
Lake of Condors - A DX-Pedition Proposal

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The Destination

The Lake of the Condors, aka the [Lake of Mummies](#)

An archaeological site located near the town of Leymebamba, Chachapoyas province, Peru

10-hours of hiking/horseback riding from Leymebamba



Why should we go?

A DX-Pedition for hams

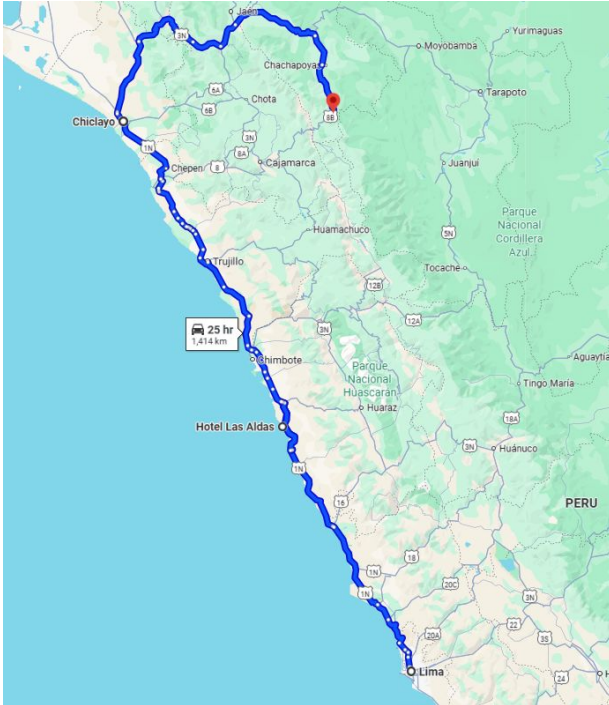
Humanitarian aid for the locals

- Deliver school supplies to the remote villages
- Promote tourism in the area via radio

A chance to see the remote
Chachapoyas area in Peru



The Trip



US \longleftrightarrow Lima (Plane)

Lima \longleftrightarrow Las Aldas (Truck)

Las Aldas \longleftrightarrow Chiclayo (Truck)

Chiclayo \longleftrightarrow Leymebamba (Truck)

Leymebamba \longleftrightarrow Lake of the Condors
(Hiking/Horses)

Around 5-6 days of travel

Local Attractions

The [Museum in Leymebamba](#) (has the mummies from the Lake of the Condors)

[Kuelap](#)

[Gocta Falls](#)

The [Marañón River](#) (“Grand Canyon of the Amazon”)



The DX-Pedition Planning

US hams can operate in Peru with IARP

Easily obtained through ARRL

We will contact the Peruvian Radio Club for help

We will reach out to potential sponsors (<https://ncdxf.org/>, <https://www.yasme.org/>, vendors)

Hoping for at least three experienced DX operators

Youth hams are especially welcome on the trip

The Travel Logistics

[Daniel Fernandez-Davila](#) has been leading the humanitarian aid trips to the area for the past 15 years

His team can help provide travel logistics support including lodging, food, travel, and guides

Details are to be provided/presented separately

Some things may change based on the amount of interest there is.

The Timeline

The expedition is likely in late June to early July - Last year we went from June 25th - July 9th

Need a commitment by the end this year (2025)

The two-week trip costs about \$4000 per person normally

The cost may go down if we get sponsored by any ham organizations

The planning for the radio portion is up to us

Thank you!

I hope you are interested in going on the trip. Please reach out and contact me if you have any questions or if you do want to go. .

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