

A group of approximately 15 young women are posing on a red dune buggy in a vast desert landscape. They are holding a red banner with white text that reads "PERU WINTERMESTER STUDY ABROAD 2023". The buggy is parked on a sand dune, and the background shows rolling sand dunes under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The text "Peru Wintermester Study Abroad 2023" is overlaid in white on the image.

Peru Wintermester Study Abroad 2023

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First Day! We walked around Barranco, Parque Amor, Kennedy park, and had our first Chifa for dinner!





Downtown Lima!

The Main Square was beautiful; we saw the Convento de Santo Domingo, Municipal Palace of Lima, and the Cathedral of Lima.



Huaca Dinner and First Ceviche Lunch!





NYE & New Years

New Year's Eve we spent on the beach. New Years day we went to Museo Larco and learned about the history of all major civilizations in Peru.



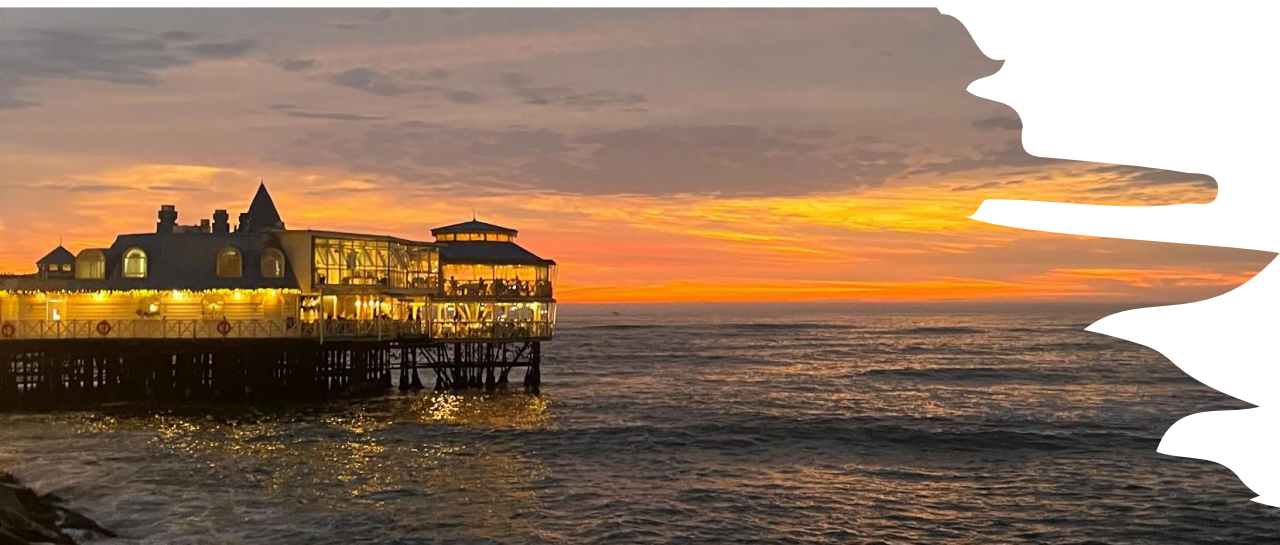


Ceviche Class, Dance Class, Inka Market!

We went to a Ceviche making class at Punta Sal. After class we all took a trip to the Inka Market to get souvenirs! On the way we passed the Engineering college.

Dance class was one of my favorite things we did. It was such a fun workout! Shoutout to Holt for being the best partner. We also did some late-night grocery shopping.





Rosa Nautica Dinner!

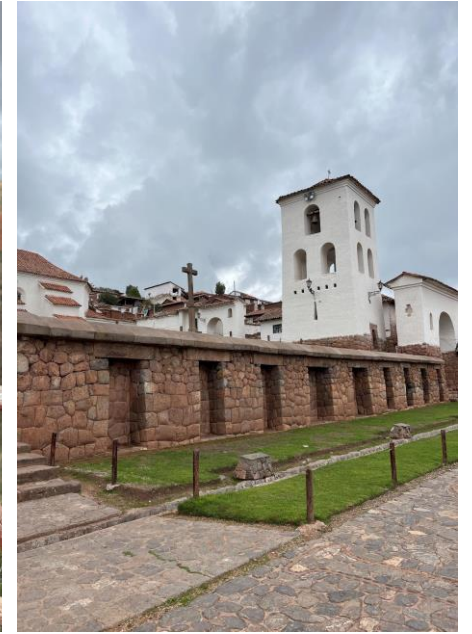
Paracas and the Oasis of Costa Rica!



We did this as an extra trip, but it was so worth it!

Cusco!

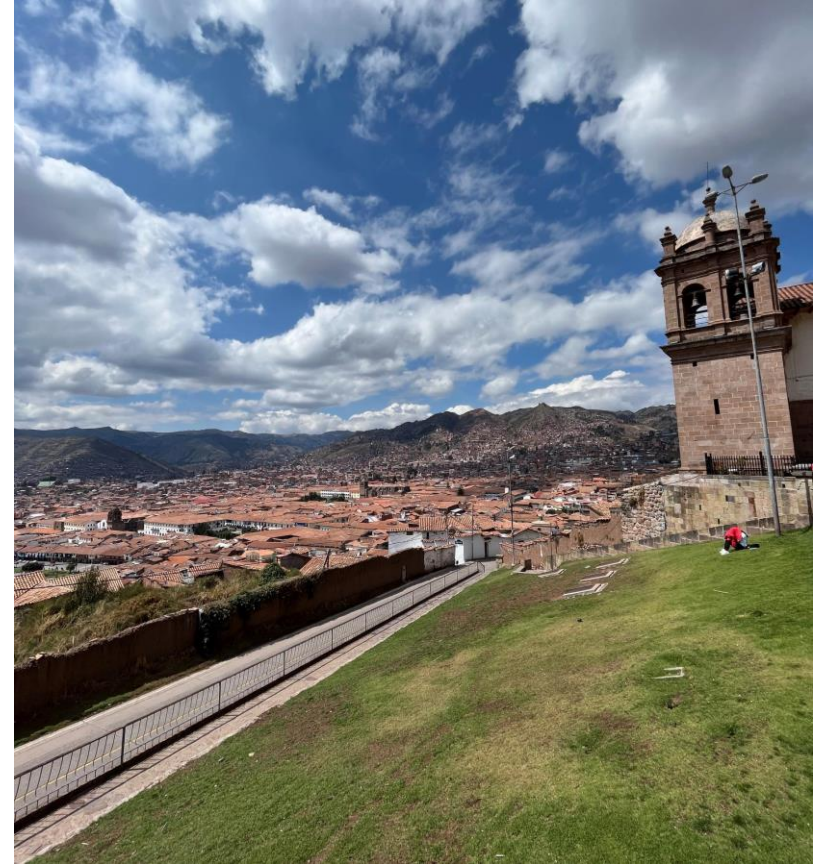
Our first day in the Sacred Valley was amazing! We saw the salt mines, a catholic church from the Peruvian Inquisition, some guinea pigs and alpacas, and remains of a town that had been conquered by the Incans (and then later than Spanish).





Cusco!

Our second day in the Sacred Valley was as incredible as the first. We saw some of the most amazing views I have ever seen at around 12,000 feet! We also saw some of Incan irrigation systems (one was recognized by ASCE as international historic Civil Engineering landmark). The alpaca steak we got for dinner came on lava stones and was so good!



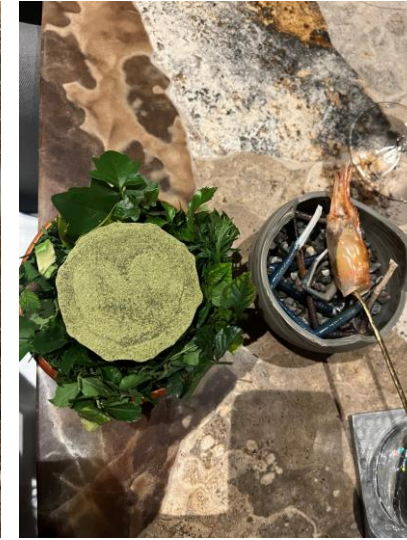
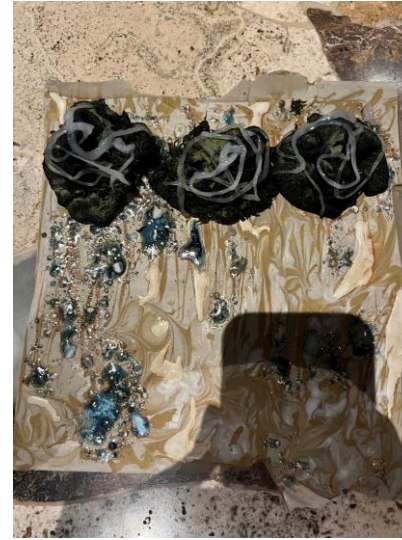
Goodbye Cusco, Hello again Lima!



Sunset,
Fountain
Show,
and
lunch!



Central #2 Restaurant in the world!



This was hands down one of the best meals I've ever had. Each of the 12 courses was based out of a region in Peru, so we would eat foods from 0 ft above sea level to 14,000 ft above sea level! The chef uses ingredients that usually aren't used in cooking, so all the food was unique.

Things I learned:

- There is so much more to Peru than just Machu Picchu!
- Peruvian food is better than American food and like 1/3 of the cost!
- Even knowing a little bit of Spanish can get you a long way (shoutout Alina and her up to 5th grade Spanish).
- GIS is extremely useful for Civil Engineers. There are so many tools that can make work so much easier than in CAD.
- School is better with coffee breaks ;-)
- Travel with friends! It is so much more fun!





We'll be back!

Peru Wintermester 2023 Study
Abroad Reunion already getting
planned!