

LA LIBERTAD

The department of La Libertad features a varied relief, starting from the coast line, passing through the highlands (Andes) of Otuzco, Julcan, and Santiago de Chuco, and ending in the upper jungle (The Amazon Rain Forest) at the border of the Department of San Martin. The coast enjoys beaches and fertile valleys that are very important to the national agricultural production.

Trujillo, the capital of the department, is known as the city of eternal spring because of its blessed climate and festive atmosphere. The area was inhabited by two important, ancient Peruvian civilizations, the Mochica and the Chimú, and later, it became an important vice royal city.

Among its uncountable archeological attractions, there is Chan Chan, the largest mud city in the Americas and ancient capital for the Chimú. UNESCO placed it on the World Cultural Heritage List in 1986.

There, you can see the remarkable huacas (pre-Incan sacred places) built by the Mochicas like the Huaca of the Sun and of the Moon, which measure more than twenty meters. Also, the El Brujo complex, decorated with inspiring figures of dancers and warriors.

The city also has a splendid Colonial architecture where you will want to see the Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, the Church of the Company of Jesus Christ, the monastery of El Carmen, and the many Colonial houses.

The Huanchaco beach resort is only fifteen minutes away from the city. It is famous for the caballitos de totora, which are lightweight boats made of totora reeds that have been used to cut through the ocean since the time of the Mochicas and Chimús. There, you can enjoy exquisite seafood or simply bask in the glory of a day at the beach.

The following is a list of few typical dishes of La Libertad:

Cebiche: raw fish filet cut into pieces and marinated in lemon juice, onions, and aji limo.

Cabrito con frijoles: Stew of tender baby goat meat marinated in chicha de jora (fermented corn liquor whose origins date back to a time before the Incas) and vinegar accompanied with beans served with fried onions and garlic.

Shambar: Soup made with wheat, pork rinds, smoked ham, assorted beans, and green onions. It is served with toasted corn and is made only on Mondays.



Suggested Program

Day 1

- arrival to the hotel
- free time
- ½ day Trujillo city tour excursion
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

Day 2

- breakfast in the hotel
- full day in the Huaca of the Sun and Moon plus El Brujo complex
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

Day 3

- breakfast in the hotel
- full day in Chan Chan city and The Huanchaco beach
- dinner in the hotel
- free time

Day 4

- departure from the hotel

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Different excursions are available under request.

