



## **LIMA, PERU**

April 24 to May 4, 2024 ISL Leader: tba

Fee: \$4500 \*(funding available)

Peru is a middle income country in South America. After their internal war (between 1980-2009) the majority of the victims (Quechua Speakers and indigenous from the Andes and the Jungle of Peru) stayed poor and excluded from the development of the country.

Nexos Comunitarios has been created to accompany those communities, in their own development processes.

Nexos Comunitarios' mission is to promote the exercise of rights and civil liberties through Responsible Human Development, alongside populations that live in poverty and social exclusion.

Their development model includes three different steps (Health, Education and Economic Empowerment) with the promotion of Human Rights and Interculturality:



This Immersion Learning Service experience is hosted by Nexos Comunitarios, whose representatives plan the service placements and educational – cultural field programs. Participant activities will focus on community wellbeing and development, in rural and impoverished areas.

Nexos Comunitarios develops its projects in the Andes of Peru (Cuncani and Choquecancha), and in urban fringe areas. Students may visit remote areas in higher altitudes.

## **Transportation**

Participants fly from Halifax and are met in Lima by representatives from Nexos Comunitarios. During the week, the group will travel together using mini-bus transportation. The group will fly on to Cusco and visit Machu Picchu.

## **Housing**

The group stays in modest hostel or hotel accommodations. All meals are provided.

## **Service Placements and Group Sessions**

The focus of all activities during the week is to support and understand community development from a local cultural perspective. Participants will gain first-hand experience of what life is like living on the urban fringes of Lima or for remote rural villages in the Andes. The group will learn about and participate in community development initiatives from a cultural context

Immersion participants do not need to speak Spanish as a translator accompanies the group.

Wed. Apr 24 Flight and arrival Lima

**Thursday 25** Community encounter, Project intro, Market visit

Friday 26 Project

Saturday 27 City tour, cultural excursion with community group

Sunday 28 Fly to Cusco, visit to Sacred Valley

Monday 29 Visit with Andean partner village

Tuesday 30 Machu Picchu, Return to Lima

Wednesday 1 Project

Thursday 2 Workshop with women's group and cultural activity/excursion

Friday 3 Farewell, return flight to Canada

Saturday 4 arrival in Halifax

<sup>\*</sup> GSO funding, ISL bursaries, and ISL endowment funds are available.

Bursary Application here >





Please note this schedule is **<u>subject to change</u>** based on a number of factors. Flight delays, host community needs, available space and staff at facilities, to name a few factors, all play a role in the scheduling process. Students should be prepared to be flexible.