

## *Peru Photo Tour & Workshop - 2012*

A unique photo tour with Roger Nelson  
Including the Festival Virgen del Carmen  
July 8 – 21, 2012

Peru is a fantastic place for photographers. It has an abundance of photogenic people, wildlife and places. You can explore ancient cultures, local villages, mountains and deserts. You will have an opportunity to hike a portion of the Inca Trail, visit a local festival in the Sacred Valley, ride dune buggies in the desert and go paragliding on the coast. And, you will have the pictures to prove it!

*Peru Photo Tour & Workshop* is specifically designed for people that want to have fun experiencing this mystical travel destination while improving their travel photography skills. You will start your journey in Lima, the capital of Peru where you will explore the colonial city on foot. In the late afternoon, when the wind picks up, you can try paragliding off the cliffs along the ocean. This thrilling experience also gives you a unique perch to take aerial photographs of Lima's beachfront.



From Lima you will head south down the coast to the desert where you will have an opportunity to fly over and photograph the famous Nazca lines. You will also get to experience sand boarding and ride dune buggies on the giant sand dunes. While you are at the coast, you will take a boat ride out to Ballestas Island to photograph Sea Lions, Penguins and many other birds in their natural habitat.

Next you will fly to Juliaca near the border of Bolivia and travel to Puno, the folkloric capital of Peru, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Along the way, you will visit the Sillustani burial site of Inca and Pre-Inca civilizations. You will also visit a small traditional farm to see how they live in this barren landscape. When you arrive in Puno, you will have time to walk around the town and photograph the local people and architecture.

The next day you will explore Lake Titicaca. Your private boat will leave Puno early in the morning and head out to Islas Uros and visit Aymara families that live on islands of floating reeds. Next you will visit Isla Taquile where Quechua-speaking families live. You will work off your lunch hiking the mountainous terrain of this island before heading back to Puno.



Next you head to Cusco, in the center of the country where you will explore the Sacred Valley and Inca culture. You begin with a visit to Sacsayhuaman, an Inca fortress near town. Then you will visit the main square in Cusco to photograph the people and architecture of this city. The next day you travel to Pisac where you should have the opportunity to witness the arrival of the mayors at the Sunday church service as well as the weekly farmers market that draws villagers from throughout the region. You travel to Paucartambo on your third day in the Sacred Valley to witness the Virgen de Carmen Festival. This small village celebrates their patron saint with reenactments, dancing and merriment on this one day each year.

Next you will head to Ollantaytambo stopping at the weaving villages of Willoq and Patacanach along the way to photograph the local people and their houses. You will also explore the streets and Chicherias (houses) of Ollantaytambo, a city that has existed since Inca times but is better preserved than Cusco.

The next day you will hike a small portion of the Inca Trail visiting Inca sites along the way and arriving at the World Heritage site of Machu Picchu. You will have an opportunity to photograph the entire Machu Picchu complex in the late afternoon sun as well as at sunrise the next morning before touring this magnificent site for more detailed photos. You will leave Machu Picchu by train and return to Ollantaytambo. The next day you will return to Cusco stopping to watch Chicha (local brew) being made. You will also visit the Maras Salt Mines to see how salt is collected.



The following morning you will fly back to Lima where you will have some free time to shop or see more sights in Miraflores, a suburb of Lima. You will enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant on Pier 4 overlooking the Pacific Ocean before being transferred to the airport for your international flight home this evening.

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Sun Jul 8 You arrive in Lima, Peru. You will be met at the airport and transported to your hotel. You will spend the night in the Miraflores neighborhood of Lima.

Mon Jul 9 You will meet the guides and other participants this morning for breakfast to discuss plans for the trip. After breakfast, you will take a tour of the historical center of Lima to photograph the colonial architecture around Plaza Mayor, Lima Cathedral and the San Francisco Monastery. In the afternoon, the first travel photography workshop session will be offered followed by a trip to the oceanfront. Here you can photograph people and beach front activities in the late afternoon sun. Just before sunset, if the winds are suitable for paragliding off the sea cliffs in Miraflores, you will have a chance to ride a tandem glider and photograph the coastal area from above. This is definitely an experience you won't forget.



Tue Jul 10 In the morning you will travel to Ica where you will take a scenic flight over the Nazca lines, a collection of huge geoglyphs etched into the plains between 500 BC and AD 500. You will have an excellent opportunity to photograph these ancient carvings from both sides of the plane. Next you head to the Huacachina Lagoon where you can try your hand at sand boarding on the desert dunes. Late in the afternoon you will have an opportunity to ride dune buggies out to some of the biggest sand dunes in the Atacama Desert for a wild ride and a chance to photograph sunset on the dunes. You will then travel to Paracas where you will spend the night.



Wed Jul 11 Today you will tour the Ballestas Islands by boat. You will be able to photograph over 100 different types of marine birds, including Humboldt penguins, boobies



and cormorants as well as colonies of sea lions. The Candelabra, another geoglyph carved near the shore is visible from the boat as well. After your boat ride, you head back to Lima where you will have the second travel photography workshop session and some free time for shopping or exploring the Miraflores area of the city. You will spend the night in Lima again.

Thu Jul 12

This morning you fly to Juliaca and travel to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. On the way, you will visit the Sillustani burial site that was used by both Inca and Pre-Inca civilizations. You will also visit a small farm to learn how they live in this barren land. You spend the night in Puno.

Fri Jul 13

You will board a boat this morning for a private tour of Lake Titicaca. First you will visit the floating islands of Uros and see how people live and work in this environment. Next you will head for Taquile Island where a very different culture exists. Here on this mountainous island, they have made a living by knitting and weaving for centuries. You will work off your lunch here by hiking across the island and down the 545 steps to meet our boat. Both islands are very photogenic and sure to be a highlight of your trip. You will spend the night in Puno again.



Sat Jul 14

Today you will take an early morning flight to Cusco, the mountain capital of the Incas. You will visit the scenic church of San Blas with great views of the valley. Next you will visit Sacsayhuaman, one of the main Inca fortifications to see how they were built and used. In the late afternoon you will walk around Cusco to photograph the architecture and the people of this city including the cathedral and the main square. You will have dinner overlooking the square and an opportunity for nighttime photography in this festive location. You will spend the night in Cusco.



Sun Jul 15

Today is market day in Pisac. People from all over the valley are dressed in their Sunday best and visit the market to buy and sell local goods and food. On Sundays Pisac is also the meeting place for the local Mayors of the region, who come dressed in their traditional costumes to attend morning mass. It is a very colorful event that makes great photographs. Your afternoon ride through the Sacred Valley should give you an opportunity to photograph the people and landscape of this valley as well. When you return to the hotel, the third travel photography workshop session will be held followed by dinner. You spend the night in Cusco.



Mon Jul 16

The festival Virgen de Carmen is held today in Paucartambo. You will begin your trip to this remote village very early in the morning to arrive in time for the morning's events. There will be parades, dancers, musicians, reenactment performers and more as Paucartambo celebrates their patron saint. The colorful village and even more colorful dancers will give you plenty of unique photo opportunities. You will return to Cusco in the afternoon and will spend the night there.



Tue Jul 17

You head to Ollantaytambo today in the heart of the Sacred Valley. On the way, you will visit the weaving villages of Willoq and Patacancha where you can photograph the people and their homes. When you arrive in Ollantaytambo the forth and final travel photography workshop session will be held. Later in the afternoon, you will walk around the town to photograph the streets and Chicherias (homes) of this preserved Inca city. You will spend the night in Ollantaytambo.



Wed Jul 18 You board a train early this morning for a short ride to the Chachabamba trailhead. From here you will hike the last portion of the Inca Trail visiting several Inca sites such as Winaywayna and Intipunku. Your destination today, after 6 hours of hiking, is the legendary Machu Picchu. Once you arrive you will take some late afternoon photos and then head to your hotel for some much needed rest. You will spend the night in Aguas Calientes.

Thu Jul 19 You will get up early to be in Machu Picchu before sunrise so you can photograph this Inca city as the sun comes over the mountain. Next you will tour and photograph the site in more detail while learning about its history. In the afternoon you will take the train back to Ollantaytambo where you can have some free time to explore this living Inca town once again. You spend the night in Ollantaytambo.



Fri Jul 20 You will return to Cusco today stopping at Yanahuhra to photograph Chicha (local brew) making. You will also stop at the salt mines of Maras to photograph this unusual site and the workers gathering salt. You will have some free time in the afternoon for shopping or sightseeing on your own. You spend the night in Cusco again.



Sat Jul 21 You will fly back to Lima this morning. You will be able to use the hotel in Lima for the day and you have one more chance for shopping or sightseeing. You will join the group for a farewell dinner at a restaurant on Pier 4 overlooking the Pacific Ocean. After dinner you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home this evening.

### Fees for This Trip

- Tour Cost: \$6,300 per person
- Single Supplement Fee: \$ 850 per person

Rates are quoted per person, based on sharing double accommodations. If you prefer single accommodations, the Single Supplement Fee is added. If you're travelling alone and wish to share accommodations, we'll try our best to find you a roommate. If that's not possible, we will only charge you half of the single supplement.

### What's Included

- Professional photography guide and trip leader
- Local English speaking guides and trip coordinators
- Accommodations
- All meals while traveling as a group
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers
- Internal flights and airport departure taxes as noted in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and activities as noted in the itinerary
- Tips to guides, trip leader, drivers, waiters (for group meals), porters and bellhops
- One photo book of the tour created by Roger Nelson

### What's Not Included

- International airfare to and from Lima, Peru
- Accommodations or meals en route to and from Lima, Peru
- Trip Insurance
- Excess baggage charges
- Sodas and alcoholic beverages
- Hotel services such as internet, laundry or massage services
- Passport and visa fees
- Other personal expenses

### Payment & Booking Policy

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to confirm a reservation for this trip. The deposit payment must be accompanied by a completed Trip Application Form that includes a Release of Liability and Assumption of All Risks Agreement. The balance of all trip fees is due 90 days prior to departure.

### Cancellation Policy

If written notice of cancellation is received	cancellation fee
At least 90 days prior to departure	\$200
89 to 60 days prior to departure	\$400
59 to 30 days prior to departure	50% of all applicable fees for this trip
Less than 30 days prior to departure	100% of all applicable fees for this trip

If Global Travel Photography cancels the trip due to insufficient participation, all monies paid will be refunded to you or applied to another trip at your discretion.

### Flight Reservations

International airfare is not included in the cost of our trips. For air reservations, we recommend you contact the airlines directly, either by phone or Internet. Many travelers elect to use their "frequent flyer" miles when traveling internationally. **Please do not book your international flights without verifying that we have enough participants to operate the trip.**

### Insurance

**You are strongly encouraged to purchase travel and liability insurance.** If you are hurt in a remote area, it can be very expensive to air lift you to the nearest reliable medical facility. Global Travel Photography does not provide any insurance for trip participants. You will need to purchase a travel insurance policy that meets your needs for medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, trip cancellation and interruption, and baggage protection. There are a number of companies that offer policies with varying levels of coverage. Check the web and purchase a policy that provides the coverage you need.

### Health & Fitness

This trip involves a lot of walking on uneven surfaces, stairs and trails. There are very few accommodations for handicapped individuals. **We recommend that you consult a physician before the trip to ensure that you are healthy enough for this type of trip.**

Some of the places on this tour are at high altitudes (above 10,000 ft). Our longest hike will be 8 miles in mountainous terrain (Inca Trail). If you want to enjoy all the adventurous activities on this trip you should participate in an active exercise regime before the trip. Naturally, you will be able to opt out of any of the activities if you wish.

### What to Expect

You will have an exciting and unforgettable experience! No other photo tour offers this combination of activities, workshops and photo opportunities.

This tour will be led by Roger Nelson, a professional photographer that specializes in travel photography. He has visited Peru numerous times and has personally designed this trip to give you the best experience possible. You will also have Peruvian trip coordinators to tend to all the logistics of the trip and ensure that the trip runs smoothly and safely. Then in each location, you will have local tour guides that will share their knowledge of the areas that we visit.

You will travel together in a bus with ample room for all participants and their photography gear. Most bus travel will be short trips around a local area. The longest trip will be 4 hours. In the Sacred Valley, you will travel by train to the starting point of your Inca trail hike and the return trip from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo. You will also take a number of commercial flights in order to minimize travel time. You will fly from Lima to Juliaca, Juliaca to Cusco and then Cusco back to Lima.

You will be staying in a variety of comfortable accommodations in order to be in the right places at the right times. In Lima, Paracas, Cusco and Puno you will stay in 4 star hotels. In Ollantaytambo, you will stay in a 3 star hotel that offer small but comfortable rooms and basic services. In Aguas Calientes, near Machu Picchu, you will stay at a 4 star resort for your well-needed rest after hiking the Inca trail.

You dine together for all meals while traveling as a group in order to share experiences, convey information and stay on the same schedule. Your days often start early with a quick breakfast at the hotel in order to be ready for sunrise photography or to catch an early flight. Lunch can be a box lunch or a restaurant stop during your travels. Dinner is typically eaten at your hotel so participants can return to their room as they wish while others stay and chat for a while.

If you have a spirit of adventure, a positive attitude and a desire to take inspiring photographs of your trip, Global Travel Photography tours are designed for you. While we will do our best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change. Sometimes, a special event is taking place and you will want to be part of it. Other times travel delays simply make us rearrange schedules. In any event, you can be assured of a very memorable trip.

Signing Up

Download the 'Peru Photo Tour & Workshop' Trip Application Form from our website ([www.globaltravelphoto.com](http://www.globaltravelphoto.com)). Complete all 3 pages of the form, signing where required, and send the completed form along with a deposit check for \$1,000 to: Global Travel Photography, 1031 1<sup>st</sup> St S, #906, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

You will be provided with extensive planning information to prepare for the trip including advice on camera gear, baggage and packing as well as what to expect in Peru. In the meantime, if you have any questions, just send us an email at [info@globaltravelphoto.com](mailto:info@globaltravelphoto.com) and we'll do our best to get you a quick answer. If you would rather talk by phone, call us at 904-537-3136 or 904-372-4600.

**The deadline to sign up for this tour is May 5, 2012**