

ITINERARY Cacao Origin Eco Adventure Tour 2026: PIURA					July 8-17, 2026	
Date	Day	Item	Overview	Details	Sleep In:	What's Included:
July 8, 2026	Day 0	Arrive in Lima	Everyone must arrive in Lima at minimum the day before we depart for the Piura Jungle. Evening "Meet and Greet" in the hotel with the expedition group.	Roosevelt Hotel & Suites	Lima (San Isidro)	Airport transportation to the hotel in Lima. Accommodations.
July 9, 2026	Day 1	Depart Lima – Arrive Piura	Fly to Piura City. (depart Lima early morning) Visit: Norandino, Magia Piura, Chocoazú. Drive from Piura City to Chulucanas.	Early flight from Lima to Piura. Visit one of the largest cacao co-ops of Peru: Norandino – who have been successfully promoting Piura White, Great White, and other amazing Northern Coastal Peruvian cacao origins worldwide. Visit small batch local chocolate makers: Magia Piura and Chocoazú who have been making a big splash in the Peruvian artisan chocolate scene. A scenic ~1 hr drive through the deserts of Piura to Chulucanas, a town in the arid forest where cacao thrives in 90% less water than the Amazon jungle. <i>Time permitting: visit Vicus Museum & archeological site.</i> Sleep in Chulucanas.	Chulucanas	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (airport transfers, flights, touring van), guided activities, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 10, 2026	Day 2	Stay in the Chulucanas and Canchaque area	Visit cacao finca and post-harvest fermenting facilities of specialty Piura cacaos. Scenic drives through both dry and wet forest (unique to only Piura). Small-batch chocolate maker tour of Korin Chocolate (and possibly Asdeme Chocolate).	After breakfast, we'll make a gorgeous 45 min drive through the arid forest in the surrounding areas of Chulucanas and visit Tito's Finca, a local fino-aroma cacao farmer and gathering and fermenting center for some of the specialty cacaos coming from: Platanal Bajo, Chililique, Platanal Alto, Palo Blanco, Malingas. <i>Time permitting: visit a co-op that specializes in artisanal crafts and handmade apparel.</i> Lunch in Chulucanas. After lunch, drive to the small town of Buenos Aires, take photos in the main plaza with monuments paying tribute to cacao. Take a tour of Korin Chocolate, an international award-winning small-batch specialty chocolate maker. <i>Time permitting: visit Asdeme Chocolate, a 100% women association that trail blazed the women chocolate-making scene in the Peruvian north.</i> Continue on a 1.5-hr drive to Canchaque, a wet forest that resembles the Amazon Jungle located between the rocky Andes and the arid desert coast—a rare geographic gem. This area is known for harvesting incredible coffee and cacao. Arrive at El Cafetal hotel in Canchaque, have dinner, and finish off the night with stargazing, a bonfire, and a warm cacao drink.	Canchaque	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring vans with driver), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 11, 2026	Day 3	Depart Canchaque - Drive to Bigote	Specialty coffee tastings. Visit "Peroles de Mishahuaca", natural-forming pools. Visit cacao finca and fermenting facility of Joe Huachez.	Early morning breakfast with an exclusive Specialty coffee tasting. Perfect way to start the day! Short drive to the Peroles de Mishahuaca, natural-forming pools in slide-like rock formations where you'll have the option for a nice swim and visit the picturesque lookout Mirador Cerro Huayanay. After lunch in Canchaque, we will drive 1.5 hrs to visit the famous finca and harvest center of Joe Huaches. There, we will taste fresh cacao pulp from various fine-flavoured cacao genetics, like Piura Blanco.	Bigote	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring vans with drivers), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.

July 12, 2026	Day 4	Explore the Bigote area – Drive to Mancora	Visit the specialty cacao collection of Bioversity International in Bigote. Guided tour of the APROCAP Co-op.	Visit the Bioversity International Collection and research farm of white cacaos. Learn about all the latest genetic discoveries and the latest research on soil cadmium mitigation. Take a guided tour of the famous APROCAP Co-op., a small co-op that has produced many international award-winning cacaos. Visit the finca of Freddy Yoveras, a Bioversity International researcher. Early Lunch in Buenos Aires with Joe Huaches, finished with a delicious chocolate tasting from the famous Chocolates Karena's founder Irvin Piñin. Drive ~5.5 hrs to the Piura coast to the gorgeous, world-renowned surf town of Mancora.	Mancora	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring van with driver, etc.), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 13, 2026	Day 5	Explore Mancora	Explore Mancora. Culinary class of Peruvian classics. Cacao Ceremony on the beach under the stars.	Full day in Mancora! After waking up in a luxury beach-front hotel, you'll have the option to explore Mancora, sunbathe on the beach next to emerald-green waters, (or take a whale watching tour - <i>for additional cost</i>). At noon, we will partake in a culinary class where we'll make some classic Peruvian dishes that will accompany a chef-made group lunch. Afternoon off for exploring the oasis' surroundings or the artisanal market... but be back in the evening for a group dinner and cacao ceremony on the beach.	Mancora	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring vans with drivers [horses not included]), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 14, 2026	Day 6	Drive to Tumbes - Flight back to Lima	Depart Mancora and flight back to Lima.	After a late breakfast, drive to Tumbes (1 hr) for a flight back to Lima. After arrival in Lima and check-in at the Roosevelt Hotel in San Isidro, you will be driven to a gorgeous restaurant: La Huaca Pucllana, where we will dine traditional Peruvian cuisine beside some archeological ruins.	Lima (San Isidro)	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring vans with drivers, flight), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 15, 2026	Day 7	Lima-Mala-Lima	Early departure to Mala - for a tour of Cacao Life's processing facility and farm grounds.	Early departure to Cacao Life's processing facility in Mala, where you will have a guided tour of our plant and the rest of our property, where we plant bananas, passion fruit, lucuma, and various other tropical fruits. You will have a look at how we make all the various cacao products, as well as other superfood derivatives. We will have a catered buffet lunch in our large garden. Our last group dinner will be planned in a memorable restaurant in the heart of the culinary capital of Latin America (Lima), where we will enjoy amazing food, ambiance, and conversation.	Lima (San Isidro)	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. All transportation (touring vans with drivers, flight), guided activities, tours, and event fees. Accommodations.
July 16, 2026	Day 8	Stay in Lima	Visit the Salon del Cacao y Chocolate fair.	We will be attending one day at the prestigious Salon del Cacao y Chocolate fair. This 4-day event has occurred every year since 2010 and is sponsored by the "Salon du Chocolate Paris". It will be like no other artisan chocolate event you have visited. Imagine Northwest Chocolate Festival, except bigger and most of the booths are from chocolate makers that are actual cacao producers and co-ops who have travelled from all over Peru to showcase both their cacao and their chocolate creations. You'll have a tour of the fair with Aurelio Loret De Mola – an International Chocolate Awards judge (for 7+ years), introducing you to many of the event presenters, cacao producers/co-ops, and chocolate makers. You'll get to see all the different cacaos from different regions (fresh), and all the ingenious ways they are processed into amazing chocolate, but also syrups, wine, liqueurs, pulp sugars, and much more.	Lima (San Isidro)	Breakfast. All transportation to the Salon del Cacao y Chocolate fair, to the airport (if required), and event fees. Accommodations.
July 17, 2026	Day 9	Depart Lima		Flight back home :(	N/A	Breakfast. Transfer to airport.



Note: This is not a typical tour into the cacao regions and jungles of Peru. Because this trip is a little more off the beaten path, where planning in advance can be trickier, itinerary is subject to change.

IMPORTANT: We are trying our very best to include absolutely everything in this package. We want you to land in Peru and worry about nothing else. Just sit back and enjoy every aspect of this experience. We will take care of everything. With that said, what is not included in the costs of this package are: flights from your respective country to/from Lima; travelers insurance; alcoholic beverages; gratuities for meals, drivers, and tour guides (gratuities are not mandatory, but if you wish to leave something for the services you were provided it is suggested to leave ~US\$2-4/meal; ~US\$10-20 to the driver (at the end of the excursion); ~US\$2-5 for tour guides/performances.