



*Mountain Road Near Purmamarca, Argentina*

## EMPIRE OF THE INCAS

### *Machu Picchu to The Atacama*

We've operated motorcycle tours to Machu Picchu more than two dozen times since our first trip there in 2006 and we believe our latest itinerary is one of the best yet. This 14-day Adventure provides an opportunity to explore the Inca civilization in more depth than is typically possible during a motorcycle tour of the area, culminating in a visit to the "Lost City" of Machu Picchu - nestled deep in the Andes Mountains. The Adventure includes a carefully selected collection of additional South American attractions that are "must dos" for any visit to this region of the world.

Key attractions include:

- The beach resort of Iquique and Arica, Chile
- The Andean resort of San Pedro de Atacama, complete with stunning scenery, sand dunes, bizarre rock formations, and geysers. There will also be time for a quick ride through the nearby Valley of the Moon.

- Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake in Puno, Peru. We will visit the Floating Islands of the Uros Indians, who live on the islands fabricated entirely from local reeds. The largest of the floating islands supports buildings, including a school and post office.

- The Colca Canyon. At almost 14,000 feet deep (twice the depth of the Grand Canyon) it's one of the deepest canyons in the world where the giant Andean Condors (wingspans up to ten feet) circle in the rising air from the depths of the canyon.

- A ride along the Pan American Highway to "The White City": Arequipa. This beautiful city is surrounded by spectacular mountains, the most famous of which is the volcano El Misti.

- Three nights in Cuzco with one free day for the visit to the archeological ruins at Machu Picchu and a free day to explore other nearby Inca ruins. Machu Picchu - the Lost City of the Incas - is South America's best known and most popular archaeological site.

**14 days, Salta, Argentina to Arica, Chile**

**February 24 - March 9 / October 27 - November 9, 2018**

**February 23 - March 8 / October 26 - November 8, 2019**

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Salta
- Day 2** - Salta to Purmamarca, 100 miles
- Day 3** - Purmamarca - San Pedro de Atacama, Chile, 280 miles
- Day 4** - Free Day in San Pedro de Atacama
- Day 5** - San Pedro De Atacama to Iquique, 300 miles
- Day 6** - Iquique to Arica, 200 miles
- Day 7** - Arica to Arequipa, Peru, 270 miles
- Day 8** - Arequipa to Chivay, 110 miles
- Day 9** - Chivay to Cuzco, 310 miles
- Day 10** - First Free Day in Cuzco
- Day 11** - Second Free Day in Cuzco
- Day 12** - Cuzco to Lake Titicaca, 250 miles
- Day 13** - Lake Titicaca to Arica, Chile, 290 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Arica

**Total** ~ 2,170 miles



*Machu Picchu, Peru*

*This is our first trip with Ayres & it will NOT be our last! It was everything we expected; great riding, great people and an experience we will always treasure. The Emprie of the Incas tour is not for the faint of heart, back or butt. It is a "rider's" tour with lots of miles in a variety of conditions. Argentina, Chile and Peru are incredible countries with open, friendly people & beautiful landscapes.*

- Dan and Linda Jannette, Lapeer, MI



*Salt Flats, Atacama Desert, Chile*



*Uros Indian Woman, Lake Titicaca*

## PRICING

- Rider:** \$8,500
- Co-rider:** \$6,350
- Single Room Supplement:** \$1,100
- Booking Deposit:** \$800 per person
- Includes **BMW F700GS**

Price includes upscale accommodations, Machu Picchu tour, Uros visit on Lake Titicaca, Colca Canyon excursion, à la carte dining, all breakfasts, 10 dinners, airport transfers, trip booklet.

## MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES

- BMW F800GS:** \$150
- BMW R1200GS LC:** \$650
- BMW R1200GS Adv LC:** \$1,050

## RIDING CONDITIONS

Roads are paved and mostly in good condition. The trip is suitable for two-up riding. Riders will spend approximately one week at altitudes between 10,000 and 14,000 feet and should be prepared for cold temperatures. Approximately 5% of the route has potholes.