

FAIRMAIL PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

JUNGLE ADVENTURES
Northern Peruvian Amazon

01 January – 13 January 2020

TRIP OVERVIEW

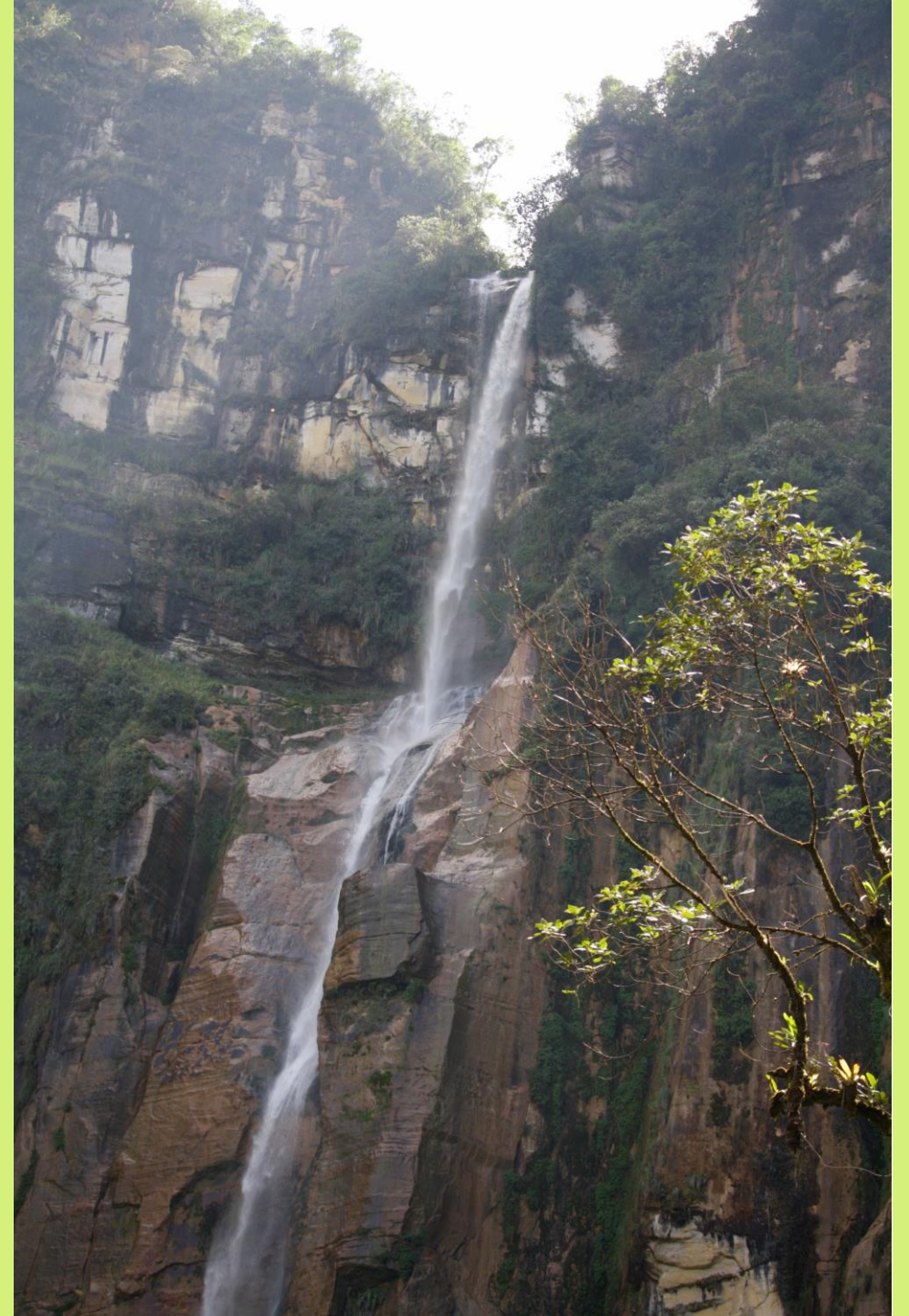
Ready for the adventure?

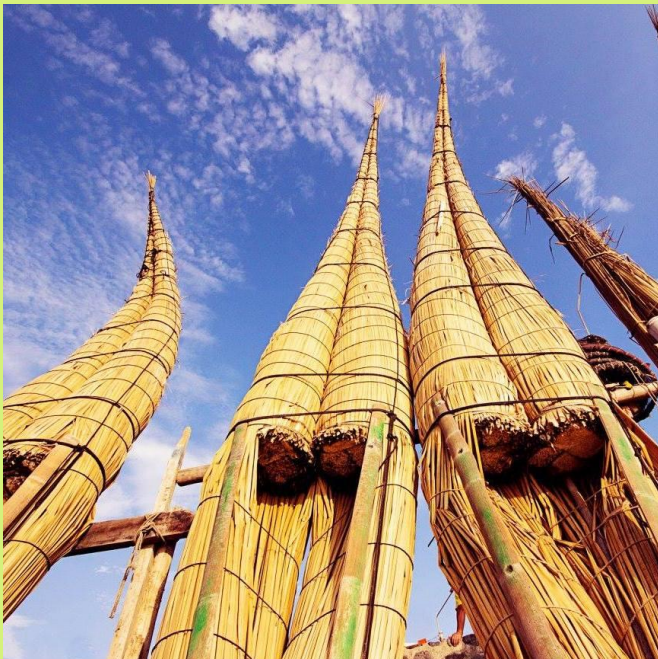
Twice a year FairMail organizes photography trips in beautiful and unexplored areas of Peru. We invite to the trips anyone who's up for an adventure off the beaten path and wants to experience first hand what life in Peru is really like.

On this trip we'll explore the **Nothern Peruvian Amazon** with the **FairMail photographers** and it is going to be awesome!

We'll travel across the three Peruvian climate zones, we'll leave the desert coast behind, climb the high Andes and reach the green, humid Amazon forest where we'll spend a full week learning about **local culture** and enjoying the beauty of the **uncontaminated nature**.

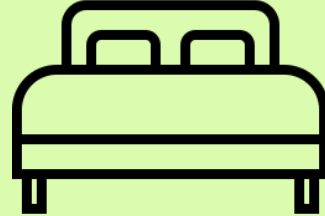
We'll relax in **thermal baths**, sail the Laguna de Huamampata on a wooden *lancia* and hike to the Yumbilla waterfall, a real unknown gem in the hearth of the Amazon Region.





The adventure starts from **Huanchaco** a small village 12 km north Trujillo, the 3rd biggest city in Peru. Huanchaco is famous for being a **surf destination** and for preserving the century-long tradition of the ***caballitos de totora***, hand made fishing boats made out of reed. Huanchaco has a lot to offer: you can **relax on the beach**, take **surf lessons and Spanish classes**. You can also visit the numerous attractions in the area, like the pre-Columbian mud city of **Chan Chan** and the various temples of the **Moche culture**. Most importantly, in Huanchaco you will **meet the FairMail teenagers** and experience first-hand how FairMail works. After a couple of days in Huanchaco, we'll leave the desert coast to reach **Chachapoyas**, the capital of the Amazon Region. Chachapoyas will be our starting point to explore the breath-taking natural beauties that the Amazon region has to offer.. The communities we'll visit are hardly in contact with tourists and you will be touched by their genuine friendliness and hospitality.

TRAVELING WITH FAIRMAIL





MEALS

Food is included throughout the journey, only in Huanchaco – where everyone is on a different schedule – you pay for your own food. During the trip we'll have three meals a day – breakfast, lunch and dinner – and we'll be always eating together as a group. We don't support food chains, nor tourist restaurants as we want to have a positive impact on the communities we visit. This is why we only eat in family-run restaurants which is also the best way to enjoy delicious and authentic Peruvian food. You will be always free to order/buy additional food at your own cost.

ACCOMODATION

We mostly sleep in small basic hostels and there are several reasons behind this choice. Firstly, most of the times there is simply no alternative. Secondly, we only have a limited budget for the teenagers. Moreover, by choosing family-owned hostels we **benefit local people and local economy**.

Last but not least, the teenagers are not accustomed to luxury and for you it is a great opportunity to experience the real Peru. We carefully select family home stays and hostels: they all have at least basic bathing facilities, although hot water and wi-fi are not always guaranteed. In Huanchaco you will be sharing a room in a cosy and comfortable hostel that is just a few steps away from the FairMail office!



TRANSPORT



On the main roads we travel on **luxurious buses** with **facilities on board** such as large and adjustable seats, toilet and meals. On internal routes between smaller cities there are only **local vans** available. When the quality is acceptable and the distance not too long, we'll also use **public transport**. It is nice to experience how public transport is organised in a developing country like Peru: sheep on the roof, chickens on the bus, loud "cumbia" music on the radio and off we go! When public transport is not available, we drive on ***collectivos*** - private cars - and the best part of it is that we can stop along the way to enjoy the view or simple stretch our legs.

WHAT MAKES THIS JOURNEY SUSTAINABLE?

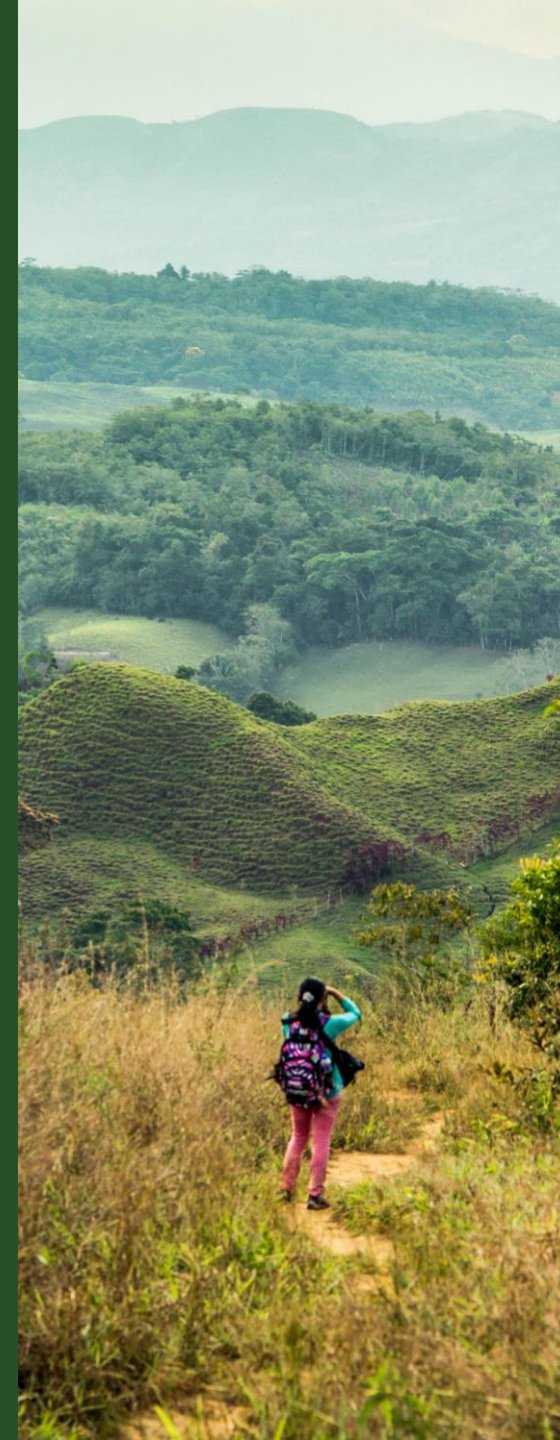
Included in the price you pay, there is the contribution for one of our teenage photographers. This means that **thanks to you, one of our photographers will have the chance to join the trip** and be able to take new pictures and earn money for his/her education.

By sharing with the teenagers your idea of beauty, as a western individual, you'll help them understand the tastes of western customers. This way, they'll be able to adjust their style to market needs and sell more cards. In other words, **you are helping the teenagers improve their future!**

. When it comes to accommodation, food and transport, we only support local businesses to maximize social and economic benefits for local communities. Unlike regular tour operators that don't have any positive impact on the residents, **we keep the interests of the communities we visit at heart.**

TRAVEL ITINERARY

01/01	Huanchaco	Arrival
02/01	Huanchaco	Meeting with the FairMail teenagers
03/01	Huanchaco - Chachapoyas	Relax and bus to Chachapoyas
04/01	Huancas - Cañon del Sonche	Hike to the view point
05/01	Rodriguez de Mendoza - Laguna de Huamanpata	Hike to the laguna
06/01	Laguna de Huamanpata	Boat tour of the laguna
07/01	Rodriguez de Mendoza	Hike back to Rodriguez de Mendoza
08/01	Leo cave and Tucuya thermal baths	Hike to the cave and realx in the hot waters of Tucuya
09/01	Cuispes	Visit the town and photo activities
10/01	Yumbilla waterfall	Hike to the waterfall
11/01	Pedro Ruiz	Bus to Huanchaco
12/01	Huanchaco	Relax
13/01	Huanchaco	Visit the teenagers' families





You will get a **warm welcome** from your English-speaking tour guide at the bus station or at the airport in Trujillo, according to your travel arrangements. A short taxi drive will take you both to your beach hotel in **Huanchaco**. Today you have plenty of time for yourself to adjust to the new climate, the new time zone and to start feeling the **positive vibes** of Huanchaco. Huanchaco is your first approach with the coastal **Peruvian culture** and here you will have the opportunity to get used to the **Peruvian lifestyle**. You can relax on the **beach**, take **surf and Spanish classes** and enjoy the exquisite Peruvian food.

Day ONE – Jan 01 – Huanchaco



Today is a very special day because you'll meet your travel mates in Huanchaco and the FairMail teenagers. We'll all meet at the FairMail office, we'll play games, do a photo activity and have a delicious snack prepared by our local managers! What best way to conclude the morning than with a **group lunch** in a cosy Peruvian restaurant? The afternoon is free for you to continue collecting wonderful memories. We suggest exploring the numerous attractions in the area. Huanchaco is by far the perfect location to visit several heritage sites in Northern Peru. The whole area is rich in ruins of different pre-Inca empires, like the capital of the Chimu empire, **Chan Chan** - the biggest pre-Colombian mud city of the Americas, a world heritage monument of Unesco. You can also visit the three Moche temples located in Trujillo: Huaca del Sol y del la Luna, Huaca Esmeralda and Huaca Arco Iris. You can also take a day trip to El Brujo heritage site, which is just 2 hours north Trujillo. And why not, if you are in the mood for adventure, you can go **sandboarding** on the dunes of the **Laguna de Conache**.

Day THREE – Jan 03– Huanchaco – Chachapoyas

Today you'll have the full morning for yourself in case you still need to check things off your to-do-list. In the early afternoon, we'll reach the bus terminal in Trujillo to take the bus to Chachapoyas. The bus ride is quite long (around 14 hours) but we'll have **comfortable reclining seats** that will allow us to sleep. **Food is served on board**. The bus ride will drive across the three climate zones of Peru and it will be very interesting to see how the landscape changes from the **desert** of the coast to the **jungle**, across the high rocky **Peruvian Andes**.





We'll arrive in Chachapoyas early in the morning and we'll go straight to our hostel where we'll rest a while, after the long bus ride. You'll be surprised by the difference in climate and vegetation. Before lunch, we'll hop on a *colectivo* that will drive us to the small town of **Huancas**, renowned for its century-long pottery tradition. We'll have a pic-nic at the view point over the **Cañon del Sonche** and then we'll walk back to Chachapoyas to fully appreciate the natural environment.

Day FOUR – Jan 4 – Huancas



Day FIVE – Jan 5 – Hike to the Laguna de Huamanpata

After a typical Peruvian breakfast that will give us abundant energy for the whole morning, a 1:30 hour bus drive will take us to Iscuchaca, the starting point of our **hike to the Laguna de Huamanpata**, a private conservation area with a very special ecosystem rich in orchids, bromeliads, limestone, monkeys and many species of birds. We'll have a pic-nic on the way up and spend the afternoon enjoying the natural beauty of the lake and learning how the landscape changes from dry season to rain season. We'll also work on a session of *foto perfecta*. Our home for the next 2 nights will be a rustic eco-lodge where we'll fall asleep to the sounds of nature.

Day SIX – Jan 6 – Laguna de Huamanpata

Today we'll enjoy a full immersion day at the beautiful **Laguna de Huamanpata**, and what better way to explore the lake than with a boat tour? In the morning, we'll hop on **wooden *lancias*** and sail across the lake. With a little bit of luck, we'll spot the many species of birds that populate the area. The surroundings and the blue sky will give us the chance to practise our outdoor photography skills. After lunch we'll engage in a photo activity with the teenagers. After a filling dinner freshly prepared by our hosts, we'll end the day beside a campfire toasting marshmallows and sharing scary stories!





In the morning, we'll walk back to Rodriguez de Mendoza, a small town home to a **coffee cooperative** that employs hundreds of local farmers. After lunch, we'll visit the cooperative and learn more about the economic and social impact that this organization has on the whole province.

We'll use the remaining time before dinner to work on a **session of *foto perfecta***. After dinner we'll have time to relax and/or play group games.



Today will be packed with adventure! In the morning we'll explore the limestone **cave of Omia**. We'll walk down into its depths and admire the century-long stalactites and stalagmites formations that make it a real natural masterpiece. Before lunch, we'll drive to the **thermal baths of Tucuya** where we'll spend the rest of the afternoon. It's the perfect opportunity to relax and to make the most of the natural surroundings for some lovely outdoor photography. We'll have dinner back in Mendoza and we'll spend the night there.

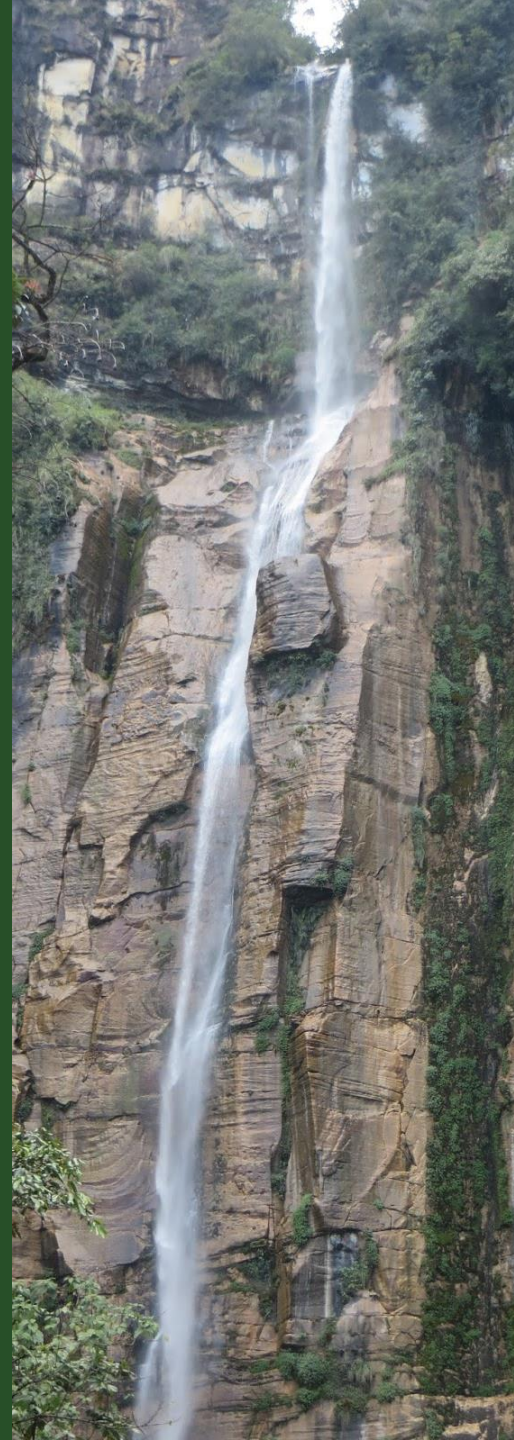


Day NINE – Jan 9 – Cuispes

Today we'll move up north. A 3:30 hour bus ride will lead to **Cuispes**, a small village north Chachapoyas, which is going to be our base for the next 2 nights. We'll have lunch in Cuispes and we'll take the afternoon easy exploring the surroundings and working on a session of *photo perfecta*.

Day TEN – Jan 10 – Hike to Yumbilla

Today we'll put on our boots and hike to the wonderful **Yumbilla waterfall**. With its 895,5 m, it is considered the world's fifth tallest waterfall, according to a geographical survey conducted by the Geographical Institute of Peru. The top is located at 2,723.6 m above sea level and the base at 1,828.1 m. On the way up there we'll walk across montane forest vegetation. Bromeliads, orchids, palms, Andean alders and tree ferns are commonly found in the area. If we are super-extra lucky we might also spot spectacles bears! We'll back to Cuispes by dinner time and spend the night there.



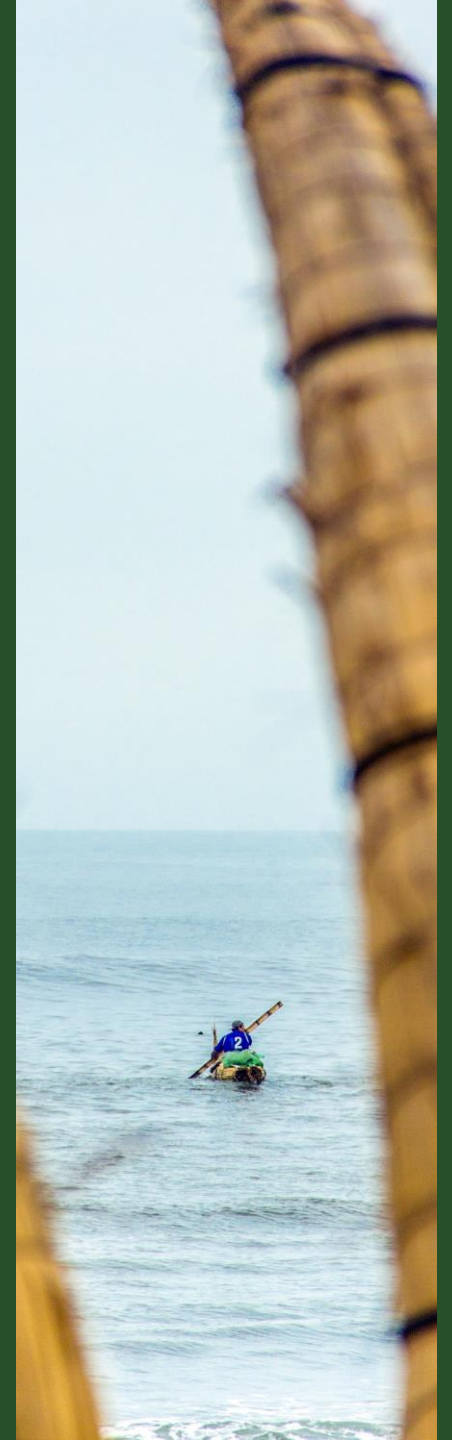
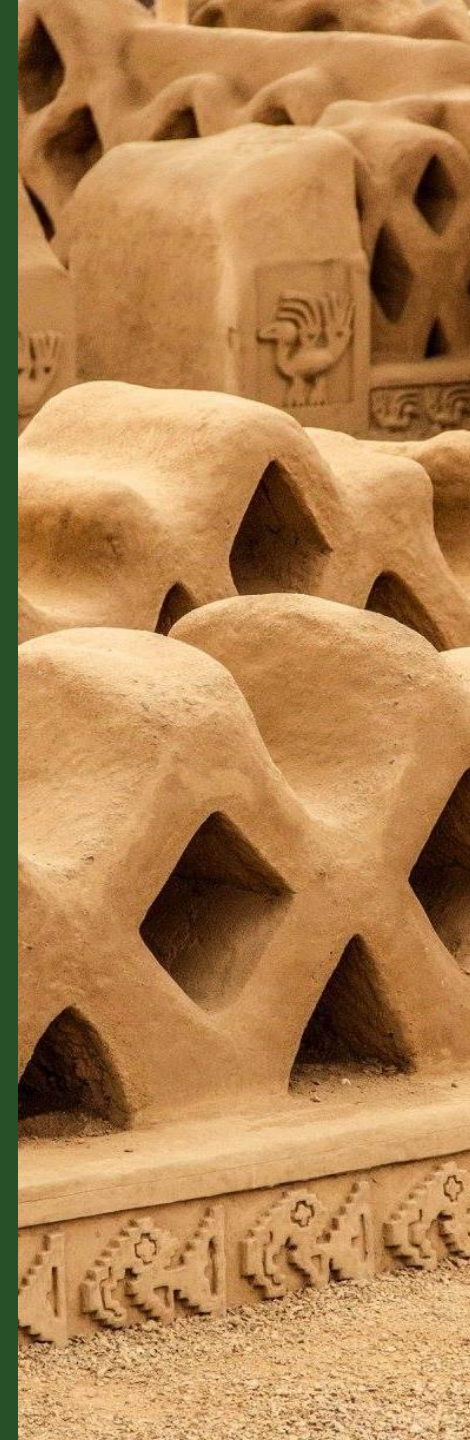
Day ELEVEN – Jan 11 – Cuispes -Huanchaco

A photograph showing a group of people, mostly young adults, gathered around a dark-colored bus in a town square. One man is standing on the roof of the bus, organizing gear. Others are standing on the ground, some with backpacks, looking towards the bus. The background shows a paved square, some buildings, and a clear sky.

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to the Amazon and head back to the coast. We'll spend the morning working on a session of *foto perfecta* and after lunch we'll catch our **bus to Trujillo**. We'll travel with the same comfortable bus company that drove us to Chachapoyas at the beginning of our trip and we'll arrive in Trujillo the following morning. We'll have plenty of time on the bus to watch the pictures we took and to process all the beautiful memories that we've created over the past week.

Day TWELVE – Jan 12 – Huanchaco

Back in Huanchaco! We arrive in Trujillo early in the morning. The teenagers go back to their houses while you go back to Huanchaco. After an intense week in the Amazon, we all deserve some **time to relax!** The program of this day is entirely up to you: you can **enjoy the beach**, take **surf lessons** or visit the many **ruins** in the area.





Day THIRTEEN – Jan 13 – Huanchaco

The last day of the trip will likely offer the most impressive and eye-opening experience of the past 12 days. Today we'll visit the families of the photographers that went on the trip. We'll show their families some of the pictures that the photographers took and share with them the highlights of our adventure in the jungle. When you realize how much they struggle in their daily life, you will admire these motivated and hard-working teenagers even more!

IS THIS TRIP FOR YOU?

Tourism is only just developing in the Northern Peruvian Amazon, so infrastructures normally have a **lower level of comfort** than what you are normally used to. **Adaptability and flexibility are necessary** if you want to join the adventure.

Ours is a **photography trip** so we **travel slowly** to capture the beauty of the places we visit. The approach «been there, done that» is simply not our traveling style. Every day we'll have **at least one photo activity** that will involve all the teenagers and we'd really welcome your help!

We'll mostly stay in simple, family-run hostels where you'll share a room with fellow travellers. Where possible, you can also sleep in a private room and you'll only pay the difference in price. **Hot water and wi-fi are not always guaranteed**

We'll eat in family run local restaurants where you'll taste **authentic Peruvian food**. To our vegetarian fellow travelers we're happy to say that it's getting easier and easier to find **vegetarian options** pretty much everywhere.

When it comes to **transport**, we'll experience **different levels of comfort** according to the type of transport and the conditions of the roads. From luxury buses to moto taxi, including private cars, vans and wooden boats: we'll use them all!

PARTICIPATION FEES

BASIC PROGRAM – 13 days – 750,00 €

The Basic Program is an all-included packet with no hidden costs. What makes this journey sustainable is that in the 750 € that we charge you, it is included a 175€ contribution for one of our photographers, which means that **thanks to you one of our teenage photographers can join the trip!**

INCLUDED

- English speaking guide for the whole trip
- All overnight stays in a shared room in hostels
- All meals, except for the days in Huanchaco
- Transport during basic program
- Entry fees during basic program
- Bus station or airport pickup in Huanchaco
- Lunch meeting with the FairMail teenagers before departure
- Logistic support before departure
- Logistic support for the whole trip
- Teenage contribution (175,00 €)

NOT INCLUDED

- Flight to Peru
- Transport by bus or airplane from Lima to Huanchaco and vice versa (from 20,00 €)
- Airport pick-up in Lima
- Overnight stay in Lima
- Any transport beside the basic program
- Food and drinks beside the 3 daily meals.
- Photography equipment
- Entry to museums/temples outside basic program

EXTRA OPTION

Extra days in Huanchaco - 4 days - 75 €

This extra option gives you more time in Huanchaco before or after the photography trip. During these days you can join all FairMail activities.

INCLUDED

- 4 nights in a shared room in a cosy hostel (without breakfast)
- Logistic support during the stay

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- Entry to heritage sites
- Local transport

EXTRA OPTION

Private bedroom on the trip – 150 €

With this option you will sleep in a private bedroom during the 4 nights in Huanchaco and all other nights on the trip **where single bedrooms are available.**

Unfortunately we cannot always guarantee the availability of private bedrooms, but we'll do our best to meet your needs!

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