founded the Peruvian nonprofit Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco (CTTC), dedicated to revitalizing ancient Andean textile traditions. The CTTC has grown to encompass ten weaving communities.



Nilda has been a speaker at Cornell University, Harvard University, the Peabody Museum, the DeYoung Museum, the Textile Museum, National Geographic, Smithsonian Institution, and the Santa Fe International Folk Art Market. She is an internationally recognized authority on traditional Andean textiles, and author of three books. She has won numerous awards for her work in textiles.



Andean Textile Arts, the proud sponsor of this tour, is a U.S. 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to supporting the people and communities of the Andes in their efforts to preserve and revitalize their textile traditions.

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## TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Experienced tour guides
- Arrival assistance at Lima airport
- All hotels
- All breakfasts, ten lunches, and four dinners
- Domestic round-trip flights between Lima and Cusco
- Ground transportation, including Vistadome train
- Entrance tickets for two days of entry to Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley sites, Cusco sites, and Amano museum
- Tips for included meals, drivers, hotel staff, and local guides
- Water throughout trip
- \$500 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts

**Not included:** Tips for main guide, international airfare, any meals not specified, any additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by international airline schedule changes, personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and laundry, and any necessary visas and vaccinations to enter Peru.

**The cost of the tour does not include travel insurance, which we strongly recommend.**

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## Fall Tour Itinerary

**October 15: Flight to Lima.** Overnight at Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel.

**October 16: Flight to Cusco and drive to Sacred Valley.**

After breakfast in the hotel, fly with our group to Cusco for your first aerial view of the Andes. A short transfer from the Cusco airport to the Yuraq restaurant for lunch, then we'll continue to the magnificent Sacred Valley and our charming Hotel Lizzy Wasi in Urubamba.

*Included breakfast, lunch, and welcome dinner. Hotel Lizzy Wasi in Urubamba, 9,700 ft. above sea level.*

**October 17: Mahuaypampa and Moray.** Mahuaypampa weavers create textiles that are intricate and beautiful with color combinations that reflect the local landscape and designs aligned to build up pattern sections in their blankets. The main design of Mahuaypampa is *mayu qenqo*, which is said to represent the Milky Way. Later we visit Moray, one of the best examples—along with Machu Picchu—of what might be called extreme Inca landscaping. Three enormous pits, each with beautifully curved sides that staircase down like the interiors of titanic flowerpots, have been carved out of the earth to depths of up to 100 feet and more.

*Included breakfast and picnic lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel Lizzy Wasi.*

**October 18: Ollantaytambo and Accha Alta.** We will explore the marvels of the superbly preserved Inca town of Ollantaytambo, named in honor of an Inca warrior called Ollantay, who was deeply in love with Kusi Qoyllur, the forbidden and “high maintenance” daughter of the king, Inca Pachacutec. The unique Sun Temple, built with pink granite boulders each weighing 50 tons, is an exquisite example of fine Inca stonework. Then we drive to Accha Alta where we will enjoy time with the forty adults and thirty children of this weaving association, while taking in the stunning view of the valley below their weaving center. They will demonstrate a variety of techniques they use to achieve stunning results, and as in all villages, we'll have an opportunity to buy directly from the weavers.

*Included breakfast and picnic lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel Lizzy Wasi.*

**October 19: Pisac Ruins and Chahuaytiri Textile Center.** The classic Inca ruins of Pisac, perched on a hilltop, feature a vertical wall that houses Inca burial sites on its sheer face. The well-preserved Inca farming terraces with their hanging stairs still amaze. The town of Pisac itself maintains one of the oldest bartering markets within the Sacred Valley, still a favorite destination that offers everything from grass for guinea pigs to silver jewelry (and, yes, textiles!).

After exploring Pisac we will drive to the weaving association of Chahuaytiri, one of the first associations to partner with the CTTC in 1999. The weavers have inherited two principal textile techniques: *ley*, or supplementary warp-faced weave only woven by men; and *pumasillu* and *chilis*, or complementary warp-faced weave, woven only by the women.

*Included breakfast and picnic lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel Lizzy Wasi.*

**October 20: Machu Picchu.** Board the Vistadome train and travel along the Urubamba River as it tumbles down to the jungle. Catch a glimpse of the Inca Trail and snow-capped peaks. After arriving at the riverside town of Aguas Calientes, we check in to the beautiful Inka Terra Hotel for an early lunch, followed by an afternoon guided tour of Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu is the only major Inca site to escape 400 years of looting and destruction by the Spanish conquistadors due to its inaccessible location high above the Urubamba Gorge. It is an iconic site recognized and revered the world over.

*Included breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Hotel Inka Terra Pueblo. 7,200 ft. above sea level.*

**October 21: Back to Machu Picchu or enjoy the town and hotel grounds.** We will return to Machu Picchu for a guided exploration of other areas of the site and to appreciate even more the exquisite engineering that was oriented to the spiritual life of the Inca society. For those who prefer, the orchid garden and nature walks of the hotel grounds are spectacular, and the town of Aguas Calientes is lively and fun. In the afternoon we travel onward to Cusco.

*Included breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Overnight in Cusco at Hotel Novotel or similar. 11,000 ft. above sea level.*

**October 22: Walking Tour of Cusco and Sacsayhuaman.** We'll start with Sacsayhuaman, the Inca fortress with its commanding view of the city. Built of massive boulders, some of them weighing more than 100 tons, Sacsayhuaman is a testimony to the Inca's mastery of stonework. Descending into the beautiful city of Cusco, we will walk through this spiritual and political capital of the Inca Empire. We'll tour important temples, including the Koricancha (the Golden Enclosure), and we'll visit the Cusco Cathedral, both a religious and artistic center. We'll finish our day being welcomed to the CTTC, the heart of the weaving organizations we visit on our tour!

*Included breakfast and lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.*

## Peru Tour, continued

### October 23: Chinchero and Natural Dye Workshop.

This morning we will travel to Nilda Callañaupa's hometown of Chinchero and the beautiful weaving center the CTTC has created there. We'll participate in a natural dye workshop, creating our own yarn palette using traditional plants as well as the famed cochineal beetle known for its beautiful reds. Our included lunch that day will be a traditional meal sampling the typical daily food of a weaver in the Andes. We'll have the opportunity to try guinea pig, which is served for special occasions.

*Included breakfast and traditional lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.*

### October 24: Pitumarca Textile Center and Sistine Chapel.

On our way to Pitumarca, we'll visit the Temple of San Pedro de Andahuaylillas, also known as "the Sistine Chapel of America" built by the Jesuits in 1580. We'll marvel at the incredible religious art pieces of Andean baroque inspiration. Arriving in Pitumarca, we'll be greeted by the community of forty adult and twenty-five children who weave, knit, and braid using techniques that are thousands of years old and can be traced directly back to pre-Columbian cultures. The Pitumarca weavers are known nationally and internationally for their revival of *ticlla*, a discontinuous warp and weft that allows a change the warp color at any time. *Ticlla* was thought to be lost until the CTTC began working with the elders of this community to recover a tradition that only a few grandmothers and grandfathers still knew how to do. They have now taught the younger generations this highly complex technique, a stunning example of how unique textile traditions have been passed down for thousands of generations from pre-Incan cultures.

*Included breakfast and picnic lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.*

**October 25: Free Day in Cusco and an Optional Weaving Class at CTTC.** On our last full day in Cusco, there will be time to discover more of Cusco's awesome museums, shops, and galleries. Or perhaps some last-minute shopping? You might also want to take advantage of a chance to learn a new weaving technique with a class at the CTTC. Your custom class will have an extra cost to cover the materials and the teaching time of the weavers. Leave some time to organize your packing because we fly to Lima in the morning. We will also have our farewell dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

*Included breakfast and farewell dinner. Lunch on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.*

**October 26: Back to Lima and Continuing to the Ecuador Extension or Returning Home.** This morning we bid farewell to Cusco and fly back over the Andes to Lima. Those continuing on to Ecuador will be flying to Quito from Lima (see information on Ecuador Extension). Those not going on will have lunch in Lima and a tour of the Amano Museum. Our tour will conclude as we are delivered to the airport in time for our international flights, which leave late in the evening or sometimes even after midnight.

*Included breakfast and lunch.*





## Tour Extension to Ecuador October 26-31, 2023

We are excited to be offering an artisan tour to Ecuador for the first time! One of the reasons we've chosen Ecuador as a short extension is that it's an easy and beautiful place to travel. We have a nonstop flight from Lima to Quito and won't be traveling beyond a 100-mile radius in comfortable coaches. Ecuador uses the U.S. dollar so there's no confusing exchange rates.

We'll visit two unique faces of the Andean Sierra, full of welcoming artisans and magnificent scenery. Quito is a bustling capital city and colonial treasure high in the Andes. The Otavalo area is home to famous artisans and the gracious Hacienda Cusin, a restored colonial estate. The trip promises to be a great adventure and learning exploration as we meet new partners and communities. We hope that you will join us on this inaugural trip to help shape and inform our activities in Ecuador for years to come.

**\$1,000 per person, double occupancy**  
**\$120 single supplement**

**October 26-27: Quito.** Our first travel day starts early with a Cusco-Lima-Quito connection followed by a lunch stop, some relaxation, and a light welcome supper. We will stay two nights at the Hotel Vieja Cuba in Mariscal Sucre, a welcoming neighborhood of galleries, world-class eateries, and museums.

Our second day in Quito starts with a special curated tour and lunch at the nearby Mindalae Museum of Handicrafts of Ecuador. Later we will visit Quito's crown jewel, its Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site packed with colonial monuments and architectural treasures. There we will also experience one of Quito's finest restaurants for dinner.

*Included welcome dinner, lunch at the Museo Mindalae, breakfast.  
Hotel Vieja Cuba. 9,350 ft. above sea level.*

**October 28-30: Otavalo and Artisan Communities.**

We leave Quito's valley for famous Otavalo and surrounding communities with fascinating Indigenous culture. Our four-hour drive will stop at the Equator geological site, a bizcocho snack shop, and Laguna del San Pablo. The highlight of our trip is a three-night stay at Hacienda Cusin, offering world class hospitality. Built in the sixteenth-century Spanish colonial period, it is tucked into a gorgeous volcano-ringed valley. The property is owned by an avid textile collector and provides a fascinating exploration of styles. We can stroll through its lush gardens and enjoy amazing works of folk art in every room.

Each evening we will eat in the hacienda's gracious dining rooms, which serve delicious farm-to-table traditional Ecuadorian fare and international classics.

Otavallo has long been associated with handwoven textiles. Kichwa people had been weaving on backstrap looms for centuries when they were conquered by the Incas and later the Spaniards. Indigenous weavers were forced to work in Spanish textile factories using a new kind of treadle loom providing faster production. Today in Ecuador, many highly skilled Indigenous people still weave using these techniques.

Otavallo is considered the center of Ecuador's artisan heritage for textiles, leatherworks, embroidery, and woodworking. We will visit artisan masters and workshops, the textile museum, and the Indigenous and main Otavallo markets. Surrounding Otavallo are many smaller communities recognized for their mastery of specific folk arts. We will also visit Zuleta for fine embroidery, Cotacachi for leatherwork, and San Antonio for wood carving and painting.

We also leave time to explore the marvels of serene glacial lakes, high Andean trails, and rushing waterfalls.

*Included breakfasts, box lunch and snacks en route to Otavallo. Hacienda Cusin. 8,400 ft. above sea level.*

**October 31: Otavallo and Return to Quito.** After a morning visiting artisan workshops, we'll have a late lunch and afternoon relaxing at the hacienda. An early evening transfer to the Quito airport allows time to connect with late evening or after-midnight international flights.

ATA considers the health and safety of our travelers our number-one priority. We recognize that circumstances are changing in Peru now, and we follow advisories from the U.S. Department of State, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO) for guidance regarding the safety of travel. This may necessitate making unexpected changes either prior to departure or during a tour. We advise that tour participants purchase trip cancellation insurance.

## REGISTRATION

**\$1,000 per person, double occupancy**

**\$120 single supplement**

**Includes \$100 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts**

## TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert guides
- Five nights hotel, double occupancy
- All breakfasts, two lunches, and one welcome dinner
- Cusco-Lima-Quito airfare
- Comfortable, private transportation within Ecuador
- Tips to drivers, hotel staff, Quito guide tips
- Comfortable coach
- Entrance fees for all activities
- Water throughout trip
- \$100 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts

**Not included:** Tips for main guide, international airfare home, any meals not specified, any additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by international airline schedule changes, personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and laundry, and any necessary visas and vaccinations to enter Ecuador.

