Empires of the Andes and Coastal PERU

September 21-October 5, 2014 (15 days)
with Carleton Professor Nancy Wilkie & Peru expert Dr. James Kus
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the best available educational tour to experience the grandeur of Peru’s ancient sites and fabulous landscapes. This custom-designed itinerary is carefully paced so you can thoroughly explore many of the country’s greatest wonders and still have time to relax, catch your breath, and enjoy our wonderful hotels.

Travel and learn with Carleton archaeologist Nancy Wilkie, one of Alumni Adventures’ most experienced and popular leaders; and Dr. James Kus, who has spent decades conducting geographical and archaeological research throughout Peru. These two congenial experts, plus expert local guides, will make for a most stimulating and enlightening trip.

Other highlights include:

- **Visits to four of Peru’s UNESCO World Heritage sites:**
  - Cuzco, perhaps the oldest continuously occupied city in the Americas;
  - the historic center of Lima, including the catacombs of the 17th century San Francisco church;
  - the archaeological zone of Chan Chan, the largest city in the pre-Columbian Americas;
  - and Machu Picchu, where you have TWO days to explore in-depth, with optional hikes along the Inca Trail to Inti Punku (the Sungate) and/or to Huayna Picchu (at additional cost), which overlooks the site.
- Sacsayhuaman, the magnificent fortress whose stones remain a miracle of Inca engineering; and the ruins of Ollantaytambo, the best remaining example of Inca town planning.
- The Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum, housing finds from one of the richest known sites in the Americas, as well as the famed site of Sipan itself.
- Special events, such as a behind-the-scenes tour at Lima’s Larco Herrera Museum, a gourmet picnic lunch near Sacsayhuaman and, wherever possible, meeting distinguished colleagues of James Kus.
- Carefully selected accommodations and restaurants.
- A professional tour manager to handle all of the logistics, such as checking in at airports and hotels, smoothing the way and allowing you peace of mind. In fact, four internal flights are included to maximize your sightseeing time on the ground.

This program is limited to only 25 travelers, plus Nancy and Jim, so I suggest you reserve your space ASAP by contacting the Alumni Adventures travel office at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

Sincerely,

Frances L. Spangler ’91
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

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**Study Leaders**

**Dr. Nancy Wilkie** is William H. Laird Professor of Classics, Anthropology, and the Liberal Arts, Emerita, and co-coordinator of the Archaeology Concentration at Carleton College. A popular faculty leader who has lectured on numerous study tours around the world, including two recent trips to Peru that visited Cuzco and Machu Picchu, Nancy is a distinguished archaeologist who has worked on projects in Greece, Egypt, and Nepal, and authored more than 30 articles and co-edited three books on archaeology. She is also an Honorary President of the Archaeological Institute of America; President of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield, an organization committed to the protection of cultural property worldwide during armed conflict; and a member of the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. In April 2003, the President of the United States appointed Nancy to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee of the U.S. State Department, on which she currently serves. The Committee reviews requests from foreign governments for the protection of their cultural property and recommends a course of action to the U.S. State Department.

**James Kus** is Emeritus Professor of Geography with the California State University at Fresno. He has spent more than eight years in Peru, directed several archaeology projects in northern coastal Peru, and served as a visiting professor in archaeology at Lima’s Pontificia Universidad Católica (Peru’s leading university). Professor Kus has published extensively about Peruvian archaeology in popular media and encyclopedias as well as professional journals. He has led more than two dozen study tours to various parts of Latin America since the early 1970s, including more than a dozen very successful tours to Peru since 1982 for private groups, his university, major museums, and the Archaeological Institute of America. His areas of specialization are Andean archaeology and geography, and his current research interests include the origins of agriculture in the New World (particularly techniques of water control and irrigation), and the pre-industrial city and origins of New World urbanism.
Sunday, September 21, 2014 - Home | Lima, Peru

Depart home on flights to Lima. Upon your arrival, you will be met at the Lima airport and transferred to our hotel. **Overnight at the Four Points Hotel for two nights.**

Monday, September 22 - Lima

After a buffet breakfast at our hotel, we will board our motorcoach for downtown Lima. Make a brief visit to the historic center of Lima to see the National Palace (home to Peru's President) on one side of the Plaza de Armas and the adjacent cathedral and city hall, then drive two blocks to the San Francisco church to visit its convent and catacombs. This church dates to 1673 and contains several important paintings of both the Rubens and Zubarán schools. Its catacombs were long an underground cemetery for Lima's Christians, with more than 50,000 burials. Re-board our motorcoach to head to the Larco Herrera Museum, which contains a wonderful collection of pre-Hispanic pottery. Lunch will be provided at the museum, after which we will have a guided tour of the exhibits. One highlight will be our ability to go behind-the-scenes for a tour of the storerooms of the Museum, which are not open to the public. Another highlight will be the Larco's collection of erotic ceramics, typical of the Moche culture, which are housed in a separate building. In the late afternoon, return to our hotel. **Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)**

Tuesday, September 23 - Lima | Cuzco | Urubamba, Sacred Valley

After breakfast at our hotel, we will transfer to the Lima airport for our flight to Cuzco. Upon our arrival, we will meet our guide and transfer by private coach to our hotel in the Sacred Valley (the wide portion of the Urubamba or Vilcanota River valley that lies north and northeast of Cuzco). After a light lunch at the hotel, re-board our motorcoach to drive down the valley to the town of Ollantaytambo, where we will visit the Inca temple/fortress on a hill above the town. Later, take a walk through the town where many of the houses date to the Inca period and are still occupied by local families. Our guide will introduce us to one of the families who will invite us into their home for an explanation of the various objects found in a typical native residence (including guinea pigs wandering around the kitchen). **Overnight at the Aranwa Hotel for three nights. (B,L,D)**

Wednesday, September 24 - Sacred Valley | Moray | Maras | Chincheros | Sacred Valley

Today we will be heading into the hills above the Sacred Valley. Our first stop will be the archaeological site of Moray, where a series of circular terraces have been the subject of much debate by archaeologists over the years. The big question: What were they used for? Our next stop will be the salt mines at Maras, which have been in use since pre-Hispanic times. The hundreds of small salt ponds make for wonderful photos as well as showing us how salt, that incredibly important part of our diets, was produced in pre-Industrial times. Our third stop will be the traditional weaving center in the town of Chincheros. The founder and head of this center, Nilda Callañaupa, will host a typical lunch at her home, followed by demonstrations of traditional weaving (including the use of native dyes). **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, September 25 - Sacred Valley | Pisac | Sacred Valley

Our destination today will be the town and ruins of Pisac, located up the Urubamba Valley. We will visit the traditional market fair in the town plaza, where many of the vendors are people who have come down from the surrounding highland communities, wearing their traditional garb. A variety of handicrafts is for sale, as are local fruits and vegetables. After lunch at a nice local restaurant, drive into the hills above Pisac to visit an important Inca archaeological site (which is most likely a royal estate of the Inca ruler Pachacutec). In the late afternoon, we will return to our hotel. **(B,L,D)**
Friday, September 26 - Urubamba, Sacred Valley | Machu Picchu
After breakfast, we drive to the station in Ollantaytambo to catch our Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes, the jumping off spot for Machu Picchu. Our hotel in Aguas Calientes is only a short walk from the train station, and we will have lunch before boarding a bus for our afternoon tour of Machu Picchu. Dr. Kus and our local guide will lead us through the most important parts of the archaeological site and we will stay within the ruins until the site closes. (Note that most visitors leave by early afternoon to catch the train back to Cuzco, so in the late afternoon we will enjoy the site with relative peace and quiet.) **Overnight at the Inkaterra for two nights. (B,L,D)**

Saturday, September 27 - Machu Picchu
Today we return to Machu Picchu for a second visit, with a boxed lunch. Those who wish may hike with Dr. Kus along the Inca Trail to the Sungate (Inti Punku), for a different perspective of Machu Picchu. If you prefer, you can remain at the hotel for a day of rest and relaxation. The evening is at leisure, with dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 28 - Machu Picchu | Cuzco
Enjoy a morning at leisure, or join your guide for a strenuous hike (at additional cost) to the top of Huayna Picchu, overlooking Machu Picchu. After lunch at our hotel, board the Vistadome train for Cuzco. Dinner tonight is on your own in Cuzco. **Overnight at the Casa Andina PC Hotel for three nights. (B,L)**

Monday, September 29 - Cuzco | Sacsayhuaman | Cuzco
Start the day with a city tour, beginning with a visit to the cathedral, located on the main plaza (which was, itself, part of the Inca central square). Cuzco’s cathedral is considered to be the best repository of colonial art in Peru. Continue on to the Qoricancha (“Temple of the Sun”), which was the most sacred space in Inca Cuzco. The Dominicans built their church atop the Qoricancha (after the Spanish conquistadors removed its gold and silver); and an earthquake in May 1950 destroyed portions of the Dominican church, uncovering the Inca walls we see today. (Interestingly enough, most of the colonial buildings in Cuzco collapsed during this earthquake, whereas most of the Inca walls survived with little or no damage.) Visit the Casa Concha Museum, which houses hundreds of artifacts from the 1912 excavations at Machu Picchu (recently returned to Peru by Yale University), and then take a motorcoach to Sacsayhuaman, an Inca fortress in the hills overlooking the city. Its size and scope are amazing – particularly the huge stones (many weighing dozens of tons) that were used to build Sacsayhuaman’s walls. Lunch will be a gourmet picnic near Sacsayhuaman. Return to our hotel this afternoon, and the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent shopping or exploration of Cuzco. (B,L)
Tuesday, September 30 – Cuzco | Tipon | Piquillaqta | Cuzco

This morning, visit two important archaeological sites south of Cuzco: Tipon, located high in the hills, an Inca royal estate that is famous for its terraces, stone-lined canals, and fountains; and Piquillaqta, a Middle Horizon center built by the people of the Wari (Huari) culture. It is a huge site, with lots of standing walls of houses and storehouses, and it is the only major pre-Inca site near Cuzco. The afternoon and evening are at leisure in Cuzco. (B)

Wednesday, October 1 - Cuzco | Trujillo

After a week in the Andes, today we head to northern coastal Peru. After breakfast at our hotel, we will transfer to the Cuzco airport for our flight to Lima. Our connecting flight will take us to Trujillo, the largest city in northern coastal Peru, named after Francisco Pizarro's hometown in Spain. Upon arrival in Trujillo, we will board a private coach for the short ride to Trujillo's colonial Plaza de Armas, where our hotel is located adjacent to the cathedral. Overnight at the Libertador for two nights. (B)

Thursday, October 2 - Trujillo | Huacas del Sol/de la Luna | Chan Chan | Trujillo

Today we will visit two of the most important archaeological sites in northern coastal Peru, both of which were the centers of their respective cultures. First up will be the Huaca del Sol/de la Luna complex (in English, the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon). This was the most sacred center of the Moche (or Mochica) culture, occupied from around the time of Christ until about A.D. 600. Before we visit the actual site we will tour the brand new site museum, and then our motorcoach will take us to the ruins where we will examine the results of two decades of careful excavation by Peruvian scholars under the direction of Dr. Santiago Uceda. After lunch at a beachfront restaurant in the town of Huanchaco (famous for its small boats made of reeds), we will visit the ruins of Chan Chan, capital city of the Kingdom of Chimor. The archaeological site is dominated by several large ciudadelas (royal compounds), surrounded by high walls, although other types of remains are to be seen all over this huge site (Chan Chan covers several square miles and may have been home to more than 30,000 people – perhaps the largest pre-Hispanic site in all of Peru prior to its conquest by the Incas around A.D. 1470). (B,L)

Friday, October 3 - Trujillo | San Jose de Moro | Zaña | Chiclayo

This morning we will drive north to Chiclayo, with several interesting stops along the way. First, visit the site of Huaca Cao Viejo, another Moche period ceremonial center, and the new museum adjacent to the site. One of the highlights of the new museum is the tomb (and body) of the Señora de Cao, the highest status female burial ever found in Peru. Archaeologists and museum staff at the site have created an impressive display to allow viewing of the mummy while maintaining a great deal of reverence for this personage. After touring the museum, walk a few hundred feet to visit the actual Moche pyramid. From the top, we will be able to see several other Moche pyramids as well as the famous Huaca Prieta – a nearby pre-ceramic midden (refuse heap) excavated by Junius Bird in the 1940s.

After lunch in the town of Pacasmayo, we will briefly visit the site of San Jose de Moro, a major Moche period ceremonial center and cemetery currently being excavated by Luis Jaime Castillo of the Universidad Católica in Lima. His excavations are some of the largest ever done in Peru – large areas have been opened to uncover work areas, particularly for the production of chicha (corn beer), and deep tombs. Among the most important discoveries at San Jose de Moro have been multiple tombs of high...
status priestesses. Our final stop today will be a visit to the town of Zaña. Established early in the colonial period, Zaña became one of the richest Spanish cities in early colonial Peru, with multiple churches and a sizable native and black slave population. In March 1720, however, the town was wiped out by flooding during an episode of El Niño rains – the ruins of the colonial churches still show the high water marks from the flooding. Leaving Zaña, we drive north through one more valley to our hotel in Chiclayo. Overnight at the Costa del Sol for two nights. (B,L)

Saturday, October 4 - Chiclayo | Ferrenafe | Morrope | Chiclayo
Today we continue our exploration of the cultures of northern coastal Peru with a visit to the Sican Museum, located in the town of Ferrenafe. The director of this museum, Carlos Elera, is a former student of Dr. Kus and we are sure to receive a warm welcome as we tour its galleries. The museum focuses on the Sican culture (which dominated this region between the end of the Moche culture and the Chimu conquest of the Chiclayo area), but also includes much information about the geography and ecology of the coastal valleys as well as displays related to the daily life of the Sican people. We then visit the Túcume pyramids – this site includes more than twenty huacas built by the Lambayeque culture. After lunch in the town of Lambayeque, we will head to the traditional village of Morrope, where the residents continue to weave and make pottery using traditional methods. The chapel next to the town’s church is particularly interesting, as it dates to very early in the colonial period (it is the earliest surviving Catholic chapel in Peru) and was constructed using indigenous techniques. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 5 - Chiclayo | Lambayeque | Sipan | Chiclayo | Lima | Home
Our visit to Peru concludes today with the spectacular materials related to the site of Sipan. After checking out of our hotel, we will drive to the town of Lambayeque to tour the fantastic Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum, which houses much of the material discovered during the first years of excavation at the Sipan (or Huaca Rajada) site. We start our tour at the top of the museum, where we learn how archaeologist Walter Alva came to excavate at the site (as the result of material found by grave robbers). Alva’s excavation of the tomb of the Lord of Sipan in 1987 was one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. As we work our way down through the museum, we work back in time: the lower levels relate to earlier Moche periods, ending with a second, older, tomb of another Lord of Sipan. After lunch, we will drive to the actual site of Sipan, where we will first climb the huacas and put what we saw this morning into context, and then tour the new museum at the site, where the results of the most recent excavations are displayed. Late in the afternoon we will transfer to the Chiclayo airport for our flight to Lima, connecting to your flights homeward. (B,L)
What to Expect

You must be in good physical health to participate in this program. This itinerary features a significant amount of walking. Many streets are of packed dirt, and some attractions are only accessible via steep staircases with tall, uneven steps. To reap the full rewards of this adventure, travelers must be able to walk at least a mile a day, unassisted, keeping up with fellow travelers. The high altitude of Cuzco (11,150 feet) could cause problems for travelers with certain health conditions. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, please visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

Your accommodations were chosen for their generous comfort, location, and charm. Flexibility, a sense of humor, enjoyment of group travel, and a willingness to accept cultural differences and local standards of amenities are necessary for the full appreciation of this trip.

Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.

Air Arrangements

Four flights within Peru are included in the tour cost. International airfare to and from Lima, Peru is not included. Individual transfers are provided for those arriving anytime on Sept. 21st and a group transfer is provided on Oct. 5th (flights should not depart any earlier than 10:30 pm). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

For questions and to hold your space, please contact Carleton College Alumni Adventures at:

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Per Person Prices

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Optional Add-ons

Pre-tour night(s) at the Four Points Hotel, Lima

Double or Single (per room, per night) ..................$199
Includes breakfast and taxes

Optional Excursion (offered on Sept. 28th)

Hike to Huayna Picchu (per person) ..................$125

Rates Include:

- Leadership of Nancy Wilkie & James Kus, plus a Peruvian tour conductor and local guides throughout;
- Accommodations in first-class and best available hotels as indicated in the itinerary;
- Four flights within Peru: Lima-Cuzco, Cuzco-Lima, Lima-Trujillo, Chiclayo-Lima;
- Meals with mineral water and/or a hot beverage: 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, and 7 dinners, including special welcome and farewell dinners;
- Individual arrival transfers on 9/21/2014 and one group departure transfer on 10/5/2014;
- All transportation by deluxe air conditioned motorcoach including bottled water;
- Vistadome Train: Ollantaytambo/Aguas Calientes/Cuzco;
- All sightseeing and excursions including entrance fees as per itinerary;
- Gratuities to your drivers, local guides, Peruvian tour conductor, and hotel and restaurant staff for group services;
- Baggage handling at hotels and airports where available;
- Complete pre-departure materials.

Rates DO NOT Include:

- Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals other than those listed in the itinerary; personal tips; items of a personal nature; such as laundry; alcoholic or other beverages; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; Huayna Picchu hike 9/28/2014; deviations from scheduled tour; extra night(s) at the Four Points Hotel, Lima, Peru.

Passenger Cancellation Penalties:

All requests by passengers for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least ninety (90) days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative fee of three hundred dollars ($300) per person. Cancellations received seventy (70) to ninety (90) days prior to departure are subject to non-recoverable land costs of up to 25% of the tour cost. Cancellations received sixty-nine (69) to fifty (50) days prior to departure are subject to non-recoverable land costs of up to 50% of the tour cost. Cancellations received forty-nine (49) days or less before departure are subject to 100% of the tour cost.

Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.
(An application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.)

Prices and itinerary are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.
RESERVATION FORM

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org

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☐ I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: 

☐ Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker 

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A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account–CAA Peru9/14

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Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit, and mail or fax to:

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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions on the reverse.

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