

Ica*Paracas*Nasca



Always sunny, desert escape

Special points of interest:

- Tour Ballestas Islands.
- Ride the sand buggies in Huacachina.
- Take a wine tour in Ica.
- Enjoy kid-friendly resorts.
- Soak up the sun year-round!
- Explore the Paracas Nature Reserve.

For those wanting to venture outside of Lima, Ica and Paracas are great places to go, and provide great options for entertaining visiting friends and family! This desert destination is close to the coast and only a 3-4 hour drive for Lima. The many activities and hotel options make it a great choice for families and singles alike. Here's a quick rundown of the offerings!

Paracas:

Located right along the Western coast of Peru, Paracas is the starting point for

many tours to the Ballestas Islands. You can take a boat tour and see penguins, sea lions, and birds. Many Paracas hotels offer ocean views, as well as activities and pools for children. From Paracas you can also tour the nature preserve.

Ica/Huacachina:

A little further south from Paracas, Ica is a desert city. Because of the climate, the area is great for growing grapes, and any adults visiting Ica should take ad-

vantage of the many wine tours available. Also, the small desert oasis Huacachina is a 5 minute drive from



Recommendations:

Where to stay:

- Hotel Paracas
- Double Tree (Paracas)
- Las Dunas Resort (Ica)
- Huacachinero

Special Events:

- March— wine and grape stomping festival in Ica
- October— Sand boarding competition in Huacachina

Getting there:

Cruz del Sur bus company offers direct routes to/ from Ica and Paracas for as low as S./ 30 each way. You can also drive your own vehicle down the Panamerican Highway.

