

Young Adult Project 2020

Information Packet

Location: Nazca, Peru

Project Dates: July 23 - August 2, 2020

Optional Excursion: August 2 - 4, 2020

Total Fee: \$975

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 had 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

Maranatha's Young Adult Project is a special opportunity for young people to serve together on a mission trip. This opportunity is open to individuals ages 18-35 from all over the world!

Volunteers on this project will start the construction of a new church for the Portachuelo congregation in a suburb of Nazca. This congregation started worshipping together in the late 2000s, moving from house to house as space permitted. In 2019 they acquired a piece of property and started building a structure to use as their church, but money is limited. Now with Maranatha's assistance, the congregation will have a new, strong church

Project Schedule

Thursday, July 23
Arrival in Lima

Friday, July 24
Brief Lima tour; drive to Nazca

Saturday, July 25
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday - Friday, July 26 - 31
Work days with midweek half day excursion

Saturday, August 1
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday, August 2
Drive to Lima; evening departure or continue on the optional Machu Picchu excursion

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Sunday, August 2
Fly from Lima to Cusco

Monday, August 3
Visit Machu Picchu

Tuesday, August 4
Morning Cusco activities. Afternoon departure from Cusco.

building. The current progress on the existing structure won't go to waste, as they'll use it for Sabbath School classrooms.

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

In addition to the construction of the church members brought forward a variety of different outreach projects that would be beneficial for our group to help with. This includes everything from children's ministry programs to health education to food collection and distribution. If you'd like to help coordinate any of these programs, please contact Maranatha.

Accommodations

During the project the group will stay in the city of Nazca, about 6 hours south of Lima. Volunteers will stay at the B Hotel Nasca, located about 15 minutes from the job site. The rooms are clean and nicely furnished with one, two, or three beds. Bedding and towels are provided; washcloths are not commonly provided in Peru, so you may want to bring your own. The bathrooms have hot water, and the rooms have fans.

The group will meet together for meals and worship in the hotel dining room. There is also quite a bit of outdoor space as well as a pool that can be used in the evenings when the group returns from work.

In Lima, the group will spend the first night at a retreat center about 15 minutes from the airport. On the excursion, the group will stay at a nice hotel in Ollantaytambo, Peru, in the Sacred Valley.

Volunteers should plan on staying in double or triple 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.

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 first day in Peru, the group will travel down to Nazca, which is about 6 hours away. Prior to heading out of the capital city of Lima, the group will make a few short stops to see a little of the city. They will visit the old town colonial district as well as the more modern district of Miraflores.



The Nazca Lines are a group of large designs in the desert. Each design is made from lines etched into the soil. The figures include animals such as a monkey, llama, spider, or lizard as well as other shapes like trees and flowers. While no one knows exactly how these figures were made or why, most scholars point to a religious significance. They are one of the most famous destinations in Peru. One day during the week, volunteers will have the chance to take a small plane ride to see some of the lines from the air.

This plane ride can be a bit bumpy, and those who experience motion sickness may want to bring motion sickness medication or avoid the flight. Those who choose not to do the flight, will view the Nazca lines from a tall tower and go on an archaeology and adventure tour featuring an ancient aqueduct and pyramid from that same time period. They will also have the opportunity to sandboard down a sand dune.

Optional Excursion - Machu Picchu - \$500

At the end of the project, volunteers can extend their stay in Peru by joining an excursion to 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.

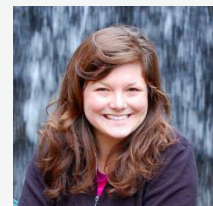
On Tuesday, the group will travel back to the city of Cusco where they’ll have the morning to explore the old town and do some site-seeing before departing for home on Tuesday evening.

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 May 18 using passport copies, so please include that with your registration. After May 18, \$250 of the excursion fee becomes non-refundable.

Leadership

Angela Boothby | Project Coordinator

Angela grew up on a small farm in Michigan with her parents and two brothers. Angela first joined Maranatha in 2006 as a participant on the Ultimate Workout. In the last few years she has joined both the Ultimate Workout and Young Adult Projects in leadership positions. She loves to play games, board games or sports of any kind. She loves the outdoors: backpacking, hiking, snowboarding, swimming, wakeboarding, and most anything that creates an adventure! Most of all she loves Jesus and loves to serve and love on His children.



Danny Poljak | Construction Superintendent

Danny joins the group from Roseville, California, where he works in the construction industry. He has served with Maranatha on multiple Family Projects as well as other Maranatha mission trips. He is joined by his wife Branka and his daughter Anella, who has practically grown up on Maranatha’s Family Projects. Danny is enthusiastic that something tangible like a building can be so transformative to a congregation and community. When not on a Maranatha project, Danny enjoys scuba diving and biking.



Expenses

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.

The participation fee 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. The participation fee is tax-deductible, but the optional excursion fee is not.

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by June 15, 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 “Young Adult Project 2020”), 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, and 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 narrow band of deserts and fertile valleys on the western coastline. In each of these regions the landscape and climate varies drastically.



Facts and Figures

Capital: Lima

Population: 31.1 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

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 long wait times at the airport or 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.

Flights

Arrival | Please arrive in Lima, Peru (airport code LIM) on July 23 between 7:00 p.m. (on the 23rd) and 1:45 a.m. (on the 24th). There are a few morning and afternoon flights available. You're welcome to book those flights, but you will be on your own until our pick-up window starts at 7:00 p.m.

Departure (Project Only) | Please depart from Lima, Peru (LIM), in the evening of Sunday, August 2, between 6:00 p.m. (on the 2nd) and 2:00 a.m. (on the 3rd). There is no hotel planned for the night of the 2nd.

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

- Book LATAM Airlines 2037 departing from Lima (LIM) at 4:35 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, and arriving in Cusco (CUZ) at 5:56 p.m.
- Please depart for home from Cusco, Peru (CUZ), on the evening of Tuesday, August 4, between 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Maranatha recommends booking a flight leaving before 6 p.m. 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 July 23 or stay beyond August 4 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. Volunteers should plan any additional travel before or after the Maranatha project dates to avoid mid-project interruptions. Those choosing additional travel outside Maranatha's project dates 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 (February 4, 2021). 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, Nazca, 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 southwestern Peru are located in the Andes mountain range at or 8,000 feet above sea level. These high altitudes put visitors at risk for altitude sickness.

Symptoms of altitude sickness range from mild cases of headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, and nausea to more severe cases of extreme fatigue and cerebral or pulmonary edema. Rapid onset of symptoms, or symptoms persisting for more than 48 hours, could require evacuation to a lower elevation. Certain medications and pre-existing conditions, including lung or heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and pregnancy, can put you at a higher risk for altitude sickness. However, even otherwise healthy individuals can feel mild symptoms due to the lack of oxygen. Visitors should discuss the trip with their personal physician prior to departing.

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.

There will be a doctor on-call during the project excursion to Machu Picchu, and the altitude sickness medication, Diamox, will be provided to volunteers should they choose to take it. Upon arrival in Cusco, volunteers are recommended to eat lightly, move slowly, and not over-exert themselves.

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 to 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

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