



Explore Peru

 1 Watch the video *Welcome to Peru* and answer the questions.


- 1 What did you see in the video?
- 2 What other **sources** of information can you find about Peru?

 2 Below are two texts about Peru. Look through them quickly. What types of text are they: encyclopedia or brochure?

PERU is a country on the Pacific coast of South America with three main areas: **narrow**, dry, **flat** land running along the coast, the Andes Mountains, and the Amazon rainforest.

In the 1400s and 1500s, Peru was the centre of the powerful ancient Inca Empire. The Inca **emperor** lived in the now-famous **site** Machu Picchu. Spain took control of Peru in the 16th century and ruled until 1821. It is for this reason that Spanish is the main **official** language of Peru.



 **Recognise text type**
Before you read, look through the text quickly for titles, headers, pictures, charts, and any other information that might tell you what type of text it is.

TRAVEL PERU

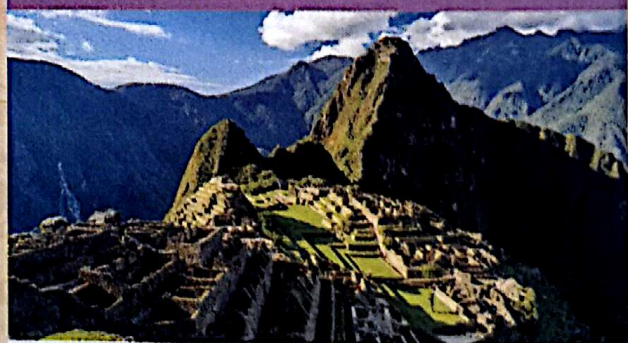


Amazon Rainforest Tour



A short **flight** from Cusco takes you from the Andes into the Amazon rainforest. From there, you'll spend one day travelling by boat to your **accommodation** in the middle of the forest. You can then spend three days exploring the rainforest with a local guide and enjoying the plants and animals **unique** to the rainforest.

Machu Picchu Tour



This four-day walking tour will take you on amazing **paths** through the Andes Mountains on the way to the city of Machu Picchu. After reaching your **destination**, you will have a day to explore and be amazed by this ancient city. Especially amazing is the Incas' dry stone method of building. Inca builders cut stones to exact sizes so that nothing was needed to hold walls together other than the perfect fit of the stones.

3 Complete the passage with the correct forms of the new words from the two texts.

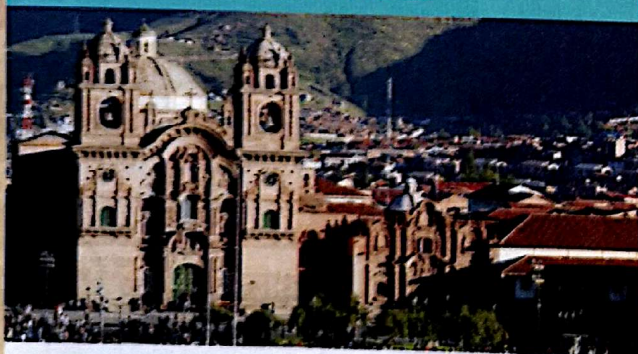
Cusco is a popular d_____ for tourists, because of its u_____ place in the history of South America. Cusco was the capital city of the Inca E_____ which was the most powerful in South America until the 1500s. There are two especially interesting things to a_____ about the Inca **civilisation**. The first is the roads and p_____ they built to connect their important cities. These Inca roads were made up of two north-south highways and many small roads crossing the mountains east to west. The roads were for Inca **soldiers** and their o_____. Second, the Incas built wonderful cities full of amazing architecture—but there were no markets in these cities. One of the interesting questions of history is how the Incas lived without shopping!

4 Read the text and fill in the table. Then discuss the question below with a partner.

	AMAZON RAINFOREST	MACHU PICCHU	CUSCO	LAKE TITICACA
Number of days		4 days		
Transport				
Accommodation				local home
Activity	boating, hiking, exploring nature			

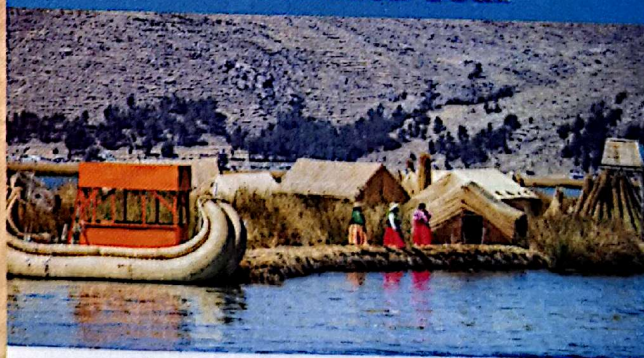
Which tour(s) would you recommend for people who enjoy history and culture?

Cusco Tour



Spend four days enjoying the unique Spanish and local Indian culture high in the Andes at Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire from the 13th until the 16th century. Stay in a local hotel, visit the museums, **admire** the architecture, enjoy the excellent local food, and go shopping at the local markets.

Lake Titicaca Tour



Enjoy the beautiful countryside as you spend a day driving along the new highway connecting Cusco to Lake Titicaca. There, a boat will take you to stay with a local Uros family on an island for three days. Both the island and the Uros homes are made of water plants from the lake.

So come and experience what Peru has to offer: everything from the ancient Inca culture and centuries-old Spanish villages to deep rainforests, high mountains, and a beautiful coastline.

For more **brochures** about other **package** tours around Peru, **contact** us at tourinfo@travelperu.org.