

Peru Project

Information Packet

Location: Lima, Peru

Project Dates: April 16-26, 2020

Optional Excursion: April 26-28, 2020

Project Participation Fee: \$870

Children 12 and under: \$720

(Age determined on the start date of the project)

Optional Excursion: \$500

**All amounts listed in document are in U.S. dollars.*

International flights are not included in the participation fee



Maranatha in Peru

The Seventh-day Adventist message came into Peru in the early 1900s and continued to spread rapidly. By 2004, the Adventist Church in Peru was thriving and one of the fastest growing Adventist memberships worldwide. However, they didn't have the church buildings to accommodate such growth. In 2004, the church leadership requested Maranatha's assistance. Maranatha completed nearly 100 churches in Peru from 2004 until 2006.

In 2018, Maranatha received another request for 1,000 churches and school classrooms in Peru from the Adventist Church in South America. The structures that Maranatha built in the mid 2000s have resulted in further membership growth, resulting in Peru's need for more space for worship and education. Maranatha agreed to help, and projects began in December 2019.

Project Overview

Volunteers on this project will start the construction of a new church for the Los Milagros congregation in a suburb north of Lima. This congregation started meeting in the early 2000s when members moved to the area, and there was no Adventist presence in the neighborhood. Members started meeting together in homes, and in 2007 they built their existing church. Their current facility is nice, but does not provide the space for growth that they wish and does not have the strength that a Maranatha church provides.

Volunteers on this project will pour the floors and foundation for the new building as well as assemble the church frame. Pouring

Project Schedule

Thursday, April 16
Arrival in Lima

Friday, April 17
Orientation and first work day

Sabbath, April 18
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday, April 19 - Friday, April 24
Work days with Friday afternoon excursion

Saturday, April 25
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday, April 26
Evening departure from Lima or continue on the optional Machu Picchu excursion

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Sunday, April 26
Fly from Lima to Cusco

Monday, April 27
Visit Machu Picchu

Tuesday, April 28
Tour Sacred Valley. Evening departures from Cusco.

the foundation is hard work but vital to the strength of the building. It will involve tying rebar cages, mixing concrete, and leveling the floor. Once the floor has set, volunteers will use drills and screws to assemble the metal structure. Another group will come in July to finish the block walls, but after this group serves, they'll be guaranteed a strong foundation and frame that will support the church for years to come.

The women in this congregation really take on leadership roles in the community since most of the men work in Lima and leave early in the morning and return late at night. The church has a vision for how to reach the surrounding community for Jesus and this volunteer group will join them in their efforts by conducting an extensive children's ministry program for about 100 children as well as a baby wellness or parenting outreach program to draw people to the church. If you'd like to help with any either of these programs, please contact Maranatha.

Accommodations

During the project, volunteers will stay in guest rooms at the Papa Francisco Center. This is a primary school that also runs a girls shelter on campus. The proceeds from people staying in their guest rooms goes towards the girls' education and other housing expenses. The center is only 10 minutes from the construction site, which makes it very convenient.

The accommodations are clean and basic, between a 1 and 2-star facility, depending on how you rate hotels. We mention this in advance so you can adjust your expectations for the mission trip.

The rooms are set up in groups of 4 with a living room or lobby connecting the four rooms. Each room has a private bathroom with warm water. Blankets and small pillows are provided, but please plan on bringing your own bedding, towels, and washcloths for the project.

On the optional excursion to Machu Picchu, the group will stay at a nice hotel in the Sacred Valley..

Volunteers should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project. During the project, there may be some single occupancy rooms available for an extra cost of \$250 per person. If you are interested in a single occupancy room, please email volunteer@maranatha.org or call (916) 774-7700. At this time, single occupancy is not available on the excursion.

Excursions

Maranatha projects usually include a short excursion as part of the Maranatha experience or an extended excursion as an optional add-on. If you choose to add any trips, in addition to those provided by Maranatha, please plan to do those either before or after the Maranatha project dates so you won't miss out on any of the Maranatha experience.

On the final Friday afternoon, if construction has wrapped up smoothly, the group will travel about 45 minutes away to a beach town called Ancon where volunteers can explore the little beach swimming area. Then, on Sunday, the group will enjoy a day in the Miraflores district of Lima where they'll visit the remains of ancient ruins called Huaca Pucllana. Those doing the optional Machu Picchu excursion will head to the airport, and those not doing the optional excursion will continue their day in Lima. They'll have the chance to shop for souvenirs and stroll through the modern Larcomar shopping center or the colonial old town neighborhood before heading to the airport that evening in plenty of time to catch flights back home.

Optional Excursion - Machu Picchu - \$500

At the end of the project, volunteers can choose to extend their stay in Peru by joining an excursion to visit the world-famous Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, high in the Andes Mountains. This excursion has an additional fee of \$520. The fee will cover two nights at a luxury hotel, food, ground transportation, insurance, and all entrance fees and tour guides during the excursion days. The excursion price is for double occupancy rooms.

On Sunday, volunteers will fly across the country to southern Peru. This flight is not included. Please see the Travel Information section for the specific flight you should book. Upon arrival in Cusco, the group will travel down the mountain to the Sacred Valley region, where they will spend the night.

The following day, the group will take a train to Aguas Calientes, which is located at the entrance to the ruins of Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu has been voted one of the “New” Seven Wonders of the World and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This Incan city was built in 1450 as an estate for the Incan emperor, and it was abandoned approximately 100 years later during the Spanish Conquest. It is truly a sight to behold as you come up over the hill and gaze into the ruins below. The mountain peak of Huayna Picchu stands above the city, and alpacas roam the grassy plateaus. Volunteers will explore the ruins, learning about Incan life, before returning to the hotel that evening.

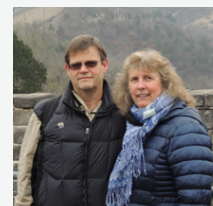
On Tuesday, the group will travel back to the city of Cusco where they’ll have the morning to explore the old town and do some site-seeing before departing for home on Tuesday evening.

Anyone wanting to join the Machu Picchu excursion will need to register and fully pay for the excursion portion ASAP. Non-refundable train tickets must be purchased on February 15 using passport copies, so please include that with your registration. After February 15, \$250 of the excursion fee becomes non-refundable.

Leadership

David and Judy Shull | Construction Superintendent and Project Coordinator

Judy and David Shull have joined Maranatha on numerous projects in North America, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. They are the parents of two grown sons who have accompanied them on many of the trips. David is an architect at Progressive AE in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and works on various projects around the United States. Judy is the director of the independent ministry Childhoods With Jesus. This program works with parents, teachers, and children to create enthusiastic learning environments for children in order to build a relationship with Jesus and prepare them for eternal life in Heaven. David and Judy enjoy helping volunteers and local church members grow together through the construction of a new church home.



Expenses

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.

The total fee of \$1,380 covers housing, three vegetarian meals a day, ground transportation to and from the airport and project site, translators, local excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt, and luggage tags. For accounting purposes, this fee is broken down into a participation fee of \$870 (which is tax-deductible) and an excursion fee of \$500 (which is not tax-deductible).

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by March 16, 2020 due to application processing time. Wait for confirmation of acceptance on the project before purchasing your airfare.

Payments can be made by cash or check sent to the Maranatha office in California (please include your name and “Peru Project – April 2020”) or by credit or debit card online or over the phone.

For Canadian tax-deductible receipts, payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet). At this time, Maranatha cannot issue tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please either have donations sent directly to you or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds and issue tax-deductible receipts, since it is difficult for Maranatha to track individual small checks. If your church will not work with you, please wait until you have collected the full amount for your participation fee before submitting it to Maranatha.

Estimate of Additional Costs

- **Flight to Lima, Peru:** \$800-\$1,800
- **Passport:** \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- **Domestic Flight (Optional Excursion):** \$100-200

About Peru

Peru is located in South America, along the western coast. Peru is the quintessential South American country--a land of magnificent lost cities and a rich cultural heritage. Its history and natural beauty make it a popular destination for travelers.

From the 13th century until the Spanish conquest in the 16th century, the Incan Empire ruled much of the Andean region with a population in the tens of millions. In the mid 1500s, Spanish conquistadors defeated the Incan Empire and forced many of the indigenous people into slavery. In 1821, José de San Martín occupied Lima and declared Peruvian independence. After decades of military rule and a civil war, Peru returned to democratic leadership in 1980. Today Peru is the 48th largest economy in the world. However, this economic boom has not benefited every Peruvian, and there are still impoverished communities in more rural areas of the country.

The Quechua and Aymara people, two cultural groups that descended from the Incas, have carefully preserved and developed their cultures. In much of Peru, specifically the Andean highlands, you will find women dressed in brightly colored pleated skirts, called polleras, shirts with intricate embroidery, and bowler hats. When Spain ruled over the region, much of the local culture was mixed with Spanish culture to create a unique blend of Hispanic and native traditions, which you can see in the country's artwork and dance. Today, many young people have moved from the rural areas to the urban centers on the coast. Once they arrive, they often adopt western clothing, music, and culture; much of the old way of life is left behind.

Peru is a country of astounding natural diversity. The country has three distinct regions: the Amazon Basin to the northeast, the mountainous highlands down the center of the country, and the western coastline characterized by a narrow band of deserts and fertile valleys where the rivers meet the ocean. In each of these regions the landscape and climate varies drastically.

Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Lima, Peru. If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have a long wait at the airport until the next group arrives, or you may be responsible for paying the additional transportation costs for your individual airport transfer.

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare to ensure there is still space on the project. Volunteers will travel together, by bus, to the project location.



Facts and Figures

Capital: Lima

Population: 31.3 million (July 2018)

Language: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

Climate: Varies by region and altitude. Dry in the west, tropical in the east, temperate to frigid in the Andes

Religion: Catholic 60%, Protestant 15%, Unspecified 21%

Currency: Peruvian Sol

Flights

Those joining the optional excursion will require booking a specific domestic flight and a departure from a different city. Please be careful to follow these guidelines when booking your travel. If you have questions about your itinerary, please contact Maranatha prior to booking to avoid change any change fees resulting from having booked a wrong itinerary.

Arrival | Please arrive in Lima, Peru (airport code LIM), on Thursday, April 16. Flights should arrive in Lima between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 2:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and 7:20 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. Morning arrivals are preferred. Anyone arriving outside of these time frames will need to wait until the next pick up time.

Departure (Project Only) | Please depart from Lima, Peru (LIM), in the evening of Sunday, April 26, between 6:00 p.m. (on the 26th) and 2:00 a.m. (on the 27th). There is no hotel planned for the night of the 26th.

Departure (Optional Excursion) | Please book the following flights:

- Book LATAM Airlines 2043 departing from Lima (LIM) at 3:04 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, and arriving in Cusco (CUZ) at 4:25 p.m.
- Please depart for home from Cusco, Peru (CUZ) in the evening of Tuesday, April 28, after 5:00 p.m. Maranatha would recommend booking a flight leaving at 5 or 6 p.m. instead of waiting until the 9 p.m. flights. Later flights can often get canceled if the weather is stormy.

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Peru has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than April 16 or stay beyond April 26 to explore the country on your own. Since our volunteers bring so much to the shared experience of the project, we ask that volunteers be a part of the entire Maranatha project during the advertised dates. They should plan any additional travel before or after the Maranatha project dates to avoid any mid-project interruptions. Those choosing to add additional travel are responsible for making their own hotel and transportation arrangements for the time outside of the arrival and departure windows listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

Travel Resources

CI Azumano Travel: 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com

Butler Travel: 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at nathan@butlertravel.com or with Ellen at ellen@butlertravel.com.

Kayak: www.kayak.com

When contacting the Azumano or Butler travel agencies, mention Maranatha to receive a discounted service charge.

Entry Requirements

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please consult the Peruvian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

Passport | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (October 26, 2020). If you do not have a passport, United States (U.S.) citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at www.passport.gc.ca. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Staying Healthy

Maranatha requires every volunteer to have a current **tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommend vaccines for typhoid and hepatitis A. For certain destinations below 7,500 feet elevation, the CDC also recommends the yellow fever vaccine as well as a malaria preventative vaccine other than chloroquine. Lima and Cusco are not in these regions, so you should not need them for this specific project.

You may already have some of these vaccinations, and they may still be good for this trip. Others you may deem unnecessary for this trip. Maranatha recommends that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in Peru and the ways to minimize them.

Altitude Sickness

Many parts of southeastern Peru are located in the Andes mountain range at very high elevations. Cusco is located at more than 11,000 feet. This high elevation puts visitors at risk for altitude sickness. Altitude sickness is a medical condition with symptoms ranging from a mild headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, and nausea to very serious cerebral or pulmonary edema. Rapid onset of symptoms, worsening symptoms, or symptoms persisting more than 48 hours could require evacuation to a lower elevation. Altitude sickness can occur when ascending too fast and not allowing time to acclimatize to the elevation. Also, those with preexisting conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, or cardiac or lung disease should receive special clearance from their doctor or avoid traveling to high elevations during the project.

Those joining the optional excursion to Machu Picchu will be in this high-altitude region. Due to the potential risks, each participant on Maranatha projects in Peru is required to sign a consent form as part of their registration process.

How to Register

To register, please complete the online registration and pay the full participation fee or an initial deposit for at least half the total participation fee. You can make this payment by credit card online, over the phone, or with a check made out to Maranatha Volunteers International and mailed to the address below. If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, Maranatha will do our best to refund your deposit up until one month before travel. After that point, \$150 is non-refundable, and the remainder will depend on the reservations and the project arrangements already made.

Register online at Maranatha.org or over the phone.

Contact Information

Phone: (916) 774-7700

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Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

Website: www.maranatha.org

Mailing Address:

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