



Perú

Study Abroad

Allison Clarke, 2023



Barranco & El Malecón,

12-28-22 Street Art, Parque de Amor, Kennedy Park, Iglesia de la Santísima Cruz



Downtown Lima

12-29-22 Plaza Mayor, Basilica and Convent of Santo Domingo, Government Palace



Huaca Pucllana & Señor Limón

12-30-22 Delicious food, ice cream in the park, deep and meaningful conversations with friends



New Year's Eve

12-31-22 Ringing in the New Year with new and old friends, suiting up in red and yellow to symbolize **love** and **luck** in 2023!



Cheers to lots of laughs, long coffee chats, and new experiences in 2023!





A cool glimpse into Andean history! The most extensive pottery collection I have ever seen.



New Year's Day

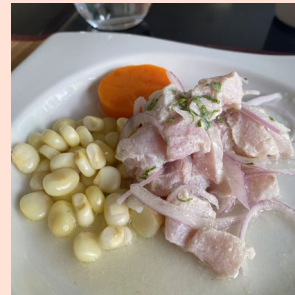
1-1-23 Museo Larco, dinner, and cappuccino run



Ceviche & Peruvian Dance Classes

1-2-23 Punta Sal Cebicheria, Inca Market, and Madam Tusan

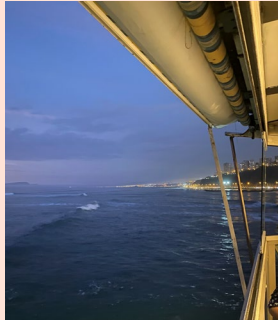
1-3-23 The most fun and exhausting dance class I have ever taken!





Rosa Nautica Dinner

1-4-23 Watched the sunset and enjoyed a beautiful dinner off the ocean



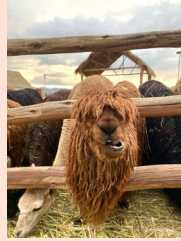
Paracas

1-5-23 Las Islas Ballestas, sand buggies in Paracas National Reserve, Oasis Costa Rica



Cusco Day 1

1-7-23 Travel Day, Cusco Cathedral, Qorikancha, Saqsaywaman, Tambomachay



Cusco Day 2

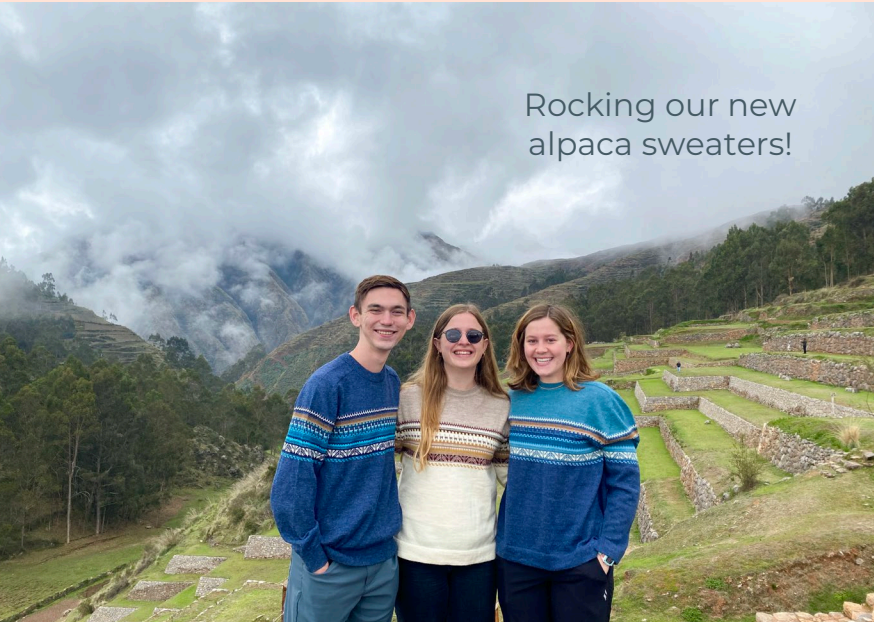
1-8-23 Chinchero, Moray, Salinas de Maras, Tunupa Restaurant, Ollantaytambo



250 steps!



Rocking our new alpaca sweaters!



Cusco Day 3 & 4

1-9-23 Tipón, Pikillacta, Andahuaylillas

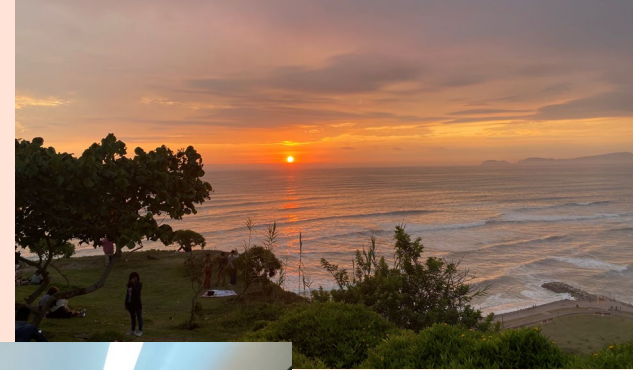
1-10-23 San Blas, Plaza de Armas, Travel Day



As a future water engineer, Tipón was one of my favorite stops along the Sacred Valley. Observing how the Incans utilized a natural spring to establish irrigation canals, foundations, and water channels was incredible!

Embracing our last days in Lima!

Sunsets, Circuito Magico Del Agua, yummy lunches and dinners (Osaka, Pancita, Lila Dasso, etc.) 1/11-13/23



Central Dinner (1/12/23)



Takeaways -

Cherish the chance to sit down with others and connect in an **unrushed** and **genuine** format.

Just because something is different doesn't mean it is better or worse, just *different*.

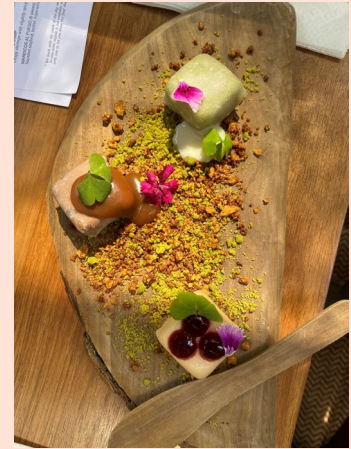
Traveling with others is fun and provides your friendship with a unique sense of connection!

Experience is paramount.

Sometimes a little risk is worth it, even when trying new foods.

If you go hungry on the Peru study abroad, it's your own fault... Peru has some of the best food in the world!

I miss coffee breaks ☹️



Final words -

This entire experience exceeded my expectations. I loved the chance to fully immerse myself in the culture of Peru by exploring, studying, and living in Lima and Cusco. Different cultural perceptions of elements, such as time, money, and hospitality, encouraged me to reflect and challenged me to exit my comfort zone.

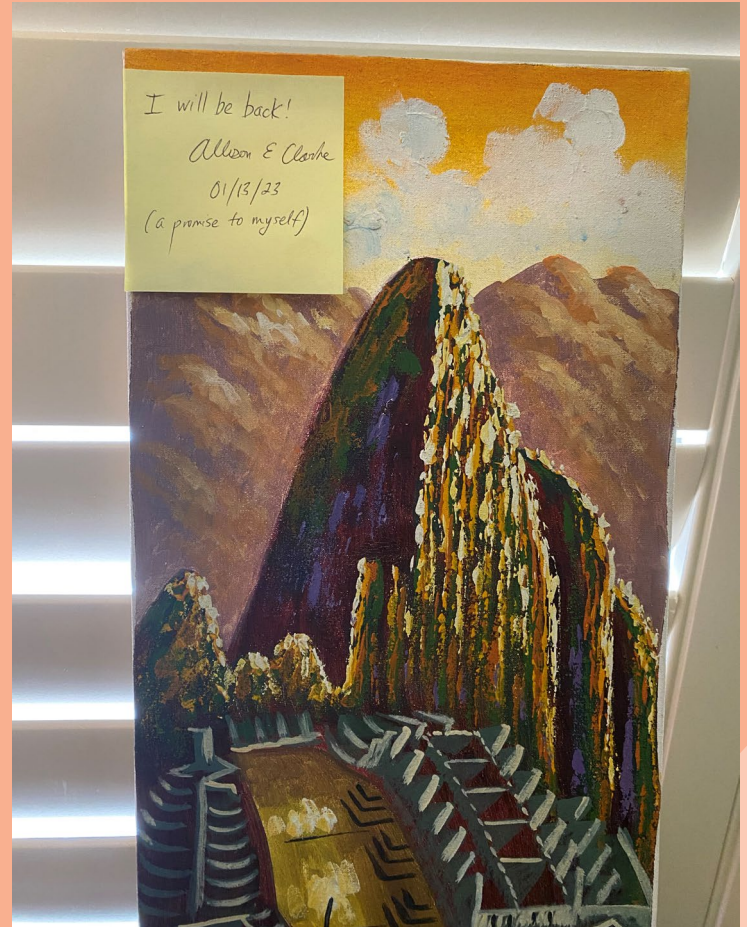
Additionally, I gained a new appreciation for those who do not speak the native language and the many challenges that proceed this. I have deep respect for those who are learning new languages because I understand that this process requires boldness, embarrassment, and persistence.

Finally, I am very grateful for the immense amounts of planning and flexibility that made this trip a success. The trip was very well executed, despite some unexpected roadblocks along the way.





Until next
time, **Perú!**



I will be back!
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01/13/23
(a promise to myself)