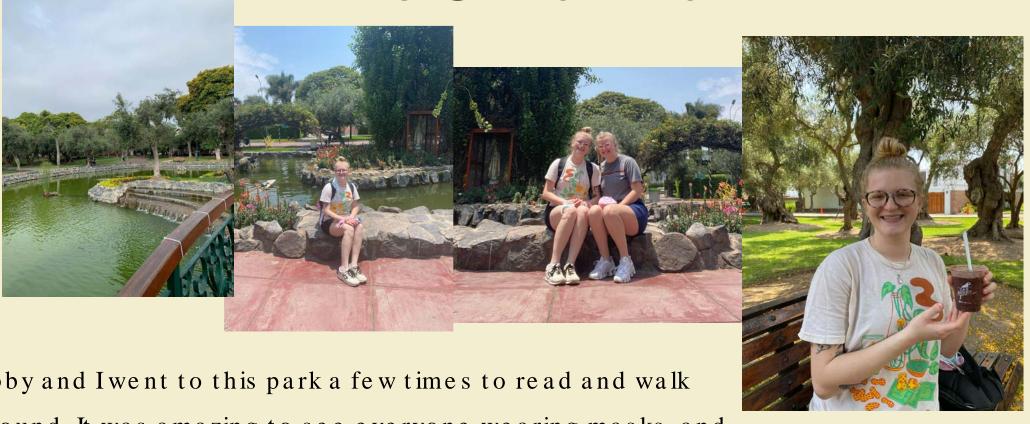


Lima...

Abby and Iexplored around the hotelarea a lot for the first week. We explored the Historic District, parks, and museums.

This is when we first landed in Lima!

Le Clivar Park



Abby and I went to this park a few times to read and walk around. It was amazing to see everyone wearing masks and the numerous families walking around.

Hist or ic District



We visited the Catholic Church Museum and we had an amazing time. Our tour guide was amazing and he took great pictures of us. He even wanted a selfie with us on his phone!











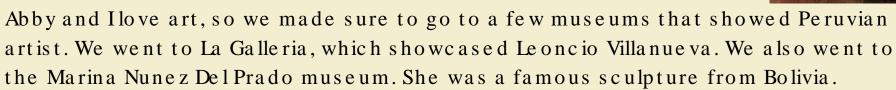




The first group dinner was near incredible pyramids from 200 A.D called Huaca Pucllana. Abby and I got a lot closer with the girls on the trip too!

Museums







New Years Eve

The group had a nice NYE celebration. We played some games and hung out with each other. Since Lima had a curfe w due to COVID, we finished early. It was very fun and we all got to know each other better. Creds to Elena, Shaye, and Abby B. for putting together a great party!



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Abby and Idecided to have a nice dinner for ourselves one night in Lima. We went to a beautiful 3-star Michelin restaurant. They were known for their seafood and Gaston Acurio, who is a famous peruvian chef.



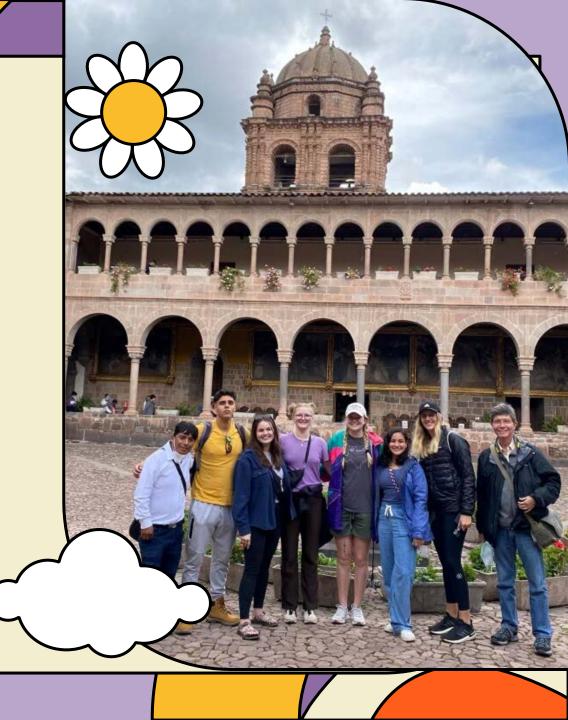
Cusco...

Cusco was my favorite part of the trip. We saw so many incredible historical sites and the group was amazing. Igot really close with Amber, Shaye, Alma, Lizbeth, and Elena and we had so much fun with our tour guide.

Qor ikancha

We went to the main cathedral church in Cusco, along with Qorikancha, which used to be the most important temple in the Inca empire. It was once covered in pure gold. We learned a lot about how the Incas built things and their astronomical knowledge.







This was Sacsaywaman, which was where the Incas built stone walls. The name translates to "place where the hawk is satiated". Juan Carlos made a joke that is sounds like "sexy woman" so I couldn't stop laughing for a while when he kept saying it. It was also hard to walk since the altitude was so high. Igot altitude sickness this day.





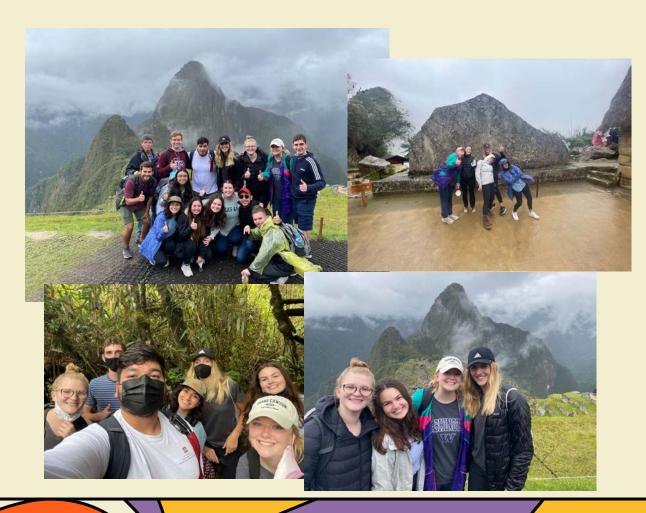
These were taken at Pisac and Maras. Maras is where salt is made - there are over 4,000 salt pans. Pisac is located in the Sacred Valley and we visited one of the sites there.

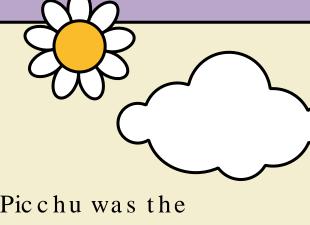
More Sacred Valley pictures!





Machu Picchu





Visiting Machu Picchu was the highlight of the trip and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was a fascinating site and untouched by the Spaniards. We learned that it was most likely used for teaching/school. It was hard to imagine the work and physical labor it took to construct it.



Par acas and Huacachina



For the last week, a few of us made a day trip to Paracas and Huacachina. In Paracas we went on a speedboat and got to see an island inhabited by thousands of different types of birds. In Huacachina, we went on a dune buggy and some of us went sand gliding. It was such a great experience and a great way to spend our last few days.

An extra slide showcasing the amazing food Ihad in Peru!

