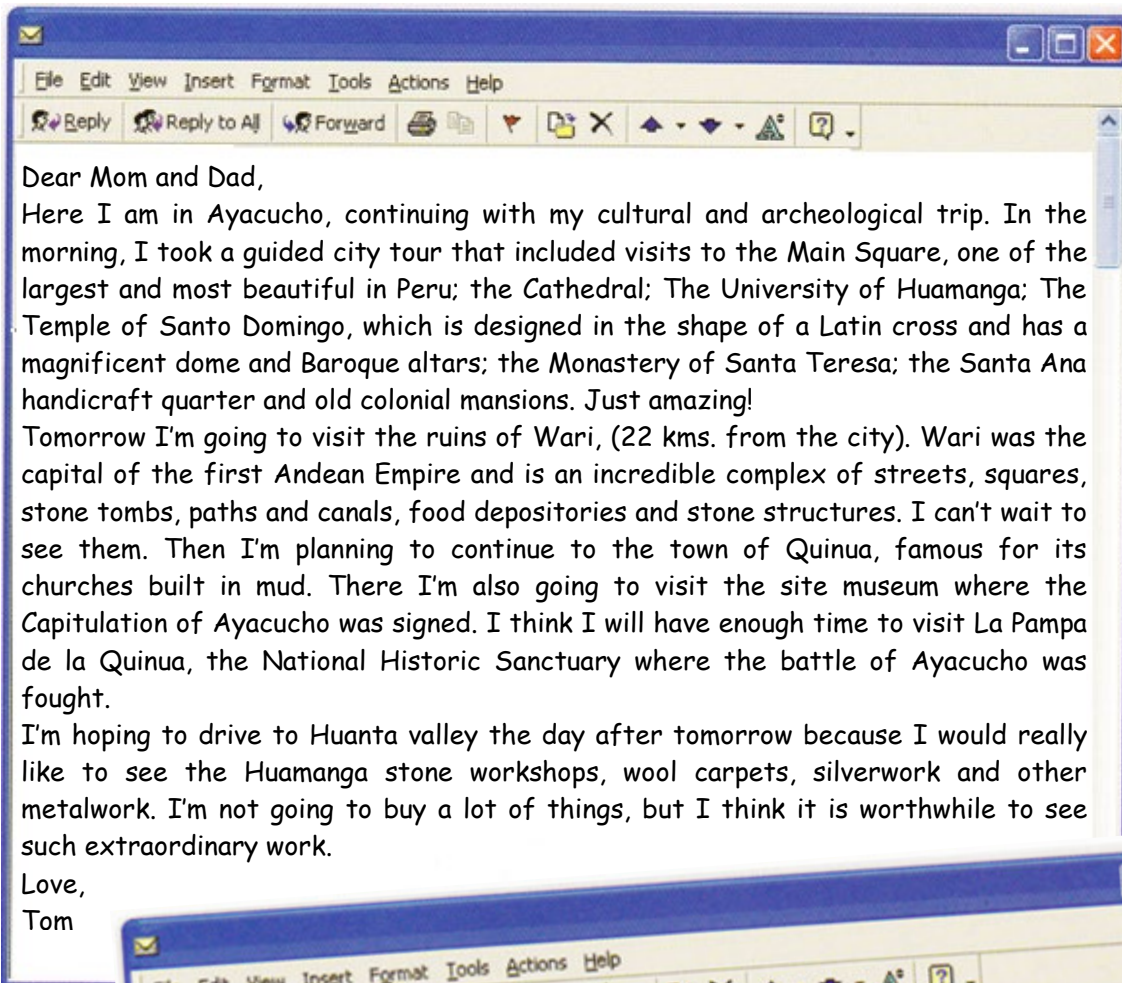


# Cultural and Eco Tours

- What kind of things do you think people do on cultural and eco vacations?

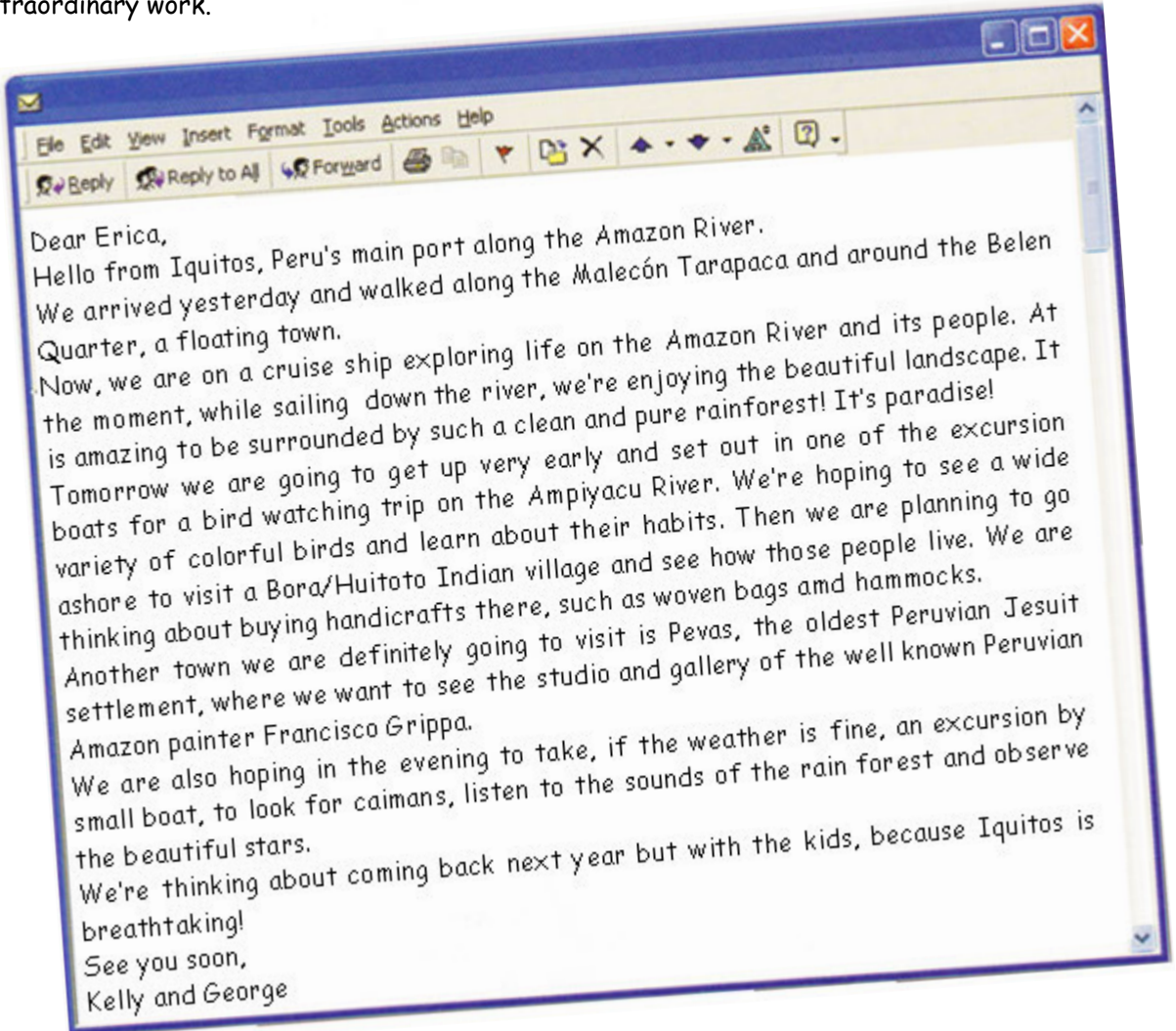


1. Dear Mom and Dad,  
Here I am in Ayacucho, continuing with my cultural and archeological trip. In the morning, I took a guided city tour that included visits to the Main Square, one of the largest and most beautiful in Peru; the Cathedral; The University of Huamanga; The Temple of Santo Domingo, which is designed in the shape of a Latin cross and has a magnificent dome and Baroque altars; the Monastery of Santa Teresa; the Santa Ana handicraft quarter and old colonial mansions. Just amazing!

5. Tomorrow I'm going to visit the ruins of Wari, (22 kms. from the city). Wari was the capital of the first Andean Empire and is an incredible complex of streets, squares, stone tombs, paths and canals, food depositories and stone structures. I can't wait to see them. Then I'm planning to continue to the town of Quinoa, famous for its churches built in mud. There I'm also going to visit the site museum where the Capitulation of Ayacucho was signed. I think I will have enough time to visit La Pampa de la Quinoa, the National Historic Sanctuary where the battle of Ayacucho was fought.

10. I'm hoping to drive to Huanta valley the day after tomorrow because I would really like to see the Huamanga stone workshops, wool carpets, silverwork and other metalwork. I'm not going to buy a lot of things, but I think it is worthwhile to see such extraordinary work.

15. Love,  
Tom



22. Dear Erica,  
Hello from Iquitos, Peru's main port along the Amazon River. We arrived yesterday and walked along the Malecón Tarapaca and around the Belén Quarter, a floating town.

25. Now, we are on a cruise ship exploring life on the Amazon River and its people. At the moment, while sailing down the river, we're enjoying the beautiful landscape. It is amazing to be surrounded by such a clean and pure rainforest! It's paradise!

30. Tomorrow we are going to get up very early and set out in one of the excursion boats for a bird watching trip on the Ampiyacu River. We're hoping to see a wide variety of colorful birds and learn about their habits. Then we are planning to go ashore to visit a Bora/Huitoto Indian village and see how those people live. We are thinking about buying handicrafts there, such as woven bags and hammocks.

35. Another town we are definitely going to visit is Pevás, the oldest Peruvian Jesuit settlement, where we want to see the studio and gallery of the well known Peruvian Amazon painter Francisco Grippa.

40. We are also hoping in the evening to take, if the weather is fine, an excursion by small boat, to look for caimans, listen to the sounds of the rain forest and observe the beautiful stars.

We're thinking about coming back next year but with the kids, because Iquitos is breathtaking!

See you soon,  
Kelly and George

**1. Read the two e-mails and label the pictures.**


a. \_\_\_\_\_



b. \_\_\_\_\_



c. \_\_\_\_\_


 d. Artisan from Ayacucho


e. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Read the e-mails again and mark the statements T (true) or F (false).**

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| a. Tom isn't interested in the history of our country.                 | _____ |
| b. Tom took a trip around the city with an expert.                     | _____ |
| c. Kelly and George are on a vacation on a large boat.                 | _____ |
| d. Tom doesn't have time to visit Wari.                                | _____ |
| e. Wari is an archeological site.                                      | _____ |
| f. Tom is sure he's going to visit Huanta by car.                      | _____ |
| g. Kelly and George aren't interested in birds.                        | _____ |
| h. Kelly and George think their children should visit Iquitos.         | _____ |
| i. Kelly and George would like to buy something from Pevas.            | _____ |
| j. Francisco Grippas is a renowned artist.                             | _____ |
| k. Tom thinks it is interesting to visit workshops.                    | _____ |
| l. Kelly and George would like to make a short journey to see caimans. | _____ |

**3. Find words in the e-mails to match with the definitions.**

- being of value. (line 18)
- to start a journey. (line 29)
- a short trip, usually made by a group or people, to different places in an area. (line 29)
- a place where people come to live (line 35)
- extremely exciting, beautiful or surprising. (line 41)

**4. Discuss**

- Why do you think it is important to promote eco and archeological tourism in our country?
- What kind of tourism would you promote in your town? Which places would you recommend?