

Undiscovered Treasures

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5 days / 4 nights

When you think of visiting Peru, you mostly concentrate on the Inca sites. However, Peru is also home to extraordinary Pre-Inca Cultures, developed in the Northern region of Peru like and Kuelap, a city emerging from the clouds guarded by gigantic defense wall.

Ancient cultures currently in research.



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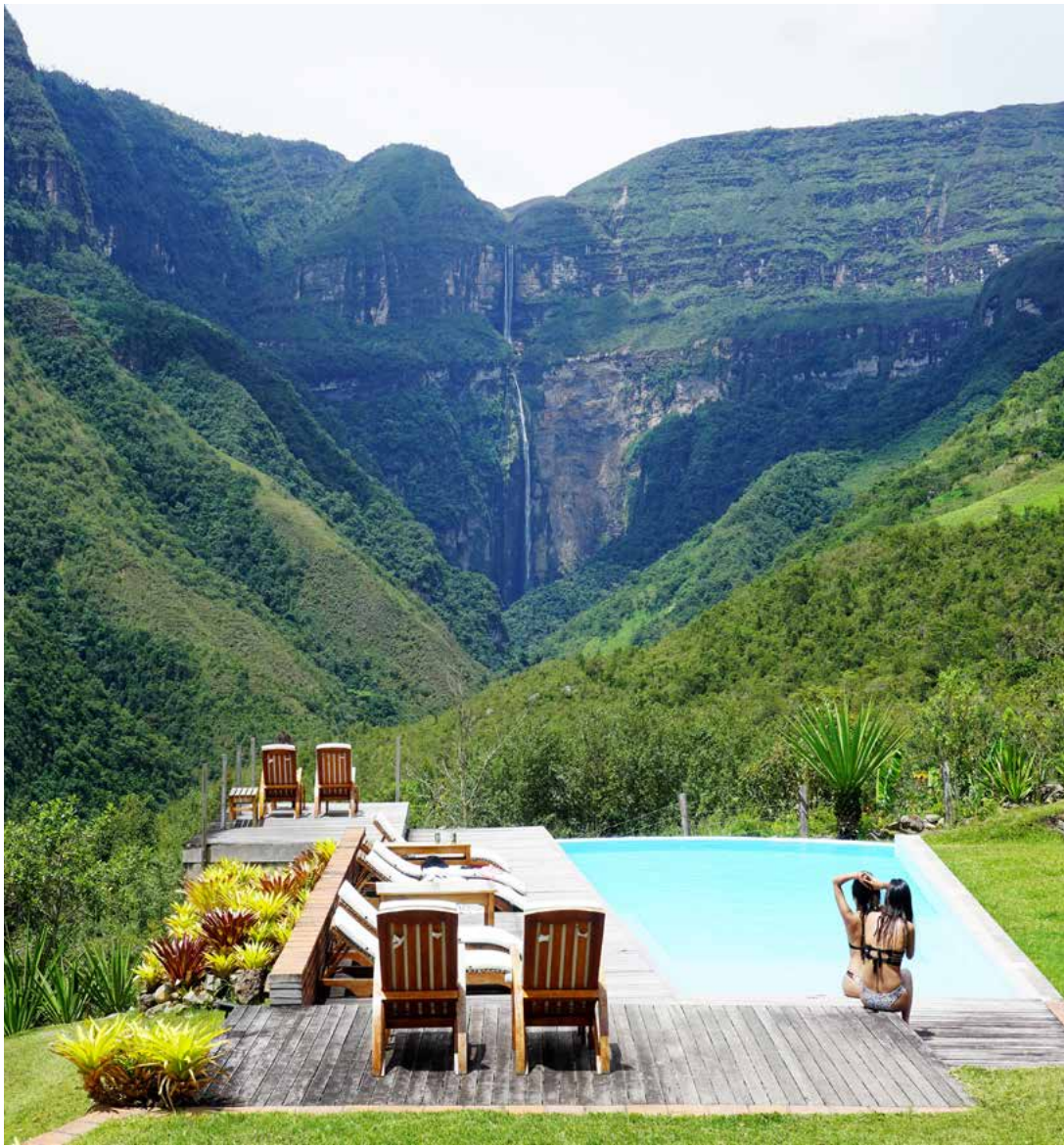
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Gocta Lodge

Day 01

Lima / Jaen / Gocta

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Jaen is the closest airport to Chachapoyas. Transfer by private transportation to Gocta, offering the chance to discover the Amazon lands. The distance from Jaen to Gocta is 152 km, on an asphalted road.

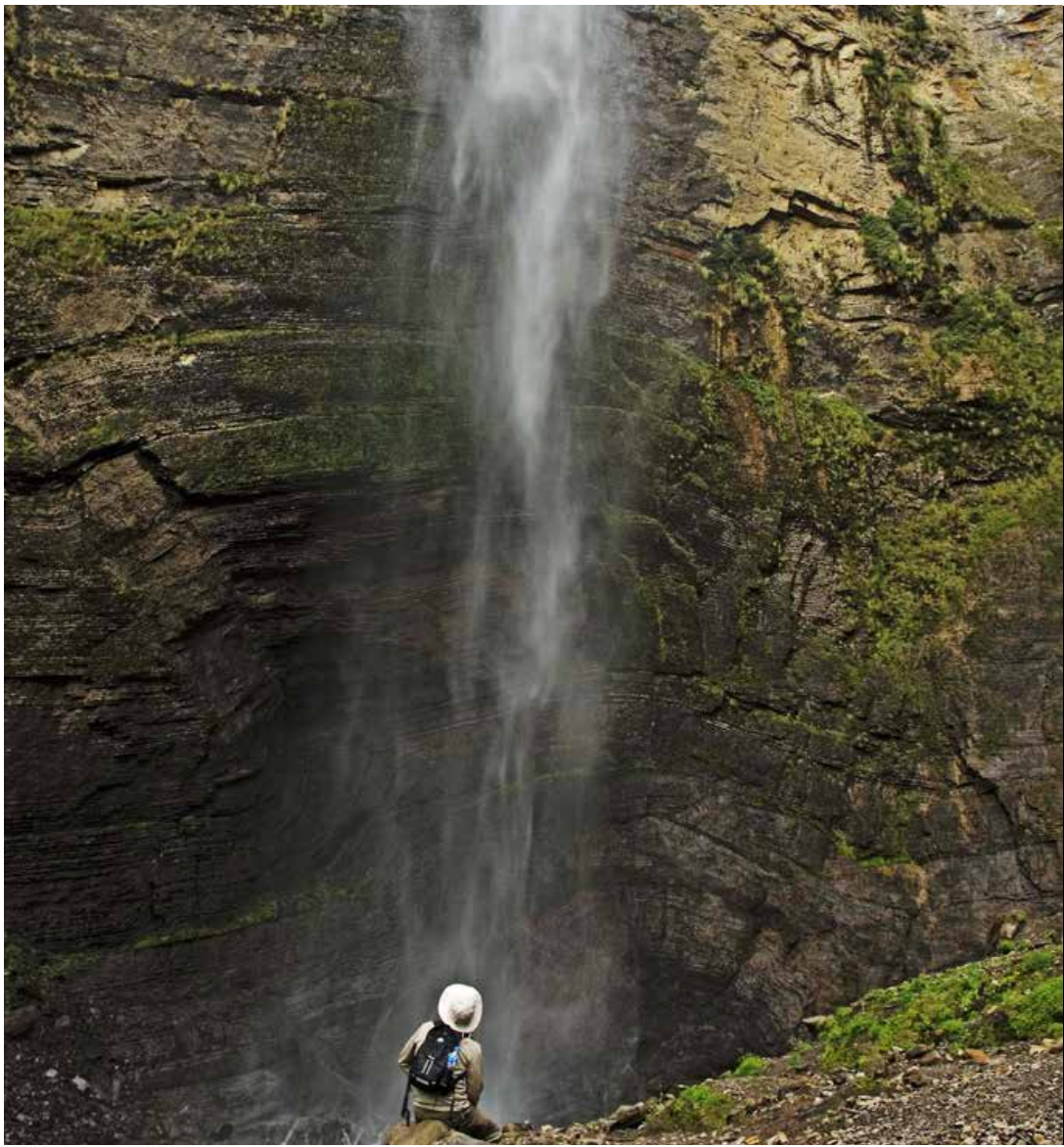


The route from Jaen to Gocta is one of the most spectacular in all of Peru because it climbs from the green Andes Amazonian to the jungle, crossing orchid forests, and other places of scenic and ecological interest.

Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's facilities.



Overnight at Gocta Lodge



Gocta Falls

Day 02

Gocta

(B/L/-)



FD: Trek Gocta Waterfall

We will be headed to the town of Cocachimba; from there, we will begin our journey towards Gocta waterfall (an hour and a half on horseback plus one hour walk). Along the way, we will enjoy the great diversity of flora and fauna, and a splendid view of the waterfall.

The walk to the waterfall takes you through fields and beautiful cloud forest. It is super walk culminating at the foot of the waterfall which is one of the tallest in the world.

Gocta Waterfall, locally known as “La Chorrera”, is 771 meters high and it is considered among the highest waterfalls in the world. It is the perfect habitat for toucans, monkeys, mountain lions and Andean cocks-of-the-rock. It is located in a large cloud- covered forest, around which there are about twenty waterfalls.



Return to the hotel.
Overnight at Gocta Lodge



Karajia Sarcophagi

Day 03

Gocta / Chachapoyas

(B/L/-)



FD Karajilla ´s cliff tombs and Quiocta Cavern

We will go to a town called Cruzpata, and then, we will continue towards the burial site of Karajia. We will enjoy a panoramic view of Luya’s main square along the way. Cruz Pata, known as the Crosses Plateau, is the starting point of our journey by horse to get to Karajia; it takes 30 min. approximately. We will see Karajia sarcophagi, which are part of Chachapoyas pre-inca culture; they are made of stone, wood and clay, and have an anthropomorphic shape; they are unique for their enormous size (up to 2,5 meters high) and careful elaboration. Even though time has past, being on top of a cliff with difficult access has allowed these constructions to be well preserved. We will go back to have lunch in the city of Luya. Then, we will visit Quiocta Caverns, a capricious work of nature, located in the district of Lamud, Luya province. Inside these caverns, there are seven rooms with stalagmites and stalactites; each one has a different name due to its curious forms.



Overnight at Hacienda Achamaqui



Kuelap Fortress' Walls

Day 04

Chachapoyas

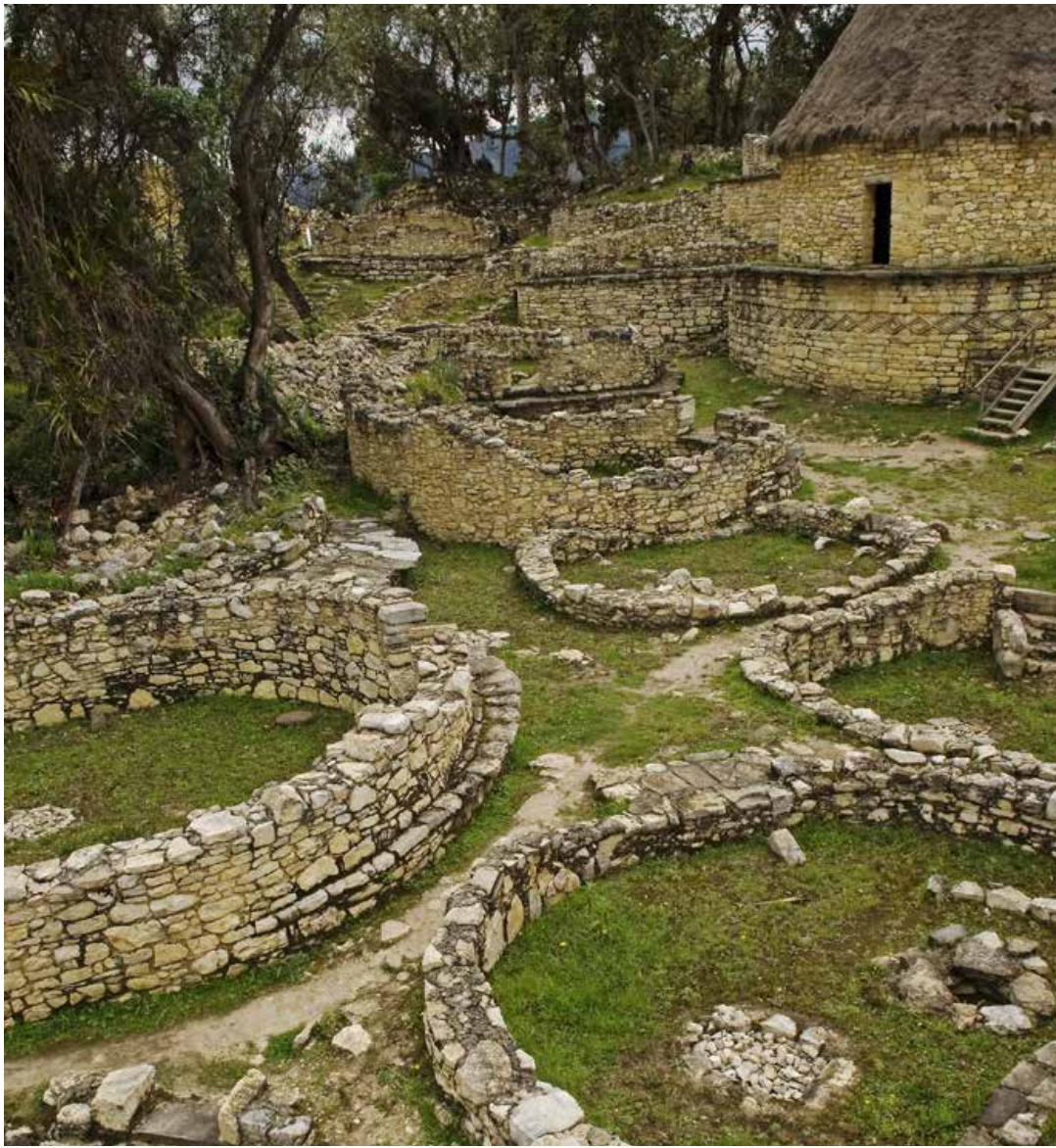
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FD Kuelap Fortress

In the morning, we will go to Kuelap, a majestic architectural site built by Chachapoyas. On our way, we will make a stop to have a panoramic view of the Macro Archaeological, also known as "Macro Towers" for its design characteristics; it is located on the side of a hill overlooking Utcubamba river. Then we will go to the starting point towards Kuelap, we will climb on horseback or on foot to the "Fortress", which is built on top of Cerro Barreta (3000 m. a. s. l.). It is a place surrounded by beautiful landscapes; at first, it seems inaccessible since it is protected by colossal walls and cliffs on three of its four sides. It has three platforms and inside they have circular buildings decorated with rhomboidal and zigzag friezes. Its complex interior architecture indicates it was a well-organized population group.





Kuelap



The fortress of Kuelap was built and inhabited by the Chachapoyas between 1000 and 1400 aD. Called The Fortress and built on top a high mountain, its Peru's mountainous jungle's most important archaeological complex which presents itself to visitors, like an unconquerable place, surrounded by cliffs and precipices, on three of its four sides. The walls and hundreds of circular houses are covered by the cloud forest, being at 3000 meters above sea level. We will explore lots of ceremonial constructions and aqueducts. Although Kuélap was discovered 60 years before Machu Picchu, it is not recognized worldwide. However, recent discoveries nearby areas that are related with Kuélap and with its history, had captured the attention of archaeologists, of international magazines and film companies. Box Lunch included. Return to Chachapoyas.



Overnight at Hacienda Achamaqui



Day 05

Chachapoyas / Jaen / Lima

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Early in the morning we will start the trip back to Jaen.
This trip takes 3hours (182 km).



Arrival at Jaen and transfer to the airport.

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