PERU EMPIRE

Beyond Machu Picchu

by **Andean Experience Co.**

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WHY PERU

- World's Leading **Culinary Destination** for 8 consecutive years
- Peru has it all: **wonders of the world**, breathtaking landscapes, and one of the world's most **diverse ecosystems**
- 5,000 years and counting: the perfect blend of **ancient heritage** and **living traditions**
- **Year-round destination**, easily accessible from main international air hubs, and **jet lag free** coming from the US
- Perfect for **different types of travelers**: couples, families, group of friends, adventure-seekers, and more

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- **Boutique DMC**, specialized in Peru, with **strong connections** in Bolivia and Ecuador focusing on FIT's and small groups

- **Multi-cultural** team of experts based in Peru committed to building a **partnership beyond your average DMC**: we aim to be your ally in Peru

- **Flexible and individually crafted** itineraries that **mix and match** upscale, hip, and traditional experiences to fit every traveler's style

WHY PERU EMPIRE

- Proud members of the **Virtuoso** family for over 5 years
- Over **10 years of experience** with **4 offices** located throughout Peru
- Part of **Andean Experience Co.**, the team behind 3 award-winning hotels

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HOTELITO EN LIMA

1883
CIRQA
PARADOR EN AREQUIPA

TITILAKA
LAGO TITICACA / PERÚ

OUR APPROACH

> Gap | Gucci
  - Value for Money vs Price
  - Cool vs 5 Stars

> Curated Choices

> 30% Archeological Sites & Museums

> 70% Local Life (Peru from a local perspective)

> No Preset Tours – Exploratory Experiences

> Travel at a Human Pace

PRAISE FOR PERU EMPIRE

"We were thrilled with all aspects of the service and in particular all the specialist guides."
January 2020 - Client

10+
years of experience

95%
guest satisfaction

230+
operated files per year

800+
visitors per year

"I wanted to share an experience a client had on March 14 when she was able to get on one of the last flights out of Lima thanks to the amazing help and support from my on site – Peru Empire.

Client was so very grateful, and made me a rockstar in her eyes"

March 2020 – Travel agent

"We had an amazing time, and could not have done this all without your expertise and guidance. My family is still talking about the great time we had, and when we show friends and family the pictures, they cannot believe all the amazing things we did....They were fabulous, and we would highly recommend them to others doing a similar trip through the Valley."

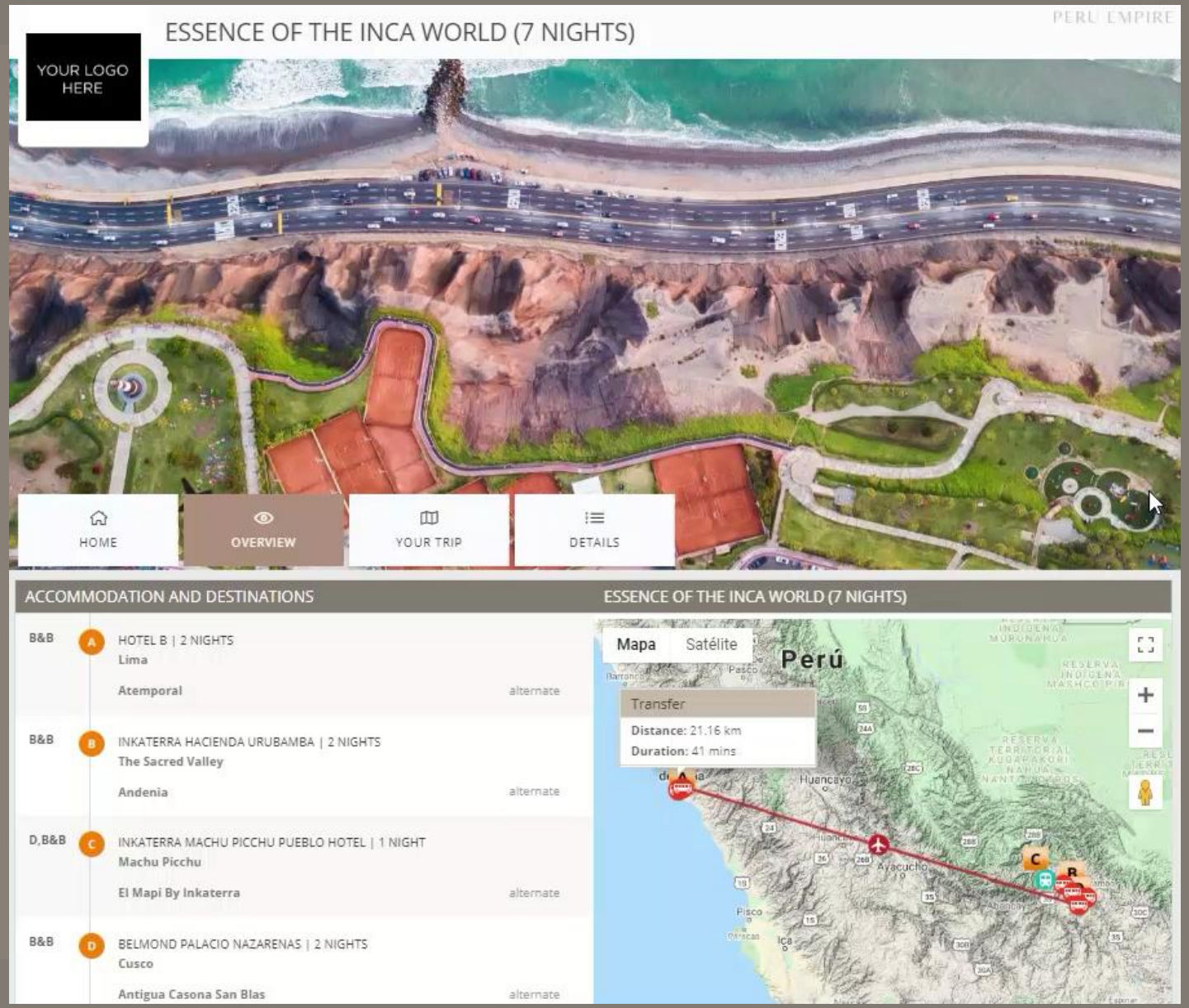
December 2019 - Client

MARKETING TOOLS DESIGNED WITH YOUR NEEDS IN MIND

- **Travel professionals site**
  - www.andeanexperience.info
  - Sample itineraries & rates
  - Professional pictures & videos
  - Additional information about our parent company and hotels

- **Digital and/or printable itinerary**

- **Regular updates & newsletters**



LET'S EXPLORE THE RICHNESS OF PERU BEYOND MACHU PICCHU

- **Lake Titicaca** | Navigating Into Mindfulness
- **Arequipa** | Colonial Jewel Amid Volcanoes
- **The Colca Valley** | Land of the Condors
- **Paracas** | An Oasis By The Desert
- **Iquitos & The Pacaya Samiria National Reserve** | Wilderness Retreat
- **Puerto Maldonado & The Tambopata National Reserve** | Deep Into the Rainforest
- **Northern Beaches** | Wellness Hideaway

LAKE TITICACA | NAVIGATING INTO MINDFULNESS

LAKE TITICACA

The glistening waters of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, have inspired myths and legends. Its time-forgotten islands of Uros and Taquile still pass down sacred traditions through the generations. As the birthplace of the Inca and the pre-Columbian Tiahuanaco culture, the region has more than 250 typical colorful dances representing characters of the many local legends.

Best time to visit: April to October

Climate: Sunny days, but chilly nights. Rainy season (December to March) may bring sporadic rains, but not necessarily every day.

Yearly temperatures: Min: -7.5°C – 18.5°F
Max: 18.8°C – 65.8°F

Altitude: 3,810 m a.s.l. – 12,500 ft a.s.l.

A LA CARTE ACTIVITIES | CULTURAL MELTING POT

> Immerse yourself in the local communities and their traditions

> Unique land and water excursions

> Get captivated by the mysticism of Lake Titicaca

UPSCALE PROPERTY

Titilaka - Relais & Châteaux

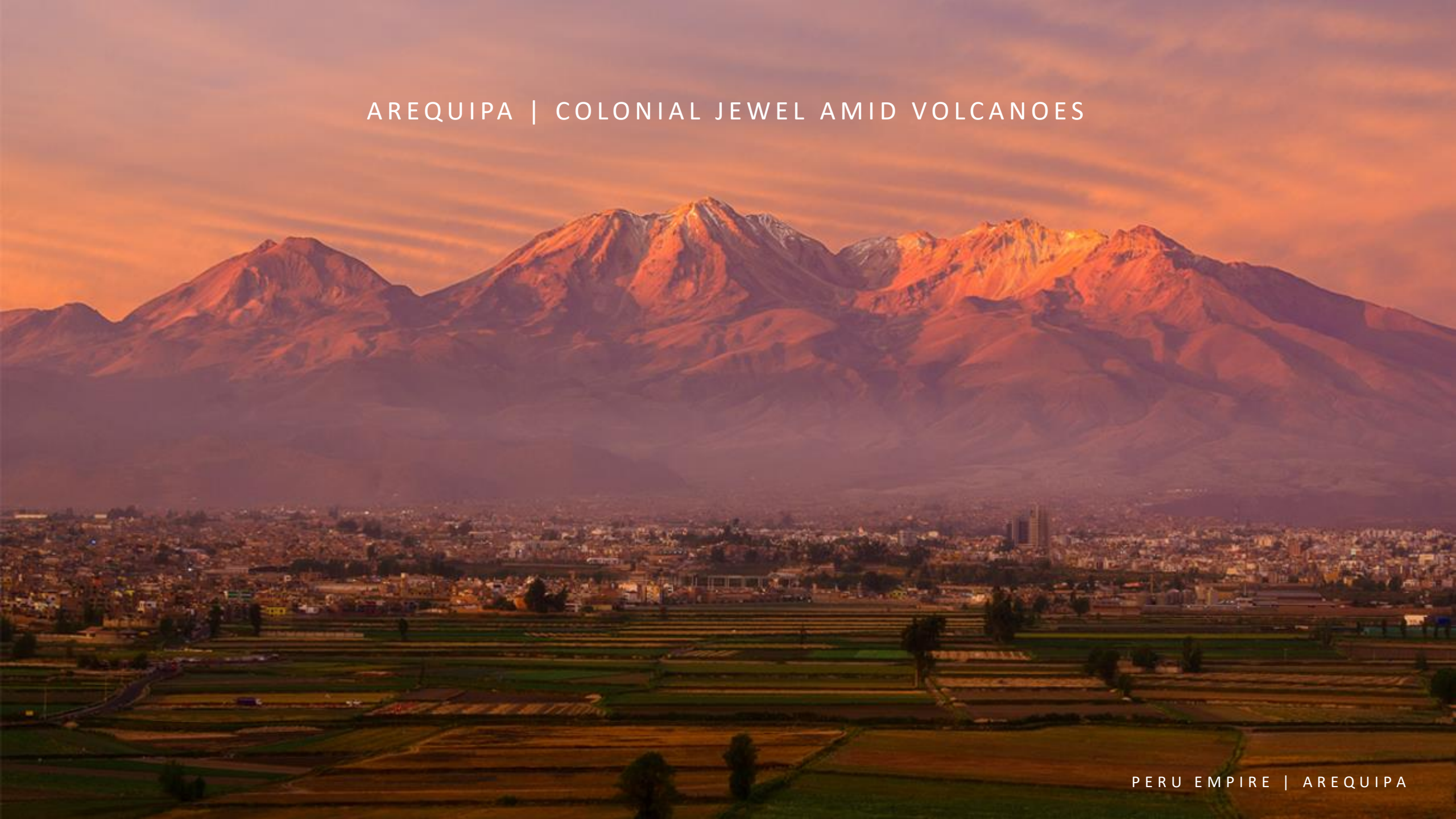
AUTHENTIC HIP PROPERTY

Amantica Lodge

BELMOND ANDEAN EXPLORER

- **2 DAY / 1 NIGHT PROGRAM**
  - Spirit of the Water CUSCO – PUNO
  - Spirit of the Andes PUNO – CUSCO
- **3 DAY / 2 NIGHT PROGRAM**
  - Peruvian Highlands CUSCO – AREQUIPA
  - Andean Plains & Islands of Discovery AREQUIPA – CUSCO

AREQUIPA | COLONIAL JEWEL AMID VOLCANOES



AREQUIPA

The city is nestled safely between three surrounding volcanoes and is considered a perfect base to start exploring the southern part of Peru. Whereas the city center offers delicious gastronomic highlights and legendary colonial architecture, the surrounding valley allows for more adventurous excursions thanks to its year-round sunny climate.

Best time to visit: any time

Climate: Sunny days year-round, chilly nights. Rainy season (December to March) may bring sporadic rains, but not necessarily every day.

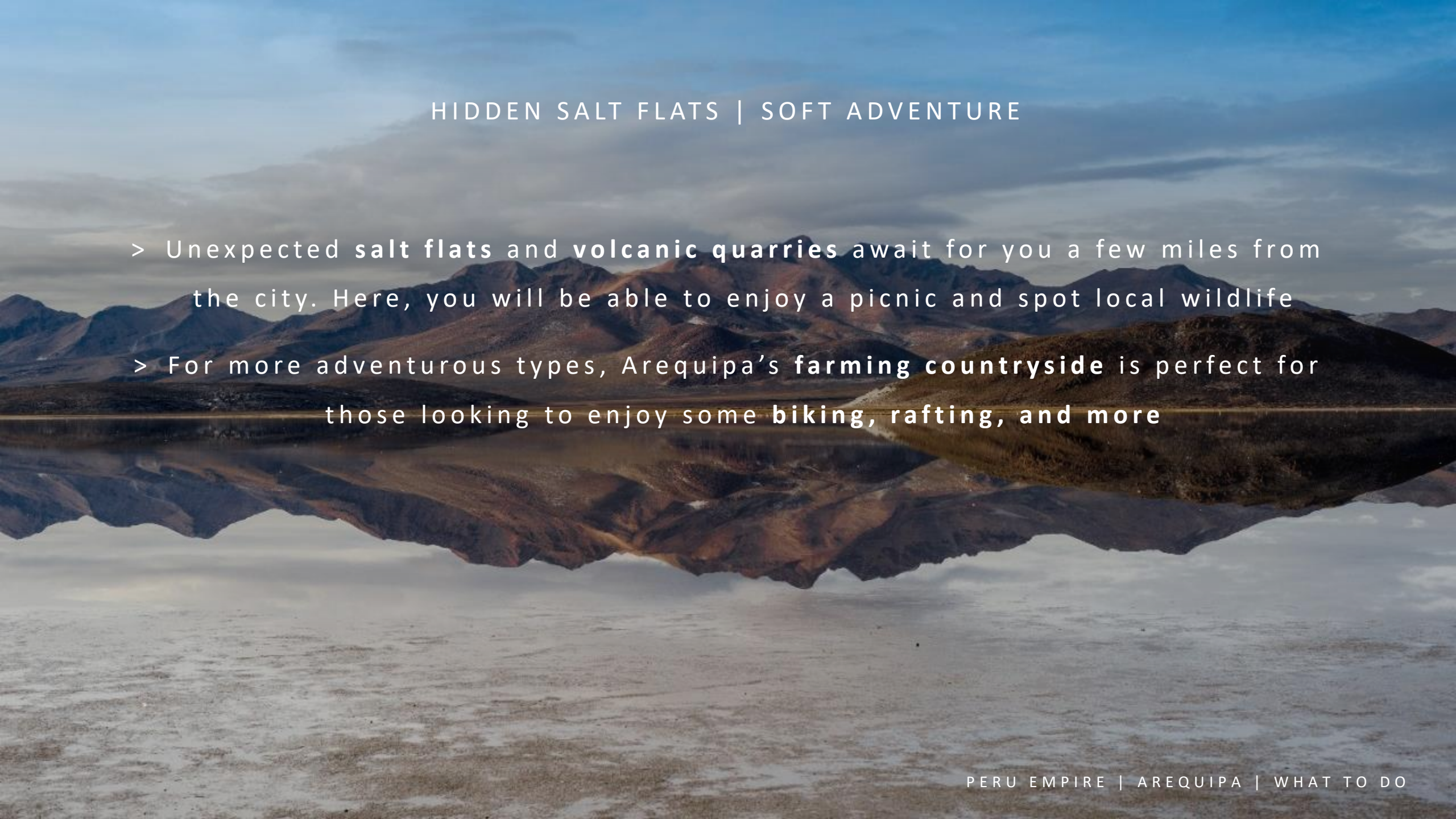
Yearly temperatures: Min:5.2°C – 41.4°F
Max: 24.7°C – 76.5°F

Altitude: 2,335 m a.s.l. – 7,660 ft a.s.l.

COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE | IMMERSIVE CULINARY EXPERIENCES

> In the historical center, marvel at the colonial architecture built with the **city's iconic volcanic rock**. Then, visit the colorful **Santa Catalina Monastery**

> Learn about the **local culinary heritage** with a visit to the **San Camilo market**. Then, sample a variety of specialty dishes at "**picanterias**", small rustic eateries



HIDDEN SALT FLATS | SOFT ADVENTURE

> Unexpected **salt flats** and **volcanic quarries** await for you a few miles from the city. Here, you will be able to enjoy a picnic and spot local wildlife

> For more adventurous types, Arequipa's **farming countryside** is perfect for those looking to enjoy some **biking, rafting, and more**

UPSCALE PROPERTY

CIRQA - Relais & Châteaux

AUTHENTIC HIP PROPERTY

Acolpacha Tambo Boutique

THE COLCA VALLEY | LAND OF THE CONDORS

COLCA VALLEY

The Colca Valley is the place to be if you want to spot magnificent condors soaring in the thermal winds. As the second deepest canyon in the world and definitely one of the most spectacular ones, it flaunts fantastic natural landscapes and unspoiled local villages on all sides.

Best time to visit: March to June

Climate: Sunny days, but chilly nights. Rainy season (December to March) may bring sporadic rains, but not necessarily every day.

Yearly temperatures: Min: -4.8°C – 23.3°F

Max: 16.9°C – 62.4°F

Altitude: 3,655 m a.s.l. – 11,985 ft a.s.l.

THE COLOSSAL VALLEY

> Marvel at the majestic condors

> Admire the Colca Canyon – the second deepest canyon in the world

> Get to know the picturesque communities and their millenary traditions

UPSCALE PROPERTY

Belmond Las Casitas

PARACAS | AN OASIS BY THE DESERT

PARACAS

Located four hours south of Lima, Paracas combines incredible rugged desert landscapes with spectacular ocean views. This unique place acts as a sanctuary for some of Peru's most precious marine wildlife and many migratory birds. Its Ballestas islands are off-limits to humans, leaving them flourishing with wildlife. On the other hand, the vast dunes surrounding the town give way to adrenaline-packed activities, such as buggy riding, biking, and even sandboarding. History and ancient culture fans can take a flight to uncover the true mystery of the Nazca and the newly-discovered Palpa Lines.

Best time to visit: December to May

Climate: Sunny and dry in summer (December to March). Winter mornings can be grey and chilly.

Yearly temperatures: Min: 12°C – 53.6°F

Max: 28°C – 82.4°F

Altitude: sea level

WATER ACTIVITIES & WILDLIFE | BIKING & PICNIC IN THE NATIONAL RESERVE

> At the **National Reserve** and **Ballestas Islands**, you will observe and interact with some of South America's **richest concentration of wildlife** while kayaking, paddle boarding, or yachting

SANDBOARDING & DUNEBUGGYING

DINNER UNDER THE STARS | CAMPING IN THE DESERT

NAZCA LINES OVERFLIGHT

UPSCALE PROPERTY

Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort

BUDGET FRIENDLY PROPERTY

La Hacienda Bahia Paracas

IQUITOS & THE PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE | WILDERNESS RETREAT

IQUITOS

The jungle city of Iquitos is the most important city and river port in all of Peru's Northern Amazon, thanks to the economic boom of the rubber market in the 19th century. Nowadays, you have a unique opportunity to sail down the waters of the Amazon rainforest into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve and spot its incredible range of bird species and flora. Get close to endemic wildlife, like pink dolphins, all from the comfort of your boutique luxury cruise.

Best time to visit: any time

Climate: warm and humid, rainy season runs from December to March.

Yearly temperatures: Min: 20.8°C - 69.4°F
Max: 32.1°C - 89.8°F

Altitude: sea level

A LA CARTE ACTIVITIES

> Swimming with pink dolphins

> Piranha fishing

> Kayaking in the river & skiff explorations

UPSCALE CRUISES

Aqua Expeditions (Aria Amazon, Aqua Nera)

Delfin Amazon Cruises (I, II, III)

PUERTO MALDONADO & THE TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE | DEEP INTO THE RAINFOREST

PUERTO MALDONADO

Puerto Maldonado is the gateway to one of the most remote and biodiverse places on earth. Your journey will take you into the heart of Tambopata National Reserve where you will experience the true sounds, scents, and colors of the Amazon rainforest. You may lose count of all the birds, monkeys, and rainbow insects, but spotting the flamboyant macaws will be a moment that you'll never forget.

Best time to visit: April to October

Climate: Warm and humid, rainy season runs from December to March.

Yearly temperatures: Min: 16.8°C – 62.2°F

Max: 32°C – 89.6°F

Altitude: sea level

A LA CARTE ACTIVITIES

> Lowland day & evening walks to encounter local wildlife

> River excursions

> Watching the colorful macaws at their local clay lick

> Spotting jaguars & harpy eagles in the wild

UPSCALE PROPERTY

Inkaterra Lodges (Hacienda Concepcion, Reserva Amazonica)

AUTHENTIC HIP PROPERTY

Rainforest Expeditions (Tambopata Research Center, Refugio Amazonas, Posada Amazonas)

NORTHERN BEACHES | WELLNESS HIDEAWAY

NORTHERN BEACHES

Peru's entire coastline has some impressive Pacific breaks, but the best place to learn to surf is in the north. Its beaches boast bohemian vibes and provide an opportunity to spot some humpback whales on their way from Antarctica to warmer waters (between July and October).

Best time to visit: anytime

Climate: warm and sunny

Yearly temperatures: Min: 140 C / 57.20 F
Max: 270 C / 80.6 o F

Altitude: sea level

WHALE WATCHING | SURFING | SUNBATHING & RELAXING

PERU EMPIRE | NORTHERN BEACHES | WHAT TO DO

AUTHENTIC HIP PROPERTIES

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TO KEEP IN MIND

- Our team's favorite time to visit is **April and May** when the **weather is perfect** in all locations, but **before crowds** set in
- Beware of possible **altitude sickness** & remember **no particular vaccines** are required – the Amazon included
- Remember **business class** is not available on domestic flights
- Keeping **flight connectivity** in mind. Ask us about the best routes
- Passports should be valid for **at least another 6 months** from the last day of the trip

TO KEEP IN MIND

- **Travel insurance** is strongly recommended – ask us about available options
- Wildlife watching is dependent on **seasonal** patterns
- Consider **charter flights** when time is a priority
- Amazon cruises and Belmond Andean Explorer: **fixed departure** date, **stricter** reservations & payment **policies**
- **Limited** internet connection and electricity in Puerto Maldonado

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