



Andean Textile Arts Peru Tour

October 7-18, 2024

with Optional Extension to Ecuador October 18-23, 2024

- 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 ruins, a salt mine, and cultural treasures as our private guide Raul Jaimes shares his knowledge of Incan architecture and history.
- Stop for views of a glacier 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 at a backstrap loom and drop spindle.
- Cap off our tour in Lima with a visit to the Amano Museum's private collection of exquisite pre-Columbian textiles.
- Enjoy extraordinary Peruvian cuisine including traditional community meals, gourmet dining, and international classics.

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

REGISTRATION

\$4,950 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement **\$580**

\$850 deposit is required at time of reservation. This includes a non-refundable deposit of \$350 and a \$500 donation to ATA.

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. As a Quechua person, leading tours in the Andes is close to his heart: “My people are descendants of the Incas, a great civilization. But globalization is

killing our culture. So I love to share my culture now.” Raul has led tours in the Andes for 23 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” tours guides internationally by OAT.

Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez was born in Chinchero; as a child she tended sheep and learned to spin and weave. In 1996 she founded the Peruvian non-profit Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, (CTTC) dedicated to the revitalization of ancient Andean textile traditions. 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, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Santa Fe International Folk Art Market. She is an internationally recognized authority on traditional Andean textiles and the author of three books. She has won numerous awards.

TRIP COSTS INCLUDE

- All hotels
- All breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Expert English-speaking guides
- Arrival assistance at Lima airport
- Domestic round-trip flights between Lima and Cusco
- Private ground transportation
- Vistadome train to Machu Picchu
- Tips for included meals, drivers, hotel staff, and local guides
- Water throughout trip
- Entrance tickets for Sacred Valley sites, Cusco sites, Amano Museum, and days of entry to Machu Picchu
- **\$500 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts**

NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Tip for main guide
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Visas and vaccinations
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and laundry services

The cost of the tour does not include travel insurance. We strongly recommend you secure insurance that covers trip interruption and medical support that includes COVID coverage.

For further information or to register, contact us at tours@andeantextilearts.org.



Andean Textile Arts is a U.S. 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to supporting the people and communities of the Andes in their efforts to preserve and revitalize their textile traditions.

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October 2024 Peru Tour Itinerary

October 7 : Flight to Lima. You will be met on arrival.

Overnight at Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel.

October 8: Flight to Cusco and drive to Sacred Valley.

After breakfast in the hotel, fly with our group to Cusco with your first aerial view of the Andes. A short transfer from the Cusco airport for an orientation, lunch, and currency exchange. We continue to the magnificent Sacred Valley, our charming hotel in Urubamba, and a gourmet dinner.

Includes breakfast, lunch, and welcome dinner. Overnights at Hotel San Augustin Recoleta in Urubamba, 9,700 ft. above sea level.

October 9: Mahuaypampa & Maras Salt Mines. Our first village gives us a warm welcome to Peru. Mahuaypampa weavers create textiles that are intricate and beautiful, with color combinations that reflect the local landscapes. The main design of Mahuaypampa is *mayu qenqo*, which represents the Milky Way. As in all villages, we'll have an opportunity to buy directly from the weavers. Later we visit the ancient salt mine ponds at Maras.

Includes breakfast and community lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel San Augustin Recoleta.

October 10: Ollantaytambo & 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 loved 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 40 adults and 30 children of this weaving association. They will demonstrate the variety of techniques they use to stunning results.

Includes breakfast and community lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel San Augustin Recoleta.

October 11: Chinchero and Natural Dye Workshop. This morning we will travel to Nilda Callañaupa's hometown of Chinchero and the beautiful weaving center 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. We'll have an opportunity to visit unique textile exhibits, a recreated traditional Andean weaving home, and time for shopping in their beautiful store. Our lunch today will be a traditional meal sampling the typical daily food of a weaver in the Andes, and the special opportunity to try guinea pig, which is served for special occasions.

Includes breakfast and traditional lunch. Dinner on own. Hotel San Augustin Recoleta.



October 12: Machu Picchu. Board the Vistadome train and travel along the Urubamba River as it tumbles down to the jungle. Catch a glimpse of the classic 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.

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

October 13: Back to Machu Picchu. Return to Cusco. Early this morning, we return to Machu Picchu for more exploration, or relax and visit the spectacular hotel orchid gardens or the fun and lively town of Aguas Calientes. Then we enjoy a leisurely buffet lunch and afternoon return to Cusco.

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

October 14: Walking Tour of Cusco, CTTC and Sacsayhuaman. We start our day at Sacsayhuaman, the Inca fortress with its commanding view of the city of Cusco. Built of massive boulders, some 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 Qorikancha (the Golden Enclosure), and the Cusco Cathedral. We'll finish our day at the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco, the heart of our weaving organization!

Includes breakfast and traditional lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight in Cusco at Hotel Novotel or similar.

October 15: 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." Arriving in Pitumarca, we'll meet the community of 40 adults and 25 children who weave, knit, and braid using techniques that are thousands of years old. Pitumarca weavers are known for their revival of *ticlla*, a discontinuous warp and weft allowing a change of warp color at any time. Ticlla was thought to be lost until the CTTC began recovering a tradition that only a few knew how to do. Now a younger generation is learning this highly complex technique.

Includes breakfast and community lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.

October 16: Chahuaytiri and Pisac Ruins. The classic Inca ruins of Pisac, perched on a hilltop, feature a vertical wall that houses Inca burial sites on the sheer face. The well-preserved Inca farming terraces with their hanging stairs still amaze. The town of Pisac boasts one of the oldest bartering markets in the Sacred Valley, still a favorite destination for everything from grass for guinea pigs to silver jewelry, and of course 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 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.

Includes breakfast and community lunch. Dinner on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar.

October 17: Free Day in Cusco and time 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 class at CTTC and learn a new weaving technique. Your custom class will have an extra cost to cover the materials and the teaching time of the weavers. And 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 memorable gourmet restaurant.

Includes breakfast and Farewell Dinner. Lunch on own. Overnight Hotel Novotel or similar,

October 18: Back to Lima, continue on the Ecuador Extension, or return home.

This morning, we bid farewell to Cusco and fly back over the Andes to Lima. Those continuing to Ecuador will fly to Quito from Lima (see information on Ecuador Extension). Those not going on will have lunch in Lima and a tour of the impressive Amano Museum and its textile collection. Our tour will conclude at the airport in time for international flights, which typically leave late in the evening or sometimes even after midnight.

Includes breakfast and lunch.





ECUADOR TOUR EXTENSION

Oct 18-23

- Embark on a six-day odyssey that unravels the vibrant tapestry of Ecuador's rich cultural heritage.
- Visit Quito, the bustling capital city and colonial treasure high in the Andes.
- Immerse yourself in the heart of Otavalo, home of famous artisans and masters dedicated to preserving Kichwa traditions.
- Relax and wander at the gracious Hacienda Cusin, a restored Spanish colonial estate known for its extraordinary art, lush gardens, and farm-to-table fine dining.

October 18, 19: Quito. Today starts early with a Cusco-Lima-Quito flight connection and a warm welcome to this high Andean capital city. We will stay two nights at the Hotel Vieja Cuba in Mariscal Sucre, a welcoming neighborhood of galleries and museums. We'll take an orientation walk and a special curated tour and dinner at the Mindalae Museum of Handicrafts of Ecuador, dedicated to showcasing Ecuador's ancestral and contemporary crafts.

Our second day begins with a walking tour of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site packed with colonial monuments, churches, and architectural treasures. The journey continues with lunch and an afternoon cacao experience sampling artisanal chocolate. Later we'll visit the Equatorial Line and the Iñitinan Museum showcasing Indigenous cultures. Capture memories by straddling the Equatorial line in both hemispheres for a memorable photo opportunity.

Includes breakfast, welcome dinner. Hotel Vieja Cuba. 9,350 ft. above sea level.

October 20, 21, 22: Otavalo and Imbabura artisan communities. Time to escape the bustling city! We leave Quito's valley for Otavalo and surrounding communities with fascinating Indigenous culture. Our 4-hour drive includes stops at a tasty bizcocho snack shop, the beautiful Laguna del San Pablo, Otavalo's main plaza, and a master weaver.

The highlight of our trip is a three-night stay at Hacienda Cusin, offering world-class hospitality and Old-World charm. Built in the 16th-century Spanish colonial period, it is tucked into a gorgeous volcano-ringed valley. We can stroll through 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 serves delicious farm-to-table traditional Ecuadorian fare and international classics.

Imbabura province and Otavalo have long been associated with handwoven textiles. Kichwa people had been weaving on backstrap looms for centuries when the Incas conquered them, 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 ancestral techniques.

Besides textiles, Otavalo is also considered the center of Ecuador's artisan heritage for leatherworks, embroidery, woodworking, and musical instruments. During our days in this area, we will visit artisan masters and workshops, the textile museum, Indigenous markets, and Otavalo's iconic Plaza de los Ponchos, home of the largest craft fair in northern Ecuador. Surrounding Otavalo are many smaller communities recognized for their mastery of specific folk arts. We will visit Zuleta for fine embroidery, Cotacachi for leatherwork, Ilumán for felted hats, and San Antonio for wood carving and painting.

We also leave time to explore the marvels of nature in the high Sierra. We'll visit the serene glacial Cuicocha Lake for a boat ride, as well as stretch our legs on hikes to sacred waterfalls and high Andean trails. On our last night, we'll savor a memorable farewell dinner at our new favorite restaurant in Ecuador, the Hacienda Cusin.

Includes all breakfasts, a box lunch en route to Otavalo, and a farewell dinner. Hacienda Cusin. 8,400 ft. above sea level.

October 23: Otavalo and return to Quito. After a morning visiting more artisans and a musical instrument workshop, we'll have a late lunch, then spend the 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.



REGISTRATION

\$1,950 per person, double occupancy.

\$360 single supplement

\$450 will be required at time of reservation (a non-refundable deposit of \$350 and a \$100 donation to ATA)

Also Included:

- All hotels, double occupancy
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Expert English-speaking guides
- Comfortable, private transportation
- Tips for drivers, hotel staff, meals, and local guides
- Water throughout trip
- Entrance fees for:
Mindalae Museum, Old Town sites, Pululahua Crater, Iñitinan Museum on the Equator, Miralga viewpoint, Plaza de los Panchos, Peguche Waterfall, Cuicocha boat ride
- **\$100 tax-deductible donation to Andean Textile Arts**

Not Included:

- Airfare from Lima to Quito (price will be confirmed upon inquiry and booked at registration)
 - International return airfare
 - Tips for head guide
 - Bar bills, laundry
 - Meals not included in itinerary
 - Visas and vaccinations
- TRAVEL INSURANCE which we strongly recommend.

Consider extending your trip even further with a visit to Ecuador's most iconic natural resource-- the Galapagos. We will introduce you to our Ecuadorian travel partners who can make this dream a reality.

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