



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

**ESCORTED SMALL GROUP TOURS**

# *Rainforests to Ruins*

**PANAMA, CUBA, COLOMBIA,  
ECUADOR/GALAPAGOS & PERU**



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# What Makes Our Tours Unique?

**DIVERSITY** - We carefully design our tours balancing local culture, history and nature - staying in cities, colonial towns, rural areas, and on quiet beaches. We visit the "must see" tourist attractions, and then step it up a notch and take you off the regular tourist beat to see lesser known sites and meet with the local people. Through contacts made over the years it is possible for us to arrange stops that would be impossible for larger companies to include.

**FLEXIBILITY** - While our tours are carefully planned, they are also very flexible. If there is something interesting happening along the way we often stop to check it out. Free time is built into every tour giving you the opportunity to relax or explore further on your own.

**SMALL GROUP SIZE** (minimum 10, maximum 21 - exception El Salvador maximum 18) - Travelling in a small group has numerous benefits. You get to know your fellow travellers, dine in smaller restaurants, stay in more intimate accommodation, and use smaller motor coaches to get into those lesser travelled areas. You feel less intrusive and more like a traveller than a tourist.

**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** - Our tours are leisurely but comprehensive. Unlike other companies we don't just take you to an area and "suggest" what you should see or do there or hand you a list of "optional" tours necessary to make your tour complete - we've already included many interesting and quirky stops. Dollar for dollar, we offer incredible value.

**RELAXED PACE** - We slow it down staying 2 to 4 nights in each location enabling you to unpack and get a true sense of the area. Start times are reasonable and we finish the day's activities in time for you to relax or strike out on your own. We've done those busy, on-the-go tours and decided there is a better way to visit a country.

**OUR GUIDES AND TOUR DIRECTORS ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH** - The difference between a good tour and a great tour are the people leading it. Our guides are knowledgeable experts that who provide you with a personal look at their country, and they also have warm personalities and enjoy spending time with the group during "down times". A Canadian Tour Leader also accompanies every tour and together they help to make your vacation extraordinary!

**CUSTOMIZE YOUR TOUR** - Go earlier or stay longer - we can arrange your pre-and post-tour travel. We can also arrange custom tours for individuals or groups of any size.

**WHO JOINS US?** Anyone who has a desire to see and learn about a country beyond the usual tourist areas, experience the culture, meet the people, and are adaptable to different customs. In general the age group is 45+ years. We've had many people who had never been on an escorted tour before who were pleasantly surprised at the casual atmosphere created.

**FITNESS LEVEL** - All tours include moderate physical activities such as short treks, lots of stairs, uneven surfaces, getting on and off boats, trains, etc. To enjoy our tours you must be in reasonably good physical condition. We would be happy to discuss this with you before you book. Please read item 12 of the terms and conditions.

**ACCOMMODATION/TRANSPORTATION** - Comfortable accommodation with private bath is chosen for their character, history and/or location opting for smaller ones when possible. Most accommodation is considered moderate. Transportation is by a mid-sized air conditioned motor coach operated by a professional driver.

**WHO ARE WE?** Discovery Tours is a Canadian corporation (3426760 Manitoba Ltd.) and a full service licensed travel agency operating as McPhail Travel since 1980. We are members of IATA (International Air Transport Assoc.) and ACTA (Association of Canadian Travel Agencies). Our experienced travel advisors are available to assist you from the beginning of your travel plans until you return home.



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# 13 NIGHTS | 14 DAYS



## Journey through

# Panama



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

**JAN 19 - FEB 02, 2020**  
**\$3675.00 CAD** PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
SINGLE ROOM ADD \$1160.00

Explore the eclectic streets of Latin America's most cosmopolitan city, Panama City, and admire the engineering masterpiece of the Panama Canal. Dial the relaxation up a notch in Bocas del Toro and discover waterfalls, wildflowers, hot springs and mountains in beautiful Boquete.

Tour a coffee plantation, ride a bike along a river or take a relaxing walk through the forest, keeping an eye out for tricky monkeys and tropical birds.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 4 nights in vibrant Panama City
- Visit the old panama ruins: Panama vieja – UNESCO World Heritage site
- Visit the Panama Canal, the 80 km channel that joins the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans
- Travel by the famous Panama Railway to Portobelo
- Participate in a local artisan workshop
- Hike in the amazing El Valle region
- Travel to Boquete and Cerro Punta and see why they have been voted as one of the top 5 places in the world to retire
- Explore the palm shaded beaches of Bocas del Toro
- Take a boat tour and see the amazing manatees in the San San Pond Wetlands
- Learn all about Cacao while visiting the jungle and trying chocolate in its most pure form
- And more ....

### Panama City - 3 nights

**Day 1 Hotel Centro Americano - D**  
Arrive in Panama City an international commerce hub, and transfer to your hotel.

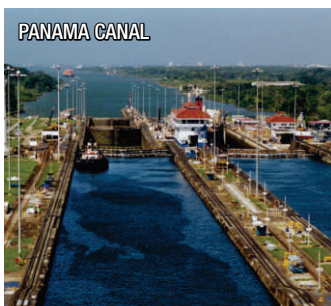
**Day 2 Hotel Centro Americano - B**  
Visit the old panama ruins: Panama vieja . After visiting this historic site continue on a walking tour of the city with your guide. Visit Casco Viejo, one of Panama's trendiest neighbourhoods.

**Day 3 Hotel Centro Americano - B**  
Board the famous Panama Railway to Portobelo. Famous for its fort ruins and turbulent history, it was one of Spains most important pathways for the gold from the Americas.

### El Valle Region - 2 nights

**Day 4 Hotel Campestre - BD**  
Travel west to the beautiful mountain town of El Valle. Visit the town market known for it's artisan handicrafts.

**Day 5 Hotel Campestre - B**  
This morning enjoy a guided hike around this amazing volcanic valley, taking in the



breathtaking views. Enjoy a free afternoon to enjoy the town at your own pace.

### Chitre/Azuero Peninsula - 1 night

**Day 6 Hotel Cubita - BD**  
Relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel to the Azuero Peninsula through the jungle and sugarcane fields. Discover the manufacturing processes of traditional products such as sugarcane, clay, salt and bread.

### Boquete - 3 nights

**Day 7 Los Molinas Hotel - BD**  
Travel to Boquete, voted as one of the top 5 places in the world to retire. Enjoy your day in town, get to know the local people, or continue adventuring with an optional activity in the mountains.

**Day 8 - Los Molinas Hotel - BD**  
Enjoy a half day hiking tour on one of the most famous trails in the country: The Pipeline Trail. Joining two important communities Boquete and Cerro Punta, this 10 km trail is home to the quetzal bird, which you will see along the way.

### Day 9- Los Molinas Hotel - B

Thanks to the Eco diversity in Volcan Baru, you will find almost 40 different types of naturally flavoured honey. Take a guided visit to a honey farm and try some of the different types to sweeten your stay even more.

### Bocas del Toro - 4 nights

#### Day 10 – Swans Cay - BD

Today we will be traveling to Bocas del Toro – palm-shaded beaches with crystal-clear water, spectacular snorkeling and lots of wildlife await.

#### Day 11 – Swans Cay - B

Today is a free day. Enjoy the many activities you can choose from .... Scuba diving, snorkeling, boat tours, or simply relaxing by the pool.

#### Day 12 – Swans Cay - BLD

The highlight of the day are the Manatees. Start with an orientation talk and hear about the incredible work the rangers and volunteers do to help save this precious wetland ecosystem. Then set off on a boat down the San San River where you will see many species of birds, green iguanas, sloths, caiman and others.

#### Day 13 – Swans Cay - BL

Visit a jungle cacao farm. From the vibrantly coloured pods to the fragrant fresh beans that are fermented, dried and roasted; not only will you see the process, but taste it!

### Panama City - 1 night

#### Day 4 Hotel Centro Americano - BD

Head back to Panama to finish exploring this amazing city. In the morning visit the

Panama Canal . The afternoon is free for you to explore the city. In the evening, enjoy one last dinner with your group before heading back to reality!

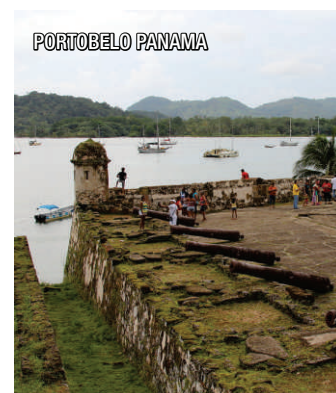
### Day 15 Hotel Centro Americano - B

All good things come to an end. Transfer to the airport for the journey home. If you wish to extend your stay or enjoy more activities we can arrange it.

**Tour includes:** 14 nights' accommodation based on double occupancy; Meals: all breakfasts, 2 lunches and 8 dinners; All admissions and cultural visits listed in itinerary; Air conditioned motor coach transportation; Fully escorted by a Canadian Tour Leader and Panamanian guide.

**Not Included:** International air fare.

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14 NIGHTS | 15 DAYS

# Western Cuba

The Heart of Cuba including Havana



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
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From colonial old Havana to Hemmingways haunts, explore the best of Cuba before the rapid transformation leaves the nation forever changed. History buffs will be intrigued by the colonial cities of Havana, Trinidad and Cienfuegos - all centres that were part of the hub of wealth and commerce during colonial times.

We stay in a mountainous biosphere reserve, the tobacco region of Viñales with its stunning landscape, and in a quiet resort overlooking the Caribbean. Meet farmers, artists, naturalists and ordinary people doing extraordinary things for their communities!

**FEB 01 - FEB 15, 2020**

**\$3535.00 CAD** PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
SINGLE ROOM ADD \$1160.00

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Havana 3 nights
- Stay 3 nights in the mountains - UNESCO Sierra del Rosarios Biosphere Reserve
- Take a boat ride through a subterranean cave with fantastic formations
- Tour the opulent Columbus Cemetery in Havana
- Tour a historic Coffee Plantation in the mountains, see the former slave quarters
- Ride a Russian truck into the beautiful Escambray Mountains
- Visit the Palacio del Valle and Thomas Theater in Cienfuegos
- Swim in the natural pools formed by cascades in an area where Cuban families picnic
- Visit a unique Pharmaceutical Museum
- Enjoy a traditional Cuban pig roast
- Walk through tobacco fields and visit the tobacco drying house of a local farmer
- Trek into the Topes Collantes/Escambray Mountains
- And more ....

### Varadero/Matanzas - 1 night

#### Day 1 Velasco Hotel

Arrive at Varadero airport (or Havana) and transfer to hotel.

### Soroa - 3 nights

#### Day 2 - Villa Soroa - BD

We travel through picturesque rural countryside to the UNESCO Sierra de Rosario biosphere reserve.

#### Day 3 - Villa Soroa - BLD

Today we visit the self-sustainable community of Las terrazas and the historic Buena Vista Coffee Plantation. Then swim in the natural waterfalls at Los Baños de San Juan.

#### Day 4 - Villa Soroa - BD

An interpretive walk in the Orchid Garden is followed by a visit to a local educational facility to meet with students and spend interactive time with them. The afternoon is free to enjoy the tranquil area.

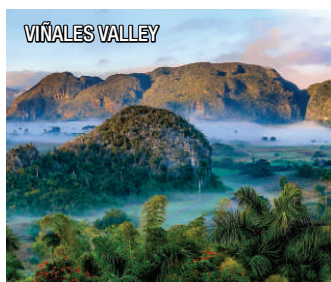
### Viñales - 2 Nights

#### Day 5 - Casa Particular - BD

We visit an Artist's Antique Restoration Cooperative which repairs and reproduces sculptures, paintings and frescos followed with a visit to a local artist home where he teaches painting to the children of the community. Tonight visit a Trova House where local musicians and dancers provide entertainment.

#### Day 6 - Casa Particular - B

Viñales Valley is one of the most scenic and extraordinary areas in Cuba, and has been



named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a guided walk through tobacco fields, learn first-hand about the labour intensive process from planting to harvesting tobacco. The balance of the day is free to further explore this small community.

### Havana - 3 nights

#### Day 7 - Hotel Sevilla - BD

Colonial Old Havana or "La Habana Vieja" is a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This compact area is replete with museums, dining choices and music venues. Tonight's included dinner is at a Paladar.

#### Day 8 - Hotel Sevilla - B

A walking tour of Old Havana reveals the rich history of the area with its many mythical figures and amazing combination of various styles of architecture as we visit the four primary colonial squares. The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

#### Day 9 - Hotel Sevilla - BD

Today tour "Modern Havana", developed during the 40's and 50's when the United States and Mafia dominated Havana. We will stop at the Hotel Nacional and the Columbus Cemetery. Another quirky place we will visit

today is Parque John Lennon - where a life sized statue of the famous Beatle sits on a park bench.

### Cienfuegos - 2 nights

#### Day 10 - Faro Luna Beach Hotel - BD

On our way to the beach we stop in the City of Cienfuegos. Both French and Spanish influence can be seen in the Palacio de Valle and the Teatro Tomas Terry (theater). Following some free time we travel out of the city to our quiet seaside hotel overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

#### Day 11 - Faro Luna Beach Hotel - B

Beach Day! Today is yours to relax and enjoy the Caribbean. Perhaps there will be a baseball game in town for those interested or a performance at the theatre. Your guide can make arrangements for you to attend.

### Trinidad - 2 nights

#### Day 12 - Casa Particular - BD

Today we step back in time when we arrive in Trinidad and explore the cobble stoned streets which remain as they were in the 16th century. Visit the Historical Museum of Trinidad. Take an optional percussion or salsa lesson.

#### Day 13 - Casa Particular - BL

This morning we climb aboard a former Soviet army truck and wind our way into the Escambray Mountains, and then continue by foot on a scenic hiking trail through this coffee growing region.

### Varadero/Matanzas - 1 night

#### Day 14 - Velasco Hotel BD

Travel to Varadero making a stop at the former

Dupont summer home - the "Xanadú Mansion" designed and built in 1927. Enjoy some free time before our farewell dinner at a local paladar this evening.

### Day 15 - February 15th

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home, or perhaps you have have chosen to extend your stay in Cuba.

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# 15 NIGHTS | 16 DAYS



# classic Colombia



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

**FEB 21 - MAR 7, 2020**  
**\$4095.00 CAD** PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
SINGLE ROOM ADD \$1300.00

Colombia tends to be an underrated travel destination, which just means there's more untouched parts of this beautiful country for you to explore. If you have two weeks to spare, there's no better way to experience Colombia than to jump in with both feet and experience the national parks, beaches and cities firsthand.

Be a part of the revitalization of this warm, welcoming country and come back with more stories than you'll ever have time to tell.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Zipaquira Salt Cathedral, an underground church built within the tunnels of a salt mine
- Explore the colonial walled city and fortress of Cartagena
- Ride in a traditional willy to visit a working coffee farm
- Admire some of the best street art in the Americas
- Trek through the lush jungle of Tayrona National Park
- Soak up the sun in a Caribbean coastal fishing village
- Hike the Cocora Valley, a fertile region famous for its wax palm trees
- Learn the fascinating history of Pablo Escobar
- Visit Bogotá's famous Gold Museum which has the largest collection in the world
- And more ....



### Bogotá - 2 nights

#### Day 1 - Hotel Regina

Bienvenidos a Colombia! Welcome to Colombia. Bogotá is located at an elevation of about 2,650m (8,660 ft) on a plateau in the Andes Mountains. Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

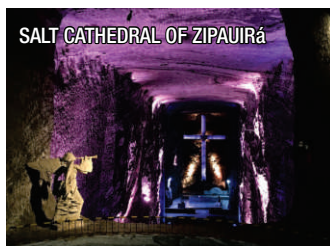
#### Day 2 - Hotel Regina - BD

Visit Bogotá's famous Gold Museum. It has the largest collection in the world containing more than 55,000 pieces of gold. Finish the tour at Plaza de Mercado de Paloquemao, a visit that will engage all of your senses. The market is divided into sections: flowers; fruit, vegetables and aromatic herbs; and meat and fish. The afternoon is free.

### Villa de Leyva - 2 nights

#### Day 3 - Hospederia La Roca - BD

Travel north to visit the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, an underground Roman Catholic Church constructed over 200ft underground in the tunnels and caves of an old salt mine. Continue on to the colonial town of Raquira, known as the pottery capital. Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping before our final destination, Villa de Leyva.



#### Day 4 - Hospederia La Roca - B

Enjoy a visit to the fossil museum. On display are ammonites and other prehistoric animals that roamed the area.

### Armenia - 2 nights

#### Day 5 - Hostal Finca Mi Monaco - BD

Enjoy a morning in Villa de Leyva before an afternoon flight to Armenia; a city of history and beauty that is the center of commerce and trade in Colombia's coffee region.

Spend two nights outside Armenia in a traditional hacienda.

#### Day 6 - Hostal Finca Mi Monaco - BLD

Explore a working coffee farm. Visit a botanical garden and enjoy the many species of plants and the hundreds of hummingbirds.

### Salento - 1 night

#### Day 7 - Hotel Salento Real - BL

Travel into the Cocora Valley for a hike through the rolling hills. Lookout points offer great views of the valley's iconic 'Palmas de Cera' trees – the world's highest wax palms that grow up to 60-meters in height. That afternoon arrive in Salento, the coffee region's little piece of paradise.

### Medellín - Hotel Florencia Plaza - 2 nights

#### Day 8 - Hotel Florencia Plaza - BD

Once infamous for gangs and drug activity, Medellín has been transformed. It's now a vibrant destination for travelers seeking a culturally rich vacation.

#### Day 9 - Hotel Florencia Plaza - B

Discover another side of Medellín as we travel on the city's innovative transportation system and head to Comuna 13 - a community transformed. Once controlled by the cartels, this community is a shining example of Colombia's progress in overcoming its notorious past. This afternoon we learn the fascinating legacy of Pablo Escobar, a notorious drug lord hailed as one of Colombia's most famous figures.

### Taganga - 2 nights

#### Day 10 - Bahia Taganga Hotel - BD

Transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Santa Martha on the Caribbean Coast. Enjoy free time to explore the small fishing village of Taganga.

#### Day 11 - Bahia Taganga Hotel - B

Spend the day soaking up the Caribbean feel of this coastal village. You can opt for active options like snorkeling or hiking, or relax on one of the beaches or maybe in a hammock.

### Parque Nacional Natural Tayrona - 2 nights

#### Day 12 - Finca La Jorara Ecohotel - BLD

Today we travel to Tayrona National Park, famous for its biodiversity, wildlife and beautiful beaches. At it's heart, the Pueblito ruins are accessed via forest trails, with structures built by the Tayrona civilization. We set out on a relaxed hike to experience nature and learn more about the rich, natural

diversity of northern Colombia

#### Day 13 - Finca La Jorara Ecohotel - BD

Today is a free day to explore this beautiful paradise.

### Cartagena - 2 nights

#### Day 14 - Hotel India Catalina - B

Today we make our way to Cartagena. Stroll through the narrow shaded streets of the old walled city, where flowers cascade from overhanging wooden balconies.

#### Day 15 - Hotel India Catalina - BD

Feel free to relax or try optional activities like taking a day trip to Rosario National Park, perhaps visit San Felipe de Barajas Castle, the largest of the fortresses, or head out of town for a mud bath at Volcan de Lodo El Totumo. This evening we have our farewell dinner to reminisce our favorite memories from the trip.

#### Day 16 - B

Adios! Today we transfer to the airport for our flights home.

**Tour includes:** 15 nights' accommodation based on double occupancy; Meals: all breakfasts, 3 lunches and 9 dinners; All admissions and cultural visits listed in itinerary; Air conditioned motor coach transportation; Fully escorted by a Canadian Tour Leader and Colombian guide.

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# Ecuador and Galapagos highlights

16 NIGHTS | 17 DAYS



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Discover the magic of Ecuador's biodiversity and culture on an exploration of the rural and urban charms of one of South America's most rewarding destinations. Along the Andean Mountain range, admire the contrast between the equatorial lushness in the valley and glacial volcanoes. The tour takes us into the Amazon to see jungle wildlife. Best of all, all these flavours are packed together, so you can be in the jungle in the morning and at the foot of a glacier by the evening. Ecuador also has one gem found nowhere else: the pristine and fragile Galápagos Islands, made famous through the writings of Charles Darwin.

**APR 10 - APR 26, 2020**

**\$5399.00 CAD** PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
SINGLE ROOM ADD \$1500.00

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Quito City tour
- Visit the community of San Clemente and enjoy lunch in a local home
- Overnight in a historic hacienda
- Explore the Otavalo handicraft market
- Learn about traditional weaving during a visit to an artisan's studio
- Relax at Papallacta hot springs
- Explore Ecuador's Amazon rain forest on foot and by boat
- Drive the spectacular Avenue of the Volcanoes, lined by some of Ecuador's highest peaks
- Walk through Omaere Ethnobotanical Park and learn how Ecuador's indigenous peoples use native plants
- Meet endangered Galápagos giant tortoises
- Interpretive island walks to learn about Galápagos wildlife
- Encounter unique species and pristine landscapes
- Snorkel and kayak in waters rich with shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions
- And more ....

### Quito - 2 nights

#### Day 1 - Dann Carlton Hotel

Quito is dramatically situated, squeezed between mountain peaks whose greenery is concealed by the afternoon mist. Ecuador's capital was named the very first UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 2 - Dann Carlton Hotel - BD

Visit Quito's ancient and bustling Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the fine collection of Ecuadorian art at Museo de Arte Colonial. Travel to over 4100m elevation on the TeleferiQO for a spectacular view of Quito and the surrounding Andean valley and volcanic peaks.

### Otavalo - 1 night

#### Day 3 - Hacienda Pinsaqui - B

Visit the small highlands community of San Clemente. Meet locals in this traditional Andean community and enjoy an included lunch. Spend a night in the Otavalo area and visit its world famous handicrafts market, the largest in South America.



### Papallacta Hot Springs - 2 nights

#### Day 4 - Hotel Termas Papallacta - B

Visit the home and studio of Don Miguel, a man working to keep alive an ancient art as he demonstrates every step of the weaving process, from cleaning the wool, to naturally dyeing it, to backstrap weaving. Continue to the Papallacta Hot Springs Resort for onsite hot springs, optional spa treatments, and hiking excursions.

#### Day 5 - Hotel Termas Papallacta - B

Visit Guango private cloud forest reserve for a walk with our guide to learn about the unique flora and fauna of the region.

### Amazon - 3 nights

#### Day 6 - Itamandi Amazon Eco-Lodge - BLD

Next stop, the Amazon! Along the way we stop for lunch in Misahualli to view the cheeky Capuchin monkeys who call this town home. Continue to Tena to catch our motorized canoe to the Amazon lodge.

#### Day 7 - Itamandi Amazon Eco-Lodge - BLD

Embark on the Arajuno River to visit AmaZONico, an animal rescue centre that rehabilitates, reintroduces, and cares for animals who are victims of illegal trafficking.

#### Day 8 - Itamandi Amazon Eco-Lodge - BLD

An early departure by canoe to visit a parrot clay lick. Later, enjoy a unique cultural experience at a local family's home to learn about their traditions and what daily life is like, living in the Amazon.

### Baños - 1 night

#### Day 9 (Baños) Hotel La Floresta - B

Depart the Amazon to Baños, a stunning town surrounded by volcanoes. Along the way visit

the Omaere Ethnobotanical Park and discover ethnobotany - the study of the relationship between cultures & the plants around them.

### Quito - 1 night

#### Day 10 - Hotel Dann Carlton - BL

Enjoy a hike around Limpiopungo Lake in Cotopaxi National Park and learn about the volcano ecosystem.

### San Cristobal Island - 2 nights

#### Day 11 - Hotel Blue Marlin - BLD

Fly to San Cristóbal, the easternmost island of Galápagos. After lunch, visit the Interpretation Centre and learn more about the history of the Galápagos.

#### Day 12 - Hotel Blue Marlin - BL

The day begins with a short boat ride to Isla Lobos, an islet populated by numerous sea lions. Spend the day snorkeling - a fantastic opportunity to observe the abundant marine life. See families of sea lions; spot nesting frigate birds and the famous blue-footed boobies.

### Santa Cruz Island - 3 nights

#### Day 13 - Hotel Silberstein - BD

Visit the highlands of the island to see Galápagos giant tortoises in the wild. Explore the area and its incredible underground lava tunnels - some are more than 1km.

#### Day 14 - Hotel Silberstein - B

Grab a life jacket and go for a kayak adventure in the mangroves of Tortuga Bay. Afterwards relax on a beautiful fine white sand beach, and soak up some sun - you may spot some iguanas also trying to catch some rays on the shore.



#### Day 15 - Hotel Silberstein - B

Start the day on a boat tour of Lobería, Las Grietas and Playa de los Perros, spending time exploring, swimming, and snorkelling in the crystal clear water. Afterwards, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, a science organization which works to preserve the Galápagos' ecosystem.

### Quito - 1 night

#### Day 16 - Hotel Dann Carlton - BD

Fly back to Quito and enjoy the best of this cosmopolitan city at your leisure. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner with the group.

#### Day 17 - Hotel Dann Carlton - B

Aldo! Today we transfer to the airport for flights home. (or you can extend your stay and join our Inca Explorer Tour in Peru)

**Tour includes:** 15 nights accommodation, All breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D), All admissions and cultural visits listed, air conditioned motor coach transportation, fully escorted by a Canadian Tour Leader and Colombia (naturalist) guide.

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# Inca explorer



**DISCOVERY TOURS**  
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**APR 26 - MAY 11, 2020**  
**\$3799.00 CAD** PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
SINGLE ROOM ADD \$1000.00

From its amazing archaeological treasures to its gastronomic delights and from its rich history to its melting pot of cultures, Peru offers visitors a wide array of attractions. Discover Lima's colonial heritage steeped in history with pre-Columbian ruins and Spanish colonial buildings. Encounter the vibrant local culture of Lake Titicaca, walk the halls of a historical convent in colonial Arequipa, and delight in views of the Sacred Valley from the comfort of the train to Machu Picchu. Marvel at the strange, mysterious beauty of the Nazca Lines, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whether watching for wildlife or exploring Incan culture, strike travel gold in this incredible country.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour pre-Inca and Inca sites with expert guides—from the Nasca Lines to Machu Picchu
- Uncover the ancient mystery of the Pachacamac Temple
- Sample pisco at an Ica Valley winery, and help a chef prepare local dishes in Arequipa
- Cruise around the Ballestas Islands, spotting penguins, sea lions, and more
- Visit the Chauchilla cemetery and potter's workshop in Nazca
- Arequipa city tour including the Santa Catalina Convent
- Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving
- Explore the mysteries of the universe at the Cusco Planetarium
- Lake Titicaca Community Home Lunch
- Guided boat tour of Taquile and Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca
- Sacred Valley and Ollantaytambo ruins guided tour
- Scenic train and guided tour of Machu Picchu
- And more ....

### Lima - 2 nights

#### Day 1 - Allpa Hotel & Suites

Welcome to Lima, the capital of Peru which lies on the country's arid Pacific coast. Arrive late this evening and transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 2 - Allpa Hotel & Suites - BD

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral and Government Palace at Plaza de Armas. Enjoy a welcome dinner of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes, you will quickly discover why Peru is consistently named the world's top food travel destination.

### Paracas - 1 night

#### Day 3 - San Agustin Paracas - B

After breakfast, journey to Paracas along the Pan American Highway. Stop at the site of the ancient Pachacamac Temple. This enormous site is very impressive, with great pyramidal temples, dwellings, remains of frescoes decorating the adobe walls and other fascinating archaeological constructions built by different cultures. Relax in this sleepy seaside town and sample Peru's national drink, the Pisco Sour.

### Nazca - 2 nights

#### Day 4 - Casa Andina Standard - BL

We take to the water on a cruise around the Ballestas Islands. Nestled in the Ica Valley of Peru, amidst the foothills of the Andes, lies the oldest distillery in the Americas. We join an on-site expert to learn about the production of wine and spirits in Peru, before we end with a tasting.

### Day 5 - Casa Andina Standard - BD

Today we visit Chauchilla, a 1,500 year old cemetery located near Nazca. Grave robbers long ago took away all of the treasures just leaving behind the corpses. Also visit a nearby pottery studio for a demonstration by a local artist. (Option to take a flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines \$115 USD)

### Arequipa - 2 nights

#### Day 6 - Hotel El Conquistador - BD

After breakfast, a long drive along the coastline takes you to the city of Arequipa for the night.

#### Day 7 - Hotel El Conquistador - BL

Enjoy a walking tour around this white city, including a visit to the historic convent of Santa Catalina. Dig into Arequipa's renowned regional cuisine with a cooking class led by a chef at a traditional "picanteria" restaurant.

### Sacred Valley - 2 nights

#### Day 8 - San Agustin Urumbamba - BL

Fly to Cuzco, the heart of the Inca civilization. Learn centuries old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving, before browsing a colorful handicraft market.

#### Day 9 - San Agustin Urumbamba - BL

Our first stop is Pisac, founded during Colonial times; you will be able to appreciate the mixture of tradition. Explore the indigenous community and learn about the unique process of potato cultivation on a tour of Potato Park! Next we visit Ollantaytambo. This ancient Incan town's narrow streets along with their canals has not changed much from the time of the Inca Empire.



### Agua Calientes - 1 night

#### Day 10 - Casa Andina Standard - BD

Today we travel by train on a journey to Aguas Calientes (Hot Springs Town). The afternoon is free to visit the 'Manuel Chávez Ballón' museum and orchid exhibition, thermal baths or butterfly house.

### Cusco - 2 nights

#### Day 11 - Casa Andina Standard Plaza B

Journey to the gates of Machu Picchu where you will watch the sunrise. After entering the Citadel begin a guided walking tour (approximately two hours) of the complex. Enjoy some free time to explore the mysterious city before returning to Cusco.

#### Day 12 - Casa Andina Standard Plaza B

A full Cusco city tour is on the agenda for today including the famous Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin (Cusco Cathedral) and the Temple of the Sun. Enjoy a visit to the market of San Pedro. End the day exploring Inca ruins in the hills surrounding Cusco. Following dinner visit the Cusco Planetarium. (Option - Folklore show and dinner \$30 USD)

### Puno - 2 nights

#### Day 13 - Isla Susai Puno - BD

A Full day journey to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

### Day 14 - Isla Susai Puno - BL

Board a motor boat to take you to the floating Uros Islands. More than 65 small floating islands exist today and we will visit two of them to learn about the history and lifestyle of the Uros people. The weaving tradition of Taquile Island goes back to early civilizations, thus keeping elements from pre-Inca Andean cultures alive in the present.

### Lima - 1 night

#### Day 15 - Allpa Hotel & Suites - BD

Transfer to Juliaca Airport for your flight to Lima. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner with the group.

### Day 16 - Flight Home

This morning you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport.

**Tour includes:** : 15 nights' accommodation based on double occupancy; Meals: all breakfasts, 3 lunches and 7 dinners; All admissions and cultural visits listed in itinerary; Air conditioned motor coach transportation; Fully escorted by a Canadian Tour Leader and Peruvian guide.

**Not Included:** International air fare.

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# How to Book, Terms & Conditions

## HOW TO BOOK:

**By: Phone:** 204-727-2305, or toll-free 1-800-417-0250 to speak to a tour specialist.

**Web-site:** Complete the booking form on our website, [www.thediscoverytours.ca](http://www.thediscoverytours.ca)

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required at the time of booking.

**Final /Full Payment:** 65 days prior to departure. Payments made by credit card are subject to a 3% processing fee.

**Flights:** Contact us for discounted and unpublished air fares not readily found on-line.

**Medical Travel Insurance:** is mandatory. If the insurance we offer is not purchased you must provide information about the policy you have.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Travellers who purchase a holiday arranged by Discovery Tours/McPhail Travel hereafter called "The Company" (a division of MANITOBA LTD 3426760) must agree to be bound by the following which forms the terms of your contract for travel. Payment of your deposit is acknowledgement of these terms and conditions, and that you are in agreement with them.

(1) The Company cannot guarantee that accommodations, food, beverages, ground transportation, airline, ferry, rail, or similar services (herein after referred to as "services") will be exactly as represented in their promotional literature. Great care is taken in the contracting of all "services", but we cannot be responsible for the errors or omissions of the supplier(s) of said "services". In the event that a supplier fails to honour their contract with us, we reserve the right to alter, change or cancel any "services" which you have already purchased. When such a change occurs, the Company will do its utmost to provide comparable "services", although we cannot be liable for any difference in the quality or enjoyment except to the extent of a lower dollar value of the substituted "service". If the Company is forced to cancel your holiday, our liability is limited only to a refund of the monies received by us.

(2) **TRAVELLING OUTSIDE CANADA:** When one travels to a foreign country it is for the pleasure of discovering a different culture & lifestyle. By booking this holiday you have opted to sample a foreign culture and things WILL NOT be the same as they are at home!

(3) It is not unusual for minor repair work or guestroom refurbishment to be ongoing at established hotels/resorts and that this will occur without prior notice to the Company thus is beyond our control. If we are pre-warned of potentially disruptive on-site construction, be assured that all efforts will be made to rectify the situation.

(4) All "services" as described within our literature and website are based upon information provided to us in good faith, by our suppliers. Since our brochure/tentative itineraries are printed several months prior to travel there may be the odd occasion that an amenity/facility/hotel/restaurant/cultural visit is not available during your stay. Such changes may be noted only in our Final Itinerary which is forwarded with the final tour documents, or even thereafter according to local circumstances. Subsequently a substitute will be arranged.

(5) **FOOD:** Travellers should be aware that meals included in our tours will be of a different style and standard than we are used to at home. We accept requests at the time the initial reservation but unfortunately we cannot guarantee that special diets will be adhered to as it may not be possible in some locations. Special diet must be discussed at time of booking.

(6) **COMPLAINTS** whilst on holiday must first be brought to the attention of your Tour Leader. We must be allowed an opportunity to rectify satisfactorily any adverse situations BEFORE your return home. The Company will not be responsible for any complaints or breaches of contract whatsoever if the traveler does not notify us of same IN WRITING within 30 days of the group return date home. We may require 4 weeks to investigate and respond to any written complaints.

(8) **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Customers must be in possession of valid passports and any visas, permits and certificates required for the whole of their trip and 6 months after the return date, and shall arrange such vaccinations as are normally recommended for the countries through which they intend to travel including those vaccinations recommended by the Company. Information as to climate, clothing, baggage etc is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of the Company.

(9) **AIRLINE CLAUSE:** This brochure/website is issued on the sole responsibility of The Company. It is not issued on behalf of and does not commit the airlines mentioned therein or any airline whose services are used during the course of the trip. The responsibility of participating air carriers is limited. The airlines may not be held liable or responsible for any inconvenience, loss, damage or delays. We are not responsible for any flight delays, flight schedule changes, oversold flights or missed connections which may result in out of pocket expenses.

(10) **HOTEL RATINGS** of 2 to 4 stars are utilized. The ratings are based upon local government ratings and our own company rating. Hotels ARE DIFFERENT than their similarly rated North America counterparts and their quality and amenities change frequently. We reserve the right to change hotels from those featured in our tentative itineraries/brochure - either in terms of a lateral move or an upgrade.

(11) **SINGLE TRAVELLERS** do pay more than those traveling alone as the cost of the room is not shared by two people. However this does not mean that you will receive a larger or two-bedded guestroom.

(12) **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS:** The Company reserves the right to accept, reject or retain any traveller who, in our opinion, is likely to, or does, infringe on the rights, welfare or enjoyment of others. Discovery Tours are relatively active vacations and while there will be plenty of time to relax, there will also be much to see and do. A number of the included excursions generally require a good deal of walking and navigation of numerous steps. Access to sites visited for guests with physical limitations are sometimes restrictive, and in some cases impossible. To enjoy any of our holidays to the fullest possible extent, you must be in reasonably good physical condition. Tour participants who require any assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing such assistance. Participation in all aspects of the tour is at the tour member's own risk.

(13) **FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** will normally be sent out 14 days prior to the Group Departure Date.

(14) **TOUR PRICING:** Tour prices are based upon prevailing currency exchange rates and while every effort is made to maintain these prices The Company does reserve the right to implement a surcharge in the event of adverse variations in currency conversions. Similarly, airfares are subject to change with little or no notice and increases will be passed along to all travelers if final payment has not been made. If through currency fluctuations or airfare increases, our package price is increased in excess of 10%, you have the right to cancel your holiday without penalty. If the package price is increased less than 10%, the difference must be paid and if you choose to cancel, cancellation penalties as per the chart below will be applied. Full prepayment does not protect against currency surcharges, airfare or tax increases.

(15) **ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING RESERVATIONS:** Once your holiday has been fully confirmed and under deposit, any changes made to the existing reservation will incur a change fee of \$30.00 per person.

(17) **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Cancellation, trip interruption and Out of Canada Medical Insurance is mandatory and if you do not purchase insurance through the Company, proof of correct coverage must be provided to the Company. Options and costs will be discussed prior to booking.

(18) **CANCELLATION OF RESERVATION:** Should you choose to cancel your holiday The Company must receive notification in writing. The following penalties apply:

## TOUR CANCELLATION PENALTIES ASSESSED PER PERSON:

65 DAYS or more prior to departure: Deposit

64 to 31 days 50% TOUR COST

30 days or less 100% TOUR COST

Note: Airlines have varying cancellation penalties and their rules and penalties will prevail.

## NO REFUND FOR UNUSED TOUR SERVICES.

## IMPORTANT:

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