

Medicine & Healthcare

High School Special Schedule

Peru | 2 weeks

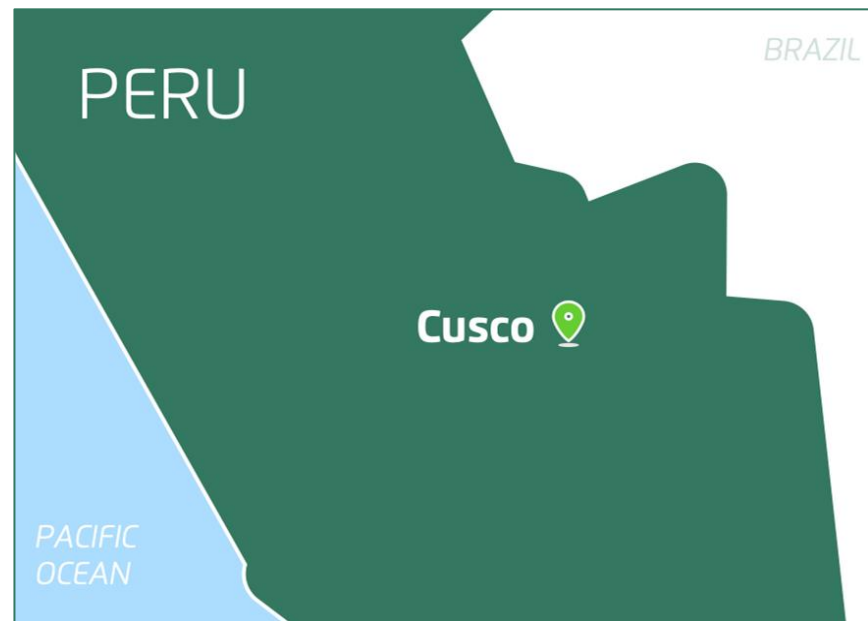
This project is designed to give you the opportunity to observe medical professionals, learn basic medical procedures and participate in a variety of community health outreach activities. During this two week trip, you will have a unique insight into Peruvian culture and explore some of the country's most popular tourism sites.

Programme Goals:

-  **Clinical:**
Spend time shadowing local doctors and nurses in a number of medical facilities. We work with regional teaching hospitals as well as smaller and more specialist clinics. You will be exposed to a variety of different departments during your project.
-  **Community**
Visit local communities and present information on various healthcare issues facing the region. You will develop materials and activities for awareness campaigns and healthy living workshops focusing on the importance of seeking medical help if there is a problem.
-  **Learning**
Learn basic medical skills such as checking patients' vital signs, blood pressure and blood sugar levels. You will be taught how to assist with medical checks and about common ailments and illnesses in the region.
-  **Cultural Immersion:**
After your volunteer work, immerse yourself in the rich Peruvian culture by witnessing captivating traditional dances, engaging in meaningful conversations with locals, and savoring the diverse flavors of authentic Peruvian cuisine. Explore the wonders of Peru alongside fellow volunteers, visiting historical sites, ancient ruins, and natural wonders, all while creating lifelong friendships and cherishing unforgettable moments throughout your adventure.



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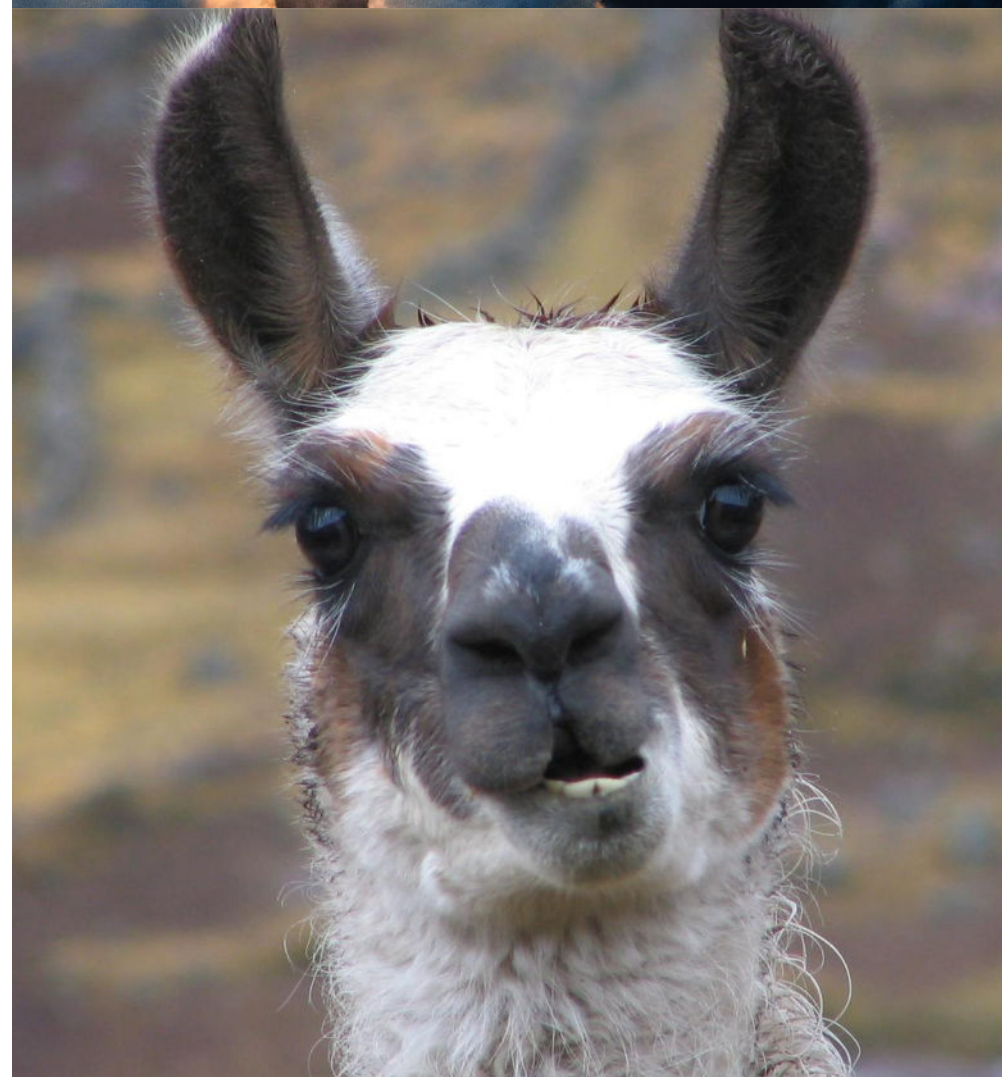
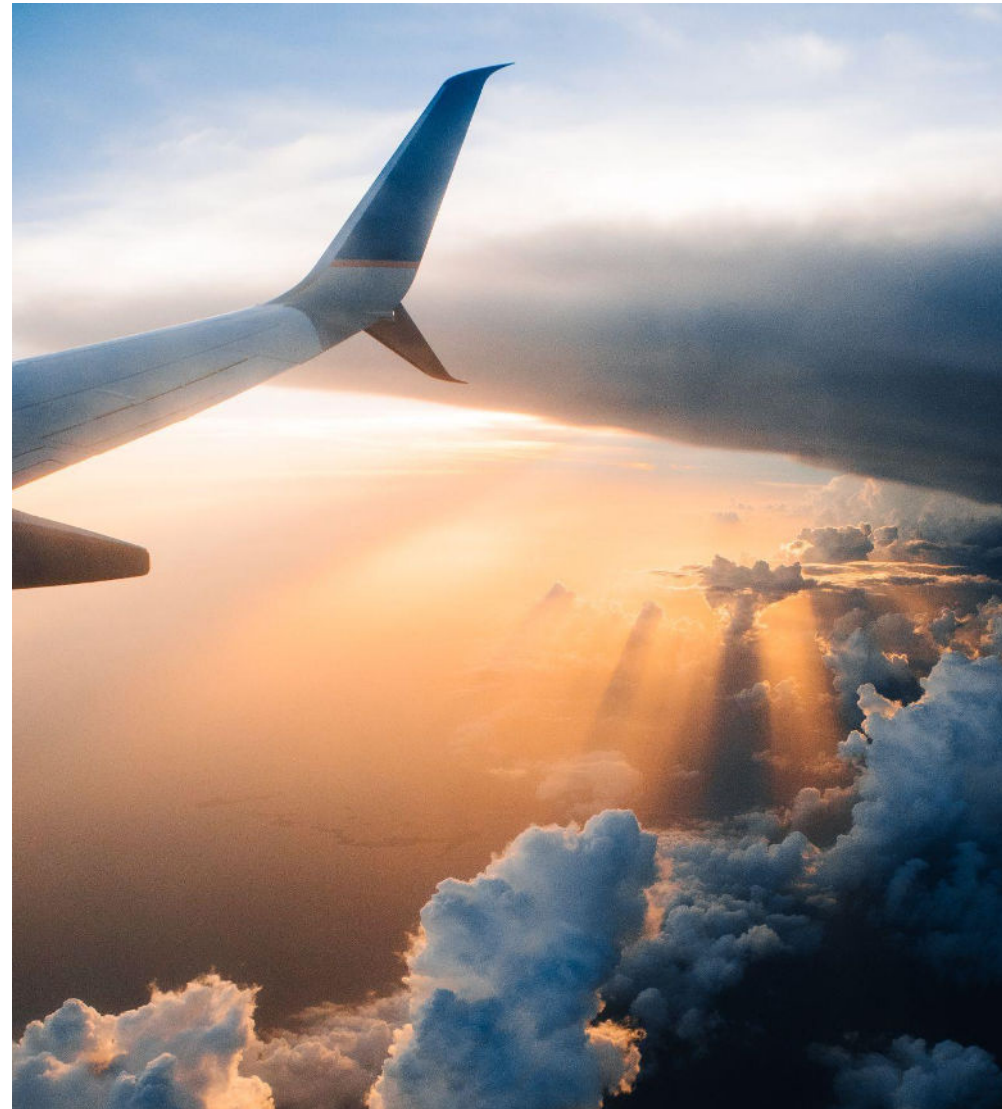
Day 1

Sunday

Arrival in Peru

You will arrive into the bustling city of Cusco, located in the Peruvian Andes. Cusco was once capital of the Inca Empire, and is now popular for its archaeological remains and Spanish colonial architecture.

After you pass through customs you will be met by a staff member holding a sign welcoming you to Cusco. You will then be taken to the host family's home where you will relax, have a meal and rest for the next day.



- ▶ Participate in community medical outreach projects.
- ▶ Learn about the Peruvian medical system
- ▶ Visit Machu Picchu
- ▶ Learn to dance salsa
- ▶ Immerse yourself in Peruvian culture
- ▶ Offset your carbon footprint
- ▶ 10 service hours and 15 clinical shadowing hours

Accommodation

Host Families and a hotel

Transport

Taxis, bus, trains and by foot

Meals

Breakfast will be served at your host family each day. Lunch will either be at the hospital, at home or in the community. Dinner will be at home or a restaurant.

Timings

This schedule is subject to change, however you will be advised in advance should this happen. The timing may differ from day to day depending on the activity and progress of the volunteer work.

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. We're committed to being fully climate-positive by 2024!

By volunteering with us you're helping reforestation efforts, protecting existing forests and providing employment to local communities around the world.

Day 2

Monday

Morning:

On Monday morning, we will have a general and medicine induction at the office, where you will be introduced to the staff and receive a city induction.

Afternoon:

You will have lunch at home before participating in a COVID-19 protocol workshop. In the early evening, you will join a 1 hour Spanish language lesson.

Evening:

To ensure your safety and preparedness, we will conduct a workshop on Covid protocols for placements in the evening.

Day 3

Tuesday

Morning:

We will begin the day by visiting health centres, observing medical professionals in the various different departments.

Afternoon: In the afternoon, there will be a workshop focused on training for outreaches and first aid. We will also visit San Pedro market to explore the local culture.

Evening:

Dinner will be served at the accommodation in the evening.

Day 4

Wednesday

Morning:

Our morning activities will involve participating in health campaigns outside Cusco, where we will reach out to the community and provide necessary medical support.

Afternoon:

After a fulfilling morning, we will take a break for lunch. Following that, we will continue our health campaigns outside Cusco.

Evening:

We will conclude the day with a delicious dinner at home.

Day 5

Thursday

Morning:

We will start the day by visiting health centres and continuing to learn about the medical system in Peru and common illnesses.

Afternoon:

In the afternoon, there will be a workshop on sutures, providing you with valuable skills. Additionally, we will explore the beautiful sites of San Cristobal, Sapantiana & San Blas.

Evening:

Enjoy a delicious dinner at home in the evening.

Day 6

Friday

Morning:

Our morning will be dedicated to visiting health centers and continuing to observe and learn the medical professionals.

Afternoon:

After a fulfilling morning, we will have lunch with a host family. Following that, there will be a briefing for the upcoming weekend trips. You will also have some free time to explore the shopping mall.

Evening:

Dinner will be served at the accommodation.

Day 7

Saturday Weekend Activities

Full

Meet at the pickup point and travel to the artisan foundry Awanacancha where you will visit a small museum and witness the traditional methods of casting dyes and weaving. Enjoy a guided tour of the archaeological site Pisaq in the Sacred Valley.

Travel to Urubamba, for a delicious lunch, then journey to the archaeological site, Ollantaytambo for another interesting guided tour.

Travel to the nearby station to catch the train to Aguas Calientes where you will check in and unwind as you enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant and settle in for the night.



Day 8

Sunday Weekend Activities

Full

Arise early in the morning to catch the bus to the great Machu Picchu, one of the 7 Wonders of the World. Embark on the amazing tour and capture the moments through photos and sightseeing.

Return to the hotel and enjoy a delicious lunch before packing for your return to Cusco.

Share your exciting memories of the weekend over dinner at the host family.

Day 9

Monday

Morning:

We will visit health centres in the morning to learn, observe and support the local staff as much as possible.

Afternoon:

After a productive morning, we will have lunch with a host family. Later, you will have Spanish lessons and a medical workshop on dissections.

Evening:

Enjoy a tasty dinner at the accommodation.

Day 10

Tuesday

Morning:

In the morning, we will actively participate in health campaigns outside Cusco, making a difference in the community.

Afternoon:

After a rewarding morning, we will have lunch and continue our health campaigns outside Cusco.

Evening:

Dinner will be served as we unwind and reflect on the day.

Day 11

Wednesday

Morning:

We will visit health centres in the morning to learn, observe and support the local staff as much as possible.

Afternoon:

After a productive morning, we will have lunch. In the afternoon, there will be cooking lessons, where you can learn traditional recipes.

Evening:

Enjoy a pleasant dinner at home.



Day 12

Thursday

Morning:

We will visit health centres in the morning and extend our medical support.

Afternoon:

After having lunch with a host family, we will have a workshop on injections. In the afternoon, get ready for exciting salsa lessons.

Evening:

Dinner will be served at home in the evening.

Day 13

Friday

Morning:

We will start the day by visiting health centres and continuing to learn and observe.

Afternoon:

After having lunch at the accommodation, we will carry out online check-in and debriefing questionnaires at the office. Later, you will have free time to explore the handicraft market for souvenirs.

Evening:

We will conclude the program with a memorable farewell dinner.



Day 14

Saturday / Sunday
Departing Peru

The group members will likely be departing at different times, therefore day 13 and 14 may not be the same for everyone.

Your exact departure plan will be communicated with you directly by our local team. If you have longer to wait around, we will ensure you are comfortable and well looked-after.

You will have the continued support of Projects Abroad staff right until you are safely at the airport to board your plane back home.



Want to learn more?

We'd be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. You can call or email our team, or use the 'live chat' feature on the Projects Abroad website.

General inquiries: info@projects-abroad.org

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Personal Achievements



- ▶ Completed a total of 10 service hours.
- ▶ Completed a total of 15 clinical shadowing hours.
- ▶ Attended 8 Hours of professional medical skills workshops.
- ▶ Improved Spanish vocabulary through targeted lessons.
- ▶ Took part and assisted medical professionals on a public health outreach for 50+ remote community members.



Student Learning Outcomes

Intercultural Competence

Students will be immersed in different cultures, gaining an understanding of their role within our global community and developing a deeper cultural awareness.

Leadership Development

Students will be pushed out of their comfort zones, experiencing new challenges each day. They will build their confidence and resilience through team activities and new life experiences.

Healthy Active Living

Students will be encouraged to prioritise their self-care, enhancing their physical and mental well-being.

Empowerment

Students will be empowered to think for themselves, challenging the "status-quo" and cultivating transformative decision-making mindsets.

Global Citizenship

Students will be exposed to new perspectives, engage with real-world challenges and contribute to sustainable development initiatives.