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## ANCIENT CULTURES OF THE COAST & ANDES

September 9-24, 2024 (16 days | 15 guests)  
with anthropological archaeologist Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana



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## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana** (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh) is a Peruvian anthropological archaeologist. She has done extensive field research through survey

and excavations in several regions of Peru, including the north, south, coast, and highlands. Gabriela is the director of the Chira Archaeological Project, which investigates local north coast societies like Tallán and the impact that expanding states such as Sicán and empires such as Chimú had on local communities. She researches ancient demographic patterns, monumental and domestic architecture, craft production of ceramics and metals, gender dynamics and women in ancient societies, economic inequality in the archaeological record, and more. Gabriela led this AIA tour of Peru in 2023, and looks forward to doing so again in 2024. Through illustrated lectures and informal discussions, she will provide an understanding of the numerous ancient Peruvian societies whose sites we visit, and the complex processes of adaption they each made in the many different ecological regions of Peru.



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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Travel and learn with AIA lecturer/host Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana plus a professional tour manager and local guides
- Your AIA lecturer will provide insights to spectacular archaeological sites from Peru's many layers of ancient civilizations, plus anthropological insights to the country's diverse cultural traditions and ecosystems
- This custom-designed, 15-night itinerary is carefully paced with three nights each in Cuzco, Chiclayo, and Urubamba's Sacred Valley; plus two nights each in Machu Picchu Pueblo, Lima, and Trujillo
- Four of your six hotels are luxurious and the other two offer generous comfort
- Enjoy in-depth explorations of many of the greatest archaeological sites in Peru: pyramids, temples, royal tombs, and colonial churches; plus splendid museum collections
- Peruvian cuisine is world renowned, and you will enjoy many special meals
- Our group is limited to a maximum of 15 guests

COVER: (main photo) Huacas de la Luna, (bottom) Machu Picchu, Peruvian textiles, the Sacred Valley (as seen from the Sun Temple in Pisac)

THIS PAGE (above): Andean cock-of-the-rock, (left) Headdress at the Sicán Museum



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## ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

### Monday, September 9, 2024: Fly to Lima, Peru

Depart home on flights to Peru. Upon arrival at Lima's Jorge Chávez International Airport (LIM), you will be met at the airport and transferred as a group (time TBD) to our hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Overnight at the 5-star [Pullman Lima Miraflores Hotel](#) for two nights.*

### Tuesday, September 10: Lima: Amano Pre-Columbian Textile Museum, Larco Museum | Welcome dinner

Gather for a private breakfast and introductory meeting with your AIA lecturer and your tour manager at the hotel. We then depart for the splendid Amano Pre-Columbian Textile Museum followed by a visit to the Larco Museum, which contains a wonderful collection of pre-Hispanic pottery, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum's storerooms. After lunch at the Museum's café we return to the hotel. We gather this evening for a welcome dinner hosted by your lecturer. (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, September 11: Lima: Huaca Pucllana pyramid, Historic center | Fly to Trujillo

This morning we visit the Huaca Pucllana archaeological site, a huge adobe and clay pyramid located in the Miraflores district near our hotel. After lunch we take a walking tour in Lima's historic colonial center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the 17<sup>th</sup>-century San Francisco Church's convent and its catacombs. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Trujillo. Upon arrival, we drive the short distance to our hotel in the historic center, check-in, and then gather for dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Costa del Sol Trujillo Center](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Thursday, September 12: Huacas del Sol/de la Luna | Chan Chan | Trujillo

Today we visit two of the most important archaeological sites in northern coastal Peru, both of which were the centers of their respective cultures. First visit the Huacas del Sol/ de la Luna (Pyramids of the Sun and Moon) complex, which was the most sacred center of the Moche culture, occupied from around the time of Christ until about A.D. 600. After a visit to the site museum and lunch at a beachfront restaurant, we visit the ruins of Chan Chan, once the capital city of the Kingdom of Chimor and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The huge archaeological site is dominated by several large *ciudadelas* (royal compounds) surrounded by high walls. Chan Chan covers several square miles and may have been home to more than 30,000 people – perhaps the largest pre-Hispanic site in all of Peru prior to its 15<sup>th</sup>-century conquest by the Incas. Return to Trujillo, where dinner is on your own. (B,L)

*“This trip provided me with the opportunity to be amazed by the monuments, art and history of ancient Peru. The trip had a hectic pace both in terms of physical exercise and also in terms of the amount of information we received, but we always had the opportunity to relax and enjoy the comfort of the hotels.”*

-Samuel, Mexico



Pre-Hispanic Pottery  
(Larco Museum, Lima)



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**Friday, September 13: Huaca Cao Viejo | San José de Moro | Chiclayo**

This morning we drive north to Chiclayo, making several interesting stops along the way. First, visit Huaca Cao Viejo, another Moche period ceremonial center. One of the site museum's highlights is the tomb of the Señora de Cao, the highest status female burial ever found in Peru. After touring the museum, walk a few hundred feet to visit the actual Moche pyramid. From the top, we can view several other Moche pyramids as well as the famous Huaca Prieta, a nearby pre-ceramic midden (refuse heap) excavated in the 1940s. After lunch, we visit briefly the site of San José de Moro, a major Moche period ceremonial center and cemetery. Among the most important discoveries at San José de Moro have been multiple tombs of high-status priestesses. Continue driving north to our hotel in Chiclayo. Settle in and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Casa Andina Select Chiclayo](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

*“Sipán is the most amazing site, the museum is simply spectacular, the visitors can understand the Moche culture very deeply.”*

- Maria, Mexico

**Saturday, September 14: Sicán Museum | Pomac Forest Historical Sanctuary | Túcume Pyramids | Chiclayo**

Begin with a visit to the Sicán Museum, which focuses on the Sicán culture that dominated this region between the end of the Moche culture and the Chimú conquest of the Chiclayo area. Sicán culture is especially famous for its golden funerary masks and ceremonial knives (*tumi*) that we see at the museum. We head north to the Pomac Forest Historical Sanctuary, where Sicán city is located and your AIA lecturer works. We will see some of the Forest's 36 pyramids (*huacas*), which produced the tombs of the lords of Sicán that we saw earlier at the museum. The Pomac dry forest is a special ecosystem and the largest dry forest in Peru. After lunch we visit Túcume, where there are more than twenty *huacas* built by the Lambayeque culture. We return to Chiclayo, where dinner is on your own. (B,L)

**Sunday, September 15: Lambayeque: Museum of the Royal Tombs of Sipán | Sipán | Chiclayo**

Drive to the town of Lambayeque to tour the fantastic Museum of the Royal Tombs of Sipán, which houses much of the material discovered during the first years of excavation

Photos (from top): Sacsayhuaman, reconstruction of the tomb of the Lord of Sipán, Trujillo, indigenous women weaving



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at the site of Sipán (Huaca Rajada). Archaeologist Walter Alva's excavation of the tomb of the Lord of Sipán in 1987 was one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. After lunch at a local restaurant, we drive to the actual site of Sipán, where we climb the *huacas* and put into context what we saw this morning, and then tour the site museum, where the results of the most recent excavations are displayed. Return to Chiclayo and gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Monday, September 16: Fly to Cuzco | Urubamba**

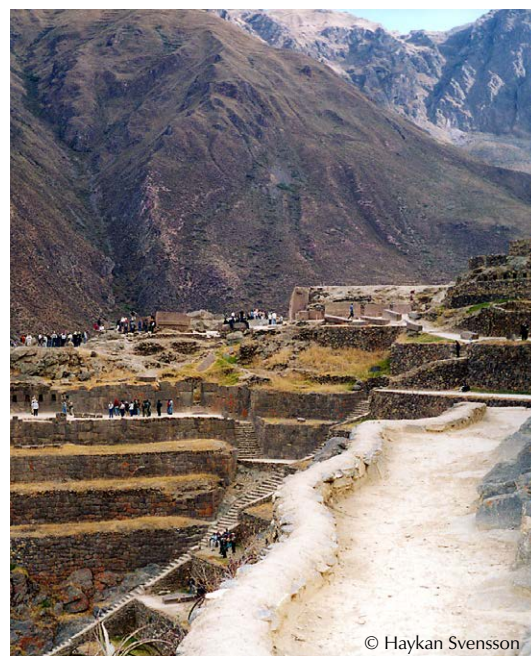
This morning we transfer to the Chiclayo airport for our flight to Cuzco, via Lima. Upon arrival, we enjoy lunch and then drive down into the Sacred Valley to our fabulous hotel. Enjoy the hotel's property and amenities before gathering for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel and Wellness](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, September 17: Moray | Maras | Chinchero | Urubamba**

Today we head into the hills above the Sacred Valley, stopping first at the archaeological site of Moray, where we find a series of circular terraces whose purpose has been the subject of much debate by archaeologists over the years. Our next stop is at the salt mines at Maras, which have been in use since pre-Hispanic times, where we learn how salt was produced in pre-Industrial times. Continue to the traditional weaving center of Chinchero, where we meet the center's founder, Nilda Callañaupa; see demonstrations of traditional weaving; and have a typical Cusqueño lunch hosted by Nilda. Return to Urubamba, where dinner is at our hotel. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, September 18: Pisac | Wayra Ranch | Urubamba**

Our destination this morning is the town of Pisac, located up the Urubamba Valley. In the hills above Pisac we visit the Inca archaeological site of the same name, which was most likely a royal estate of the Inca ruler Pachacutec. After a walk through the traditional market in Pisac's plaza, where many of the vendors will have come down from the surrounding highland communities wearing their indigenous apparel, we will visit Wayra Ranch, home to the Peruvian Paso Horse. The horses and their riders will demonstrate their elegant gait to the rhythm of the "Marinera," a traditional Peruvian dance. After a lunch of Peruvian Creole food we return to our hotel, where the balance of the afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy our luxurious hotel facilities. Gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)



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Photos (from top): Church of Andahuaylillas, Ollantaytambo, Cuzco



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#### **Thursday, September 19: Ollantaytambo | Train to Machu Picchu Pueblo | Machu Picchu**

Early this morning we visit the town of Ollantaytambo and its Inca temple/fortress. Many of the town's houses date to the Inca period and are still occupied by local families. A local family will invite us into their home to learn about life in a typical indigenous residence. We then take the Vistadome train from Ollantaytambo to Machu Picchu Pueblo, where our hotel is only a short walk from the train station. After lunch at our hotel, take a short walk to the shuttle bus for legendary Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the afternoon exploring the most important parts of the site, until it closes. (Note that most visitors leave by early afternoon, to catch the train back to Cuzco, so in the late afternoon we can enjoy the site with relative peace and quiet.) Return via shuttle bus to Machu Picchu Pueblo, and then gather for dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

#### **Friday, September 20: Machu Picchu | PM at leisure**

After breakfast we will take a short walk to the bus station of Machu Picchu Pueblo, to board the shuttle bus that will take us back to the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu for a second visit focusing on the most important sectors of this beautiful Inca citadel. Return to our hotel for lunch, and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

#### **Saturday, September 21: AM at leisure or optional hike | Train to Ollantaytambo | Cuzco**

Enjoy a morning at leisure, or join your guide for a strenuous hike (at additional cost and subject to availability) to the top of Huayna Picchu, overlooking Machu Picchu. After gathering for lunch, we take the Vistadome train back to Ollantaytambo and drive to Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner is on your own. *Overnight at the 5-star [Palacio del Inka](#) for three nights.* (B,L)



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Photos (from top): The Vistadome train, Moray, Ollantaytambo



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**Sunday, September 22: Tipón | Piquillaqta | Andahuaylillas Church | Cuzco: PM at leisure**

Start the day with a visit to Tipón, an Inca royal estate that is famous for its terraces, stone-lined canals, and fountains. Then visit Piquillaqta, a Middle Horizon center built by people of the Wari (Huari) culture. It is a huge site, with lots of standing walls of houses and storehouses, and it is the only major pre-Inca site near Cuzco. Continue on to see the “Sistine Chapel of the Andes,” the extraordinary church of San Pedro Apóstol de Andahuaylillas that was built by the Jesuits in the 16<sup>th</sup> century over a pre-Columbian *huaca*. After lunch at a local restaurant, we return to Cuzco with the balance of the day and dinner at leisure. (B,L)

**Monday, September 23: Cuzco: City tour | Sacsayhuaman | Cuzco: Casa Concha Museum | Farewell dinner**

Start the day with a city tour, beginning at the cathedral on the main plaza (which was, itself, part of the Inca central square). Cuzco’s cathedral is considered to be the best repository of colonial art in Peru. Continue on to the Qoricancha (“Temple of the Sun”), which was the most sacred space in Inca Cuzco. The Dominicans built their church atop the Qoricancha, and an earthquake in 1950 destroyed portions of that church, uncovering the Inca walls we see today. Then we drive to Sacsayhuaman, an Inca fortress in the hills overlooking the city. Its size and scope are amazing, particularly the huge stones (many weighing dozens of tons) that were used to build its walls. After a gourmet picnic lunch near Sacsayhuaman, we return to Cuzco to visit the Casa Concha Museum, housing hundreds of artifacts from the 1912 excavations at Machu Picchu. We return to our hotel and gather this evening for our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, September 24: Fly to Lima | Fly home**

Transfer to the Cuzco airport in time for our group flight to Lima, connecting to independent flights homeward. (B)

Photos (from top): Cuzco, Mochica headdress (Larco Museum, Lima)

**The AIA & the AIA Tours Program**

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world’s archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA’s network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



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**ACTIVE:** Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

## What to Expect

You must be in good physical health to participate in this program. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing, and/or steep, uneven, stone steps. This itinerary features a significant amount of walking, and to reap the full rewards of this adventure travelers must be able to walk extended periods, unassisted, keeping up with fellow travelers. Participants who are not able to stand and walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

The high altitude of Cuzco (11,150 feet) could cause problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Average temperatures in September range from the mid- to upper 60s F during the day to the mid-50s F at night. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

## Accommodations



Lima: *Two nights at the 5-star [Pullman Lima Miraflores Hotel](#)*



Trujillo: *Two nights at the 4-star [Hotel Costa del Sol Trujillo Center](#)*



Chiclayo: *Three nights at the 4-star [Casa Andina Select Chiclayo](#)*



Urubamba: *Three nights at the 5-star [Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel and Wellness](#)*



Machu Picchu

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Machu Picchu Pueblo: *Two nights at the 5-star [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#)*



Cuzco: *Three nights at the 5-star [Palacio del Inka](#)*





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### Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

Double Occupancy (12-15 participants) .....	\$8,895
Double Occupancy (9-11 participants).....	\$9,695
Single Supplement (limited availability) .....	\$1,495

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.  
With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

### Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA Lecturer/Host Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana**, plus a Peruvian tour manager and local guides
- **Group airport transfers** in Peru on program arrival and departure dates
- **15 nights’ accommodations:** Ten nights in 5-star, first-class hotels and five nights in 4-star, best-available hotels, as indicated in the itinerary
- **Flights within Peru:** Lima-Trujillo, Chiclayo-Lima-Cuzco, Cuzco-Lima
- All ground transportation by **deluxe, air-conditioned minibus**, including bottled water
- **Vistadome Train:** Ollantaytambo/Machu Picchu Pueblo/Ollantaytambo
- **Meals with mineral water and/or a hot beverage:** Breakfast daily, 14 lunches, and 10 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners
- **Sightseeing and excursions**, including entrance fees, as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to your drivers, local guides, Peruvian tour manager, and hotel and restaurant staff for group services
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- **Complete pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

### Flights & Transfers

Roundtrip airfare between home and Lima, Peru (LIM), is not included. In-program flights are included in the tour price (cost subject to change). A group airport transfer (time TBD) is provided for those arriving on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Participants will have a group flight from Cuzco to Lima to connect with independent flights home on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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**Payments:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos AIA-Peru/24.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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*"The sites were all remarkable and impressive. The small size of the group was also great. This was our second trip with AIA, and I think you are the best."*

- Tom and Cheryl, Florida



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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or [aia@studytours.org](mailto:aia@studytours.org).

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this tour?  eNewsletter  mailing  website  friends/family  other \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed)  Twin (two beds)  Single

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.  
Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

### DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-Peru 9/24  Visa  Master Card  American Express  Already paid by phone

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Signature (participant #1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (participant #2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.