



VineTrust Community Partnership Expedition to Peru

Vine Trust is an international development charity. We aim to empower communities by connecting in-country partners and local people to create significant, sustainable development for vulnerable children and families.

As part of this work, we connect and involve volunteers with these long-term partnerships to respond to locally identified health and social challenges.

Project Esperanza



Vine Trust has been working in Peru for over 20 years through medical, construction and social projects. In recent years, we have been exploring how this special connection might be expanded further through new opportunities for our school and adult volunteer teams.

Central to this has been finding the right partner: an established organisation already delivering effective, long-term support, with strong community relationships and projects that Vine Trust can meaningfully contribute to. It has taken time to identify that partner, but we are delighted to have found Yanapanakusun.

Yanapanakusun is a Peruvian charity based in Cusco which has worked for more than 30 years to protect and support vulnerable people. Its work ranges from helping women, children and young people at risk of violence or exploitation, to improving food security and access to education, training and employment. Their practical, long-term support responds to immediate needs while helping people improve their circumstances for the future.

The name Yanapanakusun comes from Quechua and expresses the idea of “let us help one another”, a concept that reflects the organisation’s philosophy of support, solidarity, participation and collective action.



Through Yanapanakusun's local knowledge and established relationships, Project Esperanza will see Vine Trust volunteers supporting projects with individual families and communities. They will work alongside Yanapanakusun staff, local builders and family members to improve housing conditions and develop more secure and varied sources of income. For volunteers, these will be truly wonderful opportunities to see effective community development in action, spend time with the local families and Yanapanakusun team, and learn more about life in the Peruvian Andes.

Who can apply?

This trip is open to anyone over the age of 18. We are particularly looking for participants who are up for trying something new and sharing their feedback with us so that we can develop and strengthen these trips going forward.

Project Work

Project Esperanza would initially involve groups of Vine Trust volunteers working alongside Yanapanakusun staff, local builders and the families themselves. Tasks would include the carrying of bricks, painting and/or preparing floor bases and other practical activities. The work would form part of planned projects with identified families, drawing on Yanapanakusun's knowledge of their circumstances and wider support for family wellbeing and livelihoods.

Activities may also include spending time with local children and families, practicing English conversation, or running basic art and sports activities.



Dates

2027 Provisional Trip Dates: **23rd October – 6th November 2027**

Sample Itinerary

Day 1	Arrive in Lima
Day 2	Fly to Cusco
Day 3 - 4	Tours in Cusco
Day 5	Travel to Huancarani
Day 6 - 9	Project work
Day 10 - 11	Machu Picchu Tour
Day 12	Depart Peru



Pre-Trip Support

All participants will attend at least one online training session prior to their time with the programme. Training will cover cultural competency, working with the project and expedition logistics. A trip handbook will also be provided and must be thoroughly read prior to departure.

The trip will be run by a Vine Trust Expedition Leader who will be the main point of contact during the organisation stage of the trip, as well as providing in-country support during the expedition itself.

Costs

The estimated trip cost is approximately £3000 for a two-week expedition. The exact total cost of your expedition will be confirmed once flights and Machu Picchu visit have been arranged

Trip costs include:

- International and domestic flights
- Airport collection and drop off
- Food and accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- In-country transportation
- A contribution to the project work

The trip cost does not include:

- Required vaccinations and personal medicines (e.g. anti-malarials)
- Personal spending

A deposit is required upon application to secure your place, and balance should be paid 12 weeks prior to departure



How to Apply

Step 1

Before applying for your Vine Trust trip, you should log onto your Vine Trust portal:

- Go to Vine Trust website - www.vinetrust.org
- From the home page select Log-in at the top right
- If you have an account, enter your email address and password and log-in

If you don't have an account, please complete the required details and select Register Now. You will be sent an activation code (to the email address you provided). Click the link provided on the email to activate your account.

Step 2

Once logged in you will be presented with your portal home page where you can apply.

Step 3

Once your application has been completed, you can log back onto your portal and view progress on your application. From the Trip Applications block, select view to see:

- Trip Summary details
- Payment Schedule
- Trip Finance details
- Trip Documentation

