

CHCA Intercession 2025

January 5-17, 2025

Course Name: **Exploring Art, Culture and Service in Perú**

Instructor(s): **P. Fite, J. Vanderkolk**

Course Type: **International**

Service Hours: **5 hours**

Maximum enrollment: **26**

Minimum enrollment: **16**

Length of trip (if applicable): **9 days**

8 nights

Cost: **\$4,450**

Overview:

This will be both a meaningful and unforgettable trip. Students will experience the bustling city of Lima with its historic/colonial downtown, as well as its modern area of Miraflores before flying to Cuzco and the Sacred Valley. They will be transported back in time to the ancient Inca civilization and culture as they visit the incomparable ruins of Macchu Picchu and Ollantaytambo, as well as spending time carrying out service in a mountain community while experiencing their culture and art firsthand. They will also be able to use their Spanish in personal conversations. The next day they will visit an outdoor market on their return to Cuzco where they will visit more historical/cultural sites. They will fly back to Lima before returning home on an overnight flight.

Course Goals:

1. To experience and immerse themselves in the culture of Perú.
2. Form new friendships and strengthen existing ones through shared experiences.
3. Reflect on the ways that God reveals Himself through daily devotions and activities.
4. Improve on your Spanish language skills.

Reading Component:

Short reading assignments and videos to introduce us to the history and culture of Perú prior to leaving on the trip.

Writing Component:

- A daily journal of experiences and reflection.
- A final one-page reflection on what they learned and how they were impacted by the trip.

Description:

Jan. 3rd (tentative) - Final meeting and Cultural introduction to Perú

Day 1: **Arrive in Lima, Perú** – Meet Field director at the airport.

Day 2: **Lima** Take a guided tour of historic downtown Lima, Perú, Visit the San Francisco Monastery, explore Larco Museum, Take a walking tour of the Miraflores shopping district.

Day 3: **Sacred Valley of the Incas** – Fly to Cuzco, Travel to Urubamba. Learn about pottery at the Seminario Ceramics workshop in Urubamba

Day 4: **Machu Picchu** – Board a train for Aguas Calientes, the main gateway to Machu Picchu. Visit the Inca site of Machu Picchu with your guide, followed by an afternoon hike with your group.

Days 5-6: **Service projects – Sacred Valley of the Incas** – Travel by train to Ollantaytambo and then transfer to the Sacred Valley. Explore a local community and work with locals on a service project. Throughout your stay you will also be immersed in cultural activities and celebrating local customs and traditions. Evenings are a chance to reflect and draw connections between our day's work and relevant global issues.

Day 7: **Cuzco** – Transfer to Cuzco via Pisac. Explore the vibrant Pisac Market known for its Peruvian crafts. Visit Sacsayhuayman archeological site. Experience a bit more of Cuzco.

Day 8: **Travel to Lima, Depart for home.**

Day 9: **Arrive home**

This course is well suited to:

Any student who likes adventure and is excited about experiencing another culture, particularly Hispanic.

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Students will have to pay for 7 lunch meals on their own. (2 travel days and 5 lunches while in Perú) as well as any snacks and souvenirs they wish to purchase. Passport costs are not included in the price.

Please make sure your passport is in order well before the trip. They must be valid up through May 18, 2025.

Additional costs: **Airline baggage fee is not included in this price and will need to be paid at outbound and returning airports, as well as the round-trip from Lima-Cuzco. (4 flights total).** EF Tours encourages Carry-on luggage, so students don't have to worry about lost bags.

Trip Insurance- EF Insurance is Optional.

Global Travel Insurance: \$190

Global Travel Insurance Plus: \$590 (includes any reason cancellation up to 24 hours in advance)

Other Information:

- **We could leave as early as January 5th and return no later than January 15th.**

- For Service Immersion – It will involve use of hand tools that are not electric. Student permission to use hand tools is assumed by selecting and registering for this course.

- International travel - Students will need a passport for international travel. Passports cannot expire before **May 18, 2025**. Passport or passport application information will be requested when registering in UltraCamp.

- **Please be sure to provide food allergy information or medical conditions if applicable as there are several opportunities for trying new foods.**

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