

BEST OF PERU

CHAN CHAN RUINS TOUR

HISTORY, CULTURE, ADVENTURE AND MUCH MORE

“Step back in time with our Chan Chan Ruins Tour and explore one of the greatest archaeological wonders of northern Peru. Located just outside the city of Trujillo, this vast adobe city was built by the Chimú Kingdom around 850 AD. Guided by an expert, you’ll uncover the secrets of Chan Chan’s ceremonial plazas, temples, friezes, royal tombs, and its fascinating museum artifacts. Walk through history as you experience the world’s largest city of mud — a UNESCO World Heritage treasure.”



ABOUT

Chan Chan Ruins Tour

“CHIMU HERITAGE AT CHAN CHAN MUSEUM”

Begin your Chan Chan Ruins Tour at the excellent site museum. View original artifacts — ceramics, textiles, wood carvings, tools — and a scale model of the ancient city. Gain key insights into Chimu society before exploring the ruins themselves.



“EXPLORE THE GREAT PLAZA OF CHAN CHAN”

Walk through the vast ceremonial plaza of Chan Chan, where important rituals once took place. Admire high adobe walls adorned with marine friezes that reflect the Chimu's spiritual connection to the sea and natural world.



“VISIT THE ROYAL MAUSOLEUMS AND NOBLE QUARTERS”

Step inside the remains of the royal tombs and noble residences. Learn how Chimu kings and elites lived, their burial practices, and the sophisticated urban planning that once supported tens of thousands of inhabitants.



“MARVEL AT INTRICATE ADOBE FRIEZES”

Throughout your Chan Chan Ruins Tour, encounter beautifully preserved friezes — waves, fish, pelicans, sea otters — carved into the walls. These motifs reveal the Chimu's artistry and their reverence for marine life.



EXPLORE THE NORTHERN CULTURES OF PERU

CHAN CHAN RUINS TOUR



The City of the Chimu Kingdom

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Part 1: Pickup and Visit to the Chan Chan Museum

Your Chan Chan Ruins Tour begins with a morning pickup from your hotel in Trujillo. Accompanied by an expert local guide, we first visit the excellent Chan Chan Site Museum. Here you'll explore informative exhibits and view original Chimu artifacts — ceramics, wood carvings, textiles, and tools — all uncovered from the ruins. The museum's scale model of Chan Chan helps bring the ancient city to life, providing key context before you walk through the site itself.

Part 2: Guided Exploration of the Chan Chan Ruins

Next, we drive a short distance to the UNESCO World Heritage Chan Chan Ruins, one of the world's largest adobe cities.



Starting Point:
Your hotel in Trujillo.



Departure Time:
09:00 h. or at request.



Tour Duration:
4:00 h. approx.

“Unraveling the History and Art of the Chimu Empire”

With your guide, you'll explore the vast ceremonial plazas, royal tombs, and labyrinthine corridors of this pre-Inca capital. Along the way, admire beautifully preserved marine-themed friezes carved into the walls — symbols of the Chimu people's deep connection to the ocean. Learn about ancient city planning, religious life, and the powerful legacy of the Chimu Kingdom.

Part 3: Huanchaco Village and Living Traditions

After exploring the ruins, we continue to the charming fishing village of Huanchaco, located on Peru's northern coast. Here you'll witness ancient maritime traditions still practiced today by the descendants of the Chimu. Watch fishermen preparing their iconic caballitos de totora (reed boats), crafted with age-old techniques. Your guide will share insights into how these boats — used for thousands of years — remain a vital part of local life. After time to enjoy the seaside atmosphere, we return to Trujillo, concluding your enriching cultural adventure.

Inclusions:

- Pick from your hotel in Trujillo.
- Private transportation.
- English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees.

Exclusions:

- Extras & Gratuities.



The Allure of Travel:

Personalized Adventure Tour with Local Expert

A Perfect Blend of Archaeology and Culture

This tour offers an enriching combination of ancient ruins, museum treasures, and living coastal traditions—ideal for history lovers and cultural explorers.

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A Scholarly Journey into Pre-Columbian Urbanism

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Private Visit to the Chan Chan Museum and Ruins

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Chan Chan with its vast adobe walls, ceremonial plazas, and intricate friezes, accompanied by expert interpretation.

Learn About Ancient Fishing Traditions

Visit the fishing village of Huanchaco, where you'll witness traditional fishing techniques and the iconic caballitos de totora—an ancient practice still alive today.

Comfortable Private Tour with Local Expertise

Travel in a private vehicle with a professional guide who brings the Chimu world to life, ensuring an educational and memorable experience.