Quichua People Cultural Exchange in Peru

14-Day Guided Program with Community-driven Project

In Partnership Since 2005

Experience daily life in Peru and learn about Quichua history and culture while staying with a host family in Chirapa. In partnership with school leaders, contribute to a community project such as classroom construction, renovation, or practicing English with the students. Deepen your understanding of Quichua culture by meeting community members, playing games with youth, and enjoying traditional meals with your host family. Appreciate the natural wonders of this beautiful spot by visiting a local swimming hole, waterfall, and the historic town of Lamas. You’ll be accompanied by an Xperitas Team Leader, who will take care of logistics and facilitate daily group reflection and journal-writing.

Features & Inclusions

- Round-trip airfare
- Overnight accommodations
- In-country transportation
- Insurance
- 24/7 emergency support while abroad

Visit xperitas.org for pricing and more information.

“I went into this not knowing what to expect or what the experience. I have never traveled out of the country without my parents and it was amazing to do something like that independently. I got very close to the group and I never really went into it with a specific goal. Once we got there I began to realize that a goal of mine was interacting with the community and making a connection as well as being helpful at the work site. I believe that I accomplished the goals and made the experience even better.”

— Student
ITINERARY

About the Community
The city of Tarapoto “The City of Palms,” is in the Department of San Martin, in the northeastern region of Peru. Situated where the low Andes mountains give way to the jungle, the city is surrounded by lush forests and a network of rivers. Since 2005, Xperitas has partnered with communities outside of the city of Tarapoto, including Chirapa. Located one hour outside of Tarapoto, Chirapa is home to roughly 1,000 people, including Spanish and Quechua speakers. Xperitas partners with a school in Chirapa.

DAY 1 | Departure
Welcome to Peru! Your Xperitas Team Leader will greet you at the airport in Lima. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy your first group dinner and team meeting. D

DAY 2 | Tarapoto
Hop on a short domestic flight from Lima to Tarapoto. Rest up at your hotel in Tarapoto, explore the area, and have dinner and a team meeting. B L D

DAY 3 | Chirapa
Travel to the community of Chirapa. Upon arrival, meet community leaders and your host family. Get to know your host family over your first dinner together. B L D

DAYS 4-11 | Family Stay
Under the leadership of the local leaders at the Chirapa school, collaborate on a project supporting education, such as renovating classrooms or tutoring in English. Build relationships with community members and students by working alongside them on the project. You’ll also get to explore the area by visiting San Roque to swim and the nearby town of Lamas to explore. Each day, enjoy traditional Peruvian meals with your host family and reflect on your experiences in team meetings and the group journal. On your last day, have a final celebration with community members. B L D

DAY 12 | Tarapoto
Say goodbye to your host family and new friends in Chirapa to return to Tarapoto. In the afternoon, visit the Ahuashiyacu Waterfall. Reflect in your team meeting. B L D

DAY 13 | Lima
Fly from Tarapoto to Lima. Transfer to your hotel in Lima and spend your afternoon visiting a local park and Huaca Pucllana ruins. Have your team farewell dinner and final team meeting. B L D

DAY 14 | Lima
Depart Lima for your flight home. B

B Breakfast | L Lunch | D Dinner

The order of this itinerary is subject to change.

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Xperitas is a community of lifelong learners who believe in a world built on deeper understanding between cultures. Our values are reflected in our commitment to inspiring personal connections with diverse individuals, elevating relationships over projects and providing a channel for indigenous voices and perspectives. We are dedicated to promoting global citizenship through authentic immersion experiences.

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