

“Inca Wonders” South American Motorcycle Tour 2024

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“Inca Wonders”

From the highest to the deepest, through the driest and the lushest, finding something lost and discovering mystery - you'll experience it all on the “Inca Wonders 14 Day Motorcycle Tour”!

Breathtaking scenery abounds in the diverse country of Peru - the sheer majesty of the Andes mountain range juxtaposed with the rich and lush Amazon rainforests, will only be a taste of things to come on this Peruvian tour:

Imagine yourself seeing the lost Incan city of Machu Picchu, or the ancient capital of the Incan empire, Cusco. You'll revel in the splendour of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, and be in awe of the Nasca mysterious lines and figures on the pampa. Riding through one of the driest deserts in the world and seeing one of the worlds deepest canyons, will be something you will never forget!

And you'll do it all with former World Endurance Champion, Alex Cudlin, who will be your personal tour guide on this South American trip, sharing some of his favourite places in the world to visit on a motorcycle.

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Amazon Rainforest in Peru

Itinerary for 2024

Day 1: 21st August 2024 Arrival in Arequipa

Day 2: 22nd August 2024 Arequipa - Puerto Inka

Day 3: 23rd August 2024 Puerto Inka – Nasca

Day 4: 24th August 2024 Nasca – Chalhuanca

Day 5: 25th August 2024 Chalhuanca – Cusco

Day 6: 26th August 2024 Cusco REST DAY

Day 7: 27th August 2024 Cusco – Ollantaytambo

Day 8: 28th August 2024 Machu Picchu

Day 9: 29th August 2024 Ollantaytambo - Quince Mil

Day 10: 30th August 2024 Quince Mil – Juliaca

Day 11: 31st August 2024 Juliaca – Puno

Day 12: 1st September 2024 Puno - Colca Canyon

Day 13: 2nd September 2024 Colca Canyon – Arequipa

Day 14: 3rd September 2024 Arequipa - Home

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Tour Highlights

- **City of Arequipa**
Beautiful colonial (UNESCO) city in southern Perú
- **Coastal Desert**
Driest desert in the world
- **Nasca lines**
Mysterious figures and lines on the pampa
- **High Andes**
Ride up to an altitude of 5,000 meters (16,500 feet)
- **Amazon Jungle**
Bio-Diversity in the wild
- **City of Cusco**
Ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- **Machu Picchu**
The lost city of the Inca's
- **Lake Titicaca**
Highest navigable lake in the world
- **Colca Canyon**
Deepest canyon in the world, home of the Andean Condor



Nasca Lines

City of Cusco



How much will it cost?

Super EarlyBird – Book before **1st December 2023** –

Price for Riders is AUD (Australian Dollar) \$8700.00 Twin Share

Price for pillion passenger is AUD \$5500.00

Early Bird – Book before **1st February 2024** –

Price for Riders is AUD (Australian Dollar) \$9000.00 Twin Share

Price for pillion passenger is AUD \$5800.00

Regular Price: Book after **1st February 2024**

Riders is AUD (Australian Dollar) \$9200.00 Twin Share

Price for pillion passenger is AUD \$6000.00

Price for Single room (No sharing) \$1200.00

Payment **Plans.**

We require a \$2500 deposit to secure your spot.

If you want to pay the tour off. We offer a direct debit system, which costs no money to set up and is \$0 in interest.

Final payment of the tour must take place 90 days before commencement start date.

Example: \$9000 Tour cost.

Payment of \$2500 for deposit.

Remaining is \$6500

Direct deposit of \$125 per week for 52 weeks.

Amount owing - \$0

Reminder the tour must be paid in full by **Thursday, 23 May 2024**

Tour Inclusions

- 13 Nights in tourist class hotels with private shower and toilet, including standard breakfast
- Lunches on riding days
- Motorcycle rental for the whole tour, unlimited kilometers/miles *
- Fuel and tolls
- Multi-lingual guide on a motor
- Support-vehicle with driver/mechanic
- World famous "Walking city tour in Cusco
- Day-trip to Machu Picchu (Train-, bus- and entrance-tickets + guide)
- Entrance fee Colca Canyon
- Boat cruise on Lake Titicaca
- All airport transfers

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City of Arequipa

The Bikes

The bikes included in price:

We have 4 x Honda CB500X

We have 4 x BMW F700GS

These bikes come with the tour package price, but its first in when booking gets the choice.

When booking , choose the bike you want to use.

If that bike is booked out, We offer a upgrade package.



The Bikes

We do allow the option to upgrade your bike at an extra cost.

The upgraded bikes are

BMW F 750 GS \$720 USD

BMW F 850 GS \$1140 USD

BMW R1200 GS \$1140 USD

BMW R1250 GS \$1620 USD

Honda Africa twin \$1140 USD

These bikes can be booked when entering on the booking form, but they will be paid in USD when you arrive to Peru. This upgrade will be with out motorcycle supplier.



The Bikes Insurance Policy



- Additional Damage Reduction Insurance (in short !)
- Aussie Bike or Hike strongly advise their clients to obtain a health travel insurance with maximum coverage in Peru for the length of this tour. This is mandatory and failure to comply with this will result in no entry on the tour.
- Damage to the rental motorcycle
- The Additional Damage Reduction Insurance premium cover is **US\$ 260.00** per motorcycle.
- with an excess/deductible of max. US\$ 500.00, which is also the amount of the "Security Deposit" (cash or major credit card: Visa, MasterCard, Amex or Diners Club)
- For those that don't want to pay can also ride
- Without motorcycle insurance, however the rider of the motorcycle is fully liable for all costs of damage to the rental motorcycle and third party property. In this case the "Security Deposit" is US\$ 2,500.00 (cash or major credit card), but your maximum risk is **NOT LIMITED** to this amount !

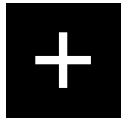
We recommend taking the \$260 USD Option!



Other **Important** Information

- International Flights

You will have to arrange your own airfares yourself or through a travel agent



Food & Health

Food and staying healthy is obviously a concern when traveling overseas. We take our time in choosing the best and cleanest restaurant in the town we are in.

Breakfast and lunch is included on riding days. However we have allowed everyone to choose their own dinner each night. This allows you to relax at hotel or wander the streets for a different meal.

Our clients are often pleasantly surprised by the delicious meals available. Even so, an occasional upset stomach cannot always be avoided in remote areas, so we advise initial caution.

- Twin Share Accommodation

Accommodation is provided on a twin-share basis and if you're on your own we'll do our best to bunk you in with an acceptable roommate.



If you want to be in a single room, there is an extra charge for that.

Contact us to find out cost.

Motorcycle licence.

All riders must hold a Motorcycle licence to be able to take part in the tour.

Detailed **Daily** Itinerary



Machu Picchu

What are we doing **today?**

- **DAY 1:** Arrival in Arequipa
- Altitude: 2.300 meters (7,500 feet)
- You will arrive in Arequipa (Peru) on day one, the lively city in southern Peru.
- We will pick you up from the airport and bring you to the hotel. Your tour guide will do the briefing for the whole group about the upcoming tour. And he will arrange the necessary paperwork and the "Safety Deposit" for the motorcycle with you.
- The rest of the day is at leisure in Arequipa, a very nice colonial city with a friendly atmosphere.

- **DAY 2:** Arequipa - Puerto Inka
- Distance: 410 km (255 mile)
- Altitude: From 2.300 meters (7,500 feet) to sea level
- Road Surface: All pavement
- It is finally time to start our engines. To get out of the city is our first challenge. Then in about 50 kilometers we will reach the PanAmerican Highway and we will follow it northbound. In 140 kilometers we'll reach the Pacific coast and follow the coast all the way to Puerto Inka. Here we stay in a very nice hotel on a unique location. Next to the hotel you can find Inca ruins. Your tour guide will take you there for a little tour.

- **DAY 3:** Puerto Inka - Nasca
- Distance: 180 km (112 mile)
- Altitude: From sea level to 500 meters (1650 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement (15 km of sand if you go to Chauchilla)
- We follow the PanAmericana northbound, through one of the driest deserts in the world. On our way to Nasca, world famous for its geoglyphs and lines only visible for the sky. In the afternoon there is the possibility to do a half an hour flight over the pampa. (customer to pay for optional flight)

What are we doing **today?**

- **DAY 4** Nasca - Chalhuanca
- Distance: 361 km (225 mile)
- Altitude: From 500 meter (1,650 feet), via 4.500 meter (14,800 feet) to 2.000 meter (6,560 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- Directly from Nasca the mighty Andes brings us to more than 4.200 meters, where we will meet the lamas, alpacas and vicuñas. Here starts one of the best road for motorcycles in South America. If you have ever ridden the "Tail of the Dragon" in the USA, well this the same... but for hundreds of miles!!! We pass touristless Puquio, a beautiful little village in the high Andes. And then even higher over the Andes to Chalhuanca.
- **DAY 5:** Chalhuanca - Cusco
- Distance: 300 km (190 mile)
- Altitude: From 2.000 meter (6,560 feet) to 3.500 meter (11,500 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- After an early breakfast and enough of ascending and descending we will, via Abancay, arrive in one of the most beautiful cities of South-America: Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca's.
- **DAY 6:** Cusco REST DAY
- Altitude: 3.500 meter (11,500 feet)
- After breakfast your tour guide will take you on "The World Famous Walking City Tour in Cusco". This is a 2,5 walking tour through the city center of Cusco. The rest of the day is to explore the city and its surroundings. Stroll it's little steep streets, the Plaza de Armas, local markets, the cathedral, museums, ruins of Sacsayhuaman and much more.

What are we doing **today?**

- **DAY 7:** Cusco - Ollantaytambo
- Distance: 80 km (50 mile)
- Altitude: From 3.500 meter (11,500 feet) to 2.800 meter (9,200 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- From Cusco we ride into the "Sacred Valley of the Inca's". Here we will visit a variety of Inca ruins. Some well-known, some unknown, but very interesting. We'll end the day in Ollantaytambo.
- **DAY 8:** Day 8 --- Machu Picchu
- Altitude: 2.430 meter (8,000 feet)
- The absolute highlight of this tour: Machu Picchu. There is still no road to this magical place. So, early in the morning you go by train to the little town of Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Pueblo). From there it is half an hour by bus to the entrance of the citadel. After your visit to the ruins you go back to Ollantaytambo by train.
- **DAY 9:** Day 9 --- Ollantaytambo - Quince Mil
- Distance: 295 km (185 mile)
- Altitude: From 2.800 meter (9,200 feet) to 650 meter (2,135 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- Today we are back on the bikes again. On our way to Quince Mil, a little tropical village on the east side of the Andes. The paved road down hill is spectacular ! Probably the best motorcycle road you have EVER ridden. We stay in a little family-owned hotel in the jungle, with a relaxing atmosphere.

What are we doing **today**?

- **DAY 10:** Quince Mil - Juliaca
- Distance: 410 km (255 mile)
- Altitude: From 650 meter (2,135 feet) to 3.800 meter (2135 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- Another extraordinary riding day, now uphill against the mighty Andes. As if you have to climb a wall with your motorcycle. The views are beautiful. After lunch in Macusani, we'll reach the city of Juliaca on the Altiplano, where we will stay the night.

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- **DAY 11:** Day 11 --- Juliaca - Puno
- Distance: 60 km (37 mile)
- Altitude: 3.800 meter (12,500 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- Today a short ride to the city on the shores of Lake Titicaca: Puno. That gives us the opportunity to visit the special Inca-site of Sillustani. In the afternoon we will do a boat cruise on the lake and visit the "Floating Islands of the Uros People". The rest of the day is at leisure.

What are we doing **today?**

- **DAY 12:** Puno - Colca Canyon
- Distance: 315 km (195 mile)
- Altitude: from 3.800 meter (12,500 feet), via 4.910 meter (16,110 feet) to 3.600 meters (11,800 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- We have to cross the Andes once again, East to West, to the Colca Canyon. The pay-offs are the spectacular views on the mighty Andes. We end the day near the town of Chivay. In the afternoon we can visit the local natural hot springs.
- **DAY 13:** Colca Canyon - Arequipa
- Distance: 260 km (160 mile)
- Altitude: from 3.600 meter (11,800 feet) to 2.300 meters (7,500 feet)
- Road Surface: All pavement
- An early start of the day, because the condors won't wait for us. In about an hour, and 20 kilometers of unpaved roads, we will reach "Cruz del Condor" in the heart of the Colca Canyon. Here you can see the Andean Condor in flight in its natural habitat. An amazing experience. After the condors, we'll have to leave to the city where this tour started: Arequipa. We will reach the city in the afternoon.
- **DAY 14:** – Day 14 --- Arequipa - Home
- Altitude: 2.300 meters (7,500 feet)
- Today we will take you to the airport for your flight back home.



Frequently Asked Questions

Questions

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Lake Titicaca

What about this **or** that?

Q: Do I need a motorcycle license for riding in Peru?

A: Yes you do. To be legally riding in Peru you are required to carry your local driving licence, which must cover the size of bike you will be riding – . This will also be a stipulation of any travel insurance company too

Q: Do I need an International Driving Permit (IDP)?

A: Yes. An IDP is basically an official, multi-language translation of your driving licence. They are cheap, quick and easy to obtain in your home from NRMA

Q: What about Insurance?

A: Travel insurance for a trip like this is a complete essential. We all know that riding motorcycles carries a certain amount of risk, so riding unfamiliar motorcycles on unfamiliar roads does not decrease that! Getting proper travel insurance that covers you for riding abroad is a no-brainer. If things go awry, you need to know that you have the correct cover to get you home safely such as emergency evacuation, medical bills, repatriation etc.

Q: What currency should I bring with me?

A: The currency of Peru is the nuevo sol. Nuevo sol banknotes come in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200. One nuevo sol is subdivided into 100 céntimos. Coins are available in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 céntimos, as well as larger denominations of 1, 2 and 5 nuevos soles.

Q: Do I need a visa for Peru?

A: Yes, or no. It depends on your nationality. Some countries will need a visa while other wont. Its best to check with your country embassy to be sure.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Where do I fly into?

A: Arequipa, in and out. Airport code is AQP. At the moment, there are 2 flights a week Santiago to Arequipa direct with Jetsmart. Which is a cheap and fast airline rather than fly through Lima. However flying through Lima there is 8 flights per day.

Q: How do I carry my main luggage?

A: We are followed on the ride by either one or two support vehicles depending on group size. This means that all your luggage goes in there rather than having it bounce around on the back your motorcycle for miles on end. You just need to take either a small rucksack with cameras and any travel essentials you feel you can't manage without. All the spares, luggage, medical supplies, fuel, and post-ride beer goes in the truck.

Q: How big is the group?

A: The average group size is between ten and fifteen riders as that's about the manageable amount for a mixed group. If you are booking a private tour with a group of friends or a riding club we can be a bit more flexible on the upper number as it's easier to coordinate a group that already know each other and ride together back home.

Q: Will we have a local guide?

A: Yes – definitely. All of our tours are accompanied by at least one local guide and all round fixer who can smooth our passage through Peru.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Will a mechanic be riding or driving with us?

A: Yes, our mechanics travel with us as the sweep rider at the back of the group or in the sweep truck. If you get a problem, they'll hop off their bike, give you theirs to allow you to continue and fix the problem before re-joining the group. The truck travels with a multitude of spares from spare wheels to foot peg rubbers

Q: Do I need to take water with me?

A: Regular hydration is a good idea when you ride, so many of our riders will take a Camelbak or drinks reservoir with them. There's plenty of water in the truck so we'll ensure everyone gets a drink during our frequent stops but having some with you is always a sensible move, even if it's just a bottle in your day bag my suggestion though would be to carry bottled water. If by chance your cambelbak bladder gets contaminated with a bug on the first day. The rest of the trip it may stay that way. I suggest carry a sealed bottle of water. Once you have drank it, throw it out and carry another bottle.

Q: Is there any medical support?

A: Yes. This tour is accompanied by either a local doctor in the support vehicle or a western qualified first aid medic who will ride with the group.

Q: What happens in case of an emergency?

A: Our medic will choose the best course of action depending on the situation. He will have a medical kit with him and he can use our satellite messenger device to contact Global Rescue / our office. We will assist from our office –we'll have the details of your travel insurance company.

What about this **or** that?

Q: How can I avoid altitude sickness?

A: 1. Stay hydrated. Caffeine and alcohol impacts hydration, so maybe keep intake to a minimum until you are acclimatised. *Apparently* a high potassium diet helps. Make a conscious effort to breathe properly as we climb to higher altitudes – you want to saturate your blood with oxygen. Your tour leader will explain this in more detail in your welcome briefing. Diamox is an altitude sickness tablet – please do your own research on this – if you decide you would like to take these, You'll want to start taking these in once you land in Peru, before we start climbing. Ibuprofen if you start to feel a headache coming on, but please notify the tour medic beforehand.

Q: What riding kit should I wear?

A: This is a regular question from all our riders. We don't provide any riding gear for this trip so bringing your own is essential. As the riding is predominantly road based in this region, then road / adventure style kit is the way to go rather than off-road or enduro gear. So that's going to mean a good helmet, protective riding jacket and trousers, ideally with CE or equivalent approved armour on the pointy bits – elbows, knees and shoulders. You are also going to need good leather gloves, a neck tube to keep out the cold and maybe even base layers for the days we are travelling at altitude and the temperature drops. You should take waterproofs if your kit doesn't keep out the wet stuff, but in reality the region is fairly dry when our tours are running. We don't recommend open face helmets as they simply do not offer the same level of protection as a full face or flip front helmet even at low speeds.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Do I need any immunisations for Peru?

A: Yes, some vaccines are recommended or required for Peru: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. But you need to consult your doctor on this.

Q: How much spending money will I need to bring with me?

A: So, this is up to you, but as this is a largely inclusive tour- However dinner each night is at your own cost, Accommodation, permits and fuel are sorted by us, so you just need cash for souvenirs, tips and alcoholic drinks, food on rest days and dinner each night. Unless you go absolutely mad in the gift shops and bars, then around \$400 – \$600 should be adequate. Shopping in Peru tends to be very reasonable so you can get quite a lot for not much! On the beer front, we encourage a bit of restraint – this is a riding tour after all, so we like to keep eight hours between bottle and throttle.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Are there ATMs on the way?

A: Yes, there are ATMs in the larger towns, but not the villages. The service can be variable as the internet coverage drops out as often as an ageing hippy, so it's best not to rely too heavily on the ATMs. Don't forget to tell your bank you are heading to Peru, as without this information they will most likely think some rogue hacker is dipping into your account and promptly block your card.

Q: What is the accommodation like?

A: The accommodation on this trip is deliberately varied to give you a wide experience of the region. Sometimes we'll be in top end hotels with all the facilities you'd expect. But wherever we stay, bear in mind this is Peru and things are not necessarily the same as back home. And that's exactly the point – that's what adventure travel is about.

Q: How do I charge my camera?

A: All the hotels have plug sockets.

Q: Is Wi-Fi available throughout the tour?

A: As we said earlier, yes in theory, although in practice, Wi-Fi coverage can be slow at best, slow on average and non-existent on many occasions. When you are riding in some of the most epic landscapes in the world, then just enjoying it for yourself is beautifully liberating – you can show your photos when you get back home.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Can I get a Peru SIM card?

A: You can buy a local sim card in most the phone shops, however, this will only give you coverage for some of the trip, but far from all! Most riders just wait to use the wifi at the hotels that have it. Again the wifi isn't great, enough to message people but not watch youtube videos or downloading. We recommend you set the 'out-of-office auto-reply' for your emails!

Q: Is it safe to drink the tap water?

A: In a word **No!** Although the locals may be drinking tap water, doing the same has a strong possibility of playing havoc with your insides. We recommend that you drink only bottled water and that you check the seal before drinking. If you chose canned drinks, give the lid a good wipe beforehand just to be sure. And for tooth brushing, rinsing with bottled water is a good idea too.

Q: Can you cater for vegetarians / food allergies?

A: We cant make any promises, but we will certainly do our best when it comes to accommodating that.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Who operates this tour?

A: This tour is operated by Aussie Bike or Hike in collaboration with our local partner based in South America.

Q: How do I book?

A: To secure your place we simply need a AUD \$2500.00 non-refundable deposit. The remainder does not need to be paid until 90 days prior to the tour start date.

What about this **or** that?

Q: What payment methods do you accept?

A: We accept direct bank transfers. We do not accept Paypal or American Express.

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 - Price for Single room (No sharing) **\$1200.00** Booking form here:

What about this **or** that?

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<https://www.cognitoforms.com/AussieBikeOrHike/IncaWondersTourPeruAugust2024>

Who is your **Guide**

Alex Cudlin, the owner and head guide of "Aussie Bike or Hike".

Alex Cudlin's love for the great outdoors was built from a very young age, having grown up on a small farm in Australia with his parents and an older brother and sister. After completing his apprenticeship as a motorcycle mechanic in his parent's country motorcycle dealership, at just 17 years of age, Alex moved to Europe to follow his dream and become a professional motorcycle racer.

Alex competed in the World Endurance Championships all over Europe, Asia and Middle East, becoming World Champion in 2010 and 2013.

Alex lived and raced in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, for a total of 12 years winning a total of 2 World championships, top 3 finish in the World championship 5 times, 7 national championships and a lot of race wins.

Throughout this journey of traveling the world racing motorcycles, Alex's love for mountain biking and hiking grew.

Using it as part of his training regime for his motorcycle racing career, Alex cycled roads in Qatar (Middle east), pedaled the hills of the French Alps, Mountain biked in England and Scotland, trekked the mountain region of Lebanon, hiked the hills of Switzerland, walked the roads of India, and visited monuments in Indonesia and many other countries throughout his travels.

Alex then returned to Australia and decided to start an adventure company that brought together those 3 loves - Motorcycles, Mountain Biking and Hiking.

Alex has a wealth of experience and expertise and wants to share his love of these 3 pur-suits.



What the **customers** are saying:

ROOF OF THE WORLD - INDIA 2019

I have had an unbelievably great time in India. Never in a million years would I have attempted to do this trip on my own, let alone attempt the highest motorable pass in THE WORLD!!!!

Alex and Shane Cudlin have been an absolute wealth of knowledge and experience and managed to get this road rider, through some of the toughest roads and trickiest conditions in India.

Many, many thanks for the insane, magical and crazy experience, Ill never forget. Highly, highly recommend!!

Ashley Debakker (First female customer)

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What other tours do you run?

Aussie Bike or Hike runs a huge ranges of tours in Australia and overseas.

They run Motorcycle tours in India and Peru,
Hiking tours in Australia and Nepal
Mountain bike tours in Australia and Indonesia.

If you are interested in joining another type of tour.
Check out our website www.aussiebikeorhike.com

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Thank you.
See you in Peru!

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