



Eco Building Volunteer Experience in Peru

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Project overview



What's included:

- 24/7 support in case of emergencies

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- Accommodation
- Airport Pick up
- English speaking coordinator
- Meals
- Orientation

What's not included:

- Airport drop off
- Departures/ drop offs
- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Vaccination
- Visa

Project itinerary

Eco Building Volunteer Programme

Be ready to get your hands dirty! This programme is heavy-going but incredibly rewarding and a lot of fun. Please take note of the following seasonal activities.

May to October

Volunteers may be engaged in segments or the mud house construction process in its entirety, depending upon the length of program service.

Under the supervision of the “maestro de Obra” and local workers you will be “hands-on” helping in activities such as:

- Tracing the building lines in the property
- Helping setting up the foundations
- Digging the soil to mark foundations
- Setting up of the first wooden clamps/mould frames
- Mud filling and compacting of soil/mud into clamps/mould frames
- Uncovering/unmolding clamp/mould frames



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Volunteers will also be taught the ancient techniques of wall finishing with no paint, which is a process using mud and fine granite.

November to April

This is the rainy season, which means that you'll likely be taking part in activities to help this program through light restoration and indoor construction in the communal areas, such as schools, churches, health care facilities, and community centres.

Mandatory Orientation Day

On the Monday of your first week as an Eco Building Volunteer in Peru, you will join our orientation day, to get familiar with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your project will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

Orientation Day Schedule

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and handling of documents.
- Peruvian Do's and Don'ts, Peruvian Culture Lessons and Spanish Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; where to find local shops, and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Small hike to 'white crosses hill' where you can have Thermal Baths in Banos (Optional) and a massage session (Optional) .

Daily Schedule

Monday - Friday

- Breakfast
- Eco Building Volunteer programme 2-3 hours
- Lunch
- Eco Building Volunteer programme 2-3 hours
- Dinner

Please note: This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local



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conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

During the summer and winter holidays, there are no classes in Shaullo. Volunteers will instead supervise the children at the Banos Library where children create arts & crafts, play sports and engage in cultural activities.

Evenings and Weekends

Your evenings and weekends are yours to spend as you wish. Many volunteers will hang out at the volunteer accommodation with other volunteers, and travel further afield with their new-found friends at the weekends.

Transportation

From this location we provide free transport to your next program at the following location(s):

Lambayeque (Chiclayo)
Huanchaco
Chiclayo

Places to Visit

Chiclayo

You can easily reach Chiclayo, Peru's fourth biggest city, by public transport which is cheap and frequent. Chiclayo offers shopping centres, a cinema and nightlife, but it is also a major traffic hub in northern Peru. This makes it easy to travel on the weekends or after your program.

There are plenty of small restaurants or shops around the area. There is an active surfing community and it is easy to make local friends, we can also point you to our Tandem Skydiving program and some other events.

Huanchaco

Only 12 km outside Trujillo. Once a quiet fishing hamlet, the town is now one of the best places for surfing.



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Trujillo

Founded by Francisco Pizarro in 1534, Trujillo has 709,500 inhabitants. It is the home of the beautiful Plaza de Armas and its glamorous colonial. 4 hrs from our accommodation, this city by the ocean is referred to as the everlasting spring, where the temperature is usually 32°C, and where the very important Festival de la Marinera takes place.

Having said that, the main reason why most people pass through this coastal city is to visit one of Peru's top attractions: the Chimú adobe city of Chan Chan.

Chan Chan

Built around AD 1300, Chan Chan is the largest pre-Columbian city in the Americas and the largest adobe city in the world. You can visit it by taking a combi from C/España. The ticket (10 S) includes entrance to the Nik-An temple, the Chan Chan museum, the Huaca la Esmeralda and the Huaca Arco Iris.

Kuntur Wasi

The ruins of a religious structure in Peru's northern highlands only 2 hours from our accommodation.

Cajabamba, Huamachuco

Located 5 hours away is a northern Peru town, rich with history, politics, religion, culture and hometown of the international famous muralist Jose Sabogal. Here, you can also visit unspoiled archaeological sites and old monuments.

Bambamarca and Chota

Located 3 and 4 hours away, respectively, these towns are known for their festive activities in the months of June/July. If you're here during this time, don't miss out!

Leymebamba and La congona

Six hrs driving up north, are these beautiful tiny villages. Leymebamba is quiet, but with an exciting museum with over 200 mummies! La Congona can be reached on foot by hiking uphill from Leymebamba.



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Chachapoyas

Also known as the Warrior of the Clouds, the Chachapoyas were a pre-Incan civilisation that lived in the cloud forests of present-day Peru. Chachapoyas contains intriguing archaeological sites to explore, however, the drive is 12 hours away from our centre, so good planning will be required.

Kuelap: The second Machu Picchu

Famous fortress of the mystic “cloud warriors”. One of the very few places never conquered by the Incas. Visitors describing Kuelap indicate that it is “as impressive as Machu Picchu” while it is by far not as crowded or expensive.

The government just recently decided to invest heavily into tourist infrastructure around Kuelap. Be one of the last persons discovering it while it is still relatively unknown!

Gocta

The waterfall of Gocta (771m) is amongst the highest in the world. Although methods of measurement are debatable, it got recognized as the world’s third-highest waterfall, right after Angel Falls (Venezuela) & Tugela Falls (South Africa). Combine your visit with Kuelap and pick Chachapoyas as your home base to have an adventurous weekend!



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Do you have any health problems or allergies we should know about?

To complete your placement we will require the following:

- Copy of your passport
- CV
- Full flight itinerary
- Proof of travel insurance
- Consent to travel for young people over 17 but under 18 years old (see attached consent form attached)