

# Rural tourism in Amazonas 5 days / 4 nights

A great way to discover the more secret north of Peru, and at the same time get to live within communities in a rural stay and share their daily life. The local tourism associations will be your guide to discover a little-known country and will make this stay a unique moment.

#### Day 1 – Arrival at Chachapoyas airport and transfer to Leymebamba

Pick-up at the airport in Chachapoyas and transfer (about 3 hours) to the community of Leymebamba. Box lunch on the road.

Upon arrival, you will meet your host family where you will stay the next few days in Leymebamba. Get some time to walk around and discover the area.

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In the afternoon, the members of the Leymebamba community invite you to discover traditional activities such as weaving. The sheep are raised in the region, the wool of which will be used to make beautiful woollen objects. You will see how the women use the traditional hand loom. The operation of this device will remain a mystery for the neophyte and it will only reinforce our admiration for the patience and skill of these women.

Isabel will also explain you how they clean the wool, spin and dye it. At the end, it is your turn to try it

Return to your host family for dinner.

Overnight in your host family Meals: Box lunch, Dinner Services included: Private transfer

#### Day 2 – Leymebamba – Mummy Museum and Activity in the community

The Leymebamba Museum is famous for hosting more than **200 mummies and their funerary offerings** that were discovered in 1997 in the **Laguna de los Cóndores**.



This museum is a wonderful example of international cooperation and the work done by a community to help develop their village. In the Leymebamba Museum you will also find an impressive **collection of Peruvian Quipus**.

The **story of the sculptor Miguel Huaman** is very unique. He participated in the rescue operation of the objects discovered in the Laguna de los Cóndores in 1997.

He followed his curiosity first and was stunned by the numerous objects carved in wood. He began to reproduce these objects, to sell them. Encouraged, he decided to dedicate himself to this activity as a sculptor.



He supplies the Museum with replicas of wooden objects from the Chachapoya period and sells his sculptures abroad.

Overnight in your host family Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Services included: All the visits, tickets and activities

#### <u>Day 3 - Kuelap</u>

Departure from Leymebamba and transfer to the cable car in Tingo Nuevo, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. After the trip in the cable car that lasts 20 minutes from 1,900 to almost 3,000 m of altitude, followed by a walk of 2 kilometres to reach the entrance of the site, you will finally appreciate the **archaeological site of Kuelap** that belongs to the **Chachapoya culture.** 



It is a fortified citadel that was built on a high plateau at 3000 m height around 500 AD. An **impressive wall of almost 600 m long and 20 m high surrounds it**. The visit of Kuelap takes a minimum of 2 hours.

Lunch at the house of Sra. Teodula, just below the Walls of Kuelap (the access is a little

steep, if you don't feel like walking there, let us know in advance and we will change the venue).



Back to Tingo Nuevo, continuation to Cuispes, approximately 2 hours and welcome in your new host family.

Overnight in your host family in Cuispes Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Services included: Private transportation Services included: All the visits and tickets

#### Day 4 - Cuispes – Bread-making activity in the community and hike to Yumbilla



This morning you will meet Elisa who will show you how she prepares the dough to make several kinds of breads that she then sells on the market in Pedro Ruiz.

She will explain you the different flour she uses, and you will help kneading the dough. Once the dough is ready to rise, you leave for

your hike to Yumbilla with your local guide.

Yumbilla is one of the highest waterfalls in the world and part of the Valley of the Cataratas around Cuispes. A guide from the local tourism association will accompany you on a hike to the famous Yumbilla waterfall. On the way you meet other waterfalls, all more beautiful than the others.

Stay attentive and very respectful for this magnificent primary forest in which you will walk. It is the pride of the people of the region and you might know the famous "gallito de la roca", the emblematic bird of Peru.

The hike will take about 4 - 5 hours, depending on your energy. You will have a box lunch, prepared by the community to eat at the waterfall.



Once back in the village, Elisa will show you the final preparation of her bread buns. The dough has risen, and she had made the buns. Now she is firing the traditional adobe oven and bakes the breads. Have a try to see how it works !!

At the end of your day, join your "family" again for dinner.



Overnight in your host family Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, dinner Services included: All the activities

#### Day 5 – Cuispes and departure

This morning early departure from the community of Cuispes and private transfer to the airport in Chachapoyas.

Meals included : Breakfast

## Rate per person (in US Dollar)

## 697 USD per person based on 2 people travelling

\*Minimum 2 people

\*\*Rate subject to change depending upon availability \*\*\*Rate not valid for Christmas and New Year, Raymi Llaqta or other public holidays

### INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

Assistance at Airports English-speaking guide Activities and excursions mentioned in the program Tickets to different places of visit mentioned in the program Meals mentioned in the program All transfers as mentioned in the program

- privat (in Hyundai Tucson for 2 people, in Mini Van H1 for 3 and more people)
- in night bus
- in taxi / combi

#### NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

International and domestic flights Airport taxes Insurance Meals not mentioned in the program Alcoholic drinks