



# **MÁXIMO NIVEL**

**EXECUTIVE LANGUAGE CENTER**

**NATIVE SPANISH PROGRAM**

**Cusco, Peru  
Arequipa, Peru  
San Jose, Costa Rica**

## About Máximo Nivel

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Máximo Nivel was founded in Cusco, Peru in 2003. We opened another institute in Arequipa, Peru at the beginning of 2006 and our San Jose offices in Costa Rica shortly thereafter. Máximo Nivel has grown rapidly since its inception and is now offers its original Native English Program, Native Spanish Program, international volunteer and internship programs, and our TEFL/TESOL Certification program in Peru and Costa Rica.

Máximo Nivel has over 1200 English students; we host 10 to 50 Spanish students each week; and our TEFL/TESOL program includes 5 to 12 people each month; and still the institute is growing every month. Our success is based on our commitment to quality and to providing the highest level of service possible to all of our clients.

In addition to our international accreditations, Máximo Nivel is also closely partnered with the following international organizations: BridgeLinguathec, INTESOL International, LanguageCourses.Net, Global Crossroad, and Volunteer Adventures.

### Facilities

Máximo Nivel's Cusco, Peru office is located in a modern office building – just 3 blocks from the historic Plaza de Armas, and just across the street from Q'oricancha (the Inca Temple of the Sun).

Máximo Nivel's Arequipa office is located just 3 blocks from the Saga Fellabella mall and just 4 blocks from Arequipa's Plaza de Armas.

Maximo Nivel's offices in San Jose, Costa Rica are located in the district of San Pedro, just 5-10 minutes by taxi from the center of San Jose, and just a 5-minute walk from two of San Jose's major universities.

Maximo Nivel's offices have been designed with the needs of our clients and staff in mind. Every location provides modern computers running Windows XP, high-speed Internet connections including office-wide WIFI access, a small library, and a snack bar where every morning the coffee and tea are piping hot and FREE.

Every classroom is equipped with comfortable chairs, an oversized whiteboard, and a cassette and CD player. The main teaching rooms have a surround sound system, DVD player, cassette player, and TV.

# Native Spanish Program

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In three of the world's most cultural cities – Cusco, Peru, Arequipa, Peru, and San Jose, Costa Rica – Máximo Nivel offers its unique Native Spanish Program for rapid-learning or extended study of the Spanish language.

We offer Basic, High-Basic, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, High-Intermediate, and Advanced Spanish instruction.

- Improve your conversation and listening skills
- Increase your vocabulary and practical use of Spanish
- Travel and communicate more easily
- Short and long-term courses available

Máximo Nivel is not a typical Spanish School. We are an executive language center offering the most intensive and effective Spanish courses in Latin America. You are our client - to whom we have a commitment of quality and respect.

Máximo Nivel employs only the most experienced native Spanish instructors, all of them actual teachers – either certified in teaching Spanish as a foreign language or with their Bachelors and/or Masters in Education. We offer an incomparable service to learn or improve your Spanish, whether you are looking for a 5-day crash-course or a 6-month extended program to firmly establish your Spanish language skills.

Máximo Nivel also offers its well-known NATIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM™, including corporate and individual clients. If requested, we are happy to partner our Spanish clients with our English clients in a *Tandem Exchange* for free conversation practice.

## Program Summary

On your first day, you will participate in a brief orientation, take a language placement test, and then be placed at an appropriate level. Throughout your language training, the teacher will continuously assess your ability in the 4 language skills – Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing; and the 4 language systems – Grammar, Vocabulary, Phonology, and Function.

### **BASIC**

Basic classes are for learners with no previous experience in Spanish. learners will be taught basic grammatical structures, vocabulary, and will immediately begin speaking in Spanish, thereby gaining a concrete foundation in the language.

### **HIGH BASIC**

For learners with an elementary knowledge of the Spanish language, these classes focus on reinforcing grammar, teaching new vocabulary, and increasing speaking capacity, enabling you to express yourself clearly in daily situations.

### **PRE-INTERMEDIATE I & II**

These classes build on learners' previous experience with Spanish, reinforcing all areas of the language, with an increasing importance placed on speaking, reading, and vocabulary-building.

### **INTERMEDIATE I & II**

At this point, learners likely speak Spanish, but are still struggling with the more difficult grammar points. These classes focus primarily on conversation, reading, and vocabulary-building; as well as on increasing your grammatical accuracy by reinforcing areas such as the use of the 'subjunctive' and 'indefinite past'. Focus is on the ability to express yourself spontaneously and to interact across a variety of social situations with increasing accuracy.

### **HIGH INTERMEDIATE I & II**

These classes build on learners' conversational base in Spanish, and begin to more finely tune communicative competence by building vocabulary and introducing students to idioms, slang, and points of 'common usage' in Spanish. High Intermediate classes also include emphasis on written expression.

### **ADVANCED I & II**

Advanced classes at the first and second level continue to fine tune learners' Spanish skills. Emphasis is placed on advanced communicative competence – the ability to communicate completely in the Spanish language, across all kinds of situations. Classes emphasize oral skills, sophisticated vocabulary, and increasing students' understanding and ability to use idiomatic Spanish.

### **The Native Spanish Program Includes:**

- Certificate of Study and level achieved.
- Unlimited free access to high-speed internet and modern computers plus office-wide WIFI access Monday – Sunday.
- Highly-qualified and experienced Spanish teachers.
- Assistance with your accommodation in Peru and/or Costa Rica.
- Free Salsa lessons every Saturday at our institute.
- Monthly party with open bar and dancing at our institute.
- A toll-free emergency hotline in the U.S.

### **We Take Good Care of You**

Máximo Nivel offers you a wide range of services to help make your Spanish language training both comfortable and enjoyable. We can provide you with accommodation during your studies if you wish, and we also advise you on a wide range of topics, including: what to bring for your trip; what airlines to fly; what type of accommodation best suits you; how much money you need to bring; visa requirements (if any - depending on your nationality); and all of the ins and outs of day-to-day life in Peru and/or Costa Rica.

From the moment you arrive, we put all of our efforts into making your stay enjoyable. We meet you at the airport and take you to your family-stay, apartment, hostel, or hotel. We provide you with all the information you need regarding cash machines, shopping, trekking, sightseeing, and nightlife.

## Adventure & Culture Programs

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To complement our Native Spanish Program, Máximo Nivel offers several travel and study options. The Mini Adventure, and Full Adventure programs are led by licensed, experienced guides, all of whom speak both Spanish and English. Additional adventure treks and cultural tours can also be arranged.

### Mini Adventure (2 Weeks)

The Mini Adventure program includes:

- 10 days of Spanish language classes
- 4 days of travel and exploration
- Accommodation in the Family House (Peru) or a Family Stay (Costa Rica)

### PERU ITINERARY

#### Days 1-3: Spanish Language Classes

On your first day, you will participate in a brief orientation and take a language placement test. Throughout your language training, the teacher will continuously assess your ability in the 4 language skills – Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing; and the 4 language systems – Grammar, Vocabulary, Phonology, and Function.

#### Day 4: Cusco City Tour

This full day excursion includes the best highlights of Cusco – “the navel of the world” and the center of the ancient Inca Empire. You will visit Q’oricancha, the Inca Temple of the Sun and then tour Cusco’s Cathedral, a 15th century church filled with original artwork. In the afternoon, we will tour the four primary ruins surrounding Cusco, including Sacsaywaman, Q’enko, Tambomachay, and Puka Pukara.

#### Days 5 & 6: Spanish Language Classes

Days 5 and 6 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs.

#### Day 7 & 8: Sacred Valley of the Incas & Machupicchu

We’ll take a beautiful driving tour of the ancient agricultural center of the Incas. First, we will travel by bus from Cusco down into the lush, green Sacred Valley. The first stop is a unique arts and crafts center and petting zoo where we can feed the alpacas and vicuna. Next, we travel to the pueblo of Pisac, and then onto Urubamba, and the archeological ruins at Ollantaytambo. Lunch is included on Day 7.

From Ollantaytambo, we depart by train for the village of Aguas Calientes at the foot of the Machupicchu Mountain. We’ll spend the night in a great little hostel in Aguas Calientes.

Early in the morning of Day 8, we’ll travel by bus up to the entrance of the sanctuary-city of Machupicchu. We’ll take a 3-hour guided tour of the ancient ruins, and at the end of the tour, we can hike to the top of Huayna Picchu, the mountain overlooking Machupicchu, or to the Temple of the Moon. Breakfast is included on Day 8

In the afternoon, we’ll return to Cusco by train.

## **Day 9: Free Day**

### **Days 10-14: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 10 – 14 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. At the end of your course, you will be awarded a certificate in Spanish designating your present level of proficiency in Spanish.

## **COSTA RICA ITINERARY**

### **Days 1-3: Spanish Language Classes**

On your first day, you will participate in a brief orientation and take a language placement test. Throughout your language training, the teacher will continuously assess your ability in the 4 language skills – Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing; and the 4 language systems – Grammar, Vocabulary, Phonology, and Function.

### **Day 4: Spanish Language Classes and San Jose City Tour**

You will start the day with 2 hours of intensive Spanish. Following a brief pause, we will set out on a half-day excursion to see some of the highlights of San Jose – The National Museum, the National Theatre, San Jose’s famous Central Market, and the Metropolitan Cathedral.

### **Days 5 & 6: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 5 and 6 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs.

### **Day 7: Calypso Catamaran Tour**

Day 7 begins very early in the morning as we depart by private van for the coast to take the Calypso Catamaran Cruise – a one-day boat tour in the calm waters of the Gulf of Nicoya. Once on board the 71-foot Catamaran, we’ll cruise past 23 islands on route to Costa Rica’s famous Isla Tortuga. At Isla Tortuga you can sunbathe, swim, snorkel, play volleyball, kayak, or just relax in a hammock. A wonderful gourmet meal is elegantly served accompanied with chilled white wine and live music. Breakfast and lunch included.

### **Days 8 & 9: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 8 and 9 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs.

### **Days 10 & 11: Manuel Antonio Beach**

We will travel by bus to the beautiful resort village of Quepos and Manuel Antonio. This is *beach time* at one of the best beaches that Costa Rica has to offer. Manuel Antonio also has good shopping and restaurants and there is an excellent national park too. We’ll spend the night at our partner’s hostel just 10 minutes from the beach. Extra spending money is strongly encouraged.

### **Days 12-14: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 12-14 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. At the end of your course, you will be awarded a certificate in Spanish designating your present level of proficiency in Spanish

## **Full Adventure Program (4 weeks)**

The Full Adventure program includes:

- 15 days of Spanish language classes
- 7 days of travel and exploration in Peru
- Accommodation in the Family House (Peru) or in a Family Stay (Costa Rica)

### **PERU ITINEARY**

#### **Days 1-5: Spanish Language Classes**

On your first day, you will participate in a brief orientation and take a language placement test. Throughout your language training, the teacher will continuously assess your ability in the 4 language skills – Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing; and the 4 language systems – Grammar, Vocabulary, Phonology, and Function.

#### **Days 6-7: Weekend – Free time**

#### **Day 8: Cusco City Tour**

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#### **Day 9 – 15: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 9-15 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. Weekends are free to do as you wish.

#### **Days 16-17: Weekend - Free time**

#### **Day 18 & 19: Sacred Valley of the Incas & Machupicchu**

We’ll take a beautiful driving tour of the ancient agricultural center of the Incas. First, we will travel by bus from Cusco down into the lush, green Sacred Valley. The first stop is a unique arts and crafts center and petting zoo where we can feed the alpacas and vicuna. Next, we travel to the pueblo of Pisac, and then onto Urubamba, and the archeological ruins at Ollantaytambo. Lunch is included on Day 18.

From Ollantaytambo, we depart by train for the village of Aguas Calientes at the foot of the Machupicchu Mountain. We’ll spend the night in a great little hostel in Aguas Calientes.

Early in the morning of Day 19, we’ll travel by bus up to the entrance of the sanctuary-city of Machupicchu. We’ll take a 3-hour guided tour of the ancient ruins, and at the end of the tour, we can hike to the top of Huayna Picchu, the mountain overlooking Machupicchu, or to the Temple of the Moon. Breakfast is included on Day 19.

In the afternoon, we’ll return to Cusco by train.

#### **Days 20-23: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 20-23 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. Weekends are free to do as you wish.

**Days 24-25: Weekend – Free Time**

NOTE: Days 26–28 are programmed to include a tour of Peru’s Tambopata Reserve in the Amazon Rainforest. However, this may vary depending on time of year, weather conditions, and availability of tours. Other tours which may be substituted without prior notice include: 1) Lake Titicaca and 2) Peru’s world famous Nazca Lines.

**Tambopata Reserve**

The Tambopata Reserved Zone is the most preserved area of the Amazon rainforest and it covers an area of approximately 1.48 million hectares/3.66 million acres. It is in this amazing biological reserve that three ecosystems converge resulting in an astounding variety of flora and fauna. Among this incredible variety, there are a number of endangered species including the jaguar, the giant otter, and the harpy eagle.

**Day 26: Transfer Cusco - Tambopata**

Early in the morning we will take a 25-minute flight from Cusco to Puerto Maldonado – the biodiversity capital of Peru. We’ll take a 3-hour boat ride from Puerto Maldonado along the Madre de Dios River to our jungle lodge, where they’ll welcome us with a refreshing traditional drink and lunch. We’ll have some time to settle into our bungalows and then later in the afternoon, a specialized jungle guide will guide us through Monkey Island in the heart of the Madre de Dios River. Lunch and dinner included.

**Day 27: Lost Cocha**

After a very early breakfast, we will set off on our jungle adventure. A local guide will lead us through the depths of the rainforest to the Lost Cocha – a shelter and food source for a great variety of animals such as giant otters, crocodiles, turtles, sachavacas, colorful birds, the majestic jaguar, and tropical fish. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.

Along the way, we’ll trek to the famous Amazonian Viewing Point, built on the top of a Shihuahuaco tree. From there, we’ll be able to fully appreciate the magical jungle in all its splendor. In the evening, if there is time, our guide will take us across the river to visit a local native family living in the jungle.

**Day 28: Transfer Tambopata - Puerto Maldonado**

On our final day in the jungle, we’ll enjoy an early breakfast and then travel back along the Madre de Dios River to Puerto Maldonado and make our return flight back to Cusco. Breakfast included.

## **COSTA RICA ITINERARY**

### **Days 1-5: Spanish Language Classes**

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### **Days 6-7: Weekend – Free time**

### **Day 8: Spanish Language Classes and San Jose City Tour**

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### **Day 9: Calypso Catamaran Tour**

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### **Days 17 & 18: Manuel Antonio Beach**

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### **Days 19-23: Spanish Language Classes**

Days 18-23 are spent in intensive Spanish language classes. Classes can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon to suit your needs. Weekends are free to do as you wish.

**NOTE:** Days 24–27 are programmed to include a tour of Costa Rica’s Cabecar Indian Lands. However, this may vary depending on time of year, weather conditions, and availability of tours. Other tours which may be substituted without prior notice include: 1) Caribbean Coast Tour and 2) Cloud Forest hiking tour.

### **Cabecar Indian Lands**

The Cabecar Indians are among the most private and remote indigenous people left in Central America. The Cabecars speak their own language, their mountainous lands are isolated, and the Cabecars live in their own communities, preferring to stay away from modern civilization. There's no electricity, phones, radios or television – here you'll get a small glimpse of life very different from what we endure in our civilized world.

**Day 24: Transfer from San Jose to Talamanca Mountains**

We'll start our day early as we make a 3-hour drive to the Talamanca Mountains by private car/van. We will make camp for the night and can explore the surrounding area, swim or even drink piña coladas while floating in the river. We'll sleep under the stars and have a magnificent view of the jungle up above and the village below.

**Day 25: Jungle Trekking**

Early in the morning, we'll hike up into the mountains to explore the tropical rainforest. This is a REAL hike – with no manicured trails – and involves slippery and wet terrain, muddy jungle trails, and lots of humidity. This trek offers a true rainforest adventure and we'll get a small sample of how people survive and enjoy themselves in these areas. The hike lasts about 5 to 6 hours and is an estimated 12 kilometers.

At night, we'll make camp next to a private farm. Nearby, there is a great swimming hole and an intriguing hanging bridge made of all natural materials.

**Day 26: Horseback to Pacuare River**

We will make an 18 kilometer descent into a lush green tropical paradise where the last of the Cabecar Indians remain. We'll reach our campsite with some time for exploration of the nearby forest or simply enjoy the surrounding creeks and pools. We'll set up camp before dark and have a wonderful dinner.

**Day 27: Transfer back to San Jose**

Early on Day 27 we'll enjoy a nice breakfast, break camp, and travel by private car/van back to San Jose.

**Day 28: Free Day**

## Accreditation

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Accreditation by an external educational body is vital if you wish to study at an institute and receive a certification that is recognized worldwide.

Our Spanish program is fully accredited by the Peruvian Ministry of Education, and as such our Spanish courses are eligible for credit at most U.S. and European universities.

Máximo Nivel's other programs are accredited by the College of Teachers in the UK – **The College of Teachers** is a professional organization recognized by the British Council as an accrediting body in the UK; and through our U.S. partner – BridgeLinguatec – our TEFL/TESOL certification program is accredited by **ACCET – the American Council for Continuing Education and Training**. ACCET is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an official accrediting body in the U.S.

As an accredited institute, all of Máximo Nivel's programs must adhere to strict codes of practice and must maintain the highest professional standards.



### Beware of Unaccredited Courses!

There are many schools around the world that offer unaccredited Spanish courses or who offer courses which are accredited by organizations that the schools themselves have created. Participants often later find out that their certificates do not carry the same weight as those which are truly recognized at an international level. Be sure that whichever course you attend is accredited by an **officially recognized accrediting** agency.

## **Housing Options**

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### **The Family House – Bed & Breakfast**

The Family House bed and breakfast offers accommodations in similar to a traditional family-stay, but with more independence and privacy. Both private and shared rooms are available as are private and shared bathrooms. Your stay includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Sunday. Guests are given a key to their room and to the house and are free to come and go as they please. There's lots of opportunity to practice your Spanish with Juanita (the house mother), Mauricio (the chef), Mercedes, and Giovanna. Laundry services are available for a small extra fee. The Family House is within walking distance (10-20 minutes) from the Máximo Nivel office.

### **Traditional Family-Stay**

Family-stays are all with pre-approved families and include breakfast and dinner Monday through Saturday. All of our host families are middle-class and live in homes and areas that are attractive. All family-stays include a private room and most include private bath. Many of the families have been hosting international travelers for years. Guests are given a key to the house and are free to come and go as they please, but they must respect the routine and rules of the family. All family-stays are within walking distance (10-25 minutes) or within a 5-minute taxi ride from the Máximo Nivel office.

### **Private Apartment**

Our private apartments are all modern, very comfortable, and fully furnished. Apartments come with equipped kitchens including plates and utensils required to live comfortably and cook for yourself. All apartments are very centrally located and are within easy walking distance or a short taxi ride to the Maximo Nivel offices.

### **Shared Apartment**

Like our private apartments, our shared apartments are all modern, comfortable, and fully furnished. Shared apartments all have 2 private bedrooms, though the bath is usually shared. The apartments are fully furnished with equipped kitchens including plates and utensils. All apartments are very centrally located and are within easy walking distance or a short taxi ride to the Maximo Nivel offices.

### **Hostel**

There are also many inexpensive hostels throughout Cusco and you may elect this option if you want to save money while still remaining 100% independent. Máximo Nivel works with three different hostels, all of them clean and safe with excellent service and amenities including TV rooms, 24-hour kitchens, and more. All hostel accommodations include private rooms with private bath. All hostels are a 5 to 15 minute walk from the Máximo Nivel office.

### **Hotel (3-Star)**

Cusco and San Jose have a great deal to offer in terms of hotels, ranging from 1-star to 5-star accommodations. Máximo Nivel works with two 3-star hotels, both of which are modern and comfortable with all the necessary amenities plus breakfast included. All hotel rooms are private with a private bath. If you desire more luxurious accommodations please request the hotel option when you register.

## Other Máximo Nivel Programs

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### TEFL/TESOL Certification

The Máximo Nivel onsite certification program is designed for people who want a professional, accredited certification to teach English anywhere in the world. The 4-week/150-hour program includes 100 hours of classroom instruction and 25 hours of practical teaching and observation and an additional 25 hours of required self-study and research outside of the classroom.

The onsite course is characterized by extremely high academic content and also includes an excellent practical teaching component. The overall aim of the course is to provide you with a professional graduate-level TESOL/TEFL course, including a balance between the theory and methodology of ESL.

### CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of either the TEFL/TESOL Certification program, graduates receive two certificates: 1) the Máximo Nivel TEFL/TESOL Certificate and 2) the College of Teachers Certificate of Educational Studies in TESOL (COES). As well, all participants receive a personalized recommendation letter from the Executive Director of Máximo Nivel that can be included with your resume/CV as an employment reference when applying for teaching positions anywhere in the world.

The Máximo Nivel TEFL/TESOL Certification program is your first step toward more travel, more adventure, and better prospects as an English teacher. As an **accredited TEFL/TESOL course provider** in Peru and Costa Rica we offer comprehensive training, a professional, supportive, and fun environment, and unparalleled career and job-finding assistance.

### Volunteer & Internship Program

Máximo Nivel offers volunteer and internship projects in Peru and Costa Rica. These projects provide the unique opportunity to live and work in Peru and/or Costa Rica while experiencing the countries' rich cultural diversity and building your proficiency in Spanish. Through the various project opportunities you are able to make a contribution to global society while at the same time bettering yourself.

### PROJECT AREAS

Projects offer opportunities for international travelers and students to help out, develop skills and even undertake in-depth study of a particular area in an international setting. Volunteer and internship opportunities include:

- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Environment & Conservation
- International Business
- Teaching English
- Construction
- Not-for-profit/NGOs
- Social issues (Poverty, religion, etc.)

## **Máximo Nivel – Executive Team**

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Máximo Nivel's executive team is here to help you. We are in charge of, amongst other things, arranging for you to be met at the airport, welcoming and orientating you, and arranging standard and non-standard accommodation. During your course of study, the executive team is continuously available for help and consultation, and to make sure that your stay is comfortable and enjoyable and that our Native Spanish Program consistently meets the highest standards.

### **Ken Jones**

Executive Director of Máximo Nivel, Ken has dual-citizenship in Peru and the U.S. Born and raised in upstate New York and southern Louisiana, Ken has made Peru and Costa Rica his homes for more than 4 years now. He speaks English and Spanish fluently, and has more than 15 years of experience living and working in various parts of the world - including Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Ken has a Masters in Organizational Development and an MBA in International Business.

### **Eliza Raymond**

Director of International Programs, Eliza is originally from England but has lived all over the world. She speaks English, Spanish and French fluently, as well as basic German and Russian. She has a Masters degree in Tourism and is TEFL certified. Eliza has been working for Máximo Nivel since April 2007.

### **Chris Larsen**

Executive Director of Máximo Nivel-Arequipa, Chris is a U.S. citizen with permanent residency in Peru. Chris was raised in Wisconsin, but lived for many years in Arizona and Southern California. He served in the United States Air Force from 1984 to 1993. Chris is a fully-certified teacher in the states of Arizona and California, and has worked as a classroom teacher, mentor teacher, and coach for nearly 10 years. Chris has a Bachelor's in Education, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction Development.

### **Tom Kearin**

Director of Operations for Máximo Nivel, Tom was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, and now makes his home in Cusco, Peru. Tom is an ex-corporate Vice President turned ESL teacher. He has more than 18 years of experience in technology companies and consulting. Tom has traveled most of the world and has spent the majority of his time in South America and Europe. Tom has a Bachelor's in Accounting, an MBA in Finance, and is a certified accountant (CPA) in the states of Massachusetts and Nevada.

### **Mark Deming**

Mark is Máximo Nivel's General Manager in Cusco, Peru. Mark graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's in Political Science and Latin American Studies. He also completed a 1000 hour post-graduate course in TESOL at Seattle Pacific University. Mark has traveled and taught in Spain, Central America, and South America. Mark is fluent in both English and Spanish and also speaks conversational French.

# Costa Rica

Costa Rica is located in Central America and borders Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south. A chain of volcanoes and mountains - part of the Andean-Sierra Madre chain - runs the length of the country and separates the Caribbean Sea on the east coast from the Pacific Ocean on the west coast.

Of all of the places on earth, Costa Rica is by far one of the most exotic. The country offers unparalleled natural beauty, active volcanoes, rainforests, and a wide range of national parks and eco-tourism. In addition, Costa Rica has over 1,000 miles of gorgeous white-and-black sand beaches, copious amounts of sunshine, world-class sport fishing, snorkeling and surfing!

**Population:** 4,160,000

**Geography:** 51,100 Km<sup>2</sup>/19,730 miles<sup>2</sup>

Costa Rica is approximately the size of West Virginia.  
The highest point is Cerro Chirripo 3,810 meters/12,460 feet a.s.l.

**Capital:** San Jose

**Founded:** 15 September 1821

**Currency:** Colon (CRC)

U.S. dollars are accepted in all places of business and are available at most ATMs. Other currencies can be easily exchanged.

**President:** Oscar Arias Sanchez

**Language:** Spanish

## Weather:

REGION	ALTITUDE	TEMPERATURE		GENERAL DESCRIPTION
		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
San Jose	1,170 m/3,839 ft above sea level	24°C / 75°F	27°C / 80°F	In May-November (Rainy Season) warm with intermittent rain and sunshine with Spring-like conditions. In December-April (Dry Season) warm with very little to no rain and Spring-like conditions.
Pacific	0-400 m/0-1,312 ft above sea level	29°C / 84°F	32°C / 90°F	The May-November (Rainy Season) and December-April (Dry Season) seasons are less pronounced small showers possible year-round. Generally hot, humid and lots of sun year-round.
Caribbean	0-400 m/0-1,312 ft above sea level	29°C / 84°F	32°C / 90°F	The May-November (Rainy Season) and December-April (Dry Season) seasons are less pronounced and the Caribbean coast is receives a great deal of rain year-round. Hot, humid and sunny year-round.
Highlands	2200-3800 m / 7,218-12,467 ft above sea level	10°C / 50°F	27°C / 81°F	In May-November (Rainy Season) warm with intermittent rain and sunshine with cool to warm temperatures. In December-April (Dry Season) warm with very little to no rain and Spring-like conditions.



## **San Jose – Costa Rica**

San José is the capital city of Costa Rica and is the gateway to both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts as well as Costa Rica's rainforests. The City is located in the Central Valley and has a population of 1.2 million people. Situated at 3,773 feet above sea level the city lies between three volcanoes.

San Jose is a modern city and benefits from the most developed economy in all of Central America. The city is an eclectic mix of modern and colonial architecture and is interestingly both fast-paced and laid-back. Being a cosmopolitan city, San Jose offers visitors great nightlife, theater, shopping, and tourism.

### **Getting Around**

San Jose uses a modern grid system for its streets and avenues, so even though it is not perfect in its organization it is generally easy to find your way around. Note that people do not use street numbers, but instead use landmarks and other buildings to refer to where something is located – so directions are given as "100 meters south and 50 meters east..." – with a little practice the system actually works quite well. While in the Capital, you have access to the best public transportation in all of Central America, though if you prefer not to take busses, taxis are also available 24 hours a day – all registered taxis in San Jose are red and are equipped with meters. If you're walking, Costa Ricans are very open and friendly and are always willing to lend a hand with directions; and if you can't figure out where you are, find a local church – every church in Costa Rica faces west.

### **Eating Out**

San Jose offers an excellent selection of both traditional Costa Rican food and international fare. In San Jose, you can enjoy delicious and inexpensive local meals at a number of restaurants and at the central market, while Mexican, American, and Japanese restaurants are also prominent and of very high quality. Prices range from as little \$2 for a huge plate of traditional food to very expensive and elegantly prepared international dishes. And of course don't forget to try Costa Rica's world-famous coffee.

### **Shopping**

San Jose has a number of shops, malls, and art galleries, and here you can buy will excellent souvenirs, clothes, cigars, and coffee. The Central Market is also something not to be missed.

### **Nightlife**

San Jose offers a large variety of restaurants, casinos, and dance clubs and has a lively nightlife as well as some good places to relax and listen to either traditional or modern music.

The first thing you will notice about Costa Ricans (Ticos) is their openness and friendliness – they are all excellent ambassadors for their country. That said, like any large city San Jose can present a number of dangers and you should never walk alone at night, and you should be careful with your valuables.

# Peru

Peru is one of the world's greatest centers of ancient civilization. Prior to the invasion by the Spanish conquistadors, the country's diverse cultures and civilizations, that culminated in the well-known Inca Empire (Tawantinsuyo), were some of the most advanced in the world, and they left behind one of the richest collections of architecture, metallurgy, ceramics, and textiles known to man.

Peru is located in the west central part of South America, and is the 19th largest country in the world. It shares borders to the north with Ecuador, to the south with Chile and Bolivia, and to the east with Columbia and Brazil. Peru's geography, climates, and cultures are diverse due to the natural variation of its regions, which include the coast, the Andes, and the Amazon jungle.



**Population:** 27,483,000

**Geography:** 1,285,215 Km<sup>2</sup>/494,208 miles<sup>2</sup>

Peru is approximately three times the size of California. The highest point is Huascarán at 6,768 meters (4.2 miles) above sea level.

**Capital:** Lima  
Founded January 18, 1535

**Currency:** New Sol (S/.)  
U.S. dollars are accepted in all places of business and are available at most ATMs. Other currencies can be easily exchanged.

**President:** Alan Garcia

**Languages:** Spanish, Quechua and Aymara

## Weather:

REGION	ALTITUDE	TEMPERATURE		GENERAL DESCRIPTION
		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
Lima	101 m/331 ft above sea level	16°C / 61°F	19°C / 66°F	In May-October cool, foggy days and cool nights. In November-April hot, sunny days and humid warm nights. High humidity.
Cusco	3,326 m/10,912 ft above sea level	01°C / 34°F	21°C / 70°F	In May-October (Dry Season) sunny, warm days and cold, clear nights. In November-April (Rainy Season) intermittent rain and sun during the day with mild, rainy nights.
Arequipa	2325 m/7628 ft above sea level	07°C / 46°F	19°C / 66°F	In May-October (Dry Season) sunny with warm to hot days and cool, clear nights. In November-April (Rainy Season) some rain, but still lots of sun during the day with mild nights. Low humidity.
Machu Picchu	2080 m/6824 ft above sea level	12°C / 54°F	25°C / 77°F	Partly cloudy sky in the mornings. Warm to hot temperatures during the day. Light to heavy rain in the afternoon or evening.

## **Cusco - Peru**

Located in the south eastern Andes Mountains, Cusco sits at an altitude of 3,400 meters above sea level (11,000 feet). Cusco is the historic capital of the Inca Empire and is the gateway to the sanctuary-city of Machupicchu. Indeed, Cusco is one of the most spectacular highlights of South America.

Cusco is not a small mountain pueblo. In fact, Cusco is a cosmopolitan city of 400,000 people. As the tourism mecca of South America, Cusco is the most popular tourism stop-over in the region, with more than 600,000 international visitors per year. However, Cusco is one of those rare places able to preserve its unique character despite its prominence in international tourism.

Stately and historic, with stone streets and buildings that are built on Incan foundations laid down more than five centuries ago, the city buzzes with energy. Once the religious, political, military, and cultural center of the Inca empire, today Cusco thrives as one of the most vibrant cities in South America.

### **Getting Around**

Cusco does NOT have comprehensive public transport. Most people walk or take taxis. "Combis" (shared mini vans) are available, but most visitors to Cusco will not find these comfortable or efficient. That said, Cusco is a small city, and walking in the warm sun is not something to be missed. As well, taxis are regulated - from 6:00am to 10:00pm taxis charge only S/. 2.00 (\$0.60) to go anywhere in the city; and S/. 3.00 (\$0.90) between 10:00pm and 6:00am.

### **Eating Out**

Cusco has excellent food - all relatively inexpensive and some VERY inexpensive. In Cusco, it is possible to get a 3-course lunch plus drink for as little as S/. 3.00 (\$0.90). By eating in local restaurants, visitors can enjoy good food at very low prices, though caution is always advised, as food handling is different in developing countries compared to Europe or the U.S.

### **Shopping**

Cusco is by no means a shopping paradise - certainly not in the same way as London, Paris, Milan, and New York. However, you will be able to buy excellent souvenirs as well as world-class alpaca wool products (sweaters, blankets, etc.) and traditional Inca textiles still produced by hand. Cusco and the surrounding villages are also famous for their handicraft markets. There are also open-air markets for great fruits and vegetables.

### **Nightlife**

Most clubs and bars in Cusco are concentrated around the Plaza de Armas and in the San Blas district. Cusco has a lively nightlife with a wide variety of clubs and bars; Cusco also has some good places to relax and listen to either traditional or modern music.

Cusco is a safe city, but it pays to be vigilant, especially late at night. You should never walk alone at night, and you should be very careful with your valuables.

## **Arequipa - Peru**

Arequipa is known as the White City for its beautiful white walls of sillar, a volcanic stone. The city lies at the foot of the Mount Chachani, Mount Misti, and the snow-capped Mount Pichu Pichu volcanos. Arequipa's Plaza de Armas was placed on the World Cultural Heritage list by UNESCO, and includes Mixed Baroque churches and mansions from the Colonial Period like the Monastery of Santa Catalina. Arequipa is much more a colonial Spanish-feeling city than Cusco with its beautiful patios, and plazas, and the irresistible Arequipa-style cuisine.

The Colca River valley is just 3 hours and 45 minutes from Arequipa, and the Colca Canyon is one of the most extraordinary destinations in Peru. Visitors can also do many types of adventure sports in the valley such as mountain biking, trekking, and white water rafting. And, at the Cross of the Condor, visitors have the chance to see the majestic flight of the condors.

## **Getting Around Arequipa**

Arequipa does NOT have comprehensive public transport. Most people walk or take taxis. "Combis" (shared mini vans) are available, but most visitors to Arequipa will not find these comfortable or efficient. That said, taxis are inexpensive and most charge between S/. 2.50 (\$0.75) to S/. 3.00 (\$0.90) to go anywhere in the city.

## **Eating Out**

Arequipa is known for its own style of Peruvian cuisine. Some not-to-miss traditional Arequipa dishes include: Chupe de Camarones (chowder of shrimp, milk, eggs, and oregano), Rocoto Relleno (hot peppers stuffed with chopped beef, cheese, and milk and served with mashed potatoes), Soltero (salad of fresh cheese, lima beans, onions, olives, tomatoes, and peppers), Ocopa (boiled potatoes covered with a fresh cheese sauce, lima beans, onions, olives, and peppers) and many more.

## **Shopping**

Arequipa has decent shopping. While still nowhere near what Lima offers in terms of selection and style, Arequipa does have a small mall, complete with brand name clothes, and a Cineplex. Arequipa also has some of the best Alpaca wool products in Peru. produced by hand.

## **Nightlife**

Arequipa has good nightlife in the old quarter of the city, with plenty of bars, restaurants, and discos. There are numerous bars just up the road from the Plaza de Armas on Calle Santa Catalina, and most offer a good happy hour with drink specials early in the evening. Sunday through Wednesday it is usually pretty quiet, but with a little looking a good time is almost always to be found. Thursdays through Saturdays, most places are crowded as the weekend heats things up a bit.

Overall, Arequipa has a wide variety of clubs, bars, and restaurants, and the vast majority closer to international standards than other areas of Peru; the city also has some good places to relax and listen to rock, jazz, and blues.

## Programs & Tuition - 2008

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The following course schedules and prices apply to both Peru and Costa Rica. When registering, please be sure to specify if you plan to study in our Peru or Costa Rica office.

### Private Instruction

PERU			COSTA RICA	
PROGRAM	Weekly	4 Weeks	Weekly	4 Weeks
1 hour/day	\$45	\$170	\$70	\$265
2 hours/day	\$90	\$335	\$145	\$525
3 hours/day	\$130	\$505	\$210	\$780
4 hours/day	\$180	\$670	\$280	\$1,020
Extra Week	Please inquire about our special prices for extended and super-intensive courses.			
Máximo Nivel <u>never</u> charges a sign-up fee and you are <u>never</u> charged for changing your class schedule. If you must miss classes – with 24 hours notice – your classes are simply rescheduled and you never lose money.				

### Small Group Instruction (limit 4 people)

PERU			COSTA RICA	
PROGRAM	Weekly	4 Weeks	Weekly	4 Weeks
1 hour/day	\$35	\$105	\$50	\$180
2 hours/day	\$55	\$190	\$95	\$360
Extra Week	Please inquire about our special prices for extended and super-intensive courses.			
Máximo Nivel <u>never</u> charges a sign-up fee and you are <u>never</u> charged for changing your class schedule. If you must miss classes – with 24 hours notice – your classes are simply rescheduled and you never lose money.				

### Adventure & Culture Programs (includes accommodation)

PERU			COSTA RICA	
PROGRAM	Mini Adventure	Full Adventure	Mini Adventure	Full Adventure
<b>Spanish Classes</b>				
2 hours/day	\$870	\$1,320	\$1,300	\$2,000
3 hours/day	\$960	\$1,490	\$1,440	\$2,265

## Housing & Accommodations

### PERU

#### Peru – Housing Options

THE FAMILY HOUSE	
Weekly	\$125
4 Weeks	\$400
FAMILY-STAY	
Weekly	\$150
4 Weeks	\$450
SHARED APARTMENT	
Weekly	\$60
4 Weeks	\$225
PRIVATE APARTMENT	
Weekly	\$95
4 Weeks	\$350
HOSTEL	
Weekly	\$210
4 Weeks	\$755
HOTEL	
Weekly	\$385
4 Weeks	\$1,385

### COSTA RICA

#### Costa Rica – Housing Options

THE FAMILY HOUSE	
Weekly	n.a.
4 Weeks	n.a.
FAMILY-STAY	
Weekly	\$155
4 Weeks	\$500
SHARED APARTMENT	
Weekly	\$125
4 Weeks	\$400
PRIVATE APARTMENT	
Weekly	\$200
4 Weeks	\$650
HOSTEL	
Weekly	\$300
4 Weeks	\$1,000
HOTEL	
Weekly	\$890
4 Weeks	\$2,850

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Why should I study at Máximo Nivel?**

Founded, owned and operated by Giovanna and Ken Jones, Máximo Nivel is not just an average Spanish school - it is an executive language center offering the NATIVE SPANISH PROGRAM, as well as TEFL/TESOL Certification, and the NATIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM. In addition to our Peruvian and international accreditations, Máximo Nivel is also closely partnered with the following international organizations: BridgeLinguathec, INTESOL International, LanguageCourses.Net, Global Crossroad, and Volunteer Adventures.

### **How long are your programs? When can I start?**

Máximo Nivel is unique in offering flexible programs in order to accommodate your travel and trekking schedule. We offer 3-day and 5-day programs or programs custom tailored to our clients; and clients can choose to study 2 hours, 3 hours, or more each day. Most programs are 1 to 4 weeks long. However, Máximo Nivel also offers long-stay programs of 3+ months for people who wish to build full Spanish proficiency. Clients can begin any day of the week.

### **How many hours of instruction do you recommend?**

That depends on your individual goals for learning Spanish. You may study for as little as one week; however, we recommend a minimum study period of two weeks. We normally do not recommend more than 3 hours per day of study. However, for clients who want to study 4 or 6 hours a day we will happily tailor your program to your needs.

### **Who typically attends Máximo Nivel?**

People of all ages come to Máximo Nivel, from young adults to retirees. The majority of our clients are travelers ranging in age from 20 to 55. Máximo Nivel attracts people from many different backgrounds and parts of the world, including the U.S., Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, and Canada.

### **What levels of Spanish are offered?**

Máximo Nivel offers 8 levels of Spanish: Basic, High-Basic, Pre-Intermediate I, Pre-Intermediate II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced I, and Advanced II.

### **Do I have the same teacher every week?**

Yes. In our short-term classes (<1 month), consistency, trust, and chemistry between the client and teacher are critical components of the learning process. Clients studying Spanish 3 hours per day are usually teamed with two teachers - one for the first 90 minutes and the other for the second 90 minutes, but even then these teachers remain consistent throughout the program of study.

Clients studying long-term at Máximo Nivel (2 months>) are encouraged to change teachers after 2 months, as the change in teaching style and accent are also important components to building Spanish proficiency.

## Can children study Spanish?

Yes. Máximo Nivel offers a family friendly learning environment for parents traveling to Peru and/or Costa Rica with their children. We are happy to provide classes for your children or for the whole family together. However, for younger children, a different schedule may be recommended depending on the child's maturity level. Máximo Nivel has experience teaching children as young as five years old. Babysitting service during class time hours can also be arranged at an additional cost.

## What Should I Bring?

When traveling anywhere, it is best to leave behind your preconceptions and what you're used to - and enjoy the differences. After all, that's why you're traveling.

The key to packing for a trip to Peru is to pack for a variety of conditions. The best way to deal with the extremes that Peru has to offer – the intense sun during the day, the cold mountain nights, and the heat and humidity of the Amazon Basin – is to dress using several layers.

The key to packing for Costa Rica is to prepare for a warm and often humid climate. The coastal areas are steamy and hot with lots of sunshine; and the San Jose (Central Valley) region is warm by day and cool by night with intermittent sunshine and light rain.

### SUGGESTED PACKING LIST – PERU

- Day pack
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hiking boots
- 2 pairs of pants (lightweight)
- 2 T-shirts
- 1 short-sleeved shirt
- 2 long-sleeved shirt
- 1 pair of shorts
- Thermal underwear
- Fleece jacket
- Hat or cap
- Towel and personal bath kit
- Sun block, lip balm, sun glasses
- Camera

### SUGGESTED PACKING LIST – COSTA RICA

- Day pack
- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots
- Sandals
- 2 pairs of pants (lightweight)
- 2 T-shirts
- 3 short-sleeved shirts
- 1 long-sleeved shirt
- 3 pairs of shorts and bathing suit
- Hat or cap
- Towel and personal bath kit
- Sun block, sun glasses
- Camera

### STUDY MATERIALS

- Laptop computer (if possible)
- Notebook and pen
- Spanish-English dictionary

### **How much extra money should I bring?**

Carrying extra money depends on your personal spending habits, and you may want some extra money for personal expenses, sight-seeing, souvenirs, etc. Generally speaking, we recommend bringing about \$ 250.00 (USD), or just bring your credit card. Note, travelers checks in Peru tend to be problematic to use and are NOT recommended.

The best method for getting money is to simply use ATMs. Most banks in Peru and Costa Rica offer 24-hour ATM access.

### **Do I need a Visa to enter Peru or Costa Rica?**

Depending on where you are from you may or may not need a special visa to enter Peru or Costa Rica. Most people, including those from the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe, automatically receive a 90-day tourist visa upon entering Peru and Costa Rica.

### **Will I have phone and Internet access?**

Máximo Nivel's offices have international phone and Fax service. As well, our clients and students have free access to our computer centers with high speed internet and WiFi connections; and all the computers run Windows XP and MS-Office 2003; access is provided Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Projects based in the rainforest or in rural settings will not have the same phone and Internet service as Cusco, Arequipa, and San Jose. Volunteers must be prepared for intermittent service or no service in these areas. In the most rural projects the only communication available is by shortwave radio.

### **What should I do in case of an emergency?**

If you experience an emergency while you are in Peru, please contact Máximo Nivel immediately.

### **Is the water safe to drink?**

Tap water in Peru is NOT safe for drinking, BUT water straight from the tap in Costa Rica is excellent. Tap water can be purified by boiling it or adding purification tablets, such as *Micropur*, which can be purchased at most pharmacies. Generally speaking, bottled water is easy to buy in stores. Showering and brushing your teeth with water is rarely a problem.

### **Do I need vaccinations?**

It is recommended that travelers to Peru and Costa Rica have vaccinations for Hepatitis A and Tetanus. Typhoid Fever and a malaria prophylactic are sometimes recommended, but necessary. Other immunizations may be necessary depending upon the circumstances of your project and personal medical history. Anti-malaria medication is NOT required, but is

recommended if you are planning to visit the jungle. You should visit a travel-health clinic or your physician at least four weeks before arriving in Peru.

### **Should I bring any medicine?**

It is recommended that you bring medications for travelers' diarrhea and altitude sickness. The best way to prevent traveler's diarrhea is to be careful of the food and water that you eat and drink. *Ciprofloxacin* (Cipro) or *Levofloxacin* (Levaquin) are good choices for treatment of traveler's diarrhea.

In Peru, *Acetazolamide* is the drug most often used to prevent altitude sickness. The usual dosage is 125 milligrams or 250 milligrams two or three times daily starting 24 hours before ascent, and continuing for 48 hours after reaching altitude.

See your physician for specific recommendations.

### **Are Peru and Costa Rica safe countries?**

Yes, and you can relax while you are here.

That said, it's still important to use common sense.

- ▶ Be careful if traveling on buses, as petty theft is common.
- ▶ Ask for a receipt when you store your backpack or luggage.
- ▶ Do NOT carry your passport or any credit cards and cash that you will not need.
- ▶ Use only registered taxis.
- ▶ Do not walk into unknown areas by yourself at night.
- ▶ Avoid any contact with drugs, as laws are very strict in Peru.

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### Payment Options by Internet



### Payment Options in Peru and Costa Rica



### THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING SPANISH

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