

# MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

EASTER ISLAND & THE NAZCA LINES

MAY 23 TO JUNE 2, 2016



MACHU PICCHU OPTIONAL EXTENSION • JUNE 2-6, 2016

## ITINERARY

### Monday, May 23

#### U.S.A./ Santiago

Depart on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Santiago, the capital of Chile. *(meals aloft)*

### Tuesday, May 24

#### Arrive Santiago

Arrive in the morning in Santiago and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome lunch followed by a visit to the city's historical center, including La Moneda, the neo-classical building housing the executive branch of Chile's government, the San Francisco Church with its fabulous colonial paintings, and the remarkable collection of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, that chronicles 4,500 years of pre-Columbian civilization. Enjoy a welcome dinner. *Plaza del Bosque Park and Suites (L,D)*

### Wednesday, May 25

#### Santiago/Easter Island

This morning fly to Easter Island. Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal. Hundreds of *moais*, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. An afternoon exploration visits Ahu Vinapu, a temple whose moais are curiously similar to works created by the Incas; Rano Raraki Volcano; and Orongo ceremonial village. *Hotel Altiplánico (B,D)*

### Thursday, May 26

#### Easter Island

Triangular in shape with a volcano in each corner, this island provides excellent opportunities to learn about its culture and traditions and theories on how the giant statues were built and what they represent. After a barbecue lunch at Anakena beach visit the town of Hanga Roa; and Rano Raraku quarry and important sites. *Hotel Altiplánico (B, box lunch, D)*

### Friday, May 27

#### Easter Island

After a morning lecture and free time, we have an afternoon excursion to Aku Akivi to see the seven spectacular moais that date back to 1460 BC. Continue to Puna Pau Hill, a red stone quarry that was most likely the source of moais topknots and ornamental headpieces. *Hotel Altiplánico (B, L, D)*

### Saturday, May 28

#### Easter Island/Santiago

Enjoy your morning on Easter Island before transferring to the airport for a flight to Santiago. *Hotel Holiday Inn Santiago Airport (B, meals aloft)*

### Sunday, May 29

#### Santiago/Lima/Paracas

Fly this morning to Lima, then travel south to Paracas following the Pan American highway. Stop for lunch in Chincha Alta at a beautiful 17th century hacienda. Arrive at the hotel late in the afternoon for a free evening. *La Hacienda Bahía Paracas (B,L)*

### Monday, May 30

#### Nazca Lines/Pisco & Ica

Transfer to Pisco airport for a 1½-hour round trip flight over Ocucaje, Ica, and Palpa to see the mysterious Nazca Lines—huge birds and animals, geometrical lines resembling a landing field, and other markings. These ancient geoglyphs are so large that their forms can be fully discerned only from high in the air. Afterwards, transfer to Ica, Peru's main grape-growing region. Visit a wine cellar, Huacachina Lagoon, an oasis in the dunes, and tour the Ica Regional Museum with its collection of mummies, pottery, and textiles from Paracas and Nazca cultures. Then, take an unforgettable and exciting adventure in the desert riding in tubular dune buggies, up and down dunes from 20 to 80 meters high. *La Hacienda Bahía Paracas (B,L,D)*

### Tuesday, May 31

#### Paracas/Lima

Board a boat for an outing to the famed Ballenas Islands, known as “small Galápagos” for their profusion of wildlife. The islands are inhabited by thousands of “guano birds”, penguins, and sea lions. On the way to the islands, view the gigantic Paracas Candelabra, a prehistoric geoglyph nearly 600 feet tall on the face of the peninsula ridge overlooking the bay. In the afternoon return to Lima for an evening on your own. *Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (B,L)*

### Wednesday, June 1

#### Lima

Explore some of Lima's main colonial sites, including the Cathedral, Plaza de Armas, government and archbishop palaces, and the monasteries of Santo Domingo and San Francisco. Explore the residential district of Miraflores with its parks and ocean views and then onto the bohemian district of Barranco. In the afternoon enjoy a curator-led tour of the private Larco Museum, which contains a fascinating collection of pre-Inca and Inca pottery, one of the finest in the country, including unique gold and silver work and erotic ceramics from pre-Inca civilizations. The remainder of the day is free. Your hotel room is available until the time to transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the U.S. arriving home the next day. Alternatively, overnight in Lima and depart for the U.S. the next day on an early morning flight. (This hotel night is included in your trip fee). *Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (B,L)*

### Thursday, June 2

#### Lima/U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport for flight to the U.S. and connect with flights homeward. *(B, meals aloft)*



## MACHU PICCHU POST-TRIP EXTENSION JUNE 2-6, 2016

Enjoy a four-night extension to explore the enigmatic ruins of the Incas. Stay one night in the Sacred Valley in Yucaj. See Pisac's colorful market and learn about all the various weaving styles. Visit the village and fortress of Ollantaytambo. Continue to Machu Picchu to experience the mysterious land of the Incas. After our guided exploration, overnight at Machu Picchu and enjoy a free morning there to explore on your own. Return to colorful Cuzco for two nights. A detailed itinerary is available, and will be mailed with your confirmation. Please note: most return flights will arrive in the U.S. on June 7.



### STUDY LEADER PROFESSOR TERRY HUNT

Dr. Hunt joined the University of Oregon as dean of the Clark Honors College and professor of anthropology in 2013. He taught for 24 years at University of Hawai'i, where he served as the director of the University of Hawai'i Honors Program. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Hawai'i, Hilo; a Master's degree from the University of Auckland (New Zealand), and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Washington.

Dr. Hunt is an archaeologist whose research and teaching focus on historical environmental change and life on the islands of the Pacific Ocean. He has conducted archaeological research in the Pacific Islands for more than 30 years, with extensive work in the Hawaiian Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, and Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Over the past 12 years, Dr. Hunt has directed archaeological field research on Easter Island, where he and his students work on many aspects of the island's prehistoric past. His continuing research on

the island addresses questions concerning the trajectory of cultural and ecological changes, including the role of the colossal statues and monuments in ancient society.

Dr. Hunt has published numerous scholarly articles on Pacific archaeology, prehistory, and linguistics. His



work has been published in *Science*, *Nature*, *American Scientist*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Journal of Archaeological Science*, *Pacific Science*, *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, *Rapa Nui Journal*, and *Current Anthropology*, among others. In 2008 Dr. Hunt was awarded the prestigious University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Medal for Excellence in Research in recognition of his innovative work on Rapa Nui. In 2005, Dr. Hunt won the University of Hawai'i Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Hunt's recent book (*The Statues that Walked: Unraveling the Mystery of Easter Island*, Free Press, New York, 2011) co-authored with Carl Lipo, revisits the dramatic story of Rapa Nui's prehistory. The book won the Society for American Archaeology's book of the year award, 2011, in the public audience category. Dr. Hunt's research was the focus of a *National Geographic Magazine* cover story (July 2012) and a full-length Nova-National Geographic TV documentary that aired on PBS in November 2012.

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## RESERVATION FORM May 23–June 2, 2016

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Enclosed is my check or credit card authorization for \_\_\_\_\_ \$600 deposit per person, plus \$200 for the Machu Picchu post-trip extension, to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the *Mysteries of the Ancient World* tour, May 23–June 2, 2016. Final Payment is due February 23, 2016 by check.

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You may also fax the form to 415.597.6729

## COSTS & CONDITIONS

### MAIN PROGRAM:

\$5,995 per person, double occupancy  
\$1,160 single room supplement  
Based on a minimum of 12 travelers and a maximum of 25

### OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU:

\$2,895 per person, double occupancy  
\$495 single room supplement

### INCLUDED:

Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; all land and water transportation; airport transfers for group flights; flight over the Nazca Lines; all tours and excursions as described in the itinerary; bottled water on excursions; entrance fees; baggage handling; gratuities to local guides, porters and drivers; service charges and taxes; pre-departure information; coordination and administration; services of a tour director or host throughout the trip.

### NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare; meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls; liquor; room service; passport fees; excess baggage charges; independent and private transfers; medical expenses; gratuity to tour director; medical expenses; travel insurance; optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour are not included.

### ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE:

Airfare, including roundtrip flights to Easter Island and flights from Lima to Santiago, is not included. As flight prices fluctuate and people have different needs and preferences, our operator will work with participants individually to find the best arrangements for them. Information and options regarding air arrangements will be sent to registered participants with their confirmation packet.

### OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU INCLUDES:

Accommodations for four nights at deluxe and first class hotels, all excursions, breakfast daily, four lunches, two dinners, train transportation to and from Machu Picchu, airport taxes, airport transfers for group flights, entrance fees including second entrance fee to Machu Picchu and professional tour leadership. Air Lima/Cusco/Lima is included in the price of the extension based on 10 participants.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

This is a moderately active program that is, at times, busy. Daily programs involve one to two miles of walking, often over uneven terrain, at a leisurely pace. There is some stair climbing, and at many ruins' stairs do not have handrails. In the Andes (post-trip extension to Machu Picchu), travelers spend several days at elevations from approximately 8,000 to 11,200 feet. The tour has been planned to allow for gradual acclimatization when traveling to the Andean highlands.

### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:

To reserve a space on this tour, mail a deposit of \$600 per person and an additional \$200 per person for the optional Machu Picchu extension, payable to "Royal Adventures," along with the completed reservation form to Commonwealth Club Travel, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due **February 23, 2016** and must be paid by check.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$350 per person and \$100 additional per person for the Machu Picchu extension, are made if we are notified in **writing** on or before **February 23, 2016**. No refunds are made after that date. All cancellations must be made in writing/email. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other tour features.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for travel insurance will be available upon confirmation. Neither The Commonwealth Club nor Royal Adventures accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase

of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

### RESPONSIBILITY:

Royal Adventures, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and the Commonwealth Club and Royal Adventures and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefore. The Commonwealth Club and Royal Adventures assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, and acts of nature or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. The Commonwealth Club and Royal Adventures reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, airfare, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. Neither the Commonwealth Club nor Royal Adventures accept the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.