



Peru Wintermester 2024-2025

COLE COUNTS

Downtown Lima

One of the first few days on the trip

- Awesome architecture
- Chance to see the Presidential palace
- Realized I could NEVER drive in Peru
- Underestimated the sun!





Food in Lima



- Every single meal I ate was incredible
- Dessert in Peru is top notch
- Favorites:
 - La Linterna
 - Tanta
 - Huaca Pucllana
 - La Baguette

Paracas & Ballestas Islands

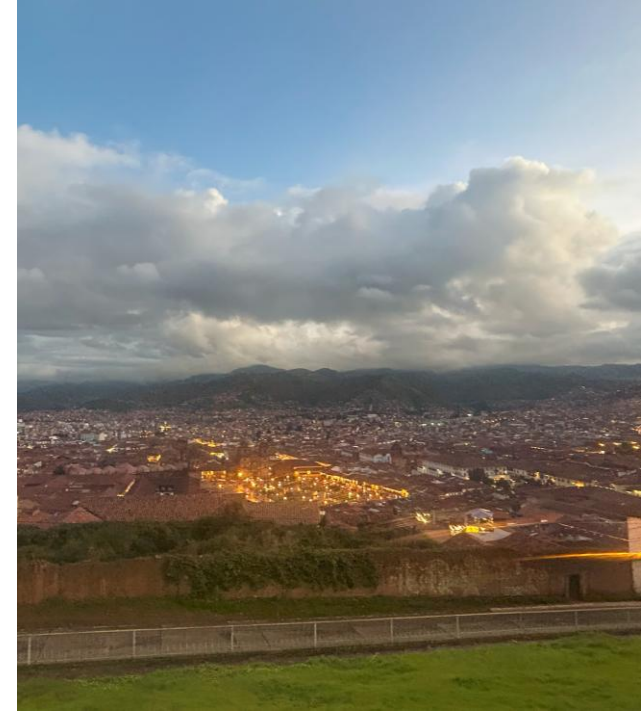
- The mountains of sand looked like something straight out of the movie “Dune”
- Seeing sea lions and penguins (not pictured) was awesome
- Felt like I was on a different planet just because it was so different from what I’m used to



Huacachina

- Favorite part of the trip
- The Fremen sand walk was crucial
- I would love to be a dune buggy driver





Cusco

- City full of history
- Streets/sidewalks are INSANE
- Going from 400' to 11,000' in elevation in a matter of 2 hours is no joke



Cusco City Tour

- From right to left, Qoricancha Temple, Tambomachay, Manos de la Comunidad, Sacsayhuaman



Food in Cusco



Moray

- Incan engineering at its finest!
- Views of mountains were incredible!



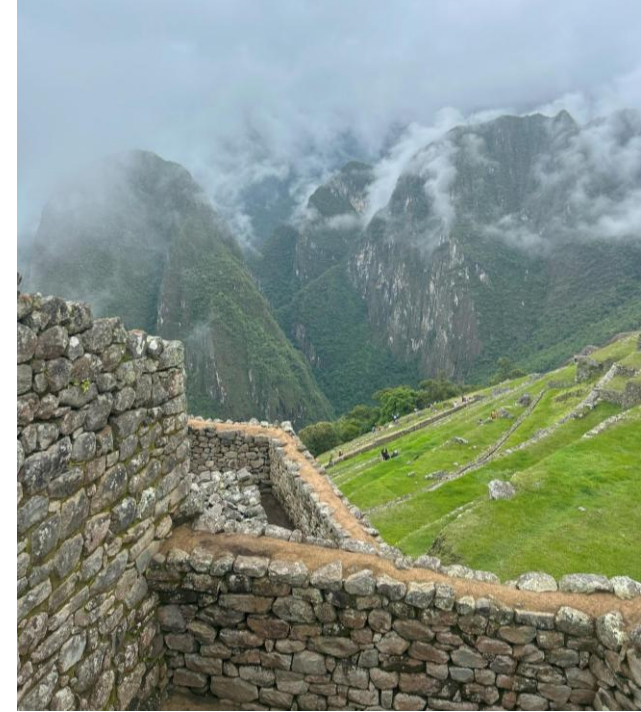
Salineras de Maras

- Roads were crazy!
- Eating a whole chocolate bar before going on a bumpy bus was not a good idea!





Ollantaytambo



Machu Picchu

- 1st Wonder of the World was everything it cracked up to be!
- Being soaked for 12 hours was something I won't soon forget!

Other pictures
from all over
the country!





Takeaways

- One of the best experiences of my life (my expectations were blown out of the water)
- Made me evaluate/think about what is important in life and how I want to live it
- The food is amazing (and so affordable!)
- Made 21 new awesome friends
- ArcGIS is fun
- Professor Olivera made the program 1000x better, one of the best professors at Texas A&M by far, he really cares about his students, and it shows